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Daylily

Summer 2001

American Hemerocallis Society  
Region 13 - Arkansas & Louisiana



**2001 Emma  
Middlebrooks  
Memorial  
Award  
Competition  
won by  
Beth Crochet**



## Daylily Dan Says:

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or a hanging chad

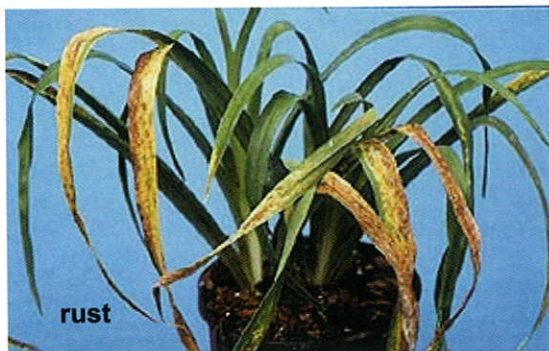
or even a pregnant chad

Vote the

Popularity Poll!



Daylily Dan is drawn for *The ARKLA Daylily* by Clarence Crochet.



### ***Puccinia* "Daylily rust":**

**Maybe not the first thing you wanted to see but you SHOULD!** (See related stories in this issue.) These photos are the best examples we have found to show *Puccinia* "Daylily rust"; and while not the best location in the design of a newsletter, these photos could be shown here in color. As in the photo below and to the lower left, the raised pustules or blisters will be evident in the active phase. We understand that the yellow substance inside the blisters (the spores) will come off on a finger or a white cloth if rubbed over the affected leaf surface. Be sure to sterilize afterwards.

Many gardens have damage from mechanical injury, insects or secondary damage by fungus following insect damage. Leaf streak has plagued us all for years. We felt it was important to make the *Puccinia* "Daylily rust" pictures available for all to see the difference. While the original photographer is unknown to us, our thanks to him/her and to AHS for these photos.



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**Front Cover:** Seedling by Beth Crochet, wins the 2001 Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award from Region 13.

**Back Cover:** Runners Up in the Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award competition. Cover photos by Tom Walker (TRW).

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## From Your RVP

Ken Begnaud, Louisiana  
Regional Vice President



Photo by Tom Walker

Dear friends,

Early spring in Lafayette brought welcome rains. But peak bloom season saw a halt to the showers and the return of the lawn sprinklers. June brought THE BIG RAIN! My garden averaged 24 inches of rain in less than 5 days - with 14 inches in just one day! Many south Louisiana towns and cities had major flooding. I do hope the damage to your garden and to your world was minimal. Hopefully, we can all enjoy a great re-bloom season. As I am writing this, my family and I are getting ready to leave for the AHS National meeting in Boston in a few days. I will bring some tea home for a southern Boston Tea Party and serve it when I invite a few people to look at pictures from the National.

The Regional Annual Meeting in Shreveport was very nice and memorable. Congratulations to Beth Crochet of Prairieville, Louisiana; for her winning seedling in the Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award competition this year. Also, congratulations on her re-election as our Regional Director to the AHS Board for a second term. Thank you, Beth, for a hard job well done. Keep up the good work.

If we thought we had problems with pests, droughts, leaf streak, and rot—get ready! There is a new menace to our flower—RUST. Please read the information in this issue and become familiar with how to deal with daylily rust.

Please remember to vote and mail the Popularity Poll ballot. Again this year, names from the list of Region 13 voters will be drawn for donated prizes. We have many nice daylilies and also cash to give away. Remember, one must vote to win. Please vote and put Region 13 on top again this year.

This is a special note to club presidents and to reporters in the region. Please send articles on your club or information about club activities and members to be included in the newsletter. Send these to Muriel Walker, our newsletter editor. We love to hear from you. We have many new members in the region and they will want to know about clubs in their area. All clubs need active members to keep growing. Until next time, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Happy gardening, *Ken*

## RPD Notes

Melvin McConnell, Louisiana

What a nice regional we had this year! We enjoyed all of our guests and everyone seemed to have a good time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came. Hope to see everyone at the 2002 regional.

Some of our guests asked for the breakfast casserole we served in our garden and we thought this a good way to share it. Virginia McConnell

### TOUR DAY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

1 can crescent rolls 1 lb. ground sausage  
6 eggs 2 cups milk or light cream  
2 cups grated, sharp Cheddar Cheese  
Press seams of crescent rolls together and press dough in bottom of greased 9x12" baking dish. Brown sausage, breaking into small pieces, and drain. Over rolls, sprinkle layer of sausage then cheese. Beat eggs until frothy and add milk (can add a little salt to eggs if desired), and pour over other ingredients. This can be made ahead and refrigerated overnight. In the morning, bake at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes or until eggs are set. Serves 12 to 15.

## Director's Desk

Beth Crochet, Louisiana  
Director, AHS Region 13  
Chairman of Regional Officers

As this issue is being readied for press, I am in Boston, for the National Convention of AHS. Many topics are on the agenda and I will cover these in the fall issue.



Photo by Tom Walker

The Scientific Committee, under the leadership of Cynthia Johnson, Chairman, has formed a sub-committee to study the rust problem. They hope that the AHS will be able to become a source of factual information and perhaps even be able to fund a scientific research project that will have an impact on the control or elimination of the disease. I'm sure this topic will be one of the things most discussed at the upcoming National Convention. I'll list it as one of the topics to be discussed by the Regional Officers in attendance at the Convention.

Shreveport is to be congratulated for an excellent regional meeting. Thank you for all your hard work.

There is concern over the lack of participation by Garden Judges in the annual voting of the Awards and Honors ballot. If you are an AHS Garden Judge, you should already have received your ballot in the mail and hopefully you are making notes on the various cultivars as you visit gardens in our region. This information helps us to recognize daylily cultivars of excellence and potential, both on a national level as well as in our own region.

At home, we have been blessed with the return of rain in the afternoons. Our wish is that your garden has also received cooling showers.

*Beth*

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## Upcoming Events

### Future Regionals

Year 2002: May 16-18, 2002:

**Up the Bayou in 2002 -**

Host: Southwest La. Daylily Society  
Lake Charles/DeRidder area

Year 2003: Lafayette, La.

Host: Delta Daylily Society, Inc.

Year 2004 Available

Year 2005 Baton Rouge, La.

Host: Baton Rouge Daylily Soc., Inc.

Year 2006: Available

Year 2007 Available

Clubs must contact the RVP to reserve as host of the Regional Meeting.

### 2003 Emma Middlebrooks Site Announced

Regional 2003 host club, Delta Daylily Society, Inc. has announced that NeSu Gardens in Lafayette, La. will be the site of the 2003 Emma Middlebrooks Award Bed for seedlings from Region 13 hybridizers. Contact the owners, Neal and Sue Melancon, for details and the best time to send your seedlings.

Telephone: 337-988-6746.

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### Delta Daylily Society, Inc. Lafayette, LA

We acknowledge our heartfelt thanks to these clubs for their generous contributions made since the Spring issue. This helps to pay the costs of producing *The ARKLA Daylily* newsletter in its present form. Without support from all of our clubs, the look of your newsletter might have to change, since the donations from clubs and individuals are so very important.

Thank you!!!  
muriel

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### Regional 2002

#### **Up the Bayou in 2002**

Host: Southwest La. Daylily Club

Dates: May 16-18, 2002

Headquarters: Coushatta Grand Convention Center Hotel at the Grand Casino Avoyelles near Kinder, La. on U.S. Hwy 165

And Lodging Contact: 1-888-774-7263 Mention: "Southwest Daylily" for special rates, rates vary by date. Rooms, chalets & RV slots available.

Registration: \$ 85.00 before April 15  
\$ 95.00 after April 15

Registrar: Mrs. Sweetpea Portie  
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--Registration forms in fall ARKLA.

Auction: Persons wishing to donate daylily plants or plants-on-cards should contact: Patrick Guidry of Abbeville, La. 337/893-4574

2002 Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award Hosts: The Iowa Daylily Patch in Iowa, Louisiana. Contact Iowa Daylily Patch, c/o Mike Zimmerman or Nelson Winn, 136 Sheridan St., Iowa, LA 70647 Telephone: (337) 582-6873.

Each AHS member of Region 13 may enter up to three (3) seedlings they have hybridized. Each hybridizer is encouraged to enter at least a double fan to give best display and chance of bloom on tour day.

#### POP POLL DRAWING!

The drawing worked so well last year that we will do it again just as last year. The plants and gifts will be sent out in the fall or spring; donors choice. If you want to donate a \$100 to \$50 value daylily, a check, gift or gift certificate of that value to the drawing, please contact Phyllis "Sue" Melancon 1-337-984-6753

**Deadline: Sept. 1 to mail to:**

Tabulator Melvin McConnell, 3013  
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AHS 2000 POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

-Vote for from 1 to 25 registered cultivars.

-Price need not be considered.

-Select your favorites: introduced, well established cultivars (no seedlings); as observed in your garden or immediate area. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

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AHS member (associate ballot on reverse)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reg # 13 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deadline: Sept. 1 to mail to M. McConnell*

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# Region 13 Youth

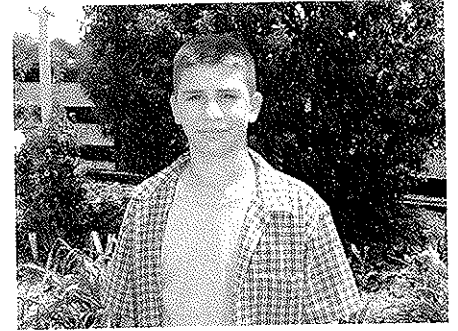
## My First Trip to a National

Kalen Begnaud, Louisiana

When I first heard my mom and dad talk about the National in Philadelphia, I thought, "glad I don't have to go to that." My first thought was why would I want to go just to see daylilies when I see them every day in my own yard. Then, I decided to go anyway and see what it was all about.

It was nothing like I expected. I toured gardens for one day and the next day, I went with Mrs. Nicole Jordan and three other youth members to the Franklin Institute. We had a good time and saw many different exhibits. It was also fun because of the many different people I met. They were all very friendly and willing to answer any of my questions. As a youth member of AHS, I attended the youth meeting. Mr. Bob McConnell spoke to us about selecting good garden plants.

The garden tour was fun as well. On the bus ride to the gardens, everyone was interested to know where we were from. They told jokes and exchanged daylily knowledge. We saw many interesting gardens. I was amazed



with the commercial gardens since I had never been to one like these before. That was the most daylilies I have ever seen at one place at one time.

I was already interested in hybridizing from watching my dad and I had even done a little bit with him. Since attending the National, my hybridizing interests have grown. All in all, the National was fun and very interesting. I am looking forward to attending the Regional and hopefully I will get to attend a National again in the future. KB

*In May, Kalen entered the Cenla Flower show & won the Youth Division.*



Ashley Goudeaux, a member of Baton Rouge Daylily Society, was delighted to show her first seedling's bloom to local tour visitors on the club's annual bus tour in May. Her seedling is a sunny yellow with a bold red eye, yellow throat and lime heart.



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# A Place in the Sun 2001

AHS Region 13 Meeting, 2001  
By Tom Walker, Louisiana

The meeting of AHS Region 13 for the year 2001 was headquartered at the Ramada Inn on Monkhouse Drive in Shreveport, Louisiana the first weekend in June. The hotel was fairly well centered among the gardens that we would tour during the meeting.

On Thursday, we decided to venture over to Center, Texas, and visit the open garden, The Lily Farm of Jack Carpenter and Josie Bowmar. This is about an hour and a half out of the way, so we left at 8:00 a.m. We understood that Jack's was only a little south of Center; it turned out to be 10 miles south.

While at Jack's, it began to rain. We had umbrellas, but we still got wet. The flowers were wonderful. During the heaviest rain, we sat in Jack's barn, drank cokes, coffee and pastries provided by Jack and Josie and visited and listened to stories. This is always one of the best parts of any visit. At 3:30 p.m., we decided that we just had to leave for Shreveport as registration began at 5:00 p.m. To say that it was hard to leave would be an understatement, but we were looking forward to gardens that would be just as interesting during the next two days.

We arrived at the Ramada Inn just about 5:00 p.m., and began meeting friends at the registration desk. We hurriedly registered and dumped our baggage in the room so we could join friends that were milling around the atrium of the hotel. We spent an hour or so seeing old and new friends, and then joined a group to go to dinner. For the next few hours, this group of about 10 from Little

Rock to Prairieville to Lafayette enjoyed the company and the food. We could have stayed until they closed the restaurant, but we had duties to attend to back at the hotel.

The tour gardens are covered in their own stories, so I won't duplicate that. But I do appreciate the garden owners opening their yards to us. The gardens were certainly beautiful.

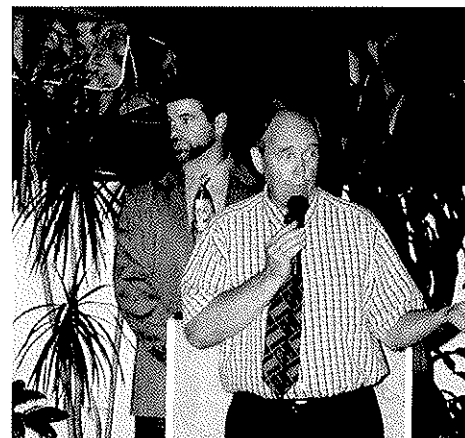
A special version of Clarence Crochet's slide show was presented on Friday evening after dinner. It highlighted the cultivars of Lee Gates and Pauline Henry, both of whom have passed away since our meeting in 2000. The workshops and other meetings that were held during the afternoons were well received. The "Rust" discussion was especially timely. The garden judges clinic was well attended, as was the Master panel for Exhibition judges.

The Saturday night banquet featured the announcement that Beth Crochet of Louisiana had won the Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award competition. The live auction was one that I will NEVER forget, sorry if you missed it. Thanks to all who donated, purchased and supported the region through this fundraiser.

We got up early Sunday morning, and met others that were heading our way, and we all managed to extend the fellowship through lunch to about 3:00 p.m. We finally arrived back home about 5:00 p.m. and crashed.

We took over 300 pictures during the four days but the memories are what will be most cherished.

**Thank you,  
Hemerocallis Study Club!**



Melvin welcomes visitors as RVP Ken Begnaud looks on.

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# A Place in the Sun 2001

## Bethany Gardens

By Earlene Garber, Louisiana

Visitors to Bethany Gardens are reminded by a sign that the gardens are now maintained in memory of Danice Gail Nelson Boler, who until recently was the guiding spirit behind its creation.

A horseshoe-shaped bed on the front lawn contained clumps of daylilies accented by plants of veronica, Lilium, salvia, and verbena, to name a few. A magnificent clump of French hollyhocks grew near Pat Stamile's CORINTHIAN PINK (96), a 7.25" pink with a rose eye, and David Kirchhoff's LAYERS OF GOLD (90), a 5" gold double. We admired Harold Dempsey's AUDNA SMITH MEMORIAL (94), a 6" pink with a rose eye, but our favorite was the Kirchhoff double, FORTY SECOND STREET (92), also pink and rose.

A circular bed to the left had a birdhouse as a focal point, beneath which roses bloomed. Aztec grass bordered the plantings of old favorites like Lee Gates' FEISTY (91) a 6" deep orange double, but Ted Petit's FERENGI GOLD (94) a 5.35" yellow with pink polychrome attracted much attention, as did CHANCE ENCOUNTER (Stamile, '94), a 6" rose with a gold edge.

Next, we viewed a large circular bed edged with pink oxalis and containing many plants of amaryllis. Immediately behind it was a bed accented by hundreds of plants of YELLOW LOLLIPOP (Crochet, '80), creating a wide band of solid yellow. The daylily that interested us in this bed was MASK OF ETERNITY, (Salter, 96), a 6.5" cream with a purple eye.

We noted that many of the large beds contained short paths edged with railroad ties as spacers, making it easier for the visitor to view individual clumps. This reminded me of a statement once made by Lee Gates, that beds which were very long or wide, should contain paths to provide access to plants.

On our last visit to Bethany Gardens we had been much taken with a row of hydrangeas growing along the edge of the property, and this time we found another bed partially shaded by tall trees. It contained cultivars of the lace-cap, mop-head, and oak leaf varieties, all in peak condition.

Daylilies surrounded the fenced-in pool garden, and here we saw JAN'S TWISTER, (Joiner, '91), an 11.5" peach

spider, and Kaskell's ETCHED EYES (94), a 5.5" yellow with a raspberry eye. The perennial hibiscus were full of buds, making us wish we could return to view their blooms.

The garden area to the right of the home contained the sale beds. Accents here were large pots of red geraniums.

We paid a second visit to the horseshoe-shaped bed in front of the home in order to admire FLAMBOYANT EYES (93), Jack Carpenter's 6" pink with a red eye, and FANCY FACE (94), Jack's 5.5" gold with a mahogany eye.

We appreciated Dr. Boler's kindness in sharing Danice's garden once more. Visiting it brought much joy to us; we could sense her joy in creating it.



Danice & Keith Boler's Gardens



All Aboard!

Lunch on Friday at the hotel



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# A Place in the Sun...

## The McConnell Garden

Tom Flammang, Arkansas

Region 13 tours have visited the home and garden of Melvin and Virginia McConnell on several previous occasions and visitors leave with a sense of awe and wonderment. The 2001 regional tour held a very special air of nostalgia, as this is most likely the last time we will see this garden. Melvin and Virginia must give up this site to an expanding regional airport.

The garden is an eclectic mixture of formal boxwood designs and sophisticated statuary. Old growth hardwood trees shaded housing for valuable and rare chickens, all mixed with greenhouses and daylily seedlings. Added to this were elegant landscape design and the stunning hybrid daylilies of Melvin's hybridizing efforts. An elegant little garden house, complete with antiques, held court in the center of the large garden—offering a quiet respite from the summer heat. A classic garden gazebo served as another garden centerpiece. Around the gazebo were the blooms of the Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award bed of seedlings, all grown in fine form.

The garden has high dappled shade in many parts, which was great for breakfast in the garden. High shade is good for hybridizing some difficult tetraploids as well as for viewing and photographing daylily blooms. However, Melvin points out that complete sun is best for bloom performance. In spite of high shade, this garden needs no apology for flower size, color or intensity. This garden has it all.

The garden contains plantings and pots of the best daylilies from hybridizers across the nation. But this garden visit was not about the flowers of others; it was about the great results in hybridizing being driven by Melvin's vision of what a daylily can really be. One of his stated hybridizing goals is to increase the depth and extent of ruffling on diploids. He is well on his way to reaching his goal. The results are stunning.

Several cultivars of the McConnell "ROSEVILLE" line were in fine display, of premium size in refined pastels of many shades. One that caught my eye and camera lens in particular, was the seedling soon-to-be named after the well-known Region 13 member and hybridizer, Bill Stutson of Louisiana. This flower is a pretty, well-formed 7-inch bloom in a pleasing deep, soft yellow with an architectural line through the midrib marking it as a classic flower. The large bloom size is complimented with the depth and size of flower ruffling. Good spacing of buds on the scape will be appreciated in that the blossoms will not crowd each other as they open. Maybe its behavior befits its namesake, like Bill, always of kind disposition and accommodating to others.

In early July 2000 Melvin traveled often to Siloam Springs, Arkansas to talk with the late Pauline Henry and with her husband Ralph to view their new seedlings. On this tour day in June of 2001 was a seedling, tucked away in Melvin's garden at the end of a long landscaped bed, which was indeed a tribute to Pauline Henry. A small double flower, about 3 inches, it is the size that made Pauline famous. It is a lighter-peach/pink blend over cream with nice ruffling following onto the sepals with defined and elegant veining above a very faint darker eye and a green heart. Yet, when I looked at it again, I saw in it the tangerine and pink color of FAIRY TALE PINK hybridized by Charlie Pierce in 1980. It also comes in a single form. Its doubling of form and doubling behavior reminded me of the famous SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC by Pauline Henry, introduced in 1985 and winner of the Stout Medal in 1993.

In this garden, the ruffles have the day. A pair of seedlings that I admired included one in a gold buff color, and one in pink with a deeper narrow eye above a gold to green throat. Each seedling carries sharp, half-inch, deeply sculptured ruffles. These flowers are distinctive on their own and

will certainly contain genes sought by other hybridizers to use in their own hybridizing programs.

More scrumptious ruffling and unmistakable elegance of color were yet to come. An outstanding seedling I observed was a saucer-shaped 5.5-inch beauty of light pastel pink over cream with a deepening in the color on the half-inch fluted ruffles; smaller ruffling followed onto the sepals. This was a superb presentation of a round form with ruffles.

My special favorite seedling of Melvin's found in his garden was one that matches the goal of my own occasional hybridizing efforts. It is a large flat, richly colored flower of deeper rose pink ruffling over a cream-gold base. The overall presentation is that of the opulence of a rich fabric. The whiter mid-rib brought a formal touch to match the slightly lighter sepals with a darker band of rose pink.

For a near perfect red, Melvin's registration MY FIRST CHRISTMAS was a 6-inch pure red in color with a gold throat



transferring into a deep-olive heart. The ruffling was orderly with distinctive etched veining, both of which accentuate the recurved form. Another noteworthy quality of distinction was the deep golden color of the pollen atop the anthers as seen against the reddish stamens; all of these enhanced this aristocratic flower. The 26-28 inch scapes had three-way branching needed for best display of the bloom.

The best news is that Melvin is now preparing a home and garden site some 20 miles west on I-20, (yes, in Texas) but Melvin and his wife Virginia will always be a part of Region 13. Thank you both for your service to Region 13 and for your beautiful garden.

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### The Waters Garden

By Clarence Crochet, Louisiana

How lucky to have been asked to write about this beautiful garden in Shreveport!

David Waters is a very successful daylily grower living on a corner lot in the city. The lot slopes downward toward a sidewalk and a busy street. What makes it very attractive is the fact that it is covered with long beds of daylily cultivars planted in wide beds. That day the flowers were in full bloom—a traffic stopping sight for sure. Even as we were walking around taking pictures, several cars stopped to view the extraordinary display of hundreds of cultivars in full bloom in the morning sun.

The front of the Waters home is planted to a wide bed of daylilies and bordered by companion plants, which included caladiums and petunias surrounding the house entrance. Overhead a colorful daylily banner called attention to the many open blooms on display.

David has kept up-to-date with his collection of cultivars since we saw some of the latest efforts of many hybridizers in his garden. A clump of Pat Stamile's double pink DENALI (97) was a spectacular sight planted on the outside of one of the beds on the slope. On short scapes, the blooms were huge and beautiful. JAY THURMAN and LAYERS OF GOLD, both by David Kirchhoff, were exceptionally pretty. The former is a 1994 introduction and is a glowing 6" dark red with wide segments; while LAYERS OF GOLD (90) is a 5" medium gold double with green throat, exceptional for its clear colors and bright gold garden presence. MOONSTRUCK MADNESS, by Jeff Salter, introduced in 1998, was a 5.5" creamy white with a very dark eye and edge that we liked. It's a tetraploid and had a dark green throat – exceptional for its shocking color contrasts. TROPICANNA TREAT,

by Jack Carpenter and introduced in 1995, was a beautiful, 7" rose blend with a darker rose eye and green throat. This diploid made a definite statement for beauty among the many open blooms on display. LAVENDER STARDUST, also by Jack Carpenter and introduced in 1991, was a 5.5" lavender blend with a green throat that drew our attention. This diploid was exceptional also. We found two huge blooms of RICHFIELD GRANDEUR, by Clarence Crochet (97). The wide, wide segments of this 6.5" yellow blend diploid made it easy to spot among the beauties surrounding it.

The side of the Waters home was planted to seedlings. One that drew our attention was a rose blended 5" beauty that was full of speckles of another color. It gave the impression that the lighter color was splattered on as in an impressionist painting – very unusual and distinctive. David was proud of this one.

We considered ourselves fortunate to have visited such a beautiful yard. The daylily plants were well grown and we happened to be there at the moment of "peak bloom." Who could ask for more!

The kiss of the sun  
for pardon  
The song of the birds  
for mirth  
One is nearer God's heart  
in a garden  
Than anywhere else  
on earth.

**We are trying to locate the sign that once was used to identify the Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award bed. Anyone with any information, please give Elmer Duplantis a call at 337-981-0187. Thank you.**

### The Rodenroth Garden

by Muriel Walker, Louisiana

When life makes changes, people respond in many ways. Terry and Sue Rodenroth chose an "opportunity attitude" with their new home and garden. Sue and Terry have fashioned and refined a large collection of recent daylily cultivars into a jewel of a garden. For me, it was a treat to visit and about which to write.

This garden's visual impact stopped traffic. A small pool of green lawn and perimeter flower beds frame this front garden of wonderful color and variety. A welcoming garden flag and baskets of cascading petunias in all colors accented the entrance. The beds were filled with hollies, daylilies, and petunias with classic blue ageratum as edge plants. Bright colored daylilies bloomed in clumps beside Hosta, pink lace-cap hydrangeas and impatiens. Ajuga with its cool purple and bronze foliage carpeted the beds as groundcover. Lavender penta shrubs and blue indigo led us to an iron entry gate. A small paved path divided the narrow side garden of beds. Here the newer cultivars and classic daylilies grew in clumps; all with foliage and bloom in excellent condition. The fiery orange-red daylily, NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FURNACE (Talbot, 1988), glowed next to the blue flower spikes of an indigo plant. This fine diploid daylily is a 5" red with red eye double on a 22-inch scape. I was drawn to SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC (Henry, P. 1985), the Stout Medal winner, a lovely soft pink 5" double. Another eye catcher was SEDUCTIVE FAIRY TALE, the 1993 introduction by Lee Gates. This semi evergreen diploid is a 6" pink with a peach blend that reblooms on 22-inch scapes.

I was very impressed by BLACK AMBROSIA, a Jeff Salter introduction in 1991. This dormant tetraploid is a dark black purple bloom almost 5 inches, blooms in mid-season and can re-bloom. I liked it because the color

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worked so well against the yellow melampodium plants with their daisy-like flowers, great for hot, dry weather and sun. The tetraploid daylily, **LAYERS OF GOLD** by David Kirchoff (1990) is a fine golden yellow self with 5-inch double blooms that can rebloom. It was growing next to a lovely blue *Salvia leucantha* 'Indigo Spires', whose long vertical blooms also attract butterflies. The color combinations used by Terry and Sue in the garden brought to mind the color wheel and how it can be used to set opposite colors adjoining for great effect.

Sheltered by a young dogwood, a tiered waterfall in the far corner was skirted with daylilies, zinnias, coleus and more salvia. The sound of water was a welcome addition in the garden. The garden and path wrap around the side and back of the house. Sue had placed baskets of blooming annuals in the beds. The effect was stunning. On a small patio, she had planted a large terra-cotta pot with classic zinnias in primary colors that were in full bloom and literally glittered in the afternoon sun. Nearby, a large clump of **MY SHADOW** offered four fine blooms for our visit. This dark red 5-inch bloom has a yellow throat and good branching.

A collection of birdhouses and a large handmade ceramic fountain jar give a whimsical touch to the beds. A young red maple tree offered some shade and color without overpowering the scale of this tiny jewel of a garden.

Terry told us that a sprinkler system gives them convenience and the freedom to be away from the garden for several days. They also mentioned that to start from "scratch" was hard but that it turned out great; he jokingly said it meant they had left the weeds behind.

Tours from several regional meetings have visited the previous Rodenroth gardens, and as always there is style and imagination. We thanked them for sharing their latest great garden with us.

### The McCarthy Garden

By Helen Calhoun, Louisiana

Stepping from the bus on a perfect June morning we saw a beautiful brick home nestled among shade trees where beds of impatiens, geraniums, blue ageratum, begonias, marigolds and variegated liriopie gave much color to the picture. This garden on Jennifer Lane in Shreveport belongs to Judy McCarthy, who so graciously allowed us to visit during the 2001 Region 13 Meeting.

In a bed on the left of the drive, Mickey and Minnie Mouse stood guard over Judy's first collection of daylilies. A rustic church birdhouse decorates another bed. To the right we saw an old cotton wagon complete with cotton stalks and blue plumbago. An arbor beckoned us to enter the back yard where many delightful surprises awaited. We were not disappointed.



Yet another arbor decorated with tiny white lights led us over a vine covered bridge to Judy's "Secret Garden" in the woods. Gracing an old garden cart in one of the few sunny spots in this section of the garden was **HOME FIRES BURNING** (Calhoun, H '96) a 9.5" to 10" red spider variant with a large yellow throat. Glancing to the right we spied a gnome snoozing on a bench and St. Francis surrounded by ferns. Down the path we traveled to find shade plants – lace-cap hydrangeas, oak-leak hydrangeas, hosta and dogwoods.

Judy has collected antique iron gates and other interesting artifacts that were displayed to advantage in various settings throughout the garden. A seating area enticed us to rest and

contemplate the beauty of nature and serenity of this place. A pillow, a book and soft music added to the feeling of being miles from civilization.

Going back over the bridge we found agapanthus, several ground covers and a gazing ball, only one of many throughout the garden. Beside the flagstone path was a water trough with water lilies where bullfrogs dove in for a swim since we disturbed their morning sunbath. We could hear water pouring from one barrel to another below in a cascade.

In the sunny section of the garden, where daylilies were abundant, we walked past a long bed and found **POCKET CHANGE** (Crochet, C '85) with its several perfect blooms. Who couldn't recognize this distinctive 4.5" red award-winning beauty with lighter edges?

An upper level bed had stepping stones - all made by Judy. Some had words inscribed such as "ladybugs", "sunflowers", "bluebirds", as well as the names of children. The daylilies here were extremely well grown. We found **JEDI DOT PIERCE** (Wedgeworth '88), a 6" rose pink with deeper rose eye; **PAPER BUTTERFLY** (Morss '83), a 6" peach tetraploid with a violet eye; **PAT MERCER** (Joiner '82), a 7" orange with a lighter halo; and **MY SHADOW** (Calhoun, H '95), a 5" burgundy red tetraploid with chartreuse throat. Here, annuals and other flowering plants attracted hummingbirds and butterflies. A pair of old scales and another gazing ball were found nearby. These added to the rustic charm of this splendid garden.

The centerpiece of the garden was the large pond complete with a waterfall and a statue of a lady sitting on a ledge. Goldfish, tadpoles, and bullfrogs lived there. Black elephant ears and water lilies grew in the lower end of the pond. On the berm around the pond grew a Japanese black pine tree, variegated

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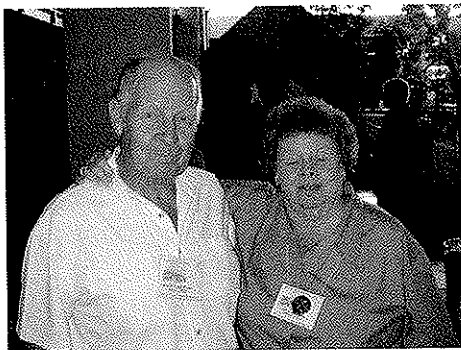
canna lilies, and daylilies including BEFORE THE MASK (Salter, E '96), a 3.5" yellow with a black plum eye and green throat; and DAUGHTER OF MAGIC (Salter, J '96), a 6" lavender pink with gold ruffles. Judy said that the pond was the newest addition to the garden and is really her "silk purse from a sow's ear" since it was built to repair and camouflage the damage done during the major septic system work that ruined the middle section of the back lawn.

Bluebirds flew overhead from the trees to their houses with their friendly chatter. Approaching the deck we saw lamb's ear blooming profusely. Going up the steps to the deck, another water feature came into view – a two-level small pond showing off water loving plants.

Refreshments were served. We sat for a few minutes to listen to the birds and chat with friends before heading back to the bus to travel to another garden treat.

Judy is a busy member of the Hemerocallis Study Club. She is a true artist who has created a garden that is pleasing to the eye and a delight to visit. We do want to come again soon, because Judy will be adding to and changing the picture often. What whimsical touch will she add next? We can hardly wait!

Donald and Nita Copenhaver



### Calloway Corners

by Ruth and Harry Hanson

As the daylily tour bus arrived at Calloway Corners and as visitors stepped off the bus, they also stepped back in time. Calloway Corners names the home, the town and the garden. This lovely cottage and garden were from another time, a time where the clock was not as important as it is now. It was from the time when living was much less complicated and free of the strict daily schedule of today's world.

Clara and Gary Wilson, the new owners, moved into Calloway Corners in September of 2000. Facing the huge task of cleaning up the cottage and grounds from years of neglect, they would bring much change – change that took many weeks of hard work done quickly with the knowledge that their garden would be part of the fast approaching Regional Tour. Their daylilies were planted and even bloomed well even though they had been planted for only a short time.

A garden path leading to the veranda was lined with native plants – perennial phlox, magnolias, variegated lace-cap and oak-leaf hydrangeas. These made good companion plants for daylilies. Then there were the newly prepared and planted beds of daylilies. Gary told us that he would also add many new beds and that what we saw was only the beginning.

Nearby, we walked into a newly reclaimed alley planted to crepe myrtles, all over eighteen feet tall. We stood in the spot where large wisteria vines once ran rampart. They had been removed in the recent reclamation of the gardens. We chanced upon an old storm cellar and an old, abandoned cistern – signs of other times and a completely different way of life.

Gary's seedling patch had numbers of good seedlings blooming that day. Most were spider variants, his main interest. A group of tour guests were intently

listening to Gary telling of a seedling crossed from TEXAS WHOPPER STOPPER (Carpenter, J., '96), an apricot diploid which measured 8.5" that he thought outstanding and worthy. Other seedlings receiving attention were crosses of DENA MARIE from Jack Carpenter ('93), a 6.75" pink self diploid and SPACECOAST STARBURST from John Kinnebrew ('98), a 6" pink with a gold edge tetraploid.

Under several peacan trees, a path was lined with heather, buddleia shrubs, ferns and hosta, all competing for growing space with native violets and camellias.

Because of the warm day, the crowd in attendance sought the shade of several large magnolia trees, where they chatted and enjoyed ice cream.

The main entrance path to the cottage was lined with clumps of well-grown cultivars. Prominent among them was TWO PART HARMONY (Kaskel-Trimmer '96), a dark yellow double with a red eye and border, unusual because its petaloids were also bordered with the dark color.

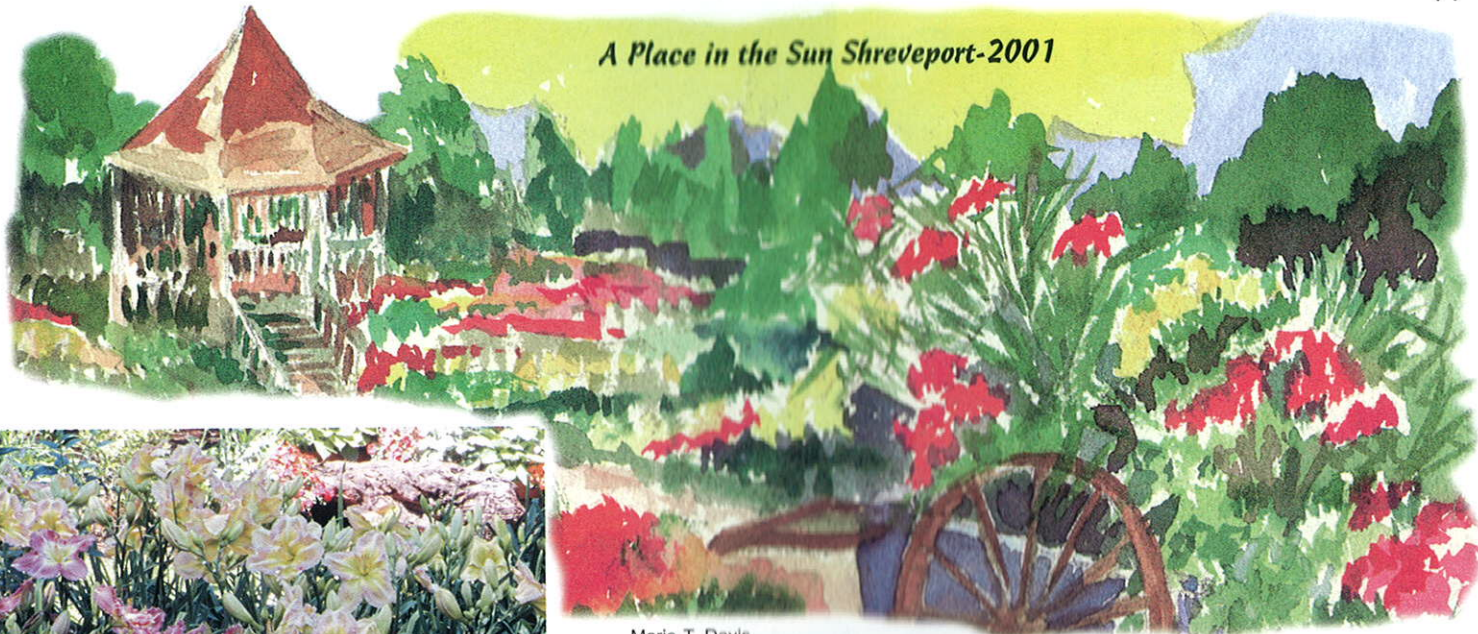
Gary's only introduction to date is CARLA IN PARIS (2000), which was growing and blooming well in clump strength. This one was named for their daughter who was an exchange student in Paris, France at the time of its first bloom. CARLA IN PARIS is a 4.5-inch soft rose tinted beige double with lighter midribs and a lemon eye above a lime throat. It is an evergreen.

The Wilsons invited everyone to tour their home. Calloway Corners has been made into bed and breakfast suites, all well furnished and with strong emphasis on showing visitors what was once a different way of life.

We thanked the Wilsons for their hospitality, and for the chance to experience something different and good... in their little corner of the past.

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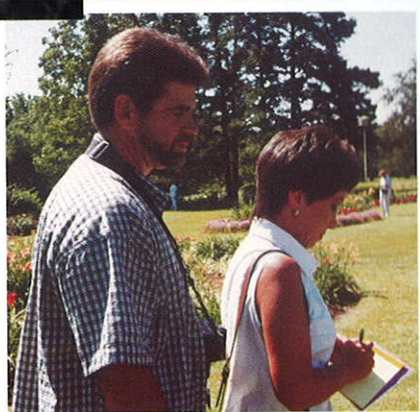


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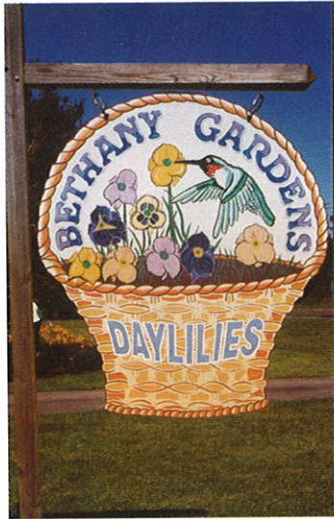


### David Waters Garden

Photos by Clarence Crochet



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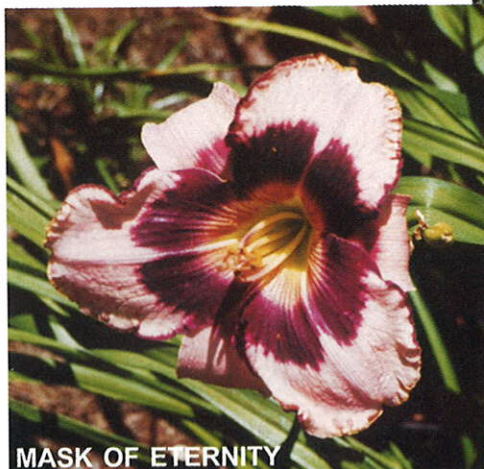


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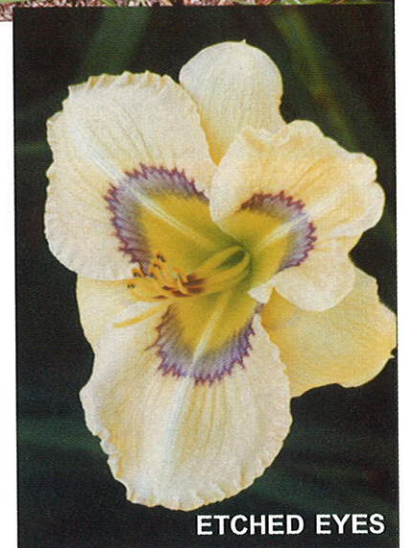
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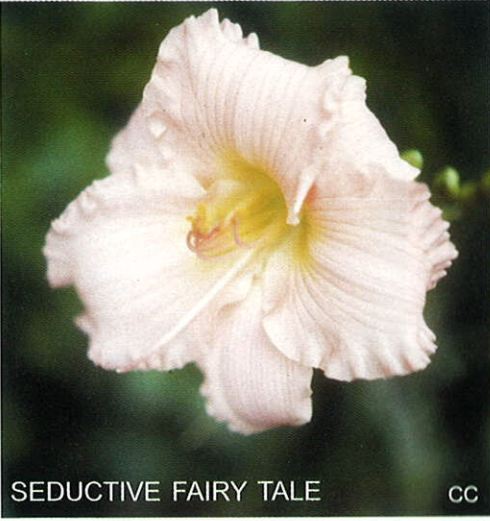
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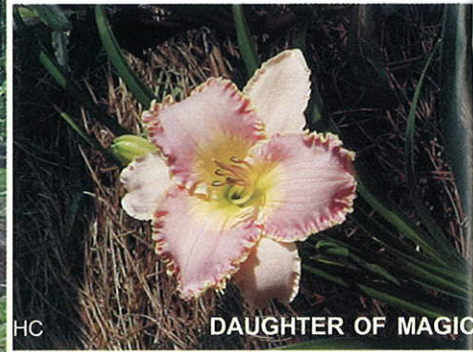
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# McCarthy Garden



Who needs grass?

Helen Calhoun

DAUGHTER OF MAGIC

# Calloway Corners

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CARLA IN PARIS



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# Cenla Holds Spring Flower Show

Nettie Harper, Louisiana

Our biannual Cenla Daylily Society Flower Show, "Seasons Performance," was held at the Alexandria Mall on June the 26th. The show was co-chaired by Nettie Harper and Pat Soileau. Jay Farquhar of DeRidder, La. won Best Of Show, Best Large Flower with KISSES LIKE WINE, (Trimmer, D) a 5.25" yellow with a plum eye. Jay also won Best Miniature with LITTLE PLEASURE (Stamile, G. '95) a 2.8" peach with a burgundy and Best Spider with MARKED BY LYDIA, (Temple, '94) an 8.5" yellow with a purple eye. Jay also took honors for Best Double with TWO TO TANGO, (Stamile, G. '96) a 3" rose blend.

Pat Soileau of St. Landry, La. won Unusual Form with WHIRLING FURY (Parker, '69) a 6" yellow-green blend, and Best Small Flower with SUNNY EYES (Brown, E.C. '94) a 3.75" yellow with a purple eye. Kalan Begnaud, of Lafayette, La. won for Best Youth entry with SILOAM FLOWER GIRL (Henry, P. '80) a 3" rose with a red eye.



Photos by Tom Walker

## Hybridizer Corner: What They Are Saying and Doing

Part 2 - Clarence Crochet, Louisiana

Reuel Adams

John Kinnebrew

John Kinnebrew is from Florida. He has hybridized numbers of wonderful and exciting daylilies. Many of them are being grown far and wide.

"It is important that a grower has the proper pH. That has a lot to do with the performance of daylilies. pH should be about 6.4.

"Daylilies are best fertilized with Milorganite and 6-6-6 twice a year. One should never use too much nitrogen because the plants will have a tendency to be grossy looking. I attribute bud blast (dropping) to too much nitrogen applications.

"We use a growing medium that is available in Florida. It is made of 50% Florida Peat, 40% Unscreened (rough) pine bark and 10% sand and minor elements. Our pH is 6.2 to 6.4. I can get any pH that I want simply by calling Florida Potting.

"We grow in boxes that are 5 feet wide by 10 feet long by 10 inches high. I get great results. The plants grow and increase well. I plant 24 plants per box."

Reuel is a fine grower of daylilies under, around and among tall pine trees in Mount Hermon, Louisiana. He has a most complete collection of fine daylilies. Along with his wife Bobby, Reuel keeps a great collection of current and desirable cultivars.

"When starting a new planting area, I break the soil up and till in the surface weeds as deeply as possible. Then I rake the surplus off. I use 12 inches of potting soil on top of this, which I don't incorporate. The potting mix consists of pine bark, river sand (pump sand), and sludge (black dirt) from a paper mill. The black dirt is organic matter washed off pulpwood trees, and composted rabbit or chicken manure. (Jones Sawmill in Sandy Hook, Mississippi, makes the above potting mix.)

"I rework all beds after three years and add bark and sand as needed.

"All of my daylilies receive part shade because of our tall pine trees, and they thrive in this type of environment. I water 30 minutes every other night. All beds get this treatment. I had been watering every night but found that it kept the beds too wet, which led to some losses to crown rot. Over watering, especially in the hottest months, is probably the cause of many daylily losses.

"I use 13-13-13 and Milorganite fertilizers. I start the middle of February and fertilize again the first week in April and again in late September.

"When planting a plant I use a handful of Milorganite in the planting hole."

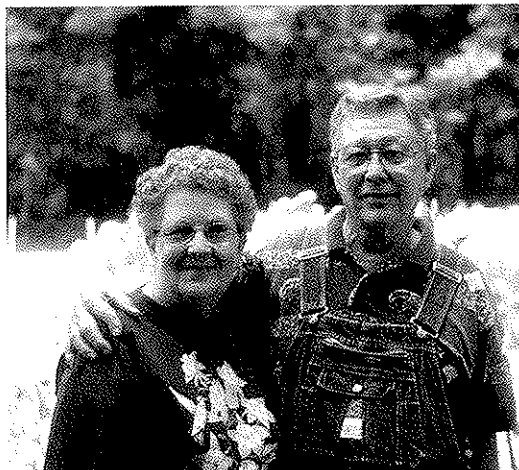


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## From AHS Dictionary on the Web: Rust

Address: [http://www.daylilies.org/ahs\\_dictionary/daylily\\_rust.html](http://www.daylilies.org/ahs_dictionary/daylily_rust.html)

**RUST, DAYLILY RUST:** A fungal pathogen that attacks daylilies.

The fungus, which was first identified in the southeastern United States during the summer of 2000, has the scientific name *Puccinia hemerocallidis*.

The disease is identified by raised pustules on the leaves and sometimes scapes of affected plants and by orange colored spores. Early rust infection may resemble daylily leaf streak, however these two disorders develop differently over time. If unsure, wait a few days to see whether raised spots (pustules) appear. Rust pustules will transfer orange powdery spores to a white tissue when it is rubbed over the infected leaves. This will not happen with any other daylily leaf disorder.

Daylily rust is known to have affected plants in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas (May 31, 2001) and may have been discovered on plants in other states. It has affected daylilies for quite some period of time in Japan, the Koreas, China and Mongolia, and other nations in the Far East.

Treatment consists of removing all leaves and scapes and burning or burying them. It is not recommended that they be placed in a compost pile.

Several fungicides known to be effective against other forms of rust on other crops are being tested to determine their effectiveness, if any, on *Puccinia hemerocallidis*. If rust is discovered, it is recommended by experts that two or more of the currently recommended fungicides be used on a rotating basis according to label instructions until there is no evidence of rust.

Place any new plants in a quarantine situation for evaluation. A minimum of a month may be needed to determine if

rust will develop on the new plants, but no specific time frame can be recommended as of this date (6/21/01).

Should you suspect that you have rust on a daylily, immediately remove all of its foliage and scapes, and either burn or bury everything removed, except that you should save a leaf or two and send them to your county extension agent who will get them to the proper authority for laboratory testing. The results of those tests will then be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md., for final confirmation. You will be notified of the results as they become available. You may also wish to contact your county extension agent to ask that official to come out and take samples.

Upon inspection, your extension agent may be able to tell you immediately whether daylily rust is present, or if it is suspect. Your county agent will then take whatever action is considered necessary.

If you, the gardener, remove leaves and scapes from a plant suspected of having daylily rust, immediately sterilize your tools to avoid its spread. Also wear disposable rubber gloves, place them in a sealable plastic bag after use, and throw them in the trash.

Though daylily rust spores are thought to be primarily windborne, they can be transferred by plants being in very close proximity to one another, or possibly even on clothing or shoes. It may, then, be advisable to change clothes and shoes (the wearing of rubber boots that can be disinfected in bleach may be a good option) to avoid spread of the fungus.

Other leaf problems may resemble daylily rust. To properly identify daylily rust, leaf streak, spring sickness and other non-rust disorders that affect Hemerocallis, see the following website, hosted by AHS member Susan Bergeron:  
<http://www.ncf.ca/~ah748/rust.html>

For other information and images of daylily rust, see the following websites. The AHS provides these links as a source of information. The AHS does not have any control of the content on these sites, nor does it represent one being more accurate or up to date than another.  
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/npb/daylily.html>  
<http://doacs.state.fl.us/~pi/enpp/pathology/daylily-rust.html>  
<http://www.ces.uga.edu/Agriculture/plantpath/daylilyrust.html>  
<http://www.ianr.unl.edu/pubs/horticulture/nf450.htm>

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### A Letter from Cindy Johnson, Chairman AHS Scientific Committee

Daylily rust caused by the fungus *Puccinia hemerocallidis* has been a hot topic in our world of daylilies. The rust was first identified (in the United States) on the variety 'Pardon Me' in Georgia in August 2000. Daylily rust has also been identified in Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Thanks to the AHS Team that publishes our AHS Daylily Dictionary, the Dictionary now includes rust information on our AHS internet site (see accompanying article and address on this page).

This is a positive step in identifying rust. Be assured, more is being done. The research of Dr. Jean L. Williams-Woodward from the University of Georgia will hopefully provide us more information in the coming months. Notify the daylily clubs that the rust information is now on the AHS website. An article with more information is slated for the Fall 2001 of The Daylily Journal.

The AHS Scientific Studies Committee has the Joe E. House Fund that provides funding for scientific studies. This fund is woefully inadequate to fund further study on rust or other scientific studies. Our plea to each region is to donate to the Joe E. House Fund. This will enable us to support daylily research. If you want to specify the type of research for your donation, please do so. At this time, the need is to fund studies on rust to find out the environment required for infection of daylilies and to determine which fungicides will provide the best control. As the American Hemerocallis Society, I believe we are obligated to find the answers.

CJ

## A Bit Rusty on the Law?

Judge Herman C. Clause  
Lafayette, La.

Bees and butterflies flutter through the beds, scattering pollen like a baker gone wild. Not to worry... you have finished your pollinating for the day. Break time. Sit down. Relax. Enjoy a freshening breeze and a bottle of cool clear water. Look out on a sea of colors dancing in the wind – an impressionist's dream painted by a palette of daylilies. Life is good.

A man in uniform walks up with a badge in view. He hands you some papers: YOU'VE BEEN SUED! Your mind starts racing, palms sweating, heart pounding – are you ever angry now! The papers state the suit is in connection with your sale of daylilies, but how? Who? Why?

Sound familiar? Hope it never does. But it is possible. The impetus for this article is the relatively recent outbreak in the United States of *Puccinia hemerocallidis*, an Asiatic fungus commonly called "daylily rust," which is affecting the daylily industry.

In this short treatise, I will try to guide you through and around the legal pitfalls we can easily avoid while still ardently pursuing our love of daylilies. This article is not intended to supply you with legal advice. For that, consult your lawyer. The article is intended to generally acquaint you with the legal principles involving sales and legal liability, particularly as those principles relate to daylilies.

Principles of civil liability are similar nationwide, but do vary from state to state. This article is limited in scope in that it is directed only towards the applicable law in Louisiana. For answers to specific legal questions, consult an attorney in your state.

The main inquiry, of course, is: Am I liable for the sale or exchange of an infected daylily, and if so, what for? In answer to this question, I have (1) good news, (2) bad news, (3) good news, (4)

bad news, and, finally, (5) good news. (I will not ask which one you want first – you will get them all in due course!)

(1) "Good news" – You probably have no liability under products liability law (La. R.S. 9:2800.51-60). This statute imposes liability on the "manufacturer" of products under conditions specified under the statute. Fortunately, this statute does not apply to "producers of agricultural plants in their natural state." It is also doubtful that a court would find a daylily grower a "manufacturer" engaged in "manufacturing a product" as the statute requires. Therefore, liability imposed under the Louisiana Products Liability Act due to the sale of a rust-infected plant is highly unlikely.

(2) "Bad news" – Louisiana's Civil Code imposes an implied warranty (guarantee) on the seller of an object. This body of law is called "redhibition" and is found in La. Civil Code Articles 2520-2548. According to the law of redhibition, any seller guarantees to his buyer that the thing sold (daylily) is free from "defects." A defect is a condition, i.e. rust, in the thing sold which makes it "useless," "inconvenient" (the buyer would not have bought it if he had known of the defect), or "diminishes its usefulness." This guarantee is inherent and implicit in every sale. It applies automatically. Nevertheless, the seller and buyer can agree that the implied warranty does not apply (sale without warranty) and their agreement will control. In addition, if the buyer knew or reasonably should have known about the defect (rust) then the seller owes no warranty. Otherwise stated, if a buyer buys a plant that he knows or should have known is infected with rust, then the seller owes him no guarantee. Sometimes the law is not much different from common sense!

(3) "Good news" – If you sell an infected daylily in "good faith" you are only responsible for repairing, remedying or correcting the defect, which would usually require you to return to the buyer the purchase price of the daylily and his reasonable expenses occasioned by the sale. This does not include the payment of damages. You simply give him back the money he paid and his reasonable expenses (e.g. gas, meals, long distance calls, etc.). These expenses cannot be very high, especially when compared to "damages" which I will discuss next.

(4) "Bad news" – If you sell an infected daylily in "bad faith," the responsibility is greater than that imposed on a good faith seller. A bad faith seller is liable to the buyer for:

(A) "return of the price with interest" from the time the price was paid to you, and

(B) "reimbursement of the reasonable expenses occasioned by the sale and those incurred for the preservation of the thing," and

(C) damages (which may include all resulting property damages and perhaps even mental anguish), and

(D) attorney fees.

The bottom line is this: If you are in "bad faith," it can get expensive. You are probably now wondering: how do I know whether or not I am in "bad faith?" The law of redhibition suggests that a seller is liable under bad faith if he "knows the thing he sells has a defect but omits to declare it, or declares that the thing has a quality that he knows it does not have." While there is no set definition of bad faith, here are some examples of what might be considered bad faith by a judge or jury:

-You sell a plant that you know is infected;

- You sell a plant which you should have known is infected, e.g. you

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have other plants with rust, or you sell the plant after having introduced into your beds a plant which you know is infected, a plant from an infected nursery, a plant from Florida (the state acknowledged as the entry point for the disease), etc.;

- You declare to everyone you "DO NOT have rust in your beds." Considering the airborne nature of the disease, no one knows for sure that all their plants are absolutely rust-free, so if one of your plants then turns up infected, you must live up to your express warranty and pay the price of one who is in bad faith.

(5) "Good news" – The future is not bleak. It is bright. Here is why:

(A) No daylily lawsuit has ever been reported in Louisiana.

(B) Economics disfavor a lawsuit over daylilies. In most situations, a daylily case would not be worth pursuing. The case would be too small for most lawyers.

(C) People who like daylilies don't seem to like to sue. (I may be going out on a limb here!)

Why do I say the future is bright? The daylily community has learned about daylily rust: what it is, how it is spread, etc. From this knowledge will come further research into daylily rust and plant pathology in general, better horticultural practices (treatment and

quarantine of new plants), and perhaps the development of new and better treatments as well as resistant daylilies.

I told you I would not provide you with legal advice. I only sought to acquaint you with practical legal principles of which you should be aware. If you have a legal problem, consult your lawyer.

I will leave you with some practical suggestions that you might have already gleaned from this article:

- Learn everything you can about rusts as well as other diseases, pests and parasites;

- Learn and practice good horticultural techniques;

- In your dealings with others (in all matters, not just daylilies) be honest, open and forthright. Don't try to hide problems from prospective buyers. Tell the buyer about potential problems. Do not follow a "he did not ask, so I will not tell him" policy.

Remember, rust may be a four-letter word, but "bad faith" is even dirtier! HC

"P.S. After writing this article and upon returning from a two-week trip overseas, guess what I discovered in my daylily beds? An outbreak of rust – how ironic!" HC

————— Editors note: Judge Clause is a sitting District Court Judge and daylily grower in Lafayette, Louisiana. He added his postscript to his article and we thank and applaud him and his candor.

### What can we do now?

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) forwarded this protocol to NPAG at Raleigh. It shows part of Florida's response to the new pathogen and a protocol that could serve as an outline for other states to use as appropriate. When the daylily rust is found in a commercial nursery:

1. Following laboratory confirmation for daylily rust, the infested establishment is issued a Stop Sale Order, which in effect, prohibits the movement of all daylily plants.

2. The infested nursery is advised to rogue all severely infected plants and destroy them, being careful not to distribute spores in the process.

3. Trim off the foliage of salvageable plants and destroy that diseased plant material as well.

4. Commence a regular fungicide rotation at the label intervals that includes propaconazole (Banner Maxx), azoxistrobin (Heritage), flutoloniil (Contrast), and/or myclobutanil (Systhane) on the new foliage as it emerges. Avoid using one fungicide exclusively.

5. Continue to rogue if necessary. At this point, it would be wise for the grower to decide about continuing to grow the more susceptible varieties.

6. Plants should be released for sale if the foliage is visibly free of rust. Currently, FDACS is not permitting sparsely foliated or defoliated plants to be sold.

Last modified: June 29, 2001

## What is in a soil test?

pH is a measurement of acidity or alkalinity. It is the most important factor affecting mineral availability and plant growth. pH is expressed on a logarithmic scale of 0 to 14, with pH of 7.0 being neutral. Generally a pH of 5.5 to 7.0 requires no correction. Soils are slow to change pH. To raise pH, apply 4 to 5 pounds agricultural lime/100 sq ft to raise the pH of most soils by 1 unit.

Reducing pH should only be done as a last resort. To lower pH of most soils by 1 unit, add only one of the follow-

ing: 3 lbs. of Iron sulfate to 100 sq. ft. or 3 lbs. of Aluminum sulfate to 100 sq.ft.

In a single application, never apply more than 3 lbs. iron or aluminum sulfate or 5 pounds lime per 100 sq. feet of bare soil. If a larger amount is required by soil test results, split application, and apply three to six months apart.

Phosphorus is most often reported in a soil test as "very high", and its level cannot be lowered.

Potassium, Magnesium and calcium. Desired levels of these elements

vary and adjustments are listed on your soil test results.

Sodium is never added and it is very difficult for the home gardener to lower sodium levels. Plants grow best in soil that is "very low" sodium.

Nitrogen and organic matter are not usually tested in the routine soil test.

\*\*Source: *The Soil Test Results Interpretation Guide by The La. Master Gardeners (volunteer service organization), Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and LSU Ag Center.*

## REGIONAL 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting of AHS Region 13 -  
2001 Meeting Minutes - Shreveport, La.

The annual business meeting of Region 13 of the American Hemerocallis Society was held in Shreveport, Louisiana, and hosted by the Hemerocallis Study Club. The meeting was chaired by Ken Begnaud, Regional Vice-President, and co-chaired by Melvin McConnell, Regional Publicity Director. The meeting was held on Saturday, June 2, 2001 at the main meeting room of the Barnwell Art and Garden Center. Ken Begnaud called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

Ken introduced himself, Melvin McConnell as RPD, and then Muriel Walker as editor of *The ARKLA Daylily*, our newsletter. Ken recognized Mrs. Beth Crochet as the Region 13 Member of the AHS Board of Directors, as the Chairman of AHS Regional Officers, and regional Awards and Honors Liaison. Mr. Clarence Crochet was introduced as our regional Garden Judges Liaison. Phyllis "Sue" Melancon, Secretary/ Treasurer was not present due to medical reasons.

The minutes of the June 2000 meeting were printed in the 2000 fall newsletter. Ken called for corrections, errors or omissions; and there being none, the minutes were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report will be in the summer newsletter as will be the minutes of this meeting.

Under old business was the election of our AHS Board member and Ken recognized Mrs. Earlene Garber of New Iberia, La. Earlene stated that the nominating committee consisted of Joel Stout of Conway, Ark., Nita Copenhaver of DeRidder, La. and herself. The ballots were printed and sent out. Fifty-eight were returned by mail to Earlene's address. The voters were verified as AHS members with one person voting twice, several ballots could not be read and some ballots were not signed. But the unanimous re-election of Beth Crochet was evident. Earlene expressed sincere appreciation to Beth for all she has done for the clubs, the region and AHS. Beth was congratulated with a round of applause.

Having no other old business, Ken called for new business. Ken recognized Elmer Duplantis of Lafayette, La.; who presented Ken with a check from the Delta Daylily Society, Inc. of Acadiana for \$1000.00 donation to color in *The ARKLA Daylily*. Ken thanked Elmer and recognized

The Delta Daylily Society for its continuing donations to color in the newsletter. The newsletters in the past would not have had any color if it were not for the diligent efforts and giving of The Delta Daylily Society. We want to thank all the clubs for their donations and would like to see the other clubs donate to Region 13. Region 13's only income is from the auction tonight, donations and the postage from National for two issues.

Ken recognized Muriel to thank The Delta Daylily Society for the donation to her priority as editor the newsletter. She reported that the region can receive a partial re-pay of postage in the amount of \$.25 (25 cents) per member for two newsletters a year from national, but only if we ask for it; and she stated that we do ask for it. This is the only portion from AHS membership dues that Region 13 receives from National. The other money to keep us (the region) operating comes from personal and club donations and the Annual Auction held at this meeting.

Ken recognized Patsy Soileau of St. Landry, La., who announced that CENLA Daylily Society has voted to donate to the Region, an amount to bring their donation total to \$1500.00 for the year. This comes from the income of their fall symposium. Ken and Muriel both thanked Patsy and CENLA Daylily Society.

Ken stated that Neal Melancon, President of the Southwest Louisiana Daylily Club, sends an invitation to everyone to attend the Regional Meeting 2002 and come join us for "Up the Bayou in 2002." More information will be in the fall issue of *The ARKLA Daylily*. The meeting dates are May 17 & 18, 2002. (Editor Note: See details in this newsletter issue).

Ken asked if anyone had any other business. Tom Walker asked about a nominating committee for the next RVP. Ken stated that was already taken care of and they are already working.

Ken and Melvin gave the floor to Mrs. Marie Davis of Grand Cane, La., artist, member of the Hemerocallis Study Club and volunteer at the Barnwell Art Center. She welcomed the group and gave a little information about the Barnwell Art and Garden Centers, plus several of the displays, awards and exhibits.

Having no additional business, Ken asked for a motion to adjourn which Glennis Bergeron gave and Beth Crochet seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM

Phyllis "Sue" Melancon  
Region 13 Secretary/Treasurer

### TREASURY REPORT

#### AHS Region 13 Balance Sheet

Net Change in Account  
June 8, 2000 to May 30, 2001

Checking Account Balance June 8, 2000	10,597.91
Income	
AHS Postage repay	781.25
Arkla Subscriptions	40.00
Auction 2000	2,456.00
Delta Contribution	2,000.00
Interest Earned	133.60
Pop Poll Contribution	50.00
Cenla Contribution	50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,510.85</b>
Expenses	
Reimbursed Expenses	764.00
Printing of Arkla Awards/ Emma Middlebrooks	8,285.09
Service Charges	51.00
Life Membership	300.00
Insurance	176.75
Pop Poll Award	100.00
Office Supplies	94.51
Postage	414.74
RVP Travel Repay	1,406.78
Board Member Travel	1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>12,732.17</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(7,221.32)</b>
Checking Account Balance May 30, 2001	<u>3,376.59</u>

### Garden Judges!

**Be sure to vote the Awards and Honors Ballots and mail it by Sept. 1!**

**Each Garden Judge asked for and trained for the privilege and right to have their vote count. This is part of your commitment to excellence in daylilies and the AHS.**

## Local Club News

\* AHS member

### The Hemerocallis Study Club\*

Helen Calhoun

The club enjoyed hosting the Region 13 meeting, and we were glad to visit with old and new friends from around the region.

The Hemerocallis Study Club had a great picnic in May at the garden of Charles and Nora Garrett in Haynesville, Louisiana. The garden was beautiful; many daylilies and other flowers were in bloom. Since it was very warm, we moved inside for a wonderful meal. The club furnished brisket, and members brought salads and exchanged recipes. There were 30 members present. We also toured Maurice Baird's lovely garden in

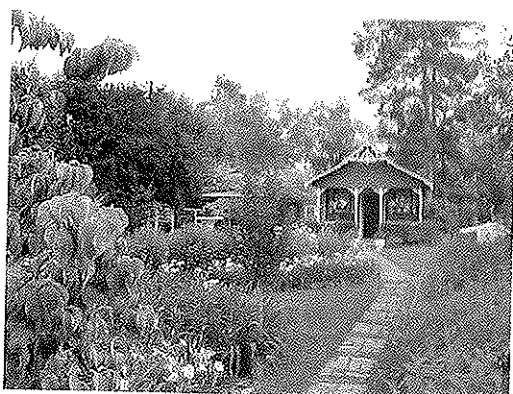


Photo by Helen Calhoun

Haynesville. As you can see, she has a very attractive garden cottage in a two-level garden filled with daylilies and companion plants.

We have gained 11 new members in the last 3 months. Welcome to all of these, and we look forward to seeing you at every meeting.

### Hot Springs Daylily Society\*

Great summer in the Springs! Several of our members enjoyed the Regional in Shreveport and even ventured to NW Arkansas for the Arkansas State meeting. Someone even brought home a few rocks! Interested persons are invited to join in our fun with daylilies. Contact: Mike Brown, 393 Hidden Valley Rd., Hot Springs, AR 71913  
e-mail: mbrown@hspn.com

### Southeast Louisiana Daylily Society\*

Ed Wolf

We gather at 9 AM and start the meeting at 9:30 AM at the Garden Study Center of the New Orleans Botanical Gardens at City Park, New Orleans. Our future dates are 8/25/01, and 10/27/01.

On April 7 & 8, SELDS was in the New Orleans Botanical Gardens for our participation in the Spring Garden Show. We had an exhibit booth, touting "Daylilies, A Louisiana Tradition," as well as a sales booth offering cultivars, publications, and artwork. Club members worked very hard to put together an exhibit dedicated to Louisiana hybridizers and their contribution to daylilies. Along with the standing exhibit of pictures and handout material, we had a power point presentation on computer highlighting these "foundation" Louisiana hybridizers. The recent passing of daylily "greats" such as Lee Gates and Pauline Henry further encouraged our club's efforts to tell the public of these beautiful people's love and commitment to the daylily. Musing on the statement of a veterinarian friend of mine, that "pets mirror the personalities of their owners." I have to agree, since daylily folk are as beautiful as their flowers.

In the future, SELDS will be placing "honor" tags, explaining the dedication, on specific cultivars growing in the daylily beds of the New Orleans Botanical Gardens. A picture of the tag will be taken, with accompanying explanatory script, will be framed and presented to the honoree. Again we intend to concentrate on honoring our state and local folks, since the local populace is more apt to know and visit local hybridizers and members.

Our January meeting was well attended and all enjoyed the slide presentation by Larry Grace. Tim Coffey, our VP and program chairman, started the year with an excellent program. He has done a great job, with a successful concentration on seeing that members enjoy our gatherings. We are so sorry

that Tim is being transferred to Texas because of his work. They are getting a terrific daylily ambassador. He is welcome back home anytime. Following his example, we expect to continue having more "fun" with meetings and trips.

### Baton Rouge Daylily Society, Inc.\*

M. Walker

Our spring bus tour was terrific and the highlight of our garden year. This spring we participated in The Spring Garden Fair in the Mall of Louisiana and we visited with gardeners literally from all over the world. We had blooms on display and educational material as well as members to visit with the gardening public. Also this spring, the club voted to support and adopt a large display bed in the Botanical Garden in Baton Rouge for the display of recent introductions of hybrid daylilies for public enjoyment. Some 200 cultivars have already been planted and marked. The club members have voted and been accepted to host the 2005 Regional meeting in Baton Rouge.

The next BRDS meeting is Saturday, October 20, 2001. We usually meet at 10 AM at the Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge. Program, dutch treat lunch and short business meeting. For details contact: Joe Goudeau, President of BRDS, c/o P O Box 45106, Baton Rouge, LA 70895. Also visit the BRDS club Web Page: [www.brdaylilysoc.org](http://www.brdaylilysoc.org)

### Delta Daylily Society, Inc.\*

Delta Daylily will host the Regional Meeting in 2003. We look forward to seeing everyone in Lafayette in 2003.

Our next meeting is September 23. For details, contact Elmer Duplantis, President @ 337-981-0187.

### Is your club's news missing?

Anyone home? This is your newsletter. We take club news in any form. Send it to Muriel Walker, PO Box 45106, Baton Rouge, LA 70895 or call/fax it to me at (225) 275-8881. e-mail address: [muriel@trwmcw.net](mailto:muriel@trwmcw.net)

The ARKLA Daylily

## Local Club News

### **CENLA Daylily Society\***

Nettie Harper

We have had a busy spring around Alexandria. By early June, Pat Soileau, Donnie Barnes, Jewel Willis, Fran Townson, and I visited Jack Carpenter's garden in East Texas, the Crochets in Prairieville, La., and the Hansons in Gonzales, La. Some of us have visited more than once.

The Region 13 Annual Meeting was held on June 2 in Shreveport. It was attended by several of our members who made whirlwind visits of the beautiful gardens.

Our monthly Cenla meeting was June 9th. After lunch, we all met in Ellis and Wrenetta Powell's gardens. As usual, the gardens were stunning in their beauty. He has many of the latest introductions; one that captured everyone's attention was RIDING THE WAVES by Rudy Pacas (99), a 6" rose-red double.

On June the 18th, approximately 17 members of our Club traveled in a caravan to Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The weekend was spent visiting several commercial growers. This trip has become an annual event for our club. The first visit was to the AHS Display Gardens of Barbara and Earl Watts, former RVP of that region. He has added many beautiful new beds and all were beautifully maintained in preparation for being on tour for the coming Regional Meeting. After placing many orders, the group rested in a beautiful new gazebo facing the gardens and the lake in this fantastic garden.

Next, the Cenla group toured the gorgeous array of daylily blooms in the gardens of Henry Boykins. His daughter and grandchild gave our members gifts of garden plants as more purchases were made. The last beautiful garden was at the home of Bonnie and Paul Adams, who shared their beautiful garden and gift plants. Soon, all the vehicles were headed home; now loaded with purchases, gifts, and tired but happy people.

For programs, our July meeting featured a slide presentation by Nettie Harper of her trip to the Regional meeting in Shreveport. In August we will welcome Beth and Clarence Crochet for their slide presentation on daylily culture & basic hybridizing. Remember Nov. 10th is the Fall Symposium.

We meet on the first Saturday of every month in the Meeting Hall of the Homewood Baptist Church, Tennessee Street at Hynson, in Alexandria, Louisiana. Visit the CENLA website: [www.angelfire.com/ar2/cenladaylily/homepage.html](http://www.angelfire.com/ar2/cenladaylily/homepage.html)

### **Southwest Louisiana Daylily Club**

Sue Melancon

Plans are in high gear for us to host the Regional Meeting in 2002 in Kinder, La. Great gardens and fellowship are on the menu! Join us next May and come "Up The Bayou in 2002." Future dates are: Oct. 13 for Fish Fry & Meeting at Longville Lake; Dec. 15 for Christmas Lunch and Meeting at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Lake Charles.

For more information regarding Southwest La. Daylily Society, contact Neal Melancon, President by telephone: 337/988-6746 or e-mail: [nesu.melancon@worldnet.att.net](mailto:nesu.melancon@worldnet.att.net)

### **Central Arkansas Daylily Society**

Nancy Stout

We have just firmed up our next meeting time - which will be Thursday evening, August 9th, at the State Extension Office Auditorium in Little Rock. John Holland will be presenting his program on Oriental Gardening. We have had about six new members join CADS during the June bloom season, and we look forward to a great program and meeting in August. Come in to the cool and join us! Hope to see you there.

Contact Joel or Nancy Stout at 501-327-7520 or through e-mail: [cricket@cyberback.com](mailto:cricket@cyberback.com)

### **North Central La. Daylily Society**

We meet in Ruston, La. in the homes of our members. We had 12-15 at our first meeting and had about 40 at the following meeting. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. We are young as a club but growing and with members wise in daylilies!

Contact: President Wayne Bunns, 137 North Pinecrest, Ruston, La 71270 Telephone: 318-255-6817

### **Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society**

Raymond Beans

In our July meeting, Mr. Carl Totemeier shared highlights of his recent trip to England as he toured all the great gardens and visited the Chelsea Flower Show. Mr. Totemeier is the owner and operator of Wisteria Farms in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Vice-President Emeritus of the New York Botanical Garden and was a garden columnist for the New York Times for 14 years.

We are happy to have had a great 2001 Arkansas State Meeting Garden Tour. The Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society members send our gratitude to all the people who made the journey to Springdale, Arkansas, our corner of the world, June 22-24, 2001. It was indeed an honor to welcome people from Virginia, Louisiana, and all parts of Arkansas. You had to be there to appreciate the results of the dedication and hard work from our special members.

We want to thank all the garden hosts who have dedicated many months and often many years, to make this tour possible. Also, we thank and congratulate the State Tour Committee leaders and volunteers who planned and provided for all the events.

We are especially grateful for the legacy of the late Mrs. Pauline Henry and to Mr. Ralph Henry for sharing their garden and accomplishments with us. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Mr. Robert Clary of Camelot Gardens in Virginia for his presentation of a slide show of Henry introductions. It was a very special weekend. Meeting Dates: 9/11 & 11/13 Contact: Raymond Beans, Pres. 501/925-2485 or e-mail: [rahbns@msn.com](mailto:rahbns@msn.com)

## Multiply the Joy and Your Club Treasury

Gwen Guderian, Louisiana

You can share your love for daylilies, beautify your community, increase your club membership and add to the club treasury while having lots of fun in the process with a daylily sale. We did. Here is our story. The SELDS' (Southeast Louisiana Daylily Society) Daylily Sales Booth Committee followed the guidelines of the American Hemerocallis Society with the premise that our purpose would be educational. What could be a better foundation for growing daylilies than planting some and experiencing the joy of seeing the scape develop buds and finally blooms? Then the gardener has to have more plants. Where can he/she turn to find out more about daylilies?

In 2000, SELDS decided to hold a daylily sale at the Spring Garden Show held at the New Orleans Botanical Gardens in City Park. We sought out members who could help us to develop a philosophy, ones with experience and expertise in daylilies and daylily sales. The chairperson called an organizational meeting, inviting key members from the club membership. The agenda included: daylily donations and purchases, marking plants, pricing, the assembly for delivery to the booth, the printing of educational materials, creation of a list of area growers, the coordination with the indoor display booth, volunteers to man the booth, provision for tables, and so on.

With our plan in place, we sought the donation of daylilies from growers in the club and approximated the number of plants we could expect. (In 2000 and 2001 we received more plants than growers had originally estimated they could give.) The plants were bare root, single divisions and labeled with the daylily name and color.

Since the daylilies were not in bloom, we made signs with many color photographs of daylilies to give customers an idea of the range of colors

their plants would have. One sign also identified our club. Customers would be sure of getting quality plants since our group is dedicated to growing daylilies well. Another sign announced, "REGISTERED DAYLILIES" and the price of each. The first year that we used this method, we sold out of plants in three hours and cleared \$1500 after expenses. The second year more plants were donated and after expenses, we more than doubled our profit from the previous year.

In 2001, our sale included a raffle of two beautiful daylilies and the sale of daylily T-shirts and tote bags. We also distributed educational material, a list of our commercial growers and distributed membership forms to prospective new members.

This format and these procedures worked well for us. They may do so for you, too. On the other hand, you may have different circumstances that dictate another way.

A club may prefer to hold its sale in the fall when it is more convenient for growers because they would not have to dig plants that have scapes on them. Further, fall would be the proper time in which to plant.

A club may choose to hold its sale at a shopping mall.

Since publicity is important and will contribute to the success of the plant sale, television and newspaper announcements should be made giving the date and time of the sale. Local garden shows and news columns could accomplish this.

It is also wise to consult with the club president to make sure of the tax-exempt status of the club.

If the donations of daylilies are not sufficient, and the club feels it necessary to buy daylilies, they should be obtained from club members who grow daylilies for sale.

SELDs owes its successful plant sales to the members of the club who produce plants for sale at the booth. These members also research prices, dig the plants, wash and tag them so that customers will have as much information about a plant as possible.

Our sales stimulate interest in the daylily among people who may have never before encountered an actual daylily. Growers Clyde and Jerry Wascom of Franklinton, LA. offered horticultural information on growing daylilies. We also informed gardeners about the pleasure of adding daylilies to the garden by printing and distributing an interesting brochure about daylilies. Club sales also stimulated the public's appetite for more plants, identified local growers for the public; attracted new members to the club, and put funds into the SELDS' treasury to be used to expand the daylily knowledge of the members and the public alike.

It is a sure thing that our daylily prices included a little lagniappe, but this is Louisiana and we have always given "a little something extra" when any purchase is concluded. We have found that "what goes around comes around." The public, the growers, and the club then can all share their joy in daylilies. There is another south Louisiana Cajun saying which goes something like this: "We know how to do it, cher."

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**Soil:** From Bill Jarvis of Houston, Texas, an AHS Member of Region 6. Bill shared this formula for calculating the number of cubic yards of soil needed when building a new bed.

- Calculate the square footage of the bed (square or rectangular: length in feet times width in feet)
- Divide this by 73 to get the number of cubic yards required to fill the bed to a depth of 4 inches.



## Visiting Over the Garden Fence : Garden Tips

### Try Neem!

Favorite tip from Ken Begnaud: Neem Oil acts as a broad spectrum insecticide, fungicide and miticide for control of insects, diseases and mites on ornamentals, fruits, nuts and vegetables.

Neem Concentrate is a hydrophobic extract from the seeds of the Neem tree from India. It controls the major insect pests and diseases on a wide variety of edible crops.

As a fungicide, Neem Concentrate works primarily as a protectant to prevent infection of the plant tissue. It will also kill surface fungi by contact on the leaf surface.

As an insecticide / miticide, Neem Concentrate works to smother and repel pests. It kills pests quickly and repels them for 1-2 weeks. The active ingredient is Clarified Hydrophobic Extract of Neem Oil 70.0%

Insect control on fruits, nuts, vegetables and ornamentals: for control of aphids, leafminers, mealybugs, spider mites, scales, whiteflies, squash bugs, beetles, thrips and others, see packaging for details.

Disease control on fruits, nuts, vegetables and ornamentals: for control of anthracnose, downy mildew, powdery mildew, scab, common rust, botrytis, blight, mold, leaf spots and others, see packaging for details.

\*\*\*This information was compiled from the manufacturer's web site.

### On the Road

On the recent regional tour in Shreveport, Dr. Dennis Wollard, Horticulture professor at Univ. of La. in Lafayette, La., shared this neat trick. To take a cutting home from a garden visit or long trip, use one of the now familiar clear plastic personal sized water bottles as a mini mobile greenhouse. Gently insert the cutting, bottom end first; in through the open neck so any leaves fold upward with the stem. (Cuttings vary in size so match up the bottle. I've even seen a 2-liter used.) Screw on the cap and you have a no-crush, watertight carrier. Leave a tiny bit of water inside. When you get home, simply cut off the bottom of the bottle and remove the cutting. Works great!

Proliferations: One way to do it. If you are lucky enough to have proliferations on your scapes—leave the scapes with the plants until you have roots on the proliferation or as long as you can. The longer you can leave the scape, the better. A seedpod set on the scape may hold it longer. When you have to harvest the baby, cut the scape so that you have about 1" of scape tissue above and 1" below the joint. Place the proliferation in a cup with enough water to just cover the joint. If there are roots or stubs of roots already formed, you might want to add one drop of Root stimulator/Starter Solution to the water (a soda straw will allow you to shake off one drop at a time). Gently replace water about every 2-3 days. (You will notice that dark cultivars may dye the water.) When roots are about 1 inch long, plant in pot, place it in light shade and grow on till weather permits garden planting.

### Rainy Day Pollen

By Jim Elliott, Arkansas

Wouldn't you know it? The day that perfect seedling blooms the first time and you don't have a decent thing open to cross with it? Well, here is my way to beat Mother Nature. First we'll need tubes with rubber stoppers to store pollen; available from a medical supply house or pharmacy and are used by your doctor when he takes a blood sample. Next, have some sterile cotton balls and Ziploc bags. Remember to keep everything clean and free of moisture. Moisture will kill your pollen. Insert a cotton ball one half inch into each tube. Replace stopper.

Harvest pollen when it is dry and fluffy; in my garden in central Arkansas that's about 8:30 AM. Remove the rubber stopper from tube and keep it handy (I use my shirt pocket). Place the tube opening below that special anther. One at a time, gently place a pollen anther

### "How much do I need?"

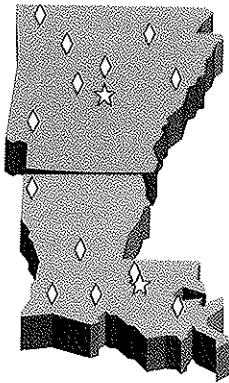
1 cubic yard of Peat, Mulch or Top Soil at:  
2" depth will cover 162 square feet  
1" depth will cover 324 square feet  
.5" depth will cover 648 square feet  
.25" depth will cover 1296 square feet

Commercial garden mixes or soil mixes often are very light.  
Loose rules of thumb to use, to cover:  
100 sq. ft X 6 inches = 2 cubic yds.  
100 sq. ft X 12 inches = 3.75 cu. yds.

### Need a shovel to dig daylilies in a tight spot?

Ask your local hardware store or garden center for a perennials shovel (may be listed as "Ladies" shovel). They are smaller than the contractors shovel usually available but it has a full regular handle and shape. They are compact, weigh less and cause less damage to surrounding clumps. Most brands run from \$12 to \$25 and if not in stock, can be ordered. (Buy two as they are that useful.)  
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on the lip of the tube. Using your thumb-nail or scissors, cut the anther from the filament placing it into the tube and replace the rubber stopper. In your left hand, hold the tube from the bottom, straight up. Spread first two fingers of right hand and "bump" the tube between these two fingers. You want pollen to transfer to the cotton and not to the top of the tube. When the pollen is on the cotton, open tube and remove anthers as they have moisture in them (I just pour them out). Now repeat procedure on next anthers. Be sure to label your tube with cultivar name and date. If you have two flowers of same cultivar open, you can store pollen from both in one tube. Always put tubes into Ziploc bags and seal them to help keep out moisture. Refrigerated pollen will last a week if used frequently and kept dry. Always let pollen warm up to air temperature before opening tube. Frozen pollen will be good for several years if not opened before use. Good luck!



## Welcome New AHS Members

We are delighted you have joined the AHS and we look forward to meeting you. We invite you to contact one of the local clubs listed on the inside back cover and attend a club meeting for the the local connection as well as the bigger picture.

These names have come to us since the last issue in Spring 2001. Local clubs, why not drop these new members a card? If in your area, invite them to the next meeting of your local club. Say hello and make a daylily friend. Region 13 is growing like a fine classic daylily.



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**Second Place Seedling**  
by Judy McCarthy of Shreveport, La.



by Beth Crochet of Prairieville

**Tie for Third Place Honors**

by Judy McCarthy of Shreveport



Visitors voted in the McConnell Garden choosing from over 40 entries.



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