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Our Cover:

Hot Scapes in The Springs! Regional Meeting promises beautiful blooms, the natural beauty of the Ouachita Mountains and Hot Springs National Park. The wonderful artwork of Past Editor of the ARKLA, Mrs. Helen Calhoun of Mansfield, La., has been used with her permission as one of the symbols of the 2000 Regional Meeting, and is used with thanks to her from the Hot Springs Daylily Society and grateful appreciation from *The ARKLA Daylily*.

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Dates to Remember

Spring 2000 - Send seedlings for 2001 Emma Middlebrooks bed to Melvin McConnell in Shreveport.

May 15, 2000 - Deadline for Slides to Clarence Crochet for Regional Slide Show in Hot Springs, AR.

May 25, 2000: Deadline for ballots for RVP to reach tabulator Harry Hanson.

June 9-11, 2000: Region 13 Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. "Hot Scapes in The Springs"

July 1, 2000: Deadline for club news, articles or items of interest for Summer newsletter, *The ARKLA Daylily*.

July 13-15, 2000: AHS National Convention - Delaware Valley, PA (near Philadelphia) "Daylilies Around the World"

Summer 2000 - Vote the annual Popularity Poll in AHS *JOURNAL*

November 10-11, 2000: CENLA Daylily Society Fall Symposium, Alexandria, La.

Check the Local Club News section for meeting dates and events in your area.

Another Election?

It is that time again in AHS Region 13, too. Please see the ballot card for the biennial election of the Regional Vice President, our representative to the AHS. Please take a moment and consider carefully this important vote. Thank You.

From Your RVP

Ken Begnaud, Regional Vice President

Welcome to the next century. Most of us have survived the Y2K bug, computers did not revert back to pen and paper and our automobiles did not turn into pumpkins. Now for the serious side. AHS has gone through a few changes. After a very successful term

as AHS president, Jim Brennan has passed the torch to the very capable hands of Kay Day. Kay Day has passed the torch of Director of Regional Officers to our own Beth Crochet. She will keep me in line as I finish my term. Many other changes will be apparent when you receive your *Journal*. Please look over these new changes so that if you have any questions you will be speaking to the right person for answers.



You will find the articles to be helpful and informative in this issue. If there are topics that you would like to read about please send in your comments or suggestions. Better yet, write an article and submit it to the editor. I know that there are many of you in our region who have something to share with the rest of the membership. Please send your articles to me or to our editor, Muriel Walker.

AHS membership renewals for all Regions have dropped off slightly. If you know of any members in the region or any other region, who have let their membership lapse, please urge them to renew. Remember that each of us, as members, are ambassadors for the AHS. Spread the word about our favorite perennial, THE DAYLILY. All regions need more youth members; these young people will be the future of our society.

Remember these two important dates: June 9-10, 2000, Region 13 meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., and July 13-15, the 2000 AHS National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

From Your RPD

Melvin McConnell, Regional Publicity Director

Remember, if you have any suggestions for improving our percentage of members taking the time to vote in the Popularity Poll for year 2000, please send them to me.

Melvin McConnell, RPD

Region 13 Secretary/ Treasurer

Introducing Sue Melancon

Sue presently serves as Treasurer and Secretary for our region. She and her husband, Neal, live near Lafayette, Louisiana, where their home garden of daylilies is always "under construction and growth." Sue and Neal are active in the local Delta Daylily Society as well as being members of the Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Southwest La. daylily groups.



Sue is a new Garden Judge and currently serves as secretary for the Delta Daylily Society. She was very prominent in the recent hosting of the national convention in Lafayette in 1998. Her help with the 1999 Regional planning committee was a plus for that event. Daylilies are a family affair for Sue and Neal as they often travel to meetings with her parents, Delta President Elmer and Myrtis Duplantis. Her famous "Darlin" greets all and her energy is infectious. We are proud to have her on the Region 13 team.

Benefactors

Our "Thanks" go to the folks and clubs who have so generously given time, money and plants in support of Region 13 activities. As you know, no national funds come to the region and there are no regional dues, so these donations are the major support for our newsletter and other regional activities.

Region 13 General Fund

The *Hemerocallis Study Club* of the Shreveport area has generously donated \$1000 to Region 13. Our grateful thanks and appreciation for your support of the efforts on behalf of all members of AHS in Louisiana and Arkansas.

**Thank You
for your Support!**

The ARKLA Daylily

Director's Message

AHS FALL BOARD MEETING

The AHS Board of Directors held their fall board meeting on October 30, 1999 in Ronkonkoma, New York. The host for the meeting was the Long Island Daylily Society.



The Executive Committee who had been reviewing AHS dues did not believe that an increase in dues was necessary at this time, but did recommend changes in Life Membership fees. The following changes have been proposed: To increase the dues for Life Membership from \$300.00 to \$500.00. A Dual Life Membership would be \$750.00

for two persons. The Life Associate Membership would be deleted from Article III of the Constitution. The motion was made to convert present Life Associate Members to Dual Life Members with the payment of an additional \$50.00 fee. The Long Range Planning Committee will write the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. These changes will be presented to the Board of Directors and, if adopted, presented to the AHS membership at the Annual Business Meeting during the 2000 National Convention in Pennsylvania.

The AHS Board approved a request from Region 5 to sponsor an annual award, beginning in 2000, that recognizes the excellence of double daylilies seen growing in display gardens at the National Conventions. The name of the award will be "THE GEORGIA DOUBLES APPRECIATION AWARD." The award, presented to the hybridizer, will consist of a plaque that includes the name of the winning cultivar, the name of the hybridizer, location of the national convention, and the year the award was presented. The winning cultivar must be registered with the AHS, can be any size double, must be grown in a clump, and must have been seen blooming in one or more official display gardens during the garden tours. Region 5 will meet the expense of the award.

At the close of the meeting President Jim Brennan recognized President-Elect Kay Day, who presented the committee structure for the year 2000 for Board approval. My board position changed from Policy, Procedures and Public Relations to that of Chairman of Regional Officers. On Saturday evening the Long Island Daylily Society hosted a dinner for the Board members and their guests. Following the dinner, a program was presented honoring Roswitha Waterman, International Secretary (a longtime member of the Long Island Daylily Society) and Jim Brennan, retiring AHS President.

Beth Crochet, Region 13 AHS Board Member

Salee Birkholz Remembered

We are sad to note the untimely death of Salee Birkholz on November 18, 1999. A friend to many throughout the daylily world, she was a member of the White County Daylily Society, the Arkansas State Society, Region 13 and the American Hemerocallis Society.

Salee was an avid hybridizer for years. She registered her first daylilies in St. Louis under the name of her first husband, Kieferle. After his death, she lived in Chicago with her second husband, Michael Birkholz. She belonged to the Chicagoland Daylily Society, and continued her hybridizing efforts. Her favorite introduction was always RAMBLING ROSE (Birkholz -1988).

Salee moved back to Judsonia, Arkansas, in 1985 after the death of her second husband, Michael. She had since

served in many offices in her local club and she also served as a director on the Arkansas State Board. She was a fully accredited daylily judge and served in this capacity all over the country. Salee always did everything she could to encourage others to become interested in daylilies, and brought many new members to her club.

She loved red daylilies and was very honest in saying that any cultivars that didn't meet her standards were "dogs." An article on her daylilies appeared in the Region 13 newsletter, *The ARKLA Daylily*, spring 1998 issue. She will be greatly missed by her many friends everywhere.

Dorothy Roland
White County Daylily Society

Moving Our Garden

By Carolyn and Ken Shacter

Originally written for *The ARKLA Daylily*

In September of 1998 we relocated from Jackson, MS to Zachary, LA, a small bedroom community just north of Baton Rouge. The new house has a yard measuring approximately 90 feet wide by 300 feet deep. The only shade is at the very back of the property, with plenty of room for daylilies. Now, how does one transplant approximately 300 daylilies? We're sure there are better ways, but this is what we did:

The goal was not to totally denude the Jackson house (we thought it would sell better if presented with the foliage) but the stipulation was placed in the listing agreement that the bulk of the plant material would go with us to our new home. Approximately three weeks prior to the move, Carolyn (who is the primary 'care-giver' to the daylilies) started potting the plants. She used commercially available one to five gallon plastic containers, similar to what you get at the nursery. We purchased the containers from the neighborhood garden center, as well as scavenging others from friends and neighbors.

For the daylilies, Carolyn individually labeled each fan or clump as it was dug and potted. We figured this would make it easy to know who went where when we replanted them at the new house. Each fan was gently washed, and, if necessary, given a bleach bath and left to dry before potting. The potted plants had to be watered frequently (this was August, and we know how temperate the weather is in central Mississippi, no?) and continuously relocated so the grass in the area could be mowed. When it came time to move, the question arose: How do we transport all these pots? We didn't want to trust the commercial movers, and they didn't want the responsibility. We ended up collecting 50 or more cardboard boxes (e.g., photocopy paper, grocery store canned goods) and placed the pots in them. This prevented the individual pots from slipping and sliding around, and allowed us to stack them more than one level high.

We made two trips with rented a U-Haul. The first occurred when we went for closing on the new house. The first transported batch of plants was placed under cover of the carport at the new house. We didn't know the neighbors yet, so we couldn't very well ask total strangers to water the daylilies for us the week we were gone. And it was warm (to be polite) in southern Louisiana in September. When we returned after a week's delay, the second batch of plants went out on the back patio. They were followed shortly by the first

batch. We now could water and tend to our daylilies.

We originally had hoped to have a commercial garden service dig some beds for us in the new backyard. Unfortunately, no one wanted to deal with us as we only wanted labor - no plant material. We finally found one commercial gardener who came out the day of the house closing to provide an estimate. Unfortunately, the cost to dig the new beds and fix up some existing beds came in at an astronomical price, ~\$4500. This is about \$1 per square foot, which did not include mulch or edging. We figured we could buy a tiller, a riding lawn mower and a long-promised new refrigerator for not much more than that.

So, after some research we ended up with a 6-horsepower 15-inch rear tine tiller. Ken quickly put in four beds: one devoted to shade plants; one devoted to daylilies (some afternoon shade), one predominantly planted in daylilies (in full light), and one for morning light plants. The soil in this part of Louisiana is very similar to what we had in Jackson: clay. Six cubic yards of topsoil doesn't go far, but it was all we could handle at the time. All the plants were gently transplanted from their pots.

The beds were not built up as much as we wanted, but it was a good start. Soon more beds went in around the new trees we had planted out front. And a vegetable garden was tilled out back (soon to be hosting non-edible plant life, as well as the kind one would expect to find in a garden of this type!) Another truckload of topsoil was delivered, and the main daylily bed was meticulously re-cultivated to raise its level with peat and "Grower's Supreme" fertilizer (a local nursery's specialty) worked into the soil for amendment and enrichment. Pine needles and cedar chips were used for mulch. Pressure treated 1" X 6" pine was arranged around this bed as edging.

In April, Carolyn attacked the courtyard off the back patio. Weeds took over the non-concrete areas. We didn't know there was a paved stone walkway down the middle of the courtyard headed out under the wisteria arbor. All the weeds and grasses were tilled up and placed in the compost heap. New topsoil with "Grower's Supreme" was tilled into the beds. Carolyn planted miniature gardenias, Mexican heather, ferns, iris, a butterfly bush and a host of other small plants to complement the daylilies that were arranged throughout the courtyard. It was an amazing transition. One month after the work was complete one would never suspect the disaster that preceded Carolyn's work.

Moving Our Garden...

We're still putting in beds and reworking those we have. It was either good fortune or serendipity that those daylilies that don't like wet feet were properly placed in our garden in Mississippi. (Actually it was trial and error over the nine years we lived there.) We had a large, naturally raised bed in Jackson. The land in Louisiana is flat! No significant raised beds without a substantial expenditure of funds on topsoil. Until we get to that point, some of our daylilies are not the happiest of campers (e.g., MALENY DEBUTANTE, DRAGON'S EYE, JEWELITE and PUMPKIN KID). We've received sage advice from local hybridizers Clarence Crochet, Doug Mayfield and Lee Gates to raise our beds. We are working on this task as fast as time (which is a valued commodity since we've relocated) and funds will allow.

What would we do differently next time?

- **Plan earlier.**
- **Dig sooner** (than the last three weeks before the move).

■ **Get two to three times the number of pots** we thought were needed; we forgot that we were going to need to divide the fans when digging a clump.

■ **Assume it will take months** to get all the daylilies back in a garden bed, so make the plants as happy as possible in their temporary home.

■ **Try to put fewer plants in a pot;** we lost some just because we had crammed so many fans in too small a pot.

■ **Make the new beds as high as possible.**

We didn't have the luxury of moving the daylilies at a leisurely pace. We had one week between closing on the new house and moving out of the old house. However, the yard is shaping up and slowly conforming to the master plan. We know it will never be completed; it is always a work in progress. But one day soon it will reward all our efforts when it bursts forth from its winter slumber to once again beckon us from the air-conditioned comfort of the house to the garden of earthy aromas and the colorful sights of summer.

Region 13 Garden Judges

Received from Dan Bachman, AHS Garden Judges Chairman. Status as of 3-1-2000.



Name	Status	Date	Name	Status	Date
Bobbie Adams		2003	Nettie Harper		2003
Reuel Adams		2003	Pauline Henry	H	
Ed M. Beckham	H		Ralph B. Henry	H	
Kenneth W. Begnaud		2003	John W. Holland		2003
Melissa Begnaud		2003	Warrene Holliday		2000
Dorothea Boldt	I	2001	Tom Howard		2002
Bill Cannon		2002	Jerry Martin		2001
Gayle Cannon		2002	Nancy Martin		2001
Beth Crochet	I	2000	Melvin McConnell		2002
Clarence Crochet	I	2000	Phyllis Sue Melancon	N	2004
Myrtis Duplantis	N	2004	Rudolph Pacas Jr.		2003
Albert Durio	I	2000	Donna Reaux		2004
Belle Durio		2000	Joel Stout		2003
Ken Durio	I	2000	Nancy Stout		2003
James Farquhar		2002	Susan Stutson	H	
Judith Farquhar		2002	William Stutson	H	
Thomas Flammang		2003			
Earlene Garber		2001			
Lee Gates		2001			
Marvin A. Granger		2001			
Linda Guidry		2004			
Harry Hanson		2003			
Ruth Hanson		2003			

I = Instructor
 H = Honoraray Judge
 N = New
 Date = Expiration of accreditation
 ** = Instructor = Accredited Clinic Instructor

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News from Choo-Choo Town

The Chattanooga Symposium

by Clarence Crochet

By definition, a symposium is a meeting or conference used to discuss some subject by numbers of people. Discussion is exactly what happened at the recent Chattanooga Symposium.

There were over 300 interested and interesting people in attendance for the event. The weather was definitely cold with a few snow flurries evident during the Friday afternoon social. The pace was highly informal, announcements were minimal and to the point, and speaker programs were well attended for the entire event.

We heard about and saw slides of what was the very beginning of future daylilies, what they will look like and how they will change what we already have growing in our own gardens. CHANGE will be extreme – something we had dreamed of only a few years ago. Change in the flower itself was nowhere more dramatic than that which was shown by Florida's Elizabeth Salter. Some of her surprises included miniature and small flowered daylilies with up-to-now unseen colors, forms, and especially patterns. These were mostly in the throat where dark "v"-shaped marks made the difference between just another miniature to something extraordinary. Some of her future introductions had two V's on each petal near the throat. These V's were darkly colored. She showed bloom sizes that were so tiny that it was hard to believe that we were looking at our favorite flower. Naturally her slide presentation caused much comment with many "Ohs and ahs" – some of it very audible.

There were two daylily slide shows, one showing new introductions and the other seedlings, called "futures." Both shows were well done by Bob Carr and Jay Thurman. We came out of these two presentations realizing that the daylily is changing more quickly than we had thought - borders are wider, eyes are larger, colors are more clear than before, forms are more varied. Some new seedlings had raised puffs of color along their midribs. We were cautioned that these were not doubles! Another observation is that apparently more people are working with spiders and variations than ever before.

Diana Grenfell from England showed slides of English gardens. Many were impressive indeed. She mentioned that most gardeners in England are generally not acquainted with new daylilies. She also

mentioned that this is changing since more English nurseries are offering better daylilies to their customers.

Barbara Watts from Region 14 and Pat Bennett from Region 3 presented wonderful slide presentations of the beautiful gardens in their regions. It occurred to me that it is by seeing these kinds of presentations that a person can get new ideas to bring home and use to good advantage in his own garden.

Lynn Griffith's talk about soil pH was another highlight of the symposium. He reminded attendees that it is necessary to have any daylily planting site checked before beginning work. The amount of soil nutrients and pH must be determined before planting. Any adjustments must be made at the beginning.

Lynn also said that:

- 1- Soils are complicated.
- 2- Limiting factors in any soil management program are disease, weeds, fertilizers, and insects.
- 3- People have control over soil and nutrition only.
- 4- Usually, good soils are 50% mineral, 25% water, and 25% air. All of these are approximates.
- 5- Container soil must be more open than field soil because of the many sides in the container. They restrict the passage of air and water. Simply stated, container soil must contain more sand and coarse organic matter than field soils. Soil in pots must drain easily, be open, and must not hold too much moisture.
- 6- That nitrogen moves about in daylily beds since it is not stable.
- 7- Phosphorus content of soils remains stable. Potash, like nitrogen, leaches from the soil.
- 8- Field soils tend to stay constant. PH in beds changes constantly.
- 9- Watering causes pH to move upward, often as much as one point.
- 10- Too high pH is best corrected with sulphur.
- 11- Fertilizing daylily beds affects soil microbes first and secondly the daylily plants.
- 12- Agricultural dolomite lime is best to adjust pH.
- 13- Calcium and magnesium are almost as important as N, P and K. Plants use these constantly and they must be replaced.
- 14- 20-20-20 water-soluble fertilizers often lack calcium and magnesium.
- 15- Only distilled water should be used in measuring pH in daylily beds.

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- 16- Almost all fertilizers are acidic.
- 17- Lower the soil's pH with peat moss. This tends to have a permanent effect on soils.
- 18- Five to 10 pounds of granular sulphur lowers pH up to one point.
- 19- Aluminum sulphate can lower pH but the side effects of its use make it undesirable.
- 20- Manure and compost heighten microbial activity.
- 21- Most compost is alkaline and the pH is usually high. Compost is good for beds.
- 22- Sand plus organic matter turns clay soil into loam. Forty percent or more clay in any soil can be referred to as a clay soil.
- 23- When using sand for drainage purposes in soils, use only coarse (builder's) sand, not silt.
- 24- Organic matter is literally eaten up by the microbes in the soil.
- 25- Organic matter suppresses nematodes.
- 26- When tilling daylily beds, one should till 15" to 18" deep to allow for deep root penetration.
- 27- Most soils just cannot be amended too much – the more the better.
- 28- Daylily roots can burn when the salt level in the soils is more than that which is in the plant.

The symposium ended on Sunday at noon. We left with the feeling that our time had been well spent and that not only were we better informed about daylilies, but also that we had been given the chance to meet with dozens of friends and acquaintances from other places. Our trip had been time well spent.

Daylily Dan says:
Be a garden Angel.
Help someone
dead head before
the tour.



Spring 2000

Spalding Memories

A recent topic on the electronic robin brought these memories of a Region 13 legend - "Miss" Elsie Spalding and Mr. Bill

From Jay Farquhar of Oleo Acres, DeRidder, LA

We have many fond memories of Elsie and Bill in their garden. When we went to the Spalding garden, we learned to not be in a hurry to see what she had helped create. She taught us how to look at more than the bloom but to look at the total plant.

One story that was related to us was about when one of her customers came into the garden. Elsie came out of the house with a butcher knife in her hand. The customer asked her what the butcher knife was for. She said, "To grow good daylilies you have to have a sharp knife and a cold heart." Elsie was very selective of the cultivars she picked. I have seen her step on many that I thought were fantastic and her daughter named one STEP ON IT because of this.

Bill and Elsie were a couple of the most kindhearted people I have ever met. Bill was a special person when you got to know him.

from Judy Farquhar of Oleo Acres, DeRidder, LA

Elsie Spalding was quite a lady, she was an humble person; she has won many awards for her wonderful daylilies, however, she would just open the closet door and place her newest award on another closet shelf! I am so thankful we lived right down the road from her (only 50 miles)—!!!!

We knew that her garden usually bloomed two weeks ahead of ours. We could hardly wait for bloom season to get in the car and to go and see those beautiful Spalding daylilies! The Spalding garden was a small garden full of quality daylilies. She would often hand me a piece of pollen to dab on another of her beautiful daylilies.

Jay and I had the pleasure of meeting many people in her garden. We took Bill and Elsie to Jack Carpenter's daylily garden, which was a treat for them. Elsie loved getting to see Jack's beautiful daylilies in full bloom!

I miss her - she was a friend and I get heartsick when we drive past the vacant lot where her garden and house once stood. There is not a daylily in the yard and the house has been sold and moved. It is not a pretty sight!!

Jack Carpenter is a Spalding lover also—so Jack, let us hear some of your wonderful stories!!

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Hot Springs Daylily Society

Invites you to the
American Hemerocallis Society
Region 13 Annual Meeting

Hot Sapes in The Springs

Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas
June 8-11, 2000

Regional Slide Show

ATTENTION, REGION 13 HYBRIDIZERS!
The Regional Meeting slide show in Hot Springs, Arkansas will feature our regional hybridizers, so please send up to 20 slides of your registrations and best seedlings to:

Clarence J. Crochet
P. O. Box 425
Prairieville, LA 70769.

Registrations are preferred. Please include a brief description of each cultivar or seedling including: Color, size, and ploidy. The deadline for sending slides is Monday, May 15, but the sooner the better. Slides will be returned at the meeting or by mail promptly following the meeting.

Thank you,
Clarence Crochet

(Please remember, no current or future Emma Middlebrooks seedling entries may be shown.)

Headquarters

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Hot Springs, AR 71913

Room rates: \$109.95+tax (1-4 people)
Reserve rooms by May 25
1-800-432-5145 (reservations only)
Please inform the hotel you're attending the Daylily Meeting.

Live Auction

Plant Donations Needed.

Donations for the Live Auction of daylilies and items at the Regional Meeting are requested. Daylilies or donation plant cards are welcomed. Donors may contact Jerry Martin. Please notify him AS SOON AS POSSIBLE with your donated cultivars information so he may plan the auction. Thank You for your help.

Contact: Jerry Martin
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Judges Clinics

Dependent upon sufficient enrollment, Garden Judges Clinics I and II plus Exhibition Clinic II will be held. In preparation, all interested persons should obtain a copy of the AHS Judges Handbook and be familiar with and read the pertinent Chapters for these clinics.

Silent Auction

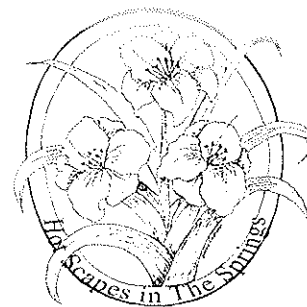
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Hot Springs Daylily Society

Mike Brown, President



Dear Friends,

The season that culminates with the blooming of the daylilies will too quickly be upon us. In the Central Arkansas area we begin to garden by mid-February and continue through June - all at a rapid pace. However, I digress. We all know how involved we become with gardening in the spring. Sometimes we forget to step back and enjoy our own and others gardens.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to take a bit of time and visit Hot Springs for the 2000 Regional Meeting. We have two days of garden tours, ranging from new, enthusiastic novice gardens to well-seasoned older gardens, many open gardens, leaving time for all to enjoy beautiful historic Hot Springs.

We are going to feed you well with a continental breakfast in the first tour gardens of the morning on Friday and with a good lunch while we tour the Garden of Gloria and Ted Damron, and then with our evening meal at the hotel.

Saturday will bring a new set of gardens beginning with a continental breakfast in the first tour garden and later with a great mid-day meal in the garden of Jerry and Nancy Martin. The Awards Banquet will be that night.

There will be open gardens available for visiting if you come early Thursday, June 8th and stay late to tour on Sunday, June 11th.

Remember that this is a great chance to meet new people and renew old acquaintances. We especially want to encourage newer members to participate in the 2000 Regional Meeting to help continue the traditions that have been established and to foster more involvement between areas in our region.

Also, if you have the time for an extended stay, the Hot Springs area is a great place for a great family vacation. If you need a break from digging in the garden, you can dig for crystals – or diamonds. If you are weary of watering, then a hot thermal bath might be good for you. Perhaps a little fishing would be more to your liking. How about antiquing and a walk downtown to see all the new changes?

Every member of The Hot Springs Daylily Society is dedicated to making your stay enjoyable and fun.

As a newer, younger member I look forward to 'tapping into' the knowledge, wisdom and enthusiasm for daylilies that the seasoned members have.

Mike Brown



**The Garden
of Tom and
Nancy
Vandegriff**



The Stoelzing Garden

Growing from a love of plants, this owner-designed and maintained garden features daylilies, hydrangeas and azaleas, and includes hostas, daisies, iris and hawthorne. While the garden is only three years old, to its owners, it "is a blessed gift of nature."

Garden Hosts Peggy and Bob Tucker

While no photo of this new garden was available, we wanted to show you the best part of ANY garden - its owners.



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The Garden of Jerry and Nancy Martin



The garden of Jerry and Nancy Martin in Glenwood is an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden. Jerry is Co-Chairman of the Regional Meeting 2000. This garden is also host to the Region 13 Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award seedling competition bed.

The Garden of Gloria and Ted Damron



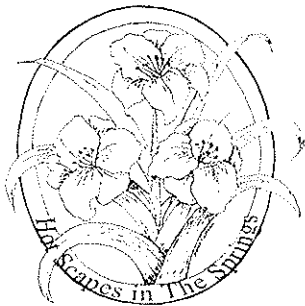
Host Garden of the ASDS Luke Senior, Jr. Award seedling bed.



Lost Creek Garden is the forested garden of Ann and Steve Binkley, located in Percy, Arkansas. It will be the site of the garden-judging clinic and will be on the open tour list. Ann is Co-Chairman of our Regional meeting. This country garden has grown through the past twenty years, and is a natural garden utilizing the existing topography with beds bordered in native stone, and with accent pieces sculpted by nature and time. Many unusual native plants and horticultural items highlight the daylilies dispersed throughout the beds. More daylilies are found in the north border bed. The newest bed is planted to Siloam daylilies by Pauline Henry. The two-year-old east border bed has the introductions of Ed Brown, Jack Carpenter, Tom Wilson and Edna Spalding, while a selection of spiders is found on the hill. A bed of seedlings by Jerry Martin surrounds an oak tree in this area. Lost Creek Garden offers excellent examples of daylilies, hostas, ferns, perennials, and woodland shrubs.



Spring 2000



OPEN GARDENS at HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

Members of the Hot Springs Daylily Society who reside in Hot Springs Village will open their gardens to visitors attending the Regional meeting. This will be a real treat for our visitors who are used to flat land. Hot Springs Village is a gated community situated in the Ouachita Mountains, north of Hot Springs, and features several man-made lakes, many golf courses, and even more avid gardeners. These gardeners have literally had to pry the rocks out of the ground and replace them with good soil, which makes the magnitude of their gardens and landscaping even more remarkable.

Open Garden & en-route garden information will be enclosed with your registration confirmation. Here is just a taste...



LOVELY WATER FEATURE IN THE GARDEN OF SAM AND JOAN NORWOOD

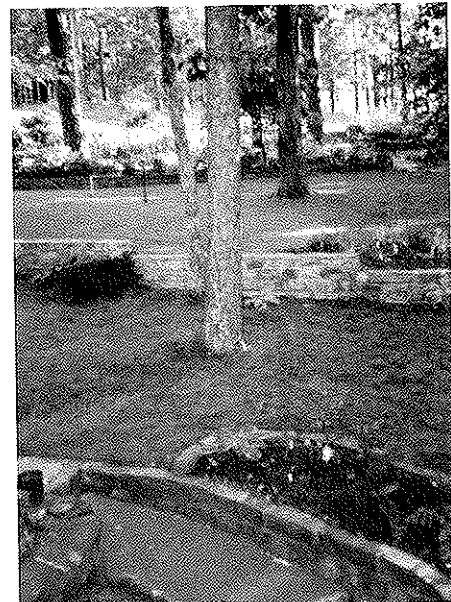
Al and Yvonne Becker's garden is in year 5 of a 10-year plan. From a native 'soil' of 50% rock, there now thrives a collection of 175 daylily cultivars sharing space with iris, hostas, ferns, hellebores, and hydrangeas. This garden also features a greenhouse, which is home to approximately 800 orchid plants and a water garden.

BECKER GARDEN

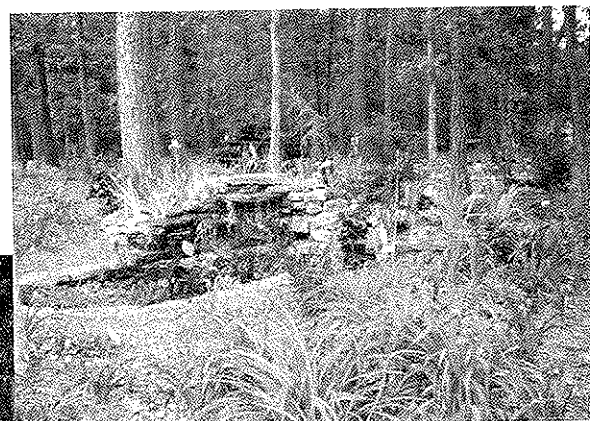


SIEBEL GARDEN

Ruth Siebel's garden is filled with beds of daylilies, hostas, bearded and Louisiana iris and ferns. An herb garden with perennials



are all woven together by using brick and pebble walkways. Stone walls add much interest to this pretty garden.



The ARKLA Daylily wishes to thank the members of the Hot Springs Daylily Society for supplying all the photographs for this article.

The ARKLA Daylily

Hot Springs Daylily Society

invites you to the

American Hemerocallis Society
Region 13 Annual Meeting



Hot Scapes in The Springs

Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

June 8-11, 2000

Registration Form

Please make check payable to Hot Springs Daylily Society.
Mail this form and your check to:

Bob Byers, Treasurer
498 Arkridge Road
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Fee Per Person: Before May 10th: \$75.00 After May 10th: \$95.00

Please Print (Print names as you wish them to appear on badges.) Total enclosed _____

Name: _____

Additional Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (____) _____ — _____ E-Mail _____

Are you staying at the Clarion Resort _____ Yes _____ No

Will you need handicapped assistance? _____ Yes _____ No

Please list if you are a current or past regional or national officer and what office. Thank you.

_____ Garden Judges Workshops by: Clarence & Beth Crochet -Fee \$5:00 per person for Workshop II. Do Not Send with registration. Fees will be collected at the door.

_____ Are you interested in the AHS Exhibition Judges Clinic II? (if sufficient enrollment)
Fee \$5:00 per person for Workshop II. Do Not Send with registration.
Fees will be collected at the door.

For more Information call: The Hot Springs Daylily Society

President: Mike Brown (501) 525-8573

Treasurer: Bob Byers (501) 262-2711

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From my corner your editor

In this issue is a page of what I call "Pull Out Postcards." I added these by hand since several readers told me how they hate to 'cut up' *The ARKLA Daylily*. I agree. These postcards include your ballots for the Regional Vice President voting; a ballot that must be mailed in to the tabulator. Please consider your part in this selection of our representative to AHS. Also note the deadline for the ballot to reach Harry Hanson to be counted.

Also included are two Auction Donation Postcards for the Regional Meeting Live Plant Auction in Hot Springs. Please consider your support carefully. These funds go to help provide our newsletter. Check your garden and donate extra fans so we may continue to improve and provide the color so many of you tell me you want.

Each large color photo costs just over \$100. We have software that cuts these costs from several hundred dollars but it still adds up. We are good stewards of your funds and will not sacrifice content for color nor endanger the future production of *The ARKLA Daylily*. But to have color, we need your support. Several clubs have given to the Color Fund and the General fund this past year and for that we have all enjoyed color. It is time for us as individuals to step up and plant seeds for future blooms in *The ARKLA Daylily* and in our region in general.

Please send fans to the auction or if you prefer to dig in the fall, fill out the cards and send them to the auction as soon as you can. And should you want extra cards, call me; or feel free to photocopy these cards or even write the information on a regular postcard. The winning bidders and your region will appreciate your gift and your sharing.

We finally have scapes in Baton Rouge and, like deer hunters, we are ready for bloom season. Can't wait to see you all in Hot Springs. Mail your registration and start packing... Live well, laugh often and love much, Muriel

Remember each summer we are asked to vote the

AHS Popularity Poll.

That is, to vote for your favorite cultivars as you have seen them bloom in your garden or a garden in our region. Consider making notes of names of cultivars this spring so that you have a full list for your ballot. Each AHS member may list up to 25 cultivars on the ballot in the summer JOURNAL. Let's go for 100% member voting participation this year!

It will be proposed that as of October 1, 2000; cost of an AHS Life Membership change from the current level of \$300.00 to \$500.00

For life membership information contact:

Pat Mercer
AHS Sect.

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CALLING ALL DAYLILY MECCA FANS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE DAYLILY
SHOW OF THE MILLENNIUM

Region 12 Regional

Hosted by Sunbelt Daylily Chapter
of Sanford, Florida

(AKA Daylily Mecca)

May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2000

Friday, May 5th – Bar-B-Q Picnic at Ladybug
Beautiful Gardens in Geneva, Florida
with Garden Judges Workshop

Saturday, May 6th – Daylily Show & Plant Sale
in the Sanford Civic Center

Saturday evening – Awards banquet & Mecca
Famous Auction - Speaker: Bob
Schwarz, The "Unusual Forms" expert

Sunday, May 7th – Exhibition Judges Clinics I, II,
III at 9 AM, at the Deltona Inn

Headquarters: Deltona Inn – Best Western,
Deltona, FL. (407) 574-6693 – mention
"Sunbelt" or "Daylilies" for special rate
of \$40 plus tax

Registrars: Joe & Sharon Agosta, 6601 Lake
Cane Drive, Orlando, FL 32819-7721

Maps and list of Open Gardens sent with
confirmations

Registration Fee: \$45.00 for Friday &
Saturday

Make checks payable to:

Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

Please indicate if you plan to attend the
Garden Judges Workshop and/or the Exhibi-
tion Judges Clinics I, II, or III.

The ARKLA Daylily

Local Clubs News

Hot Springs Daylily Society

Mike Brown, President

We invite all to join us for the **Regional Meeting 2000 to be held June 9 & 10, 2000 in Hot Springs, Arkansas**. We are excited to have all of you come and join us for Hot Scapes in The Springs! You'll enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner for both Friday and Saturday, fun, flowers, tours, slide show, auction, lakeside vistas and activities all with time to visit and see one of the sights of our area - beautiful Hot Springs National Park. Most of our tour gardens are on tour for the first time and our open gardens are polished for your visit. We are proud to have the special garden of Ann Binkley to host the Garden Judges Clinic. The AHS Display garden of Nancy & Jerry Martin will host the Emma Middlebrooks Award Bed. The Arkansas State Daylily Society's Luke Senior, Jr. Seedling Award Bed will be hosted by the Damron garden. A registration form is in this issue. Hope to see you there!

Delta Daylily Society, Inc.

In March, our President Elmer Duplantis (left) welcomed RVP, Earl Watts and his lovely wife, Barbara, the RPD of Region 14 from Hattiesburg, Miss., who gave a terrific slide show and presentation on growing daylilies. A plant auction and door prizes added to the fun. Our work continues on a display garden bed with a work day planned for April 8. The fall meeting date is September 24.



Your Club News should be here. This is your newsletter. We take club news in any form. Thank you. Muriel Walker, Mail: PO Box 45106, Baton Rouge LA 70895-4106
E-mail: murielcw@eatel.net or call me (225) 275-8881

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White County Daylily Society

by Dorothy Roland, Secretary

We are planning to have a daylily display held in the reconstructed gazebo in the park at Beebe, Arkansas. The original gazebo was blown away in the tornado that destroyed much of Beebe a year ago. This will just be a display of daylilies - not to be judged - and held in June. Our chairman, Wanda Harris, has been in Montana for several months and plans will be finalized when she returns.

We will be attending the Regional meeting in Hot Springs, of course, and will also have a small tour of some of our own local members' gardens in June, as we do every year.

The annual fall sale of daylilies will be held in downtown Searcy on Peddlers' Day, and is always held on Labor Day weekend. The streets around the Courthouse will be blocked off and with no traffic. We will have a booth displaying daylilies from our gardens, plus pictures of them, and one of the main purposes is to talk to people and tell them of the joys of growing daylilies. We will invite them to our club meetings too.

Our regular meeting time is the first Wednesday of the month (except for Jan.) and we meet at 10 AM at the office of Century 21 on Race Street. We are looking at a possible new place to meet later.

Our current president is Harry Roland, who moved to Arkansas in 1985 from Illinois, when he retired from Del Monte Corp. as Area Farm Superintendent. He and his wife, Dorothy, who is currently WCDS secretary, live just outside of Pangburn, Arkansas, and are "caretakers" of over 700 varieties of daylilies, plus many other perennial and annual horticultural treasures. If you give us a little warning, you are welcome anytime!

President Harry A. Roland of 152 Cardinal Road, Pangburn, Arkansas 72121
e-mail: dhroland@juno.com

Daylily Dan Says:
Send over backwards
for a new club member-
show him the ropes.



Local Clubs

CENLA Daylily Society

Nettie Harper & Pat Soileau

Alexandria, Louisiana—As we look forward to spring and summer you can feel the quickening of the pulse of the CENLA Daylily Society. We finished the 1999 garden year with a covered dish dinner that was enjoyed by all.

At the December meeting some business did occur. The new officers were installed. They are: President Nancy Melder; Vice President Brenda Fontenot; Secretary Melba La Croix; and Treasurer James Gauthier.

We have been fortunate to have interesting speakers at our January, February, and March meetings. In January we were educated and entertained by Tom Walker. He showed us the do's and don'ts of photography. It was a very interesting talk and we all learned. Highlights of his talk were in the 1999 winter issue of *The ARKLA Daylily*.

At our February meeting, Jason Calhoun, Sales representative for Florikan Southeast Soil Products spoke to us about Florikan, a time-release fertilizer, and other products of Quality Horticultural Products, located in Forest Hill, Louisiana.

In March month we were pleased to have Harvey and Nell Shemik as speakers. Nell is the daughter of one of our members, Tot Ratliff. Nell has won the National Tri-Color award three times, only to be knocked off her throne in 1999 by her husband, Harvey. Harvey has won the Tri-Color award, pictured in the current Journal. They also gave a demonstration of the do's and don'ts of design. We were also shown slides of their beautiful AHS garden.

This and That. On May 12th and 13th, our club members are taking a trip to Hattiesburg Mississippi to see some of the gardens in bloom. Dr. Donnie Barnes is in the process of creating a web site for The CENLA Daylily Society. He states that there is still a lot of work to be done and it is not complete but what is there looks great. The address is www.angelfire.com/ar2/cenladaylily/homepage.html

Don't forget the November Symposium featuring guest speakers John Rice and Jeff and Elizabeth Salter. November the 11th—\$25.00—This includes a continental breakfast and a great lunch. Tickets available now from James Gauthier 318-563-8482. His e-mail address is JGAUTH7057@aol.com

Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society

Our meetings start at 7:00 P.M. at Washington County Cooperative Extension Bldg. on 2nd Tuesday.

Baton Rouge Daylily Society, Inc.

Ellen Richmond, Publicity/Librarian

Happy Spring to everyone. We here in Louisiana are very fortunate to be able to enjoy such beauty in the springtime with all the spring flowers. This year Mother Nature blessed us with an early spring and all the azaleas, the Bradford pears, daffodils, redbuds and dogwoods have been beautiful. We have been busy in the gardens getting ready for the upcoming tours and visitors.

This year of 2000 tends to be a busy one as usual. The Baton Rouge Daylily Society is looking forward to our spring meeting, with the nomination of new officers and committee reports. The BRDS has established a lending library of videos so that our members will be able to view gardens in different areas. This will be of great service for those who like to plan vacations around daylily gardens along their way. (Who wouldn't like to do that?)

The public is invited to visit the Burden Research Plantation just off Interstate 10 on Essen Lane (Exit 160) in Baton Rouge to view the Daylily display beds sponsored by BRDS. The public is always welcome and the beds are near the front gate entrance.

If you're in our area, take the time to call ahead and visit our local daylily gardens. Daylily people love to talk daylilies and show their gardens. Have a happy spring and enjoy the flowers while they're in bloom. Beauty and life are such fleeting things, we should seize the moment while we can.

Our club Spring bus tour is May 20 and many will be headed to Hot Springs in June for the Regional meeting. Our Fall plant Auction and business meeting is October 21. All are welcome. For details, visit our Web Page: www.brdaylilysoc.org

Is your club ready to host a Regional meeting?

Year 2004 is available. Successful meetings have been hosted by groups as small as 7 people. There are so many fine people, clubs and gardens, it seems a shame not to share the gift of your friendship.

Contact RVP Ken Begnaud for details and to borrow "The Regional Book" - a collection of notes from past groups and what they learned plus what did or didn't work so well.

Local Clubs

SouthEast Louisiana Daylily Society

Ed Wolf, President

Our officers for 2000 are Ed Wolf, President; Tim Coffey, Vice President; Donna Cheramie, Secretary; and Judy Manzella is Treasurer.

Spring Garden Show and Plant Sale is April 1 & 2 in the New Orleans Botanical Gardens. Co-chairs for the Sale are Gwen Guderian and Bernie Holliday while co-chairs for the Exhibit are Sidney and Shirley Torres.

SELDS members are from areas all around southeast Louisiana and Lake Pontchartrain. The Northlake East area members have formed a "fan," small group in their local area to "Do Daylilies." They join the active Northlake West fan of SELDS. We are excited about these "proliferations" and look forward to the coming bloom season and garden visits.

Our meeting dates are August 26 and October 28; at the Garden Study Center (near the Administration Building - use Stadium Drive), New Orleans Botanical Garden in City Park.

Carl Hill is our Webmaster

Web: <http://members.tripod.com/scuba66/selds.html>

Regional Meeting 2001

The Hemerocallis Study Club will host the 2001 Regional Meeting in Shreveport. Emma Middlebrooks Award entries should be sent to Melvin McConnell in Shreveport in the Spring of 2000 so plants may be well established for the 2001 bloom season. Enter up to three (3) seedlings per AHS Region 13 member/hybridizer and ship to Melvin McConnell. Call Melvin McConnell at 318/686-0767 if you have any questions.

Regional Meeting 2002

Southwest Louisiana Daylily Society is busy with "Up the Bayou in 2002" on May 16-18, 2002. Headquarters will be in DeRidder, La. Sweetpea Portie will be registrar. The Emma Middlebrooks Memorial Award bed host garden will be the Iowa Daylily Patch. Enter up to three (3) seedlings per AHS Region 13 member/hybridizer. If you have any questions, please contact Iowa Daylily Patch, c/o Mike Zimmerman or Nelson Winn, 136 Sheridan St., Iowa, LA 70647

Telephone: (337) 582-6873

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Spalding Memories...

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from Jack Carpenter (Region 8- upper edge)

Dear Robins,

Every time I read another comment on Elsie Spalding and her garden the nostalgia sweeps over me. My trips to her garden spanned some thirty years, and numerous visits to her garden (sometimes as many as seven per season) during each of those years were the annual highlight of my year's experiences. With the passing of Elsie that void has never been filled. I will always treasure these memories, which carried me from my youthful twenties into my fifties.

Well do I remember my first visit to the Spalding garden and meeting this lovely little lady. I remember her telling us how she had only recently learned how to pollinate lilies. She made mention in her characteristic soft, quiet-spoken voice of her third grade education and how it was necessary to learn everything from the beginning when they (her husband, Bill, and she) came to help care for Bill's aunt, Miss Edna Spalding. At this point in time the garden was full of seedlings that were from Miss Edna's work and they were lovely, and, of course, there were new things beginning to bloom from Elsie's hybridizing too.

With the passing of Miss Edna, the garden and house in Louisiana was left to Bill and Elsie. My understanding is that they could both possess the place and live there until they died and that at that time the house and property would be left to the city of Iowa, according to Miss Edna's last will and testament. To say that the world of daylilies was transformed in the Spalding garden during that next three-year period of time would be an understatement. Daylilies would never be the same! Indeed, I suspect for many of us they never have been. The right hands with the right pollen with the ability to envision the right combination were in Iowa, Louisiana, and we have all become the richer for it.

Elsie didn't do a great deal of garden visiting, but she did see other hybridizers' things in other gardens from time to time. Gertrude Demarest, one of Elsie's best friends, with whom Elsie would visit from time to time during the year, had daylilies from various hybridizers from across the nation. Gertrude said Elsie would often take pollen to incorporate into her breeding program there in Iowa. On another occasion Elsie did go with us to Mr. Mac's, as we called him, in Abbeville, Louisiana. Of course, I still remember the day when Jay and Judy Farquhar brought Elsie to my garden. I was speechless

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Ask Dr. Greaux

Do Hydrangeas and Daylilies have anything in common?

Probably no one knows why some daylily cultivars may have a little difference in the color when grown in different areas of the United States. The color change of some daylily cultivars from one growing area to another growing area, could it be partly the result of variation in the soil? Can daylily growers learn something from hydrangea growers? It has long been documented the effects of fertilization on the color change in pink-blue hydrangeas is essential. The sepals (the part of the hydrangea grown for "flowers") of the hydrangea flowers contain a red anthocyanin pigment that becomes blue upon complexing with certain metals.

The most common metal is aluminum and is normally abundant in most soils. The relative availability of aluminum and the ability of the hydrangea to change color are determining factors in the pink-blue florist hydrangea. If aluminum uptake is not prevented then the pink sepals will slowly become blue. In the case of the hydrangea sufficient aluminum must be present to complex completely all the anthocyanin or else an undesirable color, in between blue and pink, will be achieved.

Normally clear pink or clear blue is desired. When considering the color of flowers desired, the soil pH reaction will play an important role in flower color. Aluminum is normally available in acid soils. Soil pH reaction of around 6.5 will produce pink hydrangeas; whereas pH soil reactions of 5.5 tend to produce blue hydrangeas. Phosphorus will tie up the aluminum, so high phosphorus and nitrogen will promote pink sepals and low phosphorus and nitrogen with adequate potassium will produce blue sepals if the soil contains aluminum.

A closer look should be taken with cultivars of daylilies, which have a considerable variation in flower color. Is the variation in daylily flower color the result of pH and the result of availability or lack of availability of items in the soil environment?

For additional information see the Ball Red Book, Greenhouse Growing Book published by Reston or Commercial Flower Forcing by Laurie, Kiplinger, and Nelson and published by McGraw-Hill.

Editor's Note: Dr. Denis Wollard, Ph.D. is a professor at University of Louisiana at Lafayette in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Garden Tips

Patsy Soileau from Central La. uses this tip from Lucille Guidry of the Guidry garden: Layers of newspaper with pine straw on top to hold down soil temperatures and hold in moisture as well as help hold down weeds.

From Harold Ramsey, Jonesboro, Arkansas: Zone 7 via the e-mail Robin: A lot of discussion this past week has been about alfalfa pellets, cubes or meal etc. Our humidity is so great that alfalfa in any form breaks down very quickly and is a good organic material source. Safe barnyard manures would be rabbit and horse; both do well in our daylily beds. Horse manure, unless heated (180 F) for over 45 minutes, will introduce new grass seeds into your beds.

I found a good basic information page on common mulch from Michigan State University which you might enjoy. You might want to add this to your favorite page, as it also enters MSU Extension Service horticulture database. <http://www.msue.msu.edu/msue/imp/mod03/01800539.html> Here in NE Arkansas we are back to short sleeve shirts and gardening. Take care.

Ann Binkley of Pearcy, Ark. has a tip: Improve beds with a mix of sheep manure and compost. The addition of alfalfa pellets has improved growth and has increased the divisions of the daylilies.

From your editor: The wrong pH prevents utilization of nutrients from fertilizers and from soil by your plants. From *The Culture of Azaleas and Camellias in New Orleans Soils* by William M. Garic, published by the Parkway Commission of New Orleans and reproduced in the 1949 Report.

ALKALINE - "SWEET SOIL"

12.2	lime
10.0	bone meal and ashes
8.4	charcoal dust
7.8	oak leaf mold
7.0	approx. neutral point & rain water
6.8-6.5	Daylilies like this
6.0-5.6	Roses like this
5.4	Bagase (cane mulch)
5.2	Freshly fallen oak leaves
5.4-5.0	Azaleas and camellias
4.5	coffee and tea grounds
4.0	peat moss & cottonseed meal
3.2	aluminum sulphate
2.5	superphosphate - manganese
1.2	sulphur*

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*It takes sulphur six months to become completely available in the soil.

Get the Picture Part II

Bloom season is here, and most of us are thinking about making images of our prize daylilies, or we are thinking of making images of the daylilies that we plan to introduce next year. Let's say that you are going to take 100 rolls with 36 exposures on each roll, and each exposure lasts an average of 1/60th of a second. This means that your TOTAL EXPOSURE TIME for the whole year, the time that your shutter is open and exposing film for the whole year, will be 60 seconds. The film and processing for the year would cost you at least \$800.00, maybe more. Let's say that you are a very fast photographer, and shoot up six rolls a day. At that rate, it will take you 16 days to use all that film. You must be pretty serious about daylilies and photographing them.

By now, almost everyone should be wondering where I'm going with this. By now you realize that the actual exposure is a very miniscule part of the making of a picture. So what takes so much time? It is planning a photograph, preparing the subject of your photograph, and keeping records of what you have photographed.

Today we are going to talk about the events leading up to making the exposure, before you even look through the camera.

■ First, the garden should be in prime condition, the same condition as it would be if a tour were expected. If you are the garden owner, this job would fall on you and if not, and you are taking pictures for yourself, then you will have to make each section that you will photograph measure up to this standard.

Remove all weeds, dead leaves, and other blemishes. If necessary, take a scissors to the brown or dying leaves of plants. All of this is assuming that you have permission to do this grooming. If the garden owner has been hybridizing, you may have to work around the dead blooms. Be sure not to "dead head" unless you have permission.

■ When you have found the bloom that you want to photograph, study it. What is it about that bloom that you like so much? Is it the color? Is it the texture? Is it perfectly shaped for this cultivar? How are you going to be able to get these characteristics on film?

■ In photographing for a catalog, what are you trying to show about this cultivar? Color? Texture? Shape? I think that the answer usually is "all three."

■ When you are trying to catch the eye of a daylily buyer, the photograph is your first method of attraction. It should be as perfect as you can make it.

You need to perform all of these functions when you create images of your daylilies. If someone else does a better job of making a photograph, they may get the business. If you do, or if you don't, it will show in the reactions to your image, and possibly in your bank account.

Tom Walker - trwcpa@idsmail.com
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Spalding Memories...

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when I saw them drive up. Elsie Spalding in my garden? How can it be that she would want to come to see my things? I will treasure that visit always!

One of the lovely things we have going for us in our growing of daylilies is the fact that those wonderful friends and experiences in the past continue to live on in the legacy of flowers they have given to us. Numerous have been the occasions that I would stand in the daylily patch and feast my eyes on a new beauty thinking as I viewed it of its genetic heritage from the Spalding line. And even with the ever-increasing advancement of the tetraploid world the memories will go on and on with such conversions as Tet. ELSIE SPALDING, Tet. WINGS OF CHANCE, and many, many more. In my mind's eye I can almost see Elsie standing in her garden in heaven and looking down, gently chuckling as she sees her lovelies being grown far and wide as diploids and chuckling just a bit more

as she sees them being converted to tetraploids. I can just hear that little, soft, sweet, humble voice saying, "Well, I guess they like my lilies. They should see what bloomed in my garden today!"

Jean Norris, Region 12

Down memory lane with the story on Miss Elsie. Bill and I met and visited with Elsie on our way to the Houston 88 National. Merle Kent had told us several stories about her. She was special and very different from other hybridizers. I tried to buy WINGS OF CHANCE from her. She told me in an instant that she had not decided if she wanted to sell it or not.

It was a delightful experience to meet her. At that time she had all of her stock of ELSIE SPALDING planted near the apple tree. I can just picture Miss Elsie and Merle Kent exchanging daylily stories in the garden "up there."

Welcome to Our New AHS Members

We are happy to list new members; now that the conversion of computerized AHS membership records has been completed. We are delighted you have joined the AHS and we look forward to meeting you. We invite you to contact one of the local clubs listed on the inside back cover and attend a club meeting for the bigger picture.

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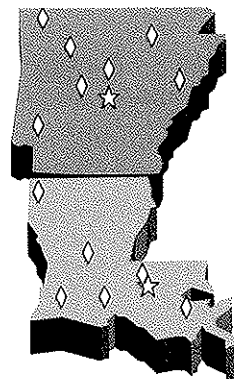
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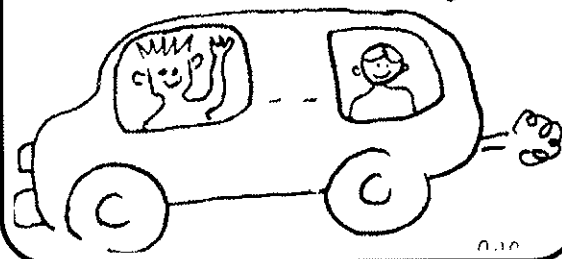
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Daylily Dan Says:
Take someone new
to the club meeting.



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Clubs, send us the news and the new contact person for your group. Photographs are always welcome.

Daylily lovers & clubs, please contact editor or RPD so that we may include all clubs.

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Daylilies on the Web in Region 13

Here are web site addresses of two new sites of Region 13 members & a club growing & showing daylilies on the WEB plus additional addresses of interest. Send your favorite daylily web site to be included on the list!

Region 13:

www.eatel.net/~trwcpa/ahsreg13/index.html

The Cenla Daylily Society - under construction
by Dr. Donald Barnes. The address is
www.angelfire.com/ar2/cenladaylily/homepage.html

Crochet Daylily Garden

www.eatel.net/~crochetgarden/

Marietta Gardens

www.mariettagardens.com

Bill Jarvis' Daylily Photo Gallery

<http://www.ofts.com/photo/gallery.html>

Screen Savers site: Jack Carpenter's Web
Page

<http://www.lilyfarm.com/main.html>.

OTHER SITES OF INTEREST:

American Hemerocallis Society

www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html



Jack Carpenter of East Texas

www.lilyfarm.com

Lone Star Daylily Society

1999 Flower Show Pictures from Houston
<http://users.computron.net/krhouston/lonestar/1999show>

HYBRIDIZERS!

MONDAY, MAY 15 IS THE
DEADLINE FOR SLIDES TO REACH
CLARENCE CROCHET FOR RE-
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