

The ArkLa Daylily



Popularity Poll Runner-up ‘Tuscawilla Snowdrift’

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2019 Regional Meeting

The Baton Rouge Daylily Society has agreed to host the Region 13 Business meeting. There will be a self driving garden tour, clinics, auction, and awards ceremony. The meeting will be held in the training room, of Two United Plaza, 1st floor, 8550 United Plaza Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA. 70809

Meeting dates May 11-12, 2019

Front cover image of 'Tuscawilla Snow-drift' (Hansen 2000) was taken in the Garden of Peter and Carol Lazar at the 2018 Regional Tour.

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President's Report

Greetings Region Fellow Gardeners,

Well you are stuck with me for one more year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Region 13 was one of the top Regions in AHS in the percentage of Popularity Poll ballots received. 42% of our region voted, down from 46% in 2017. This is the first time in almost two decades that a flower other than **'King Kahuna'** would win the Region 13 Popularity Poll. **'Claire Fontenot'** won by the slimmest of margins with **'Tuscawilla Snowdrift'** coming in a close second. So if you think your vote does not count, it does. I want to thank all those who voted. There were a number of first time Region 13 introductions voted for this year that will be included in next year's Poll. I plan on including as many images in the next newsletter as possible. Hybridizers, please provide the best images of your introductions listed in the Popularity Poll on page 23.

I would like to thank Chris Bridges for his service. When he accepted the position as Regional Publicity Director, it was with the understanding it was for one year. Reviewing the Regional bylaws, keeping up with and tabulating the Clarence Crochet Award images and votes, the Popularity Poll, and getting his garden ready for a Regional Tour would keep anyone busy. On top of that he owns and operates a law practice and keeps up with two young children and all of their activities. Thank you, Chris.

Region 13 added five Garden Judges this year! Welcome new Garden Judges, Rene Amond, Claire Fontenot, Ginger Goudeau, Carol and Peter Lazar. I look forward to doubling or even tripling that number next year.

I would like to welcome Bob Stassen. He will serve as your Regional Publicity Director for 2019. A recent Region 13 Service Award recipient, he has been a great supporter of Region 13 for many years. I thank him for once again accepting the position of RPD. He has served as Regional President, Regional Publicity Director, Garden Judges Liaison, and has taught the Garden Judges Workshops for the last several years. I look forward to his input, support and informative articles.

With over 80,000 daylily introductions to date, winning a national award is difficult. Winning two awards for the same flower usually takes years. Winning two awards for the same flower in the same year amazing. Our very own Ken Begnaud accomplished just that. **'Lil' Black Buds'** was awarded two specialty awards. **'Lil' Black Buds'** won the best Early Season Bloomer. It also won the Donn Fisher Memorial Cup for the most outstanding miniature daylily registered under three inches. **'Lil' Black Buds'** received 185 votes for the Donn Fisher Memorial Cup. That was out of a possible 492 votes. No other specialty award received half that many votes. I see a Region 13 Stout Medal winner on the horizon.

Congratulations Ken!!!!!!

Lastly, the Baton Rouge Daylily Society would like to invite you to the 2019 Regional Business Meeting. It will be much like last year with open gardens, clinics, auction and a hybridizer's slide show. It is scheduled for May 11th – 12th, 2019. More information will be on the web site and in the spring issue of the Arkla.

Life is short, Enjoy every moment,

Joe Goudeau



Director's Report

I recently gave a presentation on 'Landscaping with Daylilies' and it was thought evoking. Going through all my pictures to include in the presentation brought back a flood of memories. It also reminded me that I still need to cut back and slow down to go along with my declining health. However, being ADS President, I am not afforded the luxury of slowing down, but the Lord has ways of telling us when we need to slow down. And, my time has come. However, I still have another year to complete as President of ADS and Director of Region 13. So, complete, I will! In the meantime, there are a couple of items I want to bring to your attention.

First, let me clarify the use of AHS and ADS names: Back in 2007, the Board of Directors authorized General Counsel to make an assumed name filing in the state of Iowa which authorized AHS to do business under the name The American Daylily Society – which was done. This filing did not have the legal effect of changing the society's name, rather it allowed the society to use that name in addition to the American Hemerocallis Society. But the society was cautious in the use of that name. With a new, very enthusiastic marketing committee and a new website in the works, this past February the Board (that's 15 volunteers, one from each region) unanimously voted to increase the use of the American Daylily Society name in "our developing efforts to reach the general public." "In order to reach people with your message, you must use language they understand." The Board also stated that "we recognize the value of continuity so that it is not our intention to sever the society's link to the past by eliminating the AHS name altogether." I'm sure that we will all be using AHS and ADS together for a long time. The Board decision is not forcing anyone to stop using Hemerocallis, but I firmly agree with the Board that the use of Daylily will help with the growth of our society.



Secondly, we have a new Mission Statement: The American Daylily Society exists to educate people about daylilies, promote the cultivation and enjoyment of daylilies and foster the on-going improvement of this perennial flower (genus Hemerocallis). We accomplish this mission through the dedicated efforts of all our volunteers, members, local clubs and staff who are committed to the continuous improvement of our efforts to build support for the cultivation and appreciation of daylilies.

Thirdly, our Marketing Committee has initiated a Collaboration with American Horticulture Society. The first component involved reciprocal full page ads inviting membership in our societies in our respective journals (The American Gardener); and, the second component was to exchange invitations to join our respective societies to be shared via email to our respective memberships. Since the Horticultural Society has over 20,000 members, this endeavor brought a significant opportunity to bring some new folks to our party!

Item of interest: Many of you may remember Leo Sharp, who passed away in 2016, and are familiar with his 'Brookwood' daylily introductions. Clint Eastwood will be directing and starring in 'The Mule' with Bradley Cooper. Bill & Diana Waldrop were contacted by Warner Brothers for possible filming in their garden but, according to Bill, "it was determined their place looked too good and their house was way above what Leo would have lived in". The movie ended up being filmed in Augusta, GA

ADS is having another Auction in 2019 and is asking each Region to give items to be auctioned off. If you are interested in donating something, please contact Jacob Braun (socialmedia@daylilies.org)

As of this writing, I am once again beginning to feel like a human being, but still taking it easy. But, one good thing, I have had lots of time to check out the new website - it's still a work in progress, but thanks to the Technology Committee, it's up and running - check it out at www.daylilies.org.

Judie Branson, President

"Life's a dance, you learn as you go!"

Publicity Director's Report

Changing it Up in Baton Rouge

We decided to change things up a bit here in Region 13 at the Regional Meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 11th and 12th, 2018. After having been on numerous bus tours myself, I was honored to have my garden featured in the garden tour for the Regional this year. Although my daylily collection is not as extensive as some, I was lucky to have a number of my favorites in bloom on the day of the tour. However, what we decided to do with the tour itself I think, was even more notable.

We at the Baton Rouge Daylily Society decided somewhat late to host the tour this year, so we did not have as much time for advance planning as is normally the case. As many of you know, buses can be expensive and without enough commitments in advance, the cost of the buses can make the difference in the Regional actually costing the club more than it takes in. Instead of going down that road, we set a deadline and when we did not reach our minimum number, we had to cancel the bus. This meant that attendees would have to drive to the tour gardens. Sometimes, however, breaking with tradition can actually be liberating. Instead of being a downfall, this turned out to be a blessing in disguise. As a tour garden host, instead of being inundated with an entire bus full of people in my admittedly small backyard all at once, I was easily able to chat with and show around the steady stream of people that came through from 8 until 2. I had time to spend with old friends from other clubs and still have the time to meet new people who happened along after seeing the tour in the newspaper or heard about it from a friend. For their part, the attendees got a chance to go at their own pace and either speed through or stop and linger as they saw fit. With Google Maps on our smartphones, directions are no longer a problem. The cost goes down for everyone, including the hosting club; and everyone gets a more personal and tailored experience. True, they may have missed out on the door prizes, but on the whole it seems that some traditions are worth breaking every once in a while.

In addition to the change in the way the garden tours were handled, we also changed how we dealt with the Clarence Crochet Seedling Award. For those who may not know, in years past one of the garden hosts would volunteer to grow seedlings for those Region 13 hybridizers who wished to have their seedlings considered for the award. On the day of the garden tour, each attendee would be given a ballot to vote on his/her favorite seedling of those in bloom. Although this award is one of the most coveted of those Region 13 grants, there were some problems with the format. First, the garden host had the expense of preparing and maintaining a bed exclusively for these seedlings. The hybridizers, on the other hand, were sometimes reluctant to send out their hard-won seedlings into the hands of garden hosts who may not apply the same standard of care in growing, spraying, fertilizing, etc. Even if all of those things work out and the plant is growing beautifully, many (hosts and hybridizers alike) were disappointed to learn that on the day of the tour, the plant was simply not in bloom.

Taking these things into account and also considering that we did not have the time to do things the traditional way, we decided to break with tradition here as well. Instead of having one of the garden hosts grow the seedlings, we decided to accept photographs instead. As the Regional Publicity Director, those hybridizers willing to participate either mailed or emailed me photos of their prized seedlings to which I assigned each a number. We had slideshows set up at the hotel and the photos were posted online. Using this method, each seedling was able to be seen at its best. There was no added expense for the club or the garden host and the flower was sure to be in bloom. In my memory, I have never been to a Regional where there were as many flowers (actually in bloom) to choose from for this award.



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Treasurer's Report

American Hemerocallis Society Region 13 Inc.

Statement of Income and Expenses September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018

09/01/2017 Beginning Balance **\$30,512.25**

Income

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arkla mailing reimbursement from AHS	\$635.70
Region 13 Plant Auction 2018 proceeds	\$2,742.72
Interest from Savings account CD	\$6.90
Individual Contributions	\$290.97
Total Income	\$3,217.32

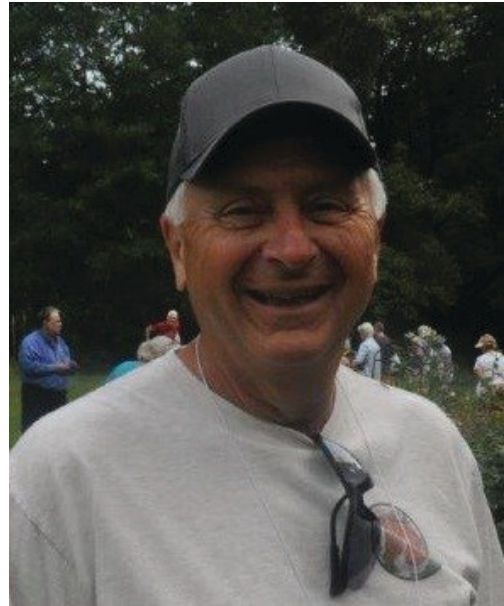
Expenses

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AHS (insurance, Indiana SOS)	\$61.25
Director's Travel Expenses	\$804.64
Arkla Newsletter Printing	\$2,323.29
Clarence Crochet Award	\$112.75
Postage (Meeting Notification)	\$88.69
Total Expenses	\$3,390.62

8/31/2018 Ending Balance **\$30,338.95**

Prepared by Ed Herringshaw, Region 13 Treasurer on 8/31/2018

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I hope everyone had a bountiful bloom season and a great summer. As of early September I am still getting some late blooms in my garden. Now is when we begin looking forward to next year. Fall and winter are a great time to a soil sample to ensure your garden soil remains in optimum condition to support next year's blooms.

Region 13 finances continue to be solid. The August 31, 2018 ending balance was \$173 dollars lower than at the same point in 2017. The major source of revenue continues to be the Region 13 Business Meeting plant auction. This year \$2,575 was raised to support the ARKLA, which is the major expense. Please look at the financial report for further details.

Ed

The Cenla Daylily Fall Symposium October 26 and 27, 2018

On Friday afternoon you will need to get there early to peruse the table sale for reasonably priced cultivars. Friday evening you are greeted with a catered welcome reception, then a program, and possibly an auction plant or two. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets to win one of the many gifts put together by the talented members of the Cenla Daylily Society.

Saturday morning the speakers start with drawings held throughout the day. A catered lunch follows the speakers. The day concludes with an auction of some of the latest and greatest cultivars from all over the country. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Hotel, 2720 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria.

This year's speakers are; Mark Carpenter, Center, Texas, John & Nancy Falck, Fairhope, AL; Henry and Lisa Little, Brookhaven, MS; and Henry Bradford, Covington, LA.

Send Registration fee of \$55 per attendee along with your contact information to:
Cenla Daylily Society, 2320 Fairview Lane, Pineville, LA 71360

Region 13 Third through Tenth Popularity Poll Recipients



3rd

'Nekkid Woman Doing a Jiggy Dance'
(Joe Goudeau)



Tied for 4th & 5th

'Lil Black Buds'
(Ken Begnaud)



'Piglet'
(Joe Goudeau)

Image courtesy of Nikki Schmith



'Beautiful Edgings'
(Nita Copenhaver)

Image courtesy Charles Lentz



Tied for 6th, 7th & 8th

'Blackwater Captain Jack'
(Ginger Goudeau)



'Cosmic Kaleidoscope'
(Jack Carpenter)

Image courtesy of Phyllis Kirtley



Tied for 9th & 10th

'Frosted Vintage Ruffles'
(Ken Begnaud)

Image courtesy of Ken Begnaud

'Cathryn Rossie'
(Ronnie Rossie)

Image courtesy of Ronnie Rossie



Award Winners Region 13 Meeting



The Tot Ratliff Award given by the Cenla Daylily Society for the best flower seen in a Regional tour garden went to Peter and Carol Lazar for a beautiful clump of **'Tusawilla Snowdrift'**.

(Carol Lazar, Pat Soileau, Peter Lazar)



The Pauline Henry Award given by the Arkansas State Daylily Society for the best diploid seen in a Regional tour garden went to Ronnie and Cathryn Rossie for **'Cathryn Rossie'**. (Bob Stassen and Roz Darsam who accepted the award for Ronnie Rossie)



The Clarence Crochet Award which is given to the best seedling as selected by the Region 13 members went to Clyde Grammon for seedling number 38, pictured below. (RPD Chris Bridges and Clyde Grammon)



Minutes 2018 Business Meeting

Region 13 2018 Business Meeting Minutes, May 11, 2018 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The meeting of Region 13 of the American Hemerocallis Society was called to order by Joe Goudeau. He thanked everyone for their attendance.

A quorum was in attendance and verified against the AHS membership Roster.

There was much discussion on several different items, the following motions were made and passed:

Joe Goudeau, Region 13 President, opened the meeting.

Reading of the previous meeting's minutes dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report provided by Ed Herringshaw and reported by Joe Goudeau, \$27,762.49.

Eighteen Region 13 members were present, verified, and per bylaws, enough for a quorum.

Motion presented by Joe Goudeau to modify rules to the Clarence Crochet award. Change proposed, Images shall be of a single flower. Tom Talley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to amend the Region 13 bylaws by Joe Goudeau. Motion was made to add;

Article 14. Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

Section 1 Compensation. In keeping with the non-profit nature of the Region, all of the region's officers, members of the Board of Directors, as well as members of the region's various standing and special committees shall serve without compensation.

Section 2 Reimbursement of Expenses. Travel expenses, whether routine or extraordinary, shall not be subject to reimbursement. Travel expenses shall include event registration fees, airfare, fuel, mileage, tolls, hotel stays, parking fees, meals, admission fees and any other expense whatsoever incurred as part of tour, convention, Regional or National Meeting. Officers of the Region, as well as members of the Board of Directors and members of the Region's various standing and special committees, are advised that a certain amount of travel is expected as part of the performance of their duties and that such expenses are not subject to reimbursement should weigh in each individual's decision, at the outset, whether or not to assume their designated positions. However, reasonable requests for reimbursement for other expenses incurred in connection with an officer's duties may be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement following a concurring two-thirds vote by the Region's Board of Directors at its next regular or special called meeting.

Motion was seconded by Bob Stassen. Motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Stassen, as member of the nomination committee, presented Joe Goudeau as Regional President for 2019. Bob Stassen opened the floor for additional candidates. With none given, he moved to close nominations. Seconded by Barbara Broussard. Joe Goudeau was elected to serve through 2019 unanimously.

Joe Goudeau opened the floor for a nominating committee whose purpose is to find the Regional President for the term of 2020 – 2021 and Director to serve from 2020 –2023. Nominated and approved unanimously are Tom Talley, Chester McDonald, and Barbara Broussard.

Annette Pressler Garden

The weather was perfect for viewing gardens. The temperatures were in the mid to upper eighties and there was a slight southerly breeze for the majority of the day. The rain showers held off until after the last garden closed. We were going to write up each individual garden but decided to let the pictures do the talking. Enjoy!



Images courtesy of Cathy Borneman center flower 'Green Inferno 'J Gossard

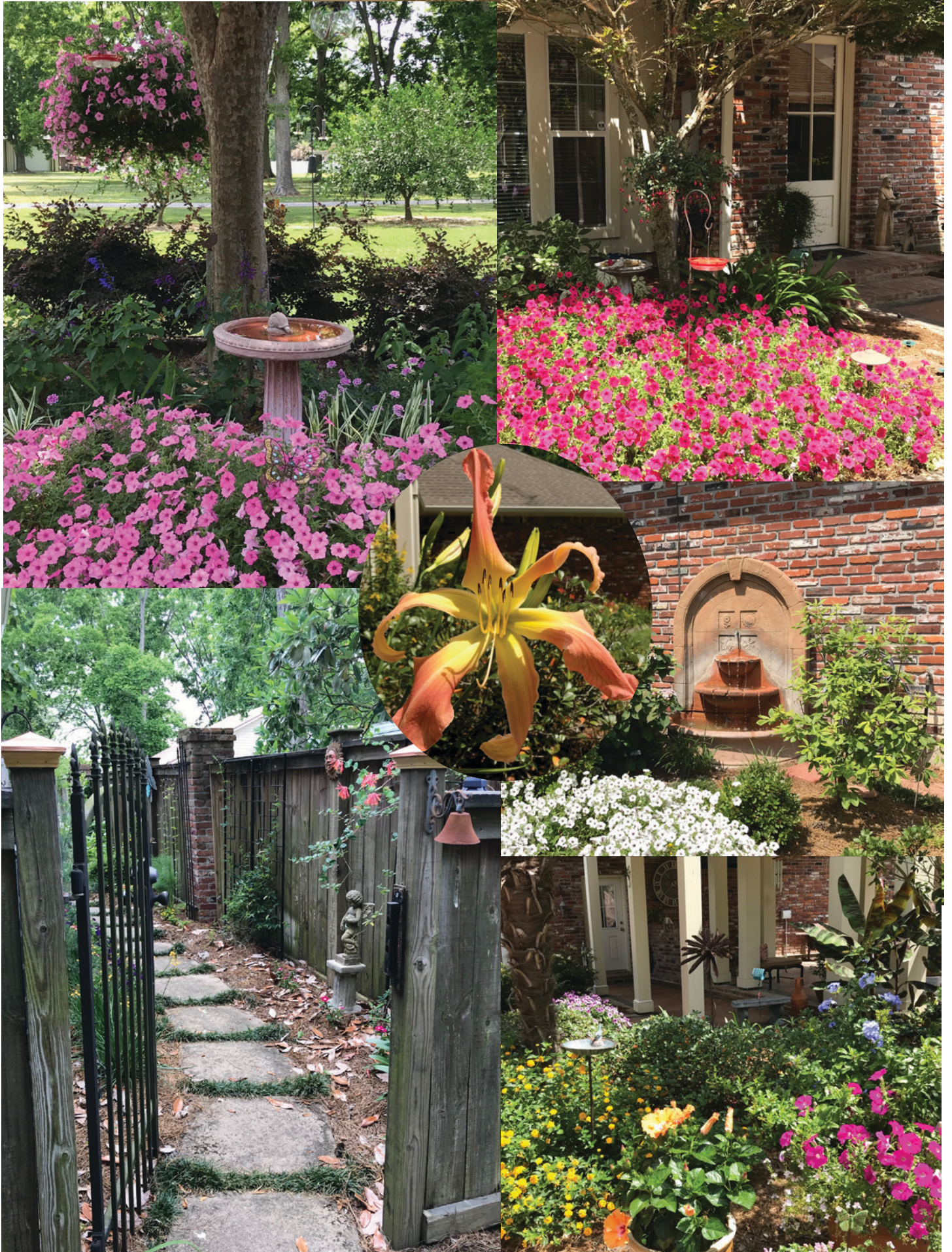
Peter and Carol Lazar Garden



Ronnie and Cathryn Rossie Garden



Brenda and Jim Bridges Garden



Botanical Garden of Baton Rouge



Chris and Brandi Bridges



Club News

Louisiana Club Meeting Dates, Places and Times,

The **Baton Rouge Daylily Society** meets at Drusilla Seafood, Baton Rouge, LA. on January 26, 2019 and October 19, 2019. Meeting time is 10:00. Meals are Dutch Treat.

Cenla Daylily Club meets at the Westside Library off W28, Alexandria, LA, at 12:00 on the first Saturday of the month. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/3 and 12/1. The fall symposium will be held on October 26 and 27.

The **Delta Daylily Society** meets three to four times per year at Landry's Seafood, Lafayette, LA There are no dates set for 2019.

The **Hemerocallis Study Club** meets at the Randle T. Moore Center, 3101 Fairfield Ave, Shreveport, LA on the third Sunday every month except May, it will be on Saturday, July and August. Meetings start at 2:00. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/18 presentation by Mark Carpenter of the Lily Farm, followed by Thanksgiving Dinner, 12/16 will be the annual Christmas Party. Early meeting dates for early 2019 are: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21.

The **Northshore Daylily Society** meets at the Tangipahoa Tourism Visitor's Center, 13143 Wardline Road, Hammond, LA at 10:00. Remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/10 which includes the annual Pot Luck Social. Meeting dates for 2019 are: 2/16, 4/13, 8/24, 11/9.

The **Southeast Louisiana Daylily Society** meets at the Jefferson Parish Library, 4747 Napoleon Ave, Metairie, LA. Doors open at 9:00; meeting starts at 9:30. The meeting dates for 2019 are: 1/19, 3/30, Plant sale at City Park, New Orleans 4/6 – 4/7, 5/18, 9/7.

The **Southwest Louisiana Daylily Society** meets at the LSU Ag Center, Lake Charles, LA from 11:30 – 2:00. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 10/13 and 12/8. The December meeting includes the annual Christmas Party.



Jim and Brenda Bridges Garden 2018 Regional Tour

Club News

Arkansas Daylily Club Meeting Dates, Places and Times

The **Arkansas State Daylily Society** will update the 2019 calendar in the spring issue.

The **Hot Springs Daylily Society** meets on the second Saturday of the month with the exception of July at the Methodist Christian Life Center, located at the corner of Grand and Pratt. Meeting times are 10:00 AM. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/10, 12/8.

The **Northeast Arkansas Daylily Society** meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Brookland Baptist Church, 200 Oak, Brookland, AR. Social time starts at 5:30 with the meetings starting at 6:00. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/15, 12/20.

The **Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society** meets on the second Thursday of the Month. They meet at the Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, Hwy 265, Fayetteville, AR. Meeting times are 6:30. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/8. Annual Holiday Gala (tentative)

The **White County Daylily Society** meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Simmons Bank on South Main Street, Searcy, AR. Meeting time is 10:00. The remaining meeting dates for 2018 are: 11/10, 12 /8. Early 2019 meeting dates are: 2/9, 3/9, 4/13.



Chris and Brandi Bridges Garden
2018 Regional Tour (right)

Jim and Brenda Bridges Garden
2018 Regional Tour (left)



Garden and Exhibition Judges

Garden Judges

Members in Italics Instructors

- 2023 Rene Amond Hammond, LA
- 2022 *Douglas Breecher Rogers, AR*
- 2022 *Elizabeth Breecher Rogers, AR*
- 2018 Henry Bradford Covington, LA
- 2020 Judie Branson Springdale, AR
- 2020 Rosalind Darsam Hammond, LA
- 2021 Brenda Fontenot Pineville, LA
- 2023 Claire Fontenot Baton Rouge, LA
- 2021 Brenda Gauthier Many, LA
- 2021 James Gauthier Many, LA
- 2023 Ginger Goudeau, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2023 *Joe Goudeau Baton Rouge, LA*
- 2021 Patrick Larsen, Conway, AR
- 2023 Carol Lazar Baton Rouge, LA
- 2023 Peter Lazar Baton Rouge, LA
- 2020 Evelyn Lemoine Cottonport, LA
- 2018 Robert Race Siloam Springs, AR
- 2019 Ronnie Rossie Hammond, LA
- 2019 Patsy Soileau St. Landry, LA
- 2018 *Robert Stassen Fayetteville, AR*
- 2018 David Wilson Sun, LA
- 2018 Linda Winberry Hot Springs, AR

Exhibition Judges

Members in Italics Instructors

- 2021 Judie Branson Senior
- 2019 *Brenda Fontenot Senior*
- 2019 Belinda Gauthier Senior
- 2018 Bill Monroe Student
- 2019 *Patsy Soileau Senior,*
- 2019 Carter Stafford Senior

Peter and Carol Lazar Garden
2018 Regional Tour

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Typically and on a good day, there might have been five or six flowers to choose from. We had photos from thirty-seven (37) different seedlings under consideration. Although there is something to be said for having the chance to see the flower in person to judge the plant habit, scape height, etc., we felt like seeing the flower at its best was more in keeping with the purpose of this award. For us at BRDS, this method was a winner.

Thank you for the chance to serve as your Publicity Director this year. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve. I would be remiss if I did not thank our Regional President, Mr. Joseph Goudeau, without whose help and leadership this Regional would not have been a success. His ideas and lack of fear of trying a new way to doing things helped us to kick a few traditions in the seat in favor of a more modern way of thinking.

See you in Baton Rouge 2019,

Chris Bridges

Regional Publicity Director, Region 13



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Shovel Garden Daylilies

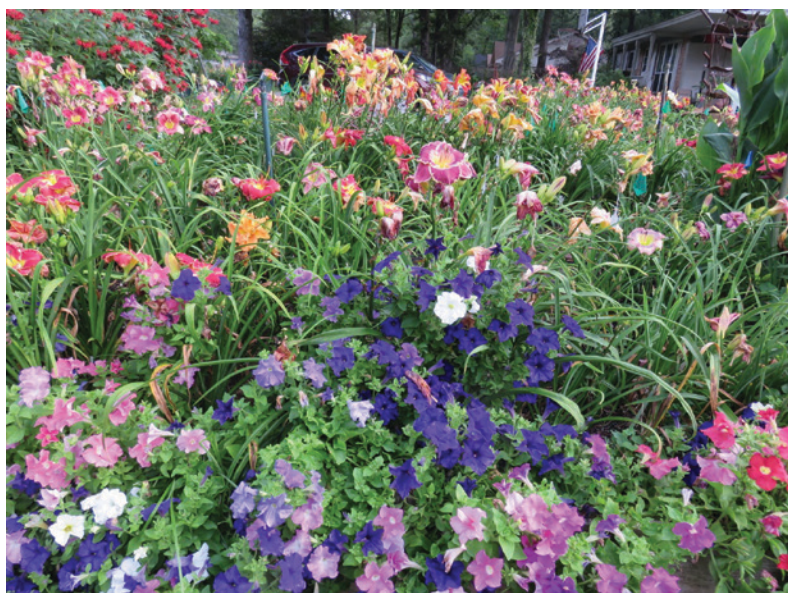
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Shovel Garden Daylilies

Conway, Arkansas

Image courtesy of Pat Larsen

Abbeville Daylily Festival

For years I have been trying to find time to attend the Abbeville Daylily Festival. I had always heard that there was great plant material at great prices but, with it being at the peak of bloom season, I just never seemed to stop hybridizing long enough to attend. Well this year we had early bloom, I made plenty of seed early in the season, so this was the year.

Pleasantly surprised!?! You bet! Daylilies? There were plenty to choose from but that was just the beginning. There was just about every plant species grown in the deep south. There were goodies galore. On top of that there was garden art, furniture and all types of garden knick knacks. A great day to say the least. I do suggest you pot any purchases and leave them shaded until fall. It will eliminate some of the stress on a newly dug plant.

I decided to research a little deeper and contacted the City of Abbeville to learn how this event started.

The Abbeville Daylily Festival and Garden Show started in 2002 and has taken place every year since. Scheduled for the first Saturday after Memorial Day, this festival has turned into a regional event attracting vendors from all over who share their love of gardening with all who attend.

When trying to decide what to call the festival, the one constant was the desire to name it after something horticultural due to the extensive farming community. The festival takes place in Magdalen Square which is just steps from the William B. MacMillan home place. William MacMillan moved to Abbeville in 1928 and lived there for over fifty years. In an empty lot adjacent to his house he grew and hybridized Louisiana Iris and Daylilies. Collectors came from all over to see his creations and purchase his flowers. Along with hybridizers Lucille Guidry, Edna and Elsie Spalding the Abbeville, Lafayette, Iowa area was once the mecca for daylilies. So what better name for the festival than the Daylily Festival and Garden Show?

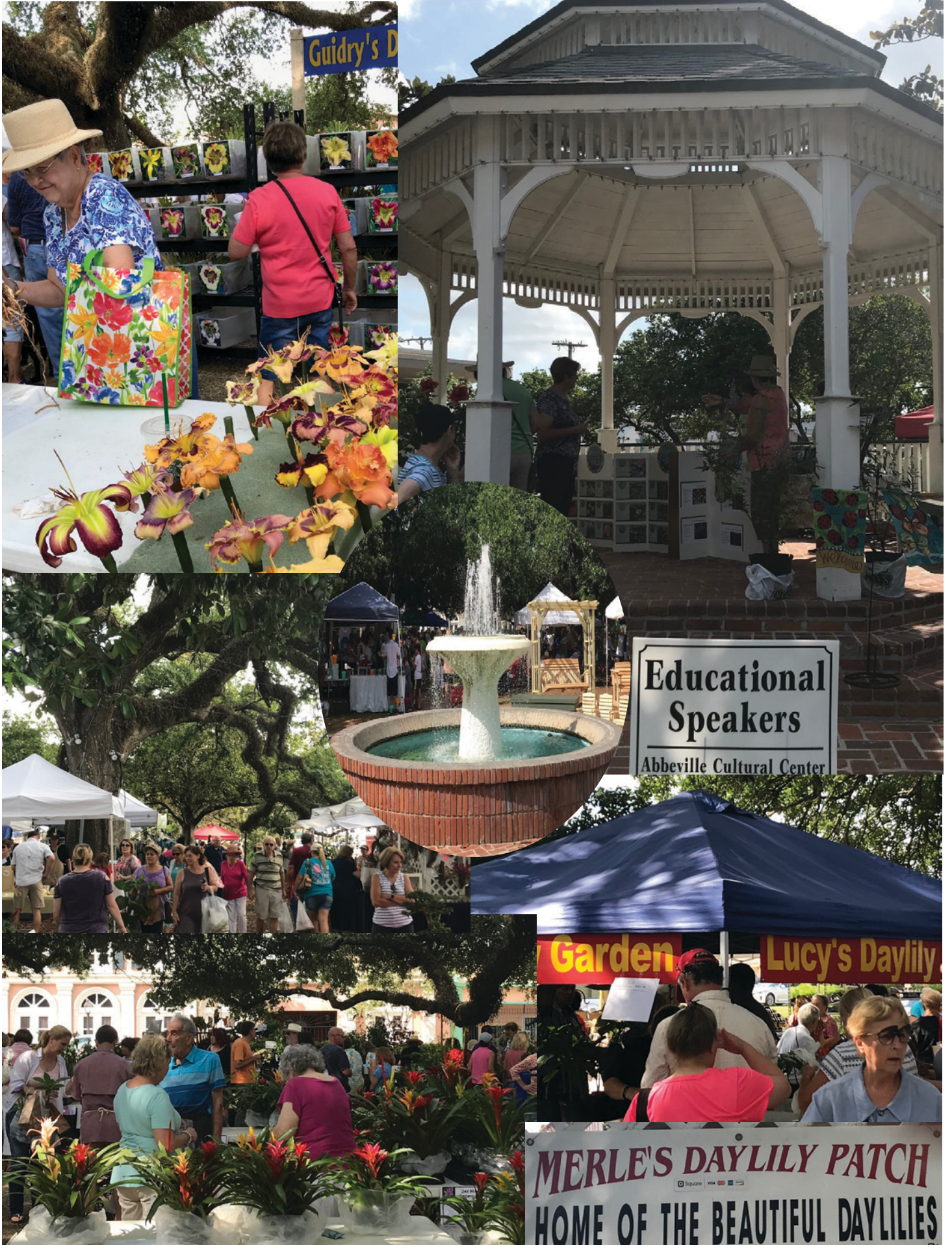
Next year's festival will take place on June 1, 2019. Get there early. The line to get in this year was around the block. Who knows maybe you can get a peek at the MacMillan home place! For more information please call the Abbeville City Hall, 337-898-4110.



Great supporters of Region 13,
Patrick and Diana Guidry with
Daughter Amanda and Son Chad.



Abbeville Daylily Festival



2019 Popularity Poll Ballot

<i>Alex Sheets</i>	<i>Heebie Jeebies</i>	<i>Plantation's Purple Haze</i>
<i>All Jacked Up</i>	<i>Hero's Salute</i>	<i>Primal Scream</i>
<i>Arkansas Patterns</i>	<i>Highland Lord</i>	<i>Red Heat Resistor</i>
<i>Badonkadonk</i>	<i>Hog Wild</i>	<i>Red Volunteer</i>
<i>Barbara Mitchel</i>	<i>Hog's Breath</i>	<i>Rose F. Kennedy</i>
<i>Barbara Sheets</i>	<i>Horseshoe Lady</i>	<i>Royal Extravaganza</i>
<i>Beautiful Edgings</i>	<i>How Beautiful Heaven Must Be</i>	<i>Royal Pink Twist</i>
<i>Big Bus Driver</i>	<i>J.T. Davis</i>	<i>Ruby Spider</i>
<i>Big Cane</i>	<i>Jachameleon</i>	<i>Siloam Double Classic</i>
<i>Big Kiss</i>	<i>Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis</i>	<i>Spacecoast Seashells</i>
<i>Blackwater Captain Jack</i>	<i>Jay Farquhar</i>	<i>Strawberry Candy</i>
<i>Branch on Fire</i>	<i>Jimmy's Large Double</i>	<i>Suburban Nancy Gail</i>
<i>Breaking Waves</i>	<i>Jolie Monde</i>	<i>Sweet Almond Mint</i>
<i>Cajun Collaboration</i>	<i>Jossie</i>	<i>Tar and Feather</i>
<i>Cathryn Rossie</i>	<i>Lavender Blue Baby</i>	<i>Texas Kaleidoscope</i>
<i>Cha Ching</i>	<i>Lil' Black Buds</i>	<i>The Wonderful Thing About Tigers</i>
<i>Christine Tuminello LeGrand</i>	<i>LilyLands Melon Sorbet</i>	<i>Thin Man</i>
<i>Claire Fontenot</i>	<i>Martini's Arruebarrena</i>	<i>Tiger Bait</i>
<i>Cosmic Kaleidoscope</i>	<i>Mary's Gold</i>	<i>To God be the Glory</i>
<i>Crazy Ivan</i>	<i>Massive Dynamic</i>	<i>Toad Suck Red</i>
<i>Daddy's Heart</i>	<i>Matches and Gasoline</i>	<i>Touch the Night</i>
<i>Denise Cothorn</i>	<i>Maurepas Purple Sky</i>	<i>Tusawilla Snowdrift</i>
<i>Dixie Boy</i>	<i>Melee</i>	<i>Two Part Harmony</i>
<i>Dutch Yellow Truffle</i>	<i>Millicent Bystander</i>	<i>Victorian Lace</i>
<i>Ellis Powell</i>	<i>Moses Fire</i>	<i>Web of Intrigue</i>
<i>Etta Heart</i>	<i>Nekkid Woman Doing a Jiggy Dance</i>	<i>When and Where</i>
<i>Everyday Blue Jeans</i>	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	<i>Whipped Cream and Strawberries</i>
<i>Everyday Butterfly</i>	<i>Orange Velvet</i>	<i>Wickedly Awesome</i>
<i>Fancy Face</i>	<i>Pack's Pride</i>	<i>Wisest of Wizards</i>
<i>Forever Rosalie</i>	<i>Pat Soileau</i>	<i>Wonder of it All</i>
<i>Frosted Vintage Ruffles</i>	<i>Peacock King</i>	<i>Wooster Hand of Judgment</i>
<i>Geaux Tigers</i>	<i>Peacock Maiden</i>	<i>Wooster Mind Craft</i>
<i>Glory in Red</i>	<i>Piglet</i>	<i>XXXs and OOOs</i>
<i>God Save the Queen</i>	<i>Plantation's Big Bopper</i>	

Every ADS member is encouraged to vote once in the Popularity Poll.

Each AHS member is allowed to vote for up to 10 cultivars. The ballot must be mailed to Bob Stassen, post-marked no later than September 1, 2019. Mailing address is, 3456 N. Gunnison Dive, Fayetteville, AR 72730. You can also vote online at:

<http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot.html> **Write in votes should be included on the rear of the ballot**

ADS Member _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Popularity Poll winner **‘Claire Fontenot’**
Image from the garden of Chris and Brandi Bridges 2018 Regional Tour

