

ARKLA DAYLILY

REGION 13 AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY



'Renegade Lady' (Salter-E.H., 1990), grown in Raymond and Donna Ma-yeux gardens, received the Pauline Henry Award for the best diploid clump at the 2015 Regional in Alexandria, LA. More on Pages 16 through 19.

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- * Pop Poll Ballot/Instructions

'Cosmic Kaleidoscope' (Carpenter-J., 2006)
Photography Winner - Bill Monroe →

SUMMER 2015



2016 REGION 13 SUMMER MEETING

'SWEET ON DAYLILIES'

Hosted by Arkansas State Daylily Society

WHEN: June 10-11, 2016

WHERE: Conway Inn & Suites
750 Amity Road
Conway, AR 72032
(501) 932-0500

Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed will
be hosted at Sheila Nash's garden

See Registration Form on inside of
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Grace Stamile, Meg Ryan, Jane Trimmer and Julie Covington at the 2014 National Convention (Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe)



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Dual (2 persons in same household)

1 year \$30, 3 years \$83

Life \$500 Dual Life \$750

Youth 1 year \$10

EDITORIAL POLICY

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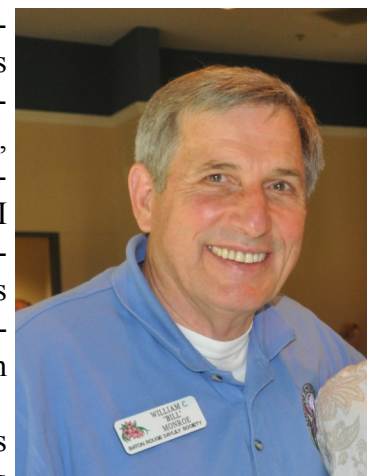
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Robert Race Seedling (Photo courtesy of hybridizer)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! All I can say is: "The Regional Meeting was a HUGE SUCCESS!". The untold volunteer hours of the CENLA Daylily Society members resulted in an awesome weekend of lovely flowers, great food and friendly fellowship. I first want to thank Anne & Bert Dorgant, Faye & Danna Lemoine, Donna & Raymond Mayeux, Chet & Liz McDonald and Pat Soileau for opening their gardens and making the Regional so entertaining and enjoyable. I was not aware of all the "behind the scene activities" required to ensure a successful Regional Meeting. Heartfelt thanks to all of the CENLA club members who contributed table plants, auction items, gift bags, door prizes and wonderful boutique items for sale. A successful event like this does not just happen without a lot of very well organized planning and attention to detail.



We were certainly very lucky to get to view such beautiful daylilies considering the fact that the entire area had been engulfed with rainstorms right up until the event. And how Raymond and Donna could find the time to prepare the wonderful "Cochon de Lait" dinner and still have their garden in impeccable shape.

What a treat for everyone when Tom and Muriel Walker arrived to conduct the Garden Judges Clinic and make the Photography Award presentations at the Saturday night banquet. A special thanks to Pat Soileau, Brenda Fontenot and Carter Stafford for conducting two days of Exhibition Judges Clinics. We were most honored to have Claire Fontenot, Director of the Botanic Garden in Baton Rouge, as our banquet speaker. Claire shared an informative presentation on companion plants for daylilies. And, Bus Captains don't get any better than Tom Talley! His jokes and bag full of gag-gifts made the trip between gardens a fun filled adventure. As promised in the CENLA registration form, we certainly did "pass a good time"!!

I would also like to acknowledge all of the work by Pat Soileau for receiving, growing and potting plants, and preparing the auction slide show presentation. With the help of our world class auctioneer, Tom Talley, the custom spreadsheet program developed by Nikki Jacques to track and immediately total up the purchases and the very generous plant donations resulted in a successful auction event. Thanks to Ronnie Rossie, Joe Goudeau, Josh Jacques, Henry Bradford and Pat Soileau for very generously donating daylilies for the auction resulting in a net sale of \$3,280. As you know, this is the main source of revenue funding the ARKLA Newsletters.

The newly published "Illustrated Guide to Daylilies", prepared by Olivier Billingslea, is available for purchase at the AHS website. It is packed with up-to-date information, "everything you ever wanted to know about daylilies", and priced less than \$20, including shipping.

The Popularity Poll is now on-line making it a snap to vote and you don't have to be a Garden Judge to vote for your favorite blooms.

Next year's Regional will be held in Conway, Arkansas on June 10 and 11, 2016 with guest speakers Charles and Heidi Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens. The Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed will be maintained by Sheila Nash, 227 Acres Circle, Greenbrier, AK 72058.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our bloom season will be nearing completion but we will continue to look forward to a time when our paths will cross again.

Bill Monroe
AHS Region 13 President
<http://www.daylilies.org/AHSreg13.html#Louisiana>

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I am writing this report the week before the Nationals so I won't be able to discuss the Nationals and the Board of Director's meeting, but I am sure that I will have lots to report for the next ARKLA (doesn't that sound wonderful – "the next ARKLA"?)

The 2015 Regional was held a couple of weeks ago in Alexandria, Louisiana. I think it was a successful Regional. I won't say everything about the Regional was wonderful - there were moments when I thought to myself, "Why did we volunteer to do this again?". CENLA has done a Regional three times in the past ten years and I was on tour each time. Putting on a Regional is a lot of work but after it is all over and members think about it, one and all I have spoken to, said they were glad we did it.

Regionals have to be held so that Regional business can be discussed and so that Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges workshops can be held. But there are lots of other reasons: Visitors get to see daylilies they might not see in their area, how others do things in their gardens and get ideas of what they can do in their own garden, meet people from other areas of the region they will never meet in any other way (some of these people can become friends for life), meet your Regional officers and talk to them about your concerns on a one-to-one basis, eat "lots of food" and some is food you might not have ever tasted before, and, members of the club will get to know each other better.

Finding hosts for future Regionals has become a problem for our Regional Presidents in the past few years. I know many clubs feel they are too small to host a Regional but it really does not "have" to have that many members. One of the best Regionals I ever attended was an Arkansas Regional put on by LaVera Johnson and five other ladies at Searcy, Arkansas. Regional officers and other people in the Region are usually ready and willing to help. Also, two or more clubs can host a Regional.

Some clubs think they don't have the gardens needed; but, we don't have to visit gardens with thousands of daylilies and lots of garden art, etc. One of the prettiest gardens I ever saw was at a Texas Regional where there were exactly 12 daylilies in a small, 100 square foot garden in the back of a tiny house. Those 12 plants were beautifully grown and a few companion plants had been selected to compliment the daylily colors. I can remember visiting a lovely garden that had three daylilies that had been purchased from Lowe's that week (the tags were still on the plants) but the rest of the garden was a wonderland of other plants. Nurseries, etc. can also be visited – I haven't met any gardeners who didn't like to visit a nursery. CENLA thought they would have six gardens but ended up only with five so we had to visit a nursery for a sixth garden. The bottom of the bus was filled with plants by the time it left the nursery. I remember visiting a tree nursery on an Arkansas Regional tour many years ago and still remember how lovely the trees were.

Some clubs have told me they don't have the money to put on a Regional. Regionals don't have to cost that much. Ditty bags and the stuff in them are "free" for the asking and are not necessary. We don't need famous National hybridizers to speak – we have lots of great hybridizers in Region 13 who are fine speakers and who have a lot of knowledge to share. One club said that they don't like begging people in other states for plants – you don't have to. Every plant at the last Regional was donated by 5 people from Region 13. Send out a call for plants and you "shall receive" if you send out the call early enough (thanks again Joe Goudeau, Ronnie Rossie, Josh Jaques and Henry Bradford for your donations). Your registration fees should cover your expenses.

If you are a member of a club, think about having your club host a Regional in the future. It is easier to do one if it doesn't have to be planned in four or five months. Believe me, the rewards and the sense of accomplishment you feel after it is over will easily make up for the work putting one on.



Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe

REGION 13 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Region 13 balance declined approximately \$1,900 from the previous ARKLA publication. Major expense items were printing and mailing of ARKLA publications. Only income was annual AHS reimbursement for ARKLA mailing cost.

Significant non cash flow news is the Region 13 bank account practices have been modified to reflect the current technologies. Monies in the Region 13 bank account have been divided into a checking, savings and Certificate of Deposit segments. Previously all money had been held in just a checking account. Since the annual cash flow is less than 25% of the account balance, it was deemed prudent to take steps to reduce the exposure of Region 13 money to fraudulent activity such as forged checks, hacked checking account number etc. AHS experienced a forged check incident earlier this year. Movement of money to the checking account from the savings account or CD's requires more authentication and hence provides better security. Automatic text alerts to notify the Regional President and me when certain account activity takes place are in place so that potential unauthorized transactions can be identified in a more timely fashion. Bottom line is the current technology is great and makes the Treasurer's job easier but it also exposes Region 13 assets to some new risks that need to be mitigated.

American Hemerocallis Society Region 13 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

May 15, 2014 through May 16, 2015

5/15/2014 Beginning Balance **\$ 30,979.65**

INCOME

Source	Amount
AHS reimbursement for ARKLA mailing costs	667.80
Interest from Savings account and CD's	0.06
WHM Credit card test	0.97
Total Income	\$ 668.83

EXPENSES

Purpose	Amount
ARKLA Newsletter	2,342.70
Officer travel	537.71
AHS Insurance & Corporate Annual Report Fee	69.39
Clarence Crochet Award - 2014	65.40
Bank account check order	25.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,040.20

5/15/2015 Ending Bank Balance **\$ 28,608.28**

Prepared by Ed Herringshaw, Region 13 Treasurer on 5/5/2015

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Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe

REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings Region 13!

I'm back. Why? Not sure, all I know is Bill Monroe needs to be added to Les Miles recruiting staff.

First, let me thank my friend Tom Talley. With all he has on his plate, I don't know how he does what he does. He is remarkable and he has my respect and admiration.

People often ask me WHY?

WHY should I belong to a local club? Belonging to a local club provides the opportunity of fellowship, the sharing of knowledge, and in many cases sharing of plant material that one might not normally purchase or have access to.

WHY should I be a member of AHS? First and foremost are the publications. I commend AHS Journal Editor, Meg McKenzie Ryan and Region 13's Newsletter Editor Judie Branson on producing first class products. In these publications and on the AHS web site, you have access to some of the most up to date information. For a new AHS member, a \$25 voucher toward a daylily is provided; so in essence, the first year is free. There is a trial membership offered by AHS. This is a half year membership that allows you to kick the tires and check under the hood. Please note a \$25 voucher is not given for trial memberships.

WHY should I vote in the Region 13 Popularity Poll? I ask you to remember back to when you first started collecting daylilies. How many cultivars did you purchase that did not perform as you expected? The popularity poll helps the up and comers not make the same mistakes we did, so VOTE!!!!!!

WHY should I become a Garden Judge? Being a Garden Judge helps promote the best flowers, especially those that perform well in our region. Being a Garden Judge also helps promote the local hybridizers who work so very hard to create and produce what they hope are the best flowers available. Not enough? If you become a Garden Judge while I am RPD, I will send you a 2014 or 2015 Goudeau introduction (My Choice). I know those of you who are already Garden Judge say "that's not right", and, I agree. I will send ANY Region 13 Garden Judge who wants a free daylily and sends me \$10 for shipping, a daylily or maybe two but only if you VOTE!

WHY should I become an Exhibition Judge? Region 13 needs Exhibition Judges. If flower shows are your thing, this is a great way to see different cultivars grown as close to perfection as nature allows. Same offer of 2014 or 2015 Goudeau introductions to new and present Exhibition Judges.

WHY should I attend a Regional or National convention? This is a great opportunity to meet others from around the country with like interests. These outlets offer educational opportunities that are not always available at the local level.

Share your WHY's with me at daylilyjoe@gmail.com. I will answer as many WHY's as I can by e-mail or in print.

Happy Gardening,

Joe Goudeau, Region 13 RPD



Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Summer is here and lots of hours are spent in the garden. And even though I enjoy putting the ARKLA together, I cannot do it without your help. If you would like to write an article on your favorite subject or maybe write an article on a daylily person, please contact me. I will appreciate all your articles to help keep the ARKLA in print. Thanks! Judie Branson, Editor

REGION 13 AHS DISPLAY GARDENS

There are nine AHS Display Gardens in Arkansas and Louisiana. Note that many Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting.

Baton Rouge Botanic Garden, Claire Fontenot Liaison, 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge LA 70806; clafon@att.net; (225) 753-1100.

Birdhouse Gardens, Judie Branson, 2301 Woodland Avenue, Springdale, AR 72762; grandmajudie1@gmail.com; (479) 841-6173

Breaux Garden, Mark A. and Susan Breaux, 18 Olympic Court, New Orleans, LA 70131; peewebro54@yahoo.com; (504) 433-3064

Dutch Hill Daylilies, John Holland, 2814 W. New Hope Rd, Rogers, AR 72758; (479) 636) 1374

Griffin Farms, Edward Griffin, 8401 Crossroads, Benton, AR 72015; griffindaylilies@gmail.com; (501) 776-1750

Rossie Daylily Garden, 1500 Ellis Ave., Hammond, LA 70401; rossier@bellsouth.net; (985) 345-5803 or (985) 351-4301 cell

Shovel Garden Daylilies, Pat & Pat Larsen, 1120 Salem Road, Conway, AR 72034; patx2@conwaycorp.net; (501) 327-1211 Home or (501) 908-5017 Cell

Wanda's Country Gardens, Wanda Howerton, 4666 Hwy 69, Paragould, AR 72450; wanda.howerton@gmail.com; (870) 239-5064 or (870) 476-8909 cell

White Rock Gardens, Phyllis & Odie Kirtley, 265 Woodridge Lane, Benton, AR 72019; phylliskirtley@att.net; (501) 794-1564 or (501) 626-7258 cell

FUTURE AHS NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

*2016 Region 10—Louisville, KY June 29-July 2, 2016
hosted by The Daylily Society of Louisville & The Louisville Area Daylily Society*

*2017 Region 3—Norfolk, VA June 21-24, 2017
hosted by The Tidewater Daylily Society*

*2018 Region 15 - Myrtle Beach, SC June 6-10, 2018
hosted by The Georgetown Area Daylily Club*

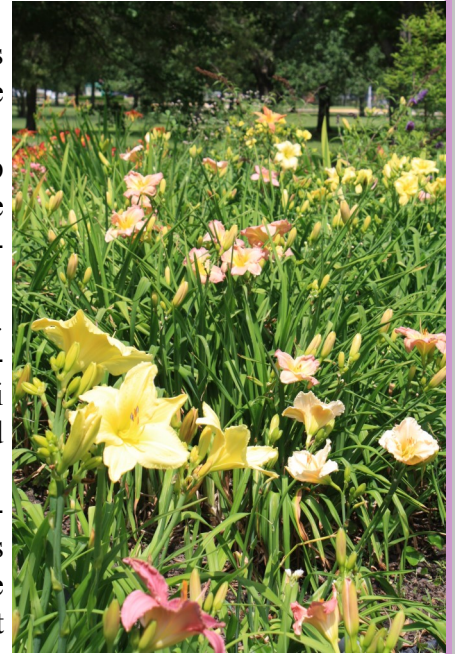
The Baton Rouge Botanic Garden

Located in the center of Baton Rouge the Botanic Garden gives residents a place to enjoy all that the southern climate has to offer in the way of plantings and species.

The Botanic Garden of Baton Rouge began in 1991 with the help of a group of hard-working volunteers. Established gardens includes the Crape Myrtle Garden, Rose Garden, Sensory Garden, Herb Garden, Louisiana Iris Garden, and Daylily Garden.

The Daylily Garden was started with plants donated by Mrs. B. B. Saxon. In 2001, it was expanded by Botanic Garden Volunteers. Members of the Baton Rouge Daylily Society, Joe and Ginger Goudeau, Terri Rehn, John Shexnayder, and Clarence and Beth Crochet, donated and planted over 800 cultivars.

The daylily plantings consist of an impressive collection of heirloom and modern cultivars in a public garden setting. This collection is being expanded each year as resources permit. The Botanic Gardens are an AHS Display Garden and open to the public from sunrise to sunset 365 days a year.



CLAIRE FONTENOT

If it were not for Claire Fontenot the daylily portion of the Botanic Garden would probably consist of 20 – 25 older varieties with no recognizable identification or much care.

Raised on a farm in Houma, Claire did not start her professional career in the medical services field until her two children were well on their way to adulthood. In her spare time, she became involved with Lagniappe Studies, Master Gardeners and, of course, the Botanic Garden of Baton Rouge.

After twenty years in the health care field, she retired in 2000. After her retirement, she became increasingly involved with her volunteer work, teaching and mentoring those interested in horticulture.

Claire does not consider herself a daylily person. She loves all plants and only got interested in daylilies in order to supplement the fundraising sales at the garden. Over the years, she started taking the left overs from Joe and Ginger Goudeau when they would sell at LSU, Hilltop Arboretum or anytime Joe was ready to spray something with herbicide. She would drive her little blue work truck to the garden and fill it to overflowing rather than let Joe spray or throw away flowers.

Claire presently serves on the executive board for the BRDS and is a member of AHS.



Bill Monroe, Claire, and Joe Goudeau

(Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe)

REGION 13 POPULARITY POLL BALLOT FOR 2015

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies.

<input type="checkbox"/>	'Alex Sheets'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Siloam Jean Hogan'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'All American Chief'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Jane Trimmer'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Spacecoast Gold Bonanza'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Barbara Mitchell'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Jay Farquhar'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Spacecoast Seashells'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Barbara Sheets'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Jolie Monde'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Strawberry Candy'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Beautiful Edgings'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Judy Farquhar'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Suburban Nancy Gayle'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Becky Lynn'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'King Kahuna'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Tar and Feather'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Big Kiss'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Lavender Blue Baby'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Texas Kaleidoscope'
<input type="checkbox"/>	'Blackwater Captain Jack'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Lil' Black Buds'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Thin Man'
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<input type="checkbox"/>	'Christine Tuminello LaGrand'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Mister Lucky'	<input type="checkbox"/>	'Tusawilla Snowdrift'
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Member Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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POPULARITY POLL VOTING

As a service to its members and to the general public, each year the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) conducts a popularity poll among its members to determine the favorite daylilies from each region. It is the hope of the AHS that this Popularity Poll presents a true picture of which daylilies perform well in a given area and which are best liked by the membership. Popularity polls are important to daylily growers -- both AHS members and nonmembers -- who make daylily selections for purchase.

VOTE THE POP POLL ELECTRONICALLY

Only 19% of Region 13 members voted for the Pop Poll last year. So the AHS has made it readily available to vote electronically. Please vote for your favorite 10 daylilies from the list provided or write-in your choice, but please vote. Let's up that percentage this year! Here's how you can vote electronically:

1. Log onto the AHS website at www.daylilies.org/
2. In the Welcome column on the left hand side of the page, click on 'Popularity Poll Ballot'.
3. Click on the empty box and select 'Region 13'.
4. Double click on 'Select your Region' and the Region 13 Ballot will come up.
5. Select 10 by clicking in the box to the left of the daylily or write-in your choice(s).
6. Type in your name, e-mail address, and mailing address.
7. Click on 'Continue'
8. Review your Ballot
9. Click on 'Vote this Ballot'.
10. Done

Of course, you can still vote by mail if you do not have access to a computer or the internet. Use the Ballot within this Newsletter or contact the Regional Publicity Director and ask him to mail you a copy.

NOTE: Deadline for voting is September 1, 2015.

The Popularity Poll is intended to be an individual's own personal vote for the member's favorite daylilies. Independent voting ensures each member's vote will carry equal weight in choosing the Region's most popular daylilies. Group voting and other activities which influence the poll's outcome are not allowed and may result in those ballots not being counted. Each individual member may vote one ballot regardless of the memberships held and the voting habits of their dual members. Clubs, corporations, and institutions shall not vote, nor shall they be included when determining participation.



King Kahuna (Crochet, 1994)
(Photo courtesy of Jane Mahan)

REMEMBERING VIOLA PARKER (1897-1986)

I'm proud to state that Viola Parker was my grandmother. At the right is Lee Bryan Parker I and Viola Parker celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I used the doves from the top of my wedding cake to decorate the top of their cake.

Viola Parker was an Arkansas hybridizer in the 1950's, 60's, and 70's, once serving on the AHS Board of Directors for Region 13, and winning several Honorable Mention awards plus two Awards of Merit for her introductions 'Arkansas Post' (Parker, 1965) and 'My Son Bob' (Parker, 1969) (below consecutively).



I remember her yard being like something out of *Southern Living*, with all sorts of flowers, shrubs and trees. My dad stated that at one time she estimated she had over 1500 daylilies. I always loved to go to her house and play in her gardens. She used to get up at 4:30 a.m. during the summer so she could watch her lilies awaken and make her crosses as soon as the flowers began to open. She kept journals on her flowers that told whether the blooms opened early, stayed open late, and whether or not they stood up to heat, sun and rain.



Included in these journals were details about the plants themselves: dormant, semi-evergreen, evergreen, stalk height and strength, early, mid-season or late bloomers. She had a passion for green throats, the illusive white, and also loved the whimsical shapes of unusual forms.

I always enjoyed "helping" when she held her annual Open House at Hope and Happiness Gardens. I was probably in the way, but she always found time to make me feel important, even when she was entertaining throngs of people. Having a small yard and garden of my own, I now realize all the work and love she put into her gardening every year.

My biggest regret is that of her 176 registered cultivars, my family only has about 15 varieties left. I do still have most of the ones named for our family members, but so many are probably lost forever. If anyone has Parker cultivars they would be willing to share, please contact me at legacyinlilies@gmail.com.



'Beverly Brosell Parker' (Parker, 1969), Libby's mother; 'Lee Bryan Parker' (Parker, 1969), Libby's father; and 'Libby Parker' (Parker, 1969)

Libby Beecher
Rogers, Ark.
(Photos courtesy of Libby)

ROBERT RACE, a young and upcoming hybridizer in NW Arkansas

Tall, skinny, excitable, happy, hard-working - all those traits define Robert Race. But one would never guess from observation that Robert is a very patient daylily hybridizer. He coaches his children in soccer, traveling many Saturdays across the three state area to compete. He cuts firewood to heat the home in winter. He builds upholstered furniture by day at La-Z-Boy. He collects leaves from neighbor's yards to mulch for compost. But ask about his hybridizing and unique labeling system and he truly lights up!

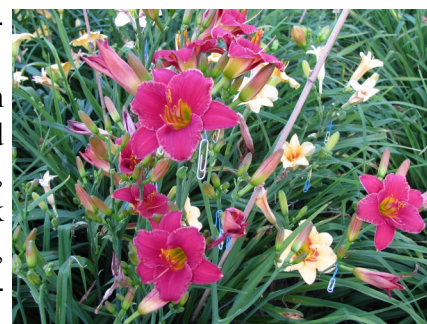
Robert's love for growing flowers came from his Mother's love of flowers as she practiced the art of pass-along-plants. She was always willing to share from her garden, even if it meant digging up a favorite, right now, and sharing that special plant. He remembers playing in his mother's very traditional flower garden and using the dried daylily "scapes" as swords in an imaginary battle with neighborhood kids. While living in Russellville, Arkansas, he met Mrs. Maudie Pack. Mrs. Pack soon became his teacher, mentor, and friend and instilled in Robert the love of daylilies and a love of hybridizing "just to see what happens".



Austin, Robert, Patricia, Noah, and Madison.

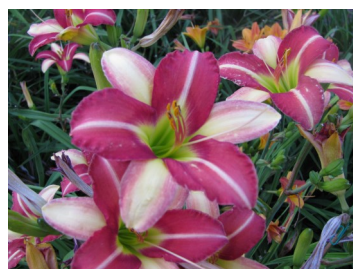
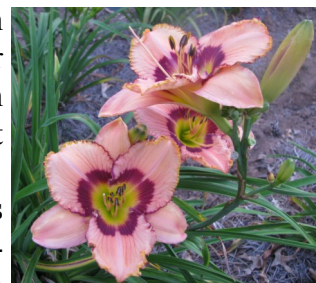


In the wooded acres north of Siloam Springs, he admits to having about 200 named cultivars. In the mid June blooming season, he is often up at four a.m. After a quick breakfast, he is in the garden with a headlamp, so both hands can work on spreading the pollen and tagging the plants with a complex system of colored paper clips. A red and a green mean one thing, but a silver and a purple mean something else to Robert's method. Two blue paper clips added mean that son, Austin (left), is working with that particular pollen on that pod parent. After work, the documentation goes into a spreadsheet so that crosses and successes can be tracked.



'Noah's Strawberry Limeaide' (Race, 2013)

Robert's first introduction 'Pack's Pride (Race-Pack, 2012) (right) is co-registered as Race-Pack to honor Mrs. Pack for her assistance and encouragement. He has shipped starter plants to growers in California and Louisiana to learn how the plant thrives in other planting zones.



Robert says he prefers working with bi-tones (left) and he counts a successful cross if the resulting bloom does not fade in the heat of the Ozark summer. He mostly works with smaller flowers in the 2.5" to 3.5" range. He likes clear yellows and creams because they "light up" the garden. He has several oranges and orange-reds that he likes to include in his calculations and trials. When asked if he had a favorite hybridizing pollen plant, he turned to check his records on his computer - it was 'Junzi' (Stamile, 2004). He likes the texture and shape of the petals.

It was a fun interview in the dead of winter. Robert brought the garden to life with his enthusiasm and by sharing his goals for the new season.



'Paw's Lil T' (Race, 2013)

Dolores Stamps
Springdale, Ark

(Photos courtesy of the Hybridizer)

PROLIFERATIONS

NOTE from the Editor: Last year, proliferations appeared on several of my daylilies. It seemed like it was contagious because the same daylilies the year before did not have them. I posted an e-mail on the E-Mail Robin asking how to handle prolifs and got several responses and this article is their shared responses (with permission).



Tim Fehr, Eau Claire, Wisconsin responded:

“On the AHS site, under the Dictionary of Daylily Terms, look near the bottom on the entry on “proliferations” and you should see a link to an article by Lee Pickles on how he handles them.

The most common way I’ve read about to ‘force’ proliferations is through the use of BAP paste. Usually where a bract is on the scape, a razor blade lightly cuts above the bract and BAP is smeared into the wound. I’ve never tried it, but I have read about it enough times that I think I have that process at least close to being right.

I allow naturally occurring proliferations to remain on the scape as long ‘Piglet’ (Goudeau, 2008) as possible, then I cut the scape about 1” above the proliferation and 4” below. I most often dig a hole beside the parent plant and put the crown of the prolif at soil level, just fill the soil back and keep in watered until frost. About 60% probably survive that way. On plants I am increasing, I bring the prolifs inside and plant them in pots where I can keep a better eye on them. When I do this the survival rate is about 95%, only ones that have no root nodes even starting seem to struggle. I know a friend dips hers in rooting hormone at the crown and she swears that helps get them going faster. I leave the old pieces of scape attached until it naturally decays and I can simply pull the dry, hollow remains away.

I line out the prolifs the following spring (the pots are in a south facing solarium where they get sun all winter long - they usually root well and increase in size to be quite a bit larger than my seedlings) and surprisingly quite a few will bloom that next summer and the rest the following summer.

I have tried removing prolifs and mailing them to friends, but none have survived that process, so I think it’s not good to ever let them dry out. Even after the scape has stopped blooming, the scape will continue to feed the prolif, you’ll see a green section remain even as the rest of the scape dries up, so I wait as long as I see that green line, there’s usually enough nutrients being sent up to keep the prolif healthy. I suspect that as the scape starts to dry up there’s some hormone change that signals the prolif to start making roots, at least the timing of that seems to suggest that possibility.”

Michael Bouman from St.Peters, Missouri responded:

“The product is BAP paste. Bob Carr used to swear by it, not only for inducing proliferations at the bracts on the scape but for creating new growth when he dissected the crown with a scalpel to create viable new plants. He'd coat the cut tissue with BAP paste.”

Dave Mussar from Puslinch, Ontario, Canada responded:

“I just pot them up and keep them indoors all winter and treat them like a house plant. You might be able to get away with planting them outside but here in the north it is much more challenging to get them through the winter so I like to keep them indoors where I can keep an eye on them.”

Mary Lou Lundblade from Valley Center, Kansas, responded:

"I leave my prolifs on the plants as long as I can. I want to see at least the start of roots. Then I sever it with about 3" of scape, both below and above. The above part is to give me a handle. I use a Styrofoam coffee cup that has holes punched in the bottom, and filled with perlite. I wet it, make a hole in the center with an old pencil, and put the bottom of the scape and prolif in as far as it will go. If it doesn't cover the base, I cut the scape of a little more. I keep it well watered and under grow lights until, when I tug on the leaves, it resists. Then I either pot it up, or put it into the ground depending on how late in the season it is. You can also hit the base of the prolif with a rooting hormone.

I have had prolifs bloom on the plants. I don't know if this is true, but one of our older members, now deceased, once said, if a prolif bloomed, it wouldn't root.

Rich Howard from Wallingford, Connecticut, posted recently on the E-Mail Robin regarding a new technique to establish roots on a prolif - "air layering" - and here it is (with his permission, of course).

Proliferations are a wonderful thing and a major benefit is that you can shave a year off the time it takes to have enough plants to introduce. There are many ways to deal with prolifs, and they all likely have some merit. I want to mention one thing we do that has worked very well for us.



I saw Dan Trimmer give a presentation a few years ago where he advocated a technique to establish roots on prolifs which is similar to air-layering. Basically, you provide growing media and moisture at the base of the prolif after it reaches a modest size, and is still attached to the scape. The most common problem with prolifs I have experienced is getting an adequate root system on them so they can make it through winter. This procedure helps a great deal to get the roots growing.

Air layering, if you are not familiar with it, is a technique used on plants that are hard to propagate by cuttings, or if you want your new plant to have a larger size than could be accomplished by taking cuttings. There is a lot of info on line about air layering. If you google "air-layering", sphagnum moss is the most recommended media. I believe Dan instead recommended regular potting soil - and this is what I use. We actually will fertilize the media during the process.



We use plastic wrap with a twist tie (right) or a device I got from Lee Valley called a "rooter pot" (above). We first put a little rooting hormone powder on the base of the prolif. The scape may



need some support due to the weight. The media needs to be kept moist but otherwise we leave the prolifs alone until the scape turns brown below it. Even a small bit of green on the side of the scape will still be providing nutrients to the prolif. I think the roots shown (left) took about two months to form.

Almost all our prolifs are bloom size the following year. Many are large enough by season's end to spend the winter outside in a pot. We don't do this for all our prolifs, but do so for the more desirable ones. With the greenhouse, we get scapes earlier than we otherwise would so the prolifs have a chance to get to a good size sooner. This is just one more reason why I love my greenhouse.

2015 Region 13 Summer Meeting, Alexandria, LA 'CELEBRATE IN CENLA'

June 14-16, 2015

And the Lord said, "Let no rain fall on the Region 13 garden tours, until after the tours are done.". With monsoon-like weather for days, the members of the Cenla Daylily Society were frantic about the weather, but God is good and the skies stayed clear and bright over all the garden tours.

On Friday, the bus headed south to Avoyelles Parish. Attendees were first treated to a lovely country garden at the home of Anne and Burt Dorgant. This picturesque country garden was well landscaped with lovely vignettes spread throughout the large sprawling yard.



The next stop was only three miles down the road at the home of Faye and Danna Lemoine. This garden, on the banks of Bayou Rouge, was richly appointed in many of the newer varieties of daylilies. The raised beds were nestled between pine and pecan trees and around the house from the front yard to the back. Displays of ginger, irises and other horticulture were enjoyed by all.

The bus then headed back one mile to the garden of Raymond and Donna Mayeux. "This is a "his and hers" garden," laughs Donna. The beds near the house and in the back yard are "mine". Donna enjoys dabbling in hybridizing and uses "her" garden to do this. The field lilies in the back are "his". These are the lilies Raymond sells to support his daylily habit. However, it should be noted that Raymond maintains both the "his" and "hers" gardens throughout the acre and a half garden.



Raymond prepared a traditional "cocheon de lait" dinner for everyone on the tour, cooking the roast pork in a wood box in the back yard. After a short business meeting, lunch was served under tents in the back yard. Food was plentiful and delicious, and no one went away hungry. The bus departed at 2 pm, and the Lord said, "Let there be rain", and five minutes later the sky opened up.

Persons interested in Garden and Exhibition classes stayed in Cottonport. Exhibition I was taught by Pat Soileau, Brenda Fontenot and Carter Stafford. The Garden Judges class was taught by Muriel and Tom Walker who bravely led the class through the garden in the rain.

Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe

The Friday night auction featured 75 recently hybridized cultivars graciously donated by Ronnie Rossie, Joe Goudeau, Josh Jacques, Henry Bradford and Pat Soileau. Many thanks to all who bid at the auction which resulted in a \$3,280 profit for the region.

Saturday morning started off with a bus trip to nearby Woodworth in Rapides Parish, and the garden of Chester and Elizabeth MacDonald. Their garden is a little jewel box. The fenced in back yard is well landscaped with daylilies and other plants along the fence line and around the pool.

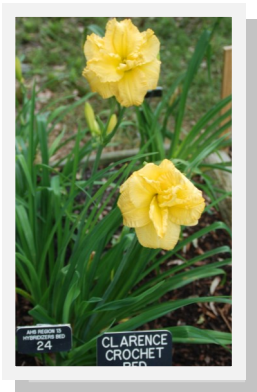


The next stop on the Saturday tour was to St. Landry Parish and the garden of Pat Soileau. Pat's garden featured raised beds and a multitude of many of the latest hybridized cultivars available. The most popular bed in Pat's yard was the Clarence Crochet bed which featured over 20 plants, four of which were in bloom.

After another short drive, attendees were treated to a trip to Poole Brother's Nursery in Forest Hill, LA. Many people took the opportunity to purchase everything from Agapanthus to String of Pearl Plants. Following this stop, everyone enjoyed a relaxing meal at Ryan's Cafeteria.

The Region 13 Awards Banquet was the entertainment for the evening on Saturday. Bill Monroe, Region 13 President, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ann Monroe introduced the guest speaker, Claire Fontenot, Director of the Baton Rouge Botanical Gardens, who spoke on "Companion Plants in a Daylily Garden". The presentation was both interesting and informative and enjoyed by everyone.

Pat Soileau, Region 13 Director, made the presentation of the "Clarence Crochet Award" for best seedling to Ronnie Rossie, Hammond, LA for his double seedling. Carter Stafford presented the Tot Ratcliff Award for best daylily clump to Raymond Mayeux for 'Tiger Eye' (Johnson-R., 1948), and Wanda Howerton, ASDS Board Member, presented the Pauline Henry Award for best diploid clump to Donna Mayeux for 'Renegade Lady' (Salter-E.H., 1990). (Shown left to right below.)



Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe



This year Region 13 featured a new photography award. Members were invited to submit two photos in three categories: Single Bloom, Multi-Bloom and Landscape. Attendees voted on their choice for best entry in each category. Tom and Muriel Walker of Baton Rouge presented the framed award certificates to the following:

SINGLE BLOOM WINNERS:

1st Place - 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope' (Carpenter-J., 2006) - Bill Monroe

2nd Place - 'Heartless' (Hensley-D., 2011) - Ann Monroe

3rd Place - Jamie Gossard Seedling - Ann Monroe



MULTI BLOOM WINNERS:

1st Place - 'Cherry Peacock' (Reed, 2011) - Judie Branson

2nd Place Tie - 'Honey Bear' (Webb-M., 2013) - Bill Monroe and

'Rumi Poem' (Hensley-D., 2011) - Ann Monroe

3rd Place Tie - 'Blue-Breasted Bee-Eater' (Lambertson, 2011) - Donna Mayeux and 'Sherry Sheree' (Boykin, 1999) - Doris Thomas

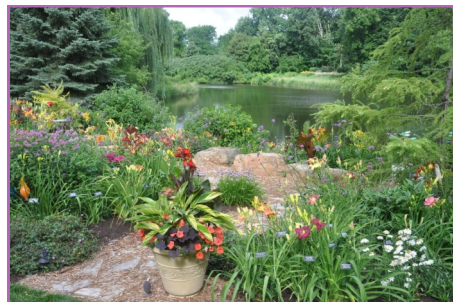


LANDSCAPE WINNERS:

1st Place - Bill Monroe

2nd Place - Ann Monroe

3rd Place - Doris Thomas



Bill Monroe announced a Special Recognition Award to Judie Branson for her contribution as Editor of the ARKLA newsletter. Since Judie was unable to attend, her gift was accepted by Jean Crossno on her behalf.



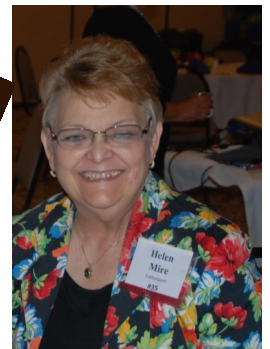
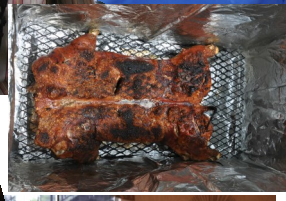
The entire Region 13 meeting was deemed a great success to all who attended. "It was a pleasure to share our homes, gardens, and food with our daylily friends, those we have known for a while and those we have just met," said Raymond Mayeux, Cenla President. "We hope everyone had a memorable experience, and hope you will come back to visit us at our Fall Symposium October 23 and 24." (See Registration Form on Page 30)

Respectfully submitted
Donna Mayeux

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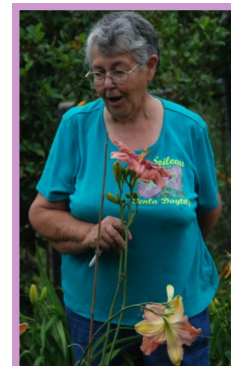
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Left to right and top to bottom: 'Rose Fever' (Stamile, 1996); Anne and Bill Starbruck; Sara Monette and Joyce Broussard; Lillie Ducote and Marilyn Duet; Mike and Marcia LeLeux; Robert and Janet Piraro; Sally Vanderlick, Dean Stafford and Claire Fontenot; Cochron de Lait; Wanda Howerton and Jean Crossno; Bob Coco; 'Marked by Lydia' (Temple, 1994); Wayne and Barbara Broussard; James and Belinda Gauthier; Louise Talley; and Helen Mire.

Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe

THANKS TO ALL THE GARDEN HOSTS



l to r: Bert, Anne Dorgant and Faye Lemoine; Raymond and Donna Mayeux; Chet and Liz McDonald; and Pat Soileau. Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe

REGION 13 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Business Meeting for Region 13 was held on May 15, 2015 in the beautiful yard of Donna and Raymond Mayeux following a delicious Cajun style pork roast dinner ("Cocheon de Lait"). President Bill Monroe opened the meeting with a warm welcome and huge "Thank You" to the CENLA Daylily Society for hosting the Regional Convention. Copies of the Treasurer's report, prepared by Ed Herringshaw, were handed out and since he was out of state, the balance sheet was presented by Bill Monroe.

The Statement of Income and Expenses showed a beginning balance as of 05/15/2014 of \$30,979.65 with income of \$668.83. The item listed as "WHM Credit Card Test" was explained as a test of the VISA SQUARE to be used at the Plant Auction allowing folks to pay with a credit card for their purchases. The expenses for the period 05/15/2014 to 05/16/2015 totaled \$3,040.20 consisting mostly of the printing expense for the ARKLA Newsletter. The Ending Balance of \$28,608.28 was noted. There was a short discussion about the fact that there was not an income line item for last year's Regional Plant Auction hosted by the Baton Rouge Daylily Society.

The first issue of the ARKLA Newsletter was discussed with over-whelming gratitude for the excellent work of the new Editor, Judie Branson, who could not be in attendance. Muriel Walker, a past National Newsletter Award winner, reminded all in attendance to help Judie with future issues by sending in articles and photographs of current club activities.

A motion was made by Tom Talley to reimburse the cost of the laptop and software to be used by the Regional Newsletter Editor, Judie Branson, with the ownership to remain with the Region. It was seconded by Joyce Broussard. It was approved by unanimous vote.

The AHS Popularity Poll was discussed and Bill informed the group that Judie Branson will have more information and instructions in the next ARKLA explaining how to vote On-Line.

Pat Soileau, Regional Director, was asked to address the group and again welcomed everyone and mentioned the upcoming National AHS Convention to be held in Atlanta on June 11-14, 2015. She encouraged membership in the AHS and mentioned the possibility of a National On-Line plant auction.

It was also announced that the Arkansas State Daylily Society has agreed to host the 2016 Regional Meeting in Conway, AR with Charles and Heidi Douglas of Brown Ferry Gardens as quest speakers. The tentative dates have been set for June 10-11, 2016 with the Country Inn and Suites in Conway as the site. The Clarence Crochet seedling bed will be hosted by Sheila Nash, 227 Acres Circle, Greenbrier, AK 72058. Up to three small clumps per Region 13 member may be submitted for the competition. More information about next year's regional meeting will be published in the ARKLA.

There was brief discussion about the Regional Daylily Awards and the First Annual Regional Photography contest to be voted on by all in attendance.

A motion was made by Tom Talley to adjourn, seconded by Carter Stafford. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, by Ann S. Monroe acting on behalf of Judie Branson

JOE GOUDEAU HONORED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA

The American Hemerocallis Society (American Daylily Society) recently presented its annual awards at the National Convention held June 11-13, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Award Name: **AHS Region 13 Service Award**

In 1974, the AHS Board established this award for **outstanding service** to AHS at the regional level. An equivalent award, the International Service Award, may be awarded to an international member. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year at the Annual National Convention.

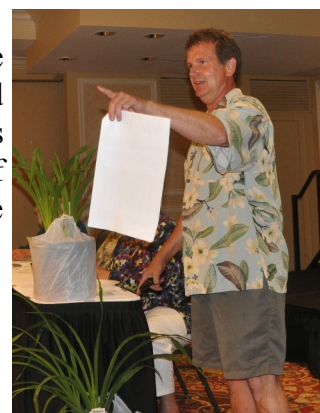
Award Recipient: **Joe Goudeau**

Joe Goudeau has been president of the Baton Rouge Daylily Society many times. He has served as Regional President for Region 13 (2006, 2007, 2008), served on the AHS board to represent Region 9 for a couple of terms. He served as Membership Chairman for AHS while being a Region 13 Director and increased membership in the organization. Joe and Mike Holmes were key players in the "Members Only Portal project." In 2009 and 2010, he was editor of the ARK-LA Region 13 newsletter.

Joe was instrumental in planning and hosting the 1999, 2005, 2008, and 2013 Region 13 meetings held in Baton Rouge. He was chairman for the 2011 National Convention held in Baton Rouge. He has served as bus captain for 6 or 7 Regional Meetings. He has served as plant sale auctioneer for several regional and national meetings.

Joe has been a hybridizer for 18 years and has been most generous in the donation of plant material; locally, regionally and nationally. Joe has donated thousands of plants for auctions, table sales and local club sales. Joe Goudeau is considered by many as being the "Southern Gentleman" and "Ambassador of Daylilies" in Region 13. He is worthy of receiving the Region 13 Service Award.

CONGRATULATIONS, Joe!!!!



Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe

EARL AND BARBARA WATTS HONORED ALSO

Award Name: **Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award**

Award Description: This award is the American Hemerocallis Society's **highest honor** and is awarded annually for distinguished and meritorious service by an AHS member on the national level. It is named for the founder of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Award recipient: **Barbara and Earl Watts**

Barbara and Earl Watts began their affiliation with AHS in the 1980's as members of the Suwanee Valley Daylily Society in Lake City, Florida, and AHS Region 12. For well over 25 years, Barbara and Earl have been dedicated to the mission of AHS, particularly promoting public interest in daylilies, and educating the public about daylilies. Their list of accomplishments and contributions on the national, regional, and local levels is long, and it is difficult to separate who did what. Earl and Barbara work in tandem. Neither does anything without input, suggestions, and assistance from the other. Together, Earl and Barbara have, by example, embodied the meaning of service to AHS and its members at all levels.

(Editor's Note: Earl and Barbara are no strangers to Region 13, so I wanted you to share in their accomplishment.) Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe



REMEMBERING ANITA COPENHAVER

Don't forget Nita Copenhaver among your significant Region 13 hybridizers. She once bought for me my first copy of the *Judging Daylilies Handbook*. And it was I who first encouraged her to place her cultivars, such as 'True Pink Beauty' (Copenhaver, 1992) and 'Beautiful Edgings' (Copenhaver, 1989) on the Awards & Honors ballot.

Oliver Billingslea, Montgomery, Ala.



LUKE SENIOR - NOT FORGOTTEN!

Don't remember who asked the question at our Regional in Baton Rouge, "What happened to Luke and Joan Senior?" Well, I have an answer for them!

Luke Senior, 81 years young, lives in Arlington, Texas. His wife, Joan, had COPD and passed away in August of 2013. During their life together, Luke and Joan lived on a ranch off Highway 41 outside De Queen, Arkansas.

He is not hybridizing and has very few daylilies because his house is located on a city lot with lots of shade trees. He said "if you ever lived in Texas you would know that shade trees are more important than daylilies", and he just laughed. He does, however, still have his wife's name-sake, 'Joan Senior' (Durio, '77). He also has a daylily

named after himself, 'Luke Senior' (Stutson, '74).

Luke is past President of the AHS, serving two terms - one term in 1980-81 and the other in 2002-03. He was tickled that I called and that he was still remembered. The minute I mentioned I was from Northwest Arkansas, he asked if I knew Pauline Henry. Pauline named a daylily after him 'Siloam Luke Senior' (Henry, '94) (above) and one after Joan 'Siloam Joan Senior (Henry, '82) (right).



Judie Branson, ARKLA Editor

REMEMBERING CLAUDIA FORD



Region 13 has lost too many good members in the past two years - the latest being Claudia Lee Zimmerman Ford, 85 years young. Claudia was born in Mississippi but moved to Jonesville, Louisiana upon her marriage to S. L. Ford, Sr. She became an AHS member in 1975 but grew daylilies for over 50 years. She had been an active member in several daylily clubs over the years - the Southwest Daylily Society, the Delta Daylily Society, the Baton Rouge Daylily Society, and was a charter member of the CENLA Daylily Society. Claudia had actually attended a CENLA Daylily Society meeting on March 5th and returned home to pass away in her garden that day.

Claudia was an Exhibition Judge who judged at many, many shows in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. She was also the Exhibition Judge Liaison for Region 13 for several years (I could not find out how many years but she was the Exhibition Judge Liaison during the Lafayette National). She was also an Exhibition Instructor who taught many students in Region 13. She missed teaching classes at the last two Regionals because she was ill. She was going to teach in both Workshop I and II classes at this year's Regional in Alexandria and had just told me before the March meeting how much she was looking forward to becoming active again in teaching.

Claudia loved working with the young exhibitors at flower shows and I have seen her seek out young exhibitors to tell them how to groom better, etc. after the show was over. While judging a show in Shreveport, she noticed that a junior exhibitor was upset because his flower had been damaged. Claudia took the money the club gave her for her gas expenses and gave it to the young man.

She was always willing to teach adults as well. Barbara Broussard, President of the Southwest Daylily Society, has this story to tell: At one Southwest meeting, she became frustrated at trying to explain to a young couple, very new to daylilies, how to plant a daylily correctly. She asked Barbara if she could use one of the potted plants to be given out at the meeting. She then emptied the pot of dirt and replanted the daylily.

Claudia was in a terrible auto accident in 2002. When her doctors told her that she would probably never be very active again in gardening, etc., she told me that she told the doctor he didn't know what he was talking about. It took her months but she managed to walk again and continue gardening and teaching, even though she was in constant pain. She bought a very large truck to travel in because it was easier for her to get in. She also could take home all the daylilies she bought at auctions. I will miss those auction battles she and I sometimes engaged in over a daylily we both "could not live without".

In addition to daylilies, Claudia had a passion for pottery and quilts which she could work on when our weather would not permit gardening.

When I attended the funeral, I arrived at noon and went to a local restaurant for a meal. The waitress and I started a conversation and I told her that I was in town for Claudia Ford's funeral. The waitress said, "Oh, you mean the Daylily Lady. Her garden was so beautiful last year with all those daylilies." On the way out of the restaurant, I paused behind two gentlemen also leaving and blocking my way, and one said to the other, "I'm going to the Daylily Lady's funeral." What a wonderful tribute to Claudia!

Pat Soileau



Photos courtesy of Bill Monroe

White County Daylily Club History

As President of the White County Iris Society in the mid-eighties, I met a number of people in the area. One was Chris Churchill from Judsonia, who I enjoyed very much. She talked about her daughter, Salee Birkholtz, from Chicago who hybridized daylilies. Her first love was the red ones, however, she did purchase other colors but they had to have good bud count. After Chris's husband passed away, it was not long until Salee bought a house behind her in Judsonia. It had a large back yard so she was able to bring many daylilies with her from Chicago.

I was having a White County Iris Society meeting at my home one Sunday afternoon and the first one to ring the doorbell was Chris and Salee. Salee joined our Iris Society and we became very good friends. We loved flowers and pretty yards but soon Salee began to talk about a daylily society. With people coming to our yards, we soon had a number of people interested in our new club. Salee opened her home and 10 people showed up for the first White County Daylily Society meeting. Salee Birkholtz, Chris Churchill, LaVera Burkett, Louise Cannon, her son Bill and his wife Gayle, her mother, Juanita Leasure, Nancy Himphill, Randall and Lottie Droke, and Louise Pate were charter members. Louise joined in time to be a charter member but did not remain active.

Salee was a Daylily Judge and I drove her places so she could judge and I learned so much. I met all the good hybridizers in our region. Lee Gates was big in reds also, so he and Salee visited a lot and I loved listening. Jack Carpenter and Salee were friends and I was so surprised when I took her to his garden to see how happy he was to see Salee. We went to several Nationals together and everyone loved Salee.

Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith joined our club and he did some really nice crosses. Joel and Nancy Stout from Conway joined our club, also. Jewell Ozbirn joined and was our Treasurer for a long time. Wanda Harris from Beebe and Veronica joined us and Wanda is still an active member. Nancy Taylor joined us and was Secretary at one time. We had Harry and Dorothy Roland in our club for years as Treasurer and Secretary. We miss them as they recently moved back to Illinois to be near their family.

We have a very active club attending state and regional meetings, and a daylily sale nearly every year and sometimes twice a year. For a club over 30 years old, we still have lots of fun at every function. Our Christmas parties were always nice as Salee always made us play BINGO so everyone could have one more prize. We miss Salee after her unexpected death; however, many others came and went and now we have a great club with about 25 members. We eat well and visit all the time.



Respectfully submitted,
LaVera Burkett (formerly Johnson)

Are you getting all the AHS news via the Daylily E-News? You can sign up via the AHS website www.daylilies.org

North Shore Daylily Society

Greetings from North Shore Daylily Society!

Meetings are held at the Tangipahoa Tourism Visitor's Center, 13143 Wardline Rd. (off I-55) in Hammond, LA. 9:30 a.m. Sign-in, 10:00 a.m. Meeting. New Members and visitors are always welcome! Additional information: President- Ronnie Rossie – 985-345-5803, (c) 985- 351-4301, e-mail: rossie@bellsouth.net. A beautiful garden with registered, labeled daylilies provided and maintained by our club members, is featured in front of the visitor's center. Member Rosalind Darsam and others have devoted many hours caring for this garden.



When the public shows interest in the daylilies, they are directed to our club's colorful tri-fold flyer on a display stand. This has proven to be a great publicity tool for increasing awareness and membership and the fliers can be used many places.

Meetings featuring speakers with PowerPoint presentations, registered daylily raffles, daylily tips, food and fellowship were held in February (Presenter- Claire Fontenot, "Companion Plants for Daylilies"), and April (Presenter- Dr. Terry Rehn, "Ferns"). Terry Rehn was the Guest Speaker and was presented with a signed Watercolor painting by Carmel Foret at the NSDS Meeting.



A daylily plant sale was held in March at the Hammond Spring Garden Day located at the Hammond Research Station- LSU AG Center.



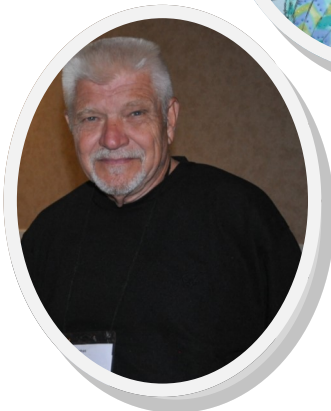
Several of our members attended the most enjoyable Region 13 meeting in Alexandria, LA. Club members generously providing daylilies for the very successful auction were Ronnie Rossie, Joe Goudeau and Henry Bradford. Ronnie was awarded the esteemed "Clarence Crochet Seedling Award."

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Monroe,
Vice-President NSDS

ARKANSAS STATE DAYLILY SOCIETY

The ASDS held its Spring Tour in Conway, Arkansas June 19-20 and the gardens of Ed and Sandra Bradberry, Sheila Nash, and Bill and Peggy McCool were enjoyed by all. Article and Photos by Judie Branson





REGION 13 GARDEN JUDGES AS OF 4-1-2015			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY	ST
BEECHER	DOUGLAS	ROGERS	AR
BEECHER	ELIZABETH (LIBBY)	ROGERS	AR
BRADFORD	HENRY	COVINGTON	LA
BRANSON	JUDITH	SPRINGDALE	AR
COFFEY	NINA	SPRINGDALE	AR
COFFEY	TIMOTHY O	LAKE CHARLES	LA
FONTENOT	BRENDA	PINEVILLE	LA
FORET	CARMEL	PONTCHATOULA	LA
GAUTHIER	BELINDA L	MANY	LA
GAUTHIER	JAMES A	MANY	LA
GOUDEAU	JOE	BAKER	LA
HOLLAND	JOHN	ROGERS	AR
LARSEN	PATRICK	CONWAY	AR
LEMOINE	EVELYN FAYE	COTTONPORT	LA
MAYEUX	DONNA	COTTONPORT	LA
MONROE	WILLIAM (BILL)	BATON ROUGE	LA
PRESSLER	ANNETTE	ZACHARY	LA
RACE	ROBERT	SILOAM SPRINGS	AR
ROSSIE	RONNIE	HAMMOND	LA
SNYDER	MARY E	PRAIRIE GROVE	AR
SOILEAU	PATSY (PAT)	ST LANDRY	LA
STAFFORD	CARTER A	MARKSVILLE	LA
STASSEN	ROBERT	FAYETTEVILLE	AR
TALLEY	THOMAS	SHONGALOO	LA
TOENGES	H. JEAN	FAYETTEVILLE	AR
WALKER	MURIEL C	BATON ROUGE	LA
WALKER	THOMAS	BATON ROUGE	LA
WALKER	NICHOLAS	RUSTON	LA
WILSON	DAVID E	SUN	LA
WINBERRY	LINDA	HOT SPRINGS	AR

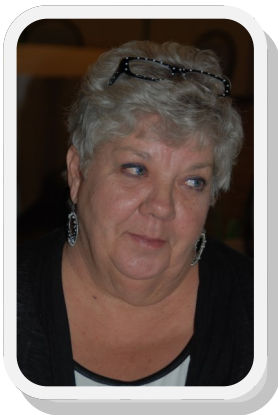
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 Carmel Foret
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 Ronnie Rossie
 Jean Toenges
 Tom and Muriel Walker
 Photos Courtesy of Bill Monroe

2015 Region 13 Exhibition Judges

Last Name	First Name	Status	City	ST
Branson	Judie	Senior	Springdale	AR
Fontenot	Brenda J.	Senior	Pineville	LA
Gauthier	Belinda	Senior	Many	LA
Gauthier	James A.	Senior	Many	LA
Guidry	Lucille	Honorary	Lafayette	LA
Holland	John	Senior	Rogers	AR
Soileau	Patsy	Senior	Saint Landry	LA
Stafford	Carter	Senior	Marksville	LA
Stassen	Robert	Senior	Fayetteville	AR
Townsend	Frances	Senior	Bunkie	LA



Top to bottom: John Holland and Bob Stassen , Brenda Fontenot, James Gauthier, Belinda Gauthier, and Carter Stafford (Photos Courtesy of Bill Monroe)



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Region 13 Youth Liaison Bill Monroe

BINGO on the AHS Portal – March 1 to September 1

Perform required tasks in the Youth Group to obtain letters B I N G O.

Repeat the process to obtain more BINGO's.

The one with most BINGO's is the winner.

There will be a second and third place winner.

Prize daylilies donated by Mike & Sandy Holmes of River Bend Day-lily Gardens.

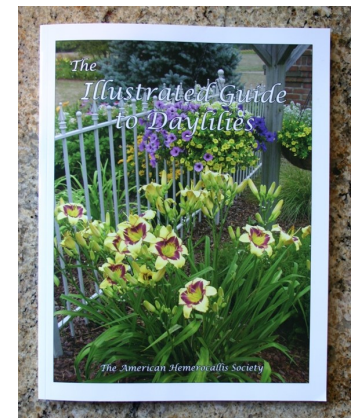
Official rules are posted on the Youth Group homepage, www.daylilynetwork.org



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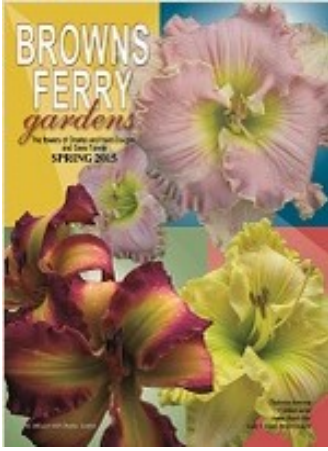
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