

MoKanOk Daylily

Summer 2022

The Journal of the American Daylily Society
Region 11

SPRING FLING

New location and date works well

The regional photograph contest returns with renewed interest.

SUMMER MEETING

Tulsa: Daylilies Galore and So Much More provides time to recharge and experience castle living.

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Life	\$500.00

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(2 people, same address)

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Life	\$750.00

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In this issue...

Welcome to another issue of the MoKanOk Daylily! The year is quickly passing us by and our gardens are in full bloom as we go to press. My garden was on the Master Gardeners' Tour this year for the Riley County Extension Service, which meant every free minute I had after school let out on May 18th was spent preparing the garden. Over 200 people visited in a four-hour window asking more questions than I had time to answer!

I originally intended to have a memorial to Dave Niswonger in this edition. However, the author was hit by COVID and the article never arrived. It is my intention we will have that piece in the fall edition. I know we are late in honoring Dave and his contributions to our region.

Christopher E. Renner



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Most clubs are slowly getting back to meeting in person and undertaking projects and activities.

Regional Director

- by Steve Amy

Jane and I attended a wonderful Regional Meeting in Tulsa and it was great to see old friends in person again, as well as meeting new friends, through daylilies. The keynote speaker, Scott Elliott, presented an informative and amusing program on his hybridizing efforts. The Tulsa club put together a super weekend of entertainment and beautiful gardens.

I don't have a lot of news to share in this report. I have been busy learning my duties as Membership Chair and how I interact with the other directors and committees. We are a large and busy organization.

When I officially became an active Board Member as of January first of this year, I began to receive assignments from our President, Scott Elliott. As membership Chair you may have guessed my primary assignment is to determine how we can retain current members and equally as important, gain new membership. The aging population of our organization is one reason some members do not renew. Another reason some do not renew is their feeling that they can receive all the information they may want in social media forums such as Facebook.

I would appreciate hearing from each of you why you continue to be an active member of ADS. What are the reasons that you renew each year or each time your membership renewal is due? This will help me understand how we can offer more features and create interest for you, as well as new subscribers, to continue your active membership in ADS. Please email me at the ADS address in the officer listings near the end of the MoKanOk.

Thank you for being a member of ADS and continuing to support the organization!



Welcome New Members



- Air Capital Daylily Society
- Lindsey Arnold Seevers, Overland Park, KS
- Marilyn Bost, Wichita, KS
- Susan Brown, Manhattan, KS
- Tami Burns, St. Louis, MO
- Sandra Cox, Wichita, KS
- Susie Cunningham, Wichita, KS
- Brenna Davis, Goddard, KS
- Judy Delaney, Choctaw, OK
- Richard Eyestone & Pamela Jakoplic, Logan, KS
- Rae Gaeddert, Liberty, MO
- Becky Jincks, Bethany, MO
- Christy & Michael Lamb, Earlsboro, OK
- Candy Purgation, Tulsa, OK
- Rick Schmidt, Lyndon, KS
- Brigitta Wade, Kansas City, MO
- Mary Zeller, Topeka, KS

Regional President

Expansion and Inclusion - Part 3

- by Carol Schultz

First, I would like to thank Chris Tyler, the retiring Region 11 Treasurer, who has served for the past 2 years. The treasurer is appointed by the Regional President and I am happy to report that Josh Winzer of Tulsa, OK, has accepted the appointment as our new treasurer. We will be working in the next months to complete the process. Our current bank, US Bank, does not have branches in Oklahoma, so Josh will be finding a new bank and our funds will be transferred.

Speaking of Josh, he and his team at Tulsa produced a great summer meeting. He also did a great job as our auctioneer on Friday evening. Thanks for sharing your talents with all of us.

AHS President, Scott Elliott and Vice President, Rhonda Veroeven, joined us for our meeting. Scott was the featured speaker. Following the Summer Meeting, they toured Region 11 gardens as they traveled to their next regional meeting in Kentucky. You can see Rhonda's delightful commentary on her FaceBook page.

It was a great joy for all of us to show off our local Region 11 hybridizing stars. All of the Awards given at the summer meeting once again reminded me that we are all benefitting from early hybridizers who did so much of the early research into the genetics and growing habits of Hemerocallis.

Thanks to all of you who voted to let me continue as president for another 2 year term (2023-2025). I have enjoyed the last 2 years and, hopefully, these next two years will see us get back to a more certain future.

If you have even a small interest in becoming president in 2025, please step forward and let me know. There is nothing wrong with recognizing your own talents and stepping forward to offer them. All of the Board can cooperate to assist you in learning the details of regional leadership and you can have a good time while serving.

Seeing a lot of Randall Barron's seedlings in the Shoemaker garden in Tulsa reminded me of the contributions all of the past Region 11 officers have made to advance the great organization we have now. (Randall was Region 11 President from 2007-2011).

I am happy to report our liaison positions have been filled.

- Exhibition Judge Liaison: Susanne Thompson, Tulsa OK.
- Youth Liaison: Sharon Henry, Topeka, KS

I am still working on the draft Standing Rules for Region 11. (If you did not get a copy of this and would like to review it, e-mail your request to me. This

publication outlines policies and procedures that are part of our shared memory. It will serve as a manual for new people stepping into leadership positions.

Sincere get well wishes to anyone who has contracted one of the many viruses around. Covid is still with us as evidenced by several people who had to cancel their reservations to the summer meeting. Events in our Central Missouri area are being cancelled as principals involved are infected. Stay well and take care of yourself, everyone, and while I'm handing our health advice, stay hydrated.



Regional President

Suggested Timetable for AHS Region 11 Club Presidents

- by Carol Schultz

The Club Officers meeting is a very important networking event at every regional gathering. It provides the opportunity to meet with your counterparts and share ideas. One of my goals is to get many of our procedures in writing so that transitions in leadership occur smoothly in our regional clubs. At both the Spring Fling and the Summer Meeting the club officers' meetings discussed the Draft Timetable for Club Presidents. This is a suggested timetable and should be modified and adapted for each individual club and their bylaws. But, in general, this is how we can have a smooth running organization regionally. If you want an electronic copy that you can adapt and change to fit your club, please e-mail your request to me. (adsregion11president@gmail.com)

Month	Activity	Who is responsible
As soon as available	Send meeting and speaker schedule to Web Master	President Secretary Club Reporter Whomever the president designates
	Send meeting and speaker schedule to Regional Publicity Director	
	Send flower show date to Regional Publicity Director	
	Send flower show date to Web Master	
	Send list of new officers to Web Master	
	Send list of new officers to Regional Publicity Director	
	Send daylily sales dates to Regional Publicity Director	
	Send daylily sales dates to Web Master	
MoKanOk Deadline	Send club report to MoKanOk Editor	Club reporter
January	Check on club non-profit status, all legal paperwork up to date, club e-mail address, how to become a member	President
January	Set local club newsletter deadlines	President, club newsletter editor
January	Plan to attend Region 11 Summer Meeting; encourage youth attendees; select scholarship recipients	President, other officers
February	Planning for flower show, member garden tours, other spring and summer activities	Flower show chair, president, club members
February	Appoint nominating committee for next year's club officers	President, club members
March	Check that local, regional, and national web sites have correct officers and contact information	President
March	Update/prepare job descriptions for all volunteer positions	Officers

Regional President

May 1	Deadline for nominations for Regional Awards	President, club members
September	Remind youth members to apply for scholarship to national convention. Due 11/1 to Regional President	President, youth liaison
September 1	Deadline for nominations for National Awards	Club and individuals
October	Elect new club officers	Club
October	Obtain new signature cards for checking accounts for all who will transact business	President, Treasurer
October	Determine and put in writing the club's policy on who has access to the bank account, one or two signatures required, etc.	President, Treasurer
October	Prepare budget for next year, plan memorial contributions, scholarships, educational displays	President, Treasurer
October	Plan annual contribution to MoKanOk Editor's Fund for the next year	President, Treasurer
October	Appoint committee chairs for next year and upcoming events	President
October	Plan to attend Spring Fling in March; encourage youth attendees	Club
October	Check that local, regional, and national web sites have correct officers and contact information	President, webmaster
November 1	Youth scholarship for national convention due	President, Youth representative
November	Plan for club officers to attend next year's summer meeting	President, club
November	Plan for club president to attend next year's national convention	President, club
December	Remind everyone to pay local and AHS/ADS dues	Treasurer, president
December	Update all members' e-mail and home addresses and other contact information; transmit new addresses to AHS membership chair	Secretary, membership chair
December	Pay club membership in AHS/ADS	Treasurer, president
December and as needed	Monitor new AHS memberships. Send letter of invitation to join local club to new AHS members in your area	Membership chair, president
December and as needed	Send letter of welcome to new club members	Membership chair, president
December	Hold a "transition meeting" between new and retiring officers	President, president elect



Region 11 on Facebook:

Join the Region 11 community on Facebook to share photos of your clubs' activities and your gardens.
Join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489706981093136/>

PR Director

But that's how we've always done it!

- Christopher E. Renner, Regional Publicity Director

A recurring topic of conversation at our Summer Meeting was about the on-going issue of membership in our organization. Membership in AHS is down nationally, regionally, and locally. We are not alone with this concern. Other organizations are reporting similar downward trends, whether they be professional, social, or community organizations.

One of my favorite quotes is by Albert Einstein: ***We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.*** I used it a lot when I was teaching at the college level. Twenty-five years ago, I used to challenge my Italian medical students about why they chose medicine, a field with a glut of college graduates and a 15-year waiting list for a possible position. My students usual response was: "I want to help people." To which I would reply: "We need a better engine than the internal combustion which is causing catastrophic environmental damage. If you really want to help humanity, why aren't you becoming engineers?" They would look at me bewildered... something which revolutionized how we move around is now a major threat to our planet's survival. We cannot solve the ecological disaster Global Climate Change is causing by using the same thinking that got us to this point. So, too, with our membership.

Usually organizations are founded for a purpose and remain unchanged in form and function even if the society in which they engage changes dramatically.

When we look at when our local clubs were formed and why people came together to form them, we see common threads of interest, motivation and camaraderie. Those values were common to the Boomer Generation and reflected the social norms of the post-WWII era.

But younger generations have now grown up in a society where the ability to *individualize* the experiences they have is normative. Our recent move to a membership that starts when you pay your dues and goes for a year is an example of individualization. For our local clubs we have a challenge in continuing long-running traditions, for example a flower show, when fewer and fewer people are interested in that particular aspect of daylily collecting.

Thus our membership needs to have *flexibility* both in what is continued and what new adventures are started. Often in groups that have been established for a long period of time, the assumption is that everyone knows their roles. Well, yes, that can be true, but if your membership is aging and new members have full-time jobs and families, then maybe just "doing things as they

have always been done" is causing more harm than good to your club.

I believe we will see additional structural changes to our national organization if we are to survive and thrive into the 21st Century. We will need to also make changes at the regional and local level. We have already slimmed down the Summer Meeting and we will be having more "Spring Flings." But to cut to the chase at the local level, forcing new members to do something they aren't interested in because "that's what we've always done" is a great way to lose members real fast. *Flexibility* means that we change with the times and adapt to new realities.

In our Flint Hills club we have let go of things, and to be honest, some members weren't happy with the decisions. We used to have a bloom display each season at the local mall, but people don't go to malls much anymore and the return on the amount of effort wasn't worth the hassle. We have also changed when we have our plant sale to the spring from late August/early September. Once again, what young family is going to want to work in the yard when school is starting and children have a long list of activities to do? They are much more likely to be out planting in the spring, when the weather is changing. In general, I believe our target customer is a homeowner in their 30s-50s. That dictates how you are going to do a sales event. Daylily collectors will use other venues to add to their collections; club sales are for the general public.

One final aspect that clubs need to think about is *exclusivity*. This isn't meant as a barrier to participation, but rather perks people get when they join your club. Generation X, Millennial, and Generation Z are accustomed to paying premium for access to exclusive club benefits. Clubs should work at developing a list of "club benefits" - e.g. reduced prices on contemporary daylilies, access to botanical gardens, discount cards for local nurseries, a year's membership in AHS, etc., that new members receive when they join the local club. You want them to feel they are getting something special by joining your club and at the same time you want them to hang around for more than one meeting.



Regional Treasurer Report

-by Chris Tyler, ADS Region 11 Treasurer

Both the Spring Fling (Winter Gathering) and the online Region 11 auction brought in much needed revenue to the region. A big thanks to Lois Hart, Connie Snow and Jane Amy who did great jobs coordinating these events! I know I can say, we look forward to participating in these events next year!

Many thanks to all the Region 11 clubs who have donated to the production of the MOKANOK! Through the donations provided, the MOKANOK helped to keep us all informed as to what was going on in our region and in the American Daylily Society when we could not meet in person.

As you are reading this, I will have concluded my term as Treasurer of Region 11. I would like to thank everyone for staying involved with your local daylily club and Region 11 during the past two years of cancelled meetings and readjusting to life in the gardens. I still plan to be involved in Region 11 activities, especially through both Exhibition and Garden Judging. I hope to see you all at Regional meetings, National meetings, ADS

flower shows and, of course, in the gardens enjoying daylilies!

Josh Winzer is stepping up as your new Treasurer for our region, and will do a great job. Please continue to support Josh as treasurer, and our region by being active members! I know he will thank you for it.



If you have questions please contact Josh at our regional e-mail: adsregion11treasurer@gmail.com

Have a wonderful Daylily Season!

MEET ME IN KANSAS CITY! SUMMER MEETING 2023 JUNE 23-24

**MO-KAN DAYLILY SOCIETY WILL BE
OUR HOSTS.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Note: No Oscie Whatley competition in 2023. Get your plants to Oklahoma City for the national convention in 2024!



Regional Treasurer Report

Financial Activity as of 05/31/2022		Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense
MoKanOk	AHS Postage	\$350.00		\$220.45	
	Advertising				
	Interest	\$5.00			
	Donations - Clubs	\$2,500.00		\$1,400.00	
	Donations - Individuals/Memorials	\$200.00			
	Basket Auction at Regional Meetings	\$2,000.00			
	MoKanOk Printing/Mailing		\$4,500.00		\$2,396.79
	MoKanOk Production		\$2,400.00		\$800.00
	MoKanOk Supplies		\$100.00		
Total		\$5,055.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,620.45	\$3,196.79
Auction	Internet Auction	\$ -		\$5,014.30	\$186.00
Winter Gathering/	Registration Fees	\$4,500.00		\$3,872.02	\$387.00
Spring Fling '22	Live & Silent Auction	\$5,000.00		\$6,368.67	\$31.66
	Travel & Hotels - Presenters		\$1,250.00		\$1,721.04
	WG Auction Plants		\$1,500.00		
	WG Hotel Cost		\$2,700.00		\$3,624.66
	WG catering				
	Honoraria for Presenters				
	Printing and supplies		\$300.00		\$215.29
	WG Shipping		\$500.00		\$348.55
	Photo Contest		\$500.00		\$540.00
Total		\$9,500.00	\$6,750.00	\$10,240.69	\$6,868.20
General	Youth Members encouragement		\$300.00		
	Travel - Director		\$1,500.00	\$ -	
	Travel - President		\$500.00	\$ -	\$244.88
	Awards		\$125.00		
	AHS Insurance		\$125.00		\$80.25
	Website		\$200.00		\$173.00
	Treasurer's expense		\$50.00		
	General supplies		\$100.00		\$21.11
Total		\$ -	\$2,900.00	\$ -	\$519.24
Totals		\$14,555.00	\$16,650.00	\$16,875.44	\$10,770.23
	Assistance for Summer Meetings		\$5,000.00		
		\$14,555.00	\$21,650.00	\$16,875.44	\$10,770.23
May 31, 2022	Checking Account Balance			\$32,192.93	
	Net profit thru May 31, 2022			\$6,105.21	

Regional Treasurer Report

Proposed Budget for 2023		Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense
MoKanOk	AHS Postage	\$250.00	
	Advertising		
	Interest		
	Donations - Clubs	\$2,500.00	
	Donations - Individuals/Memorials	\$200.00	
	Basket Auction at Regional Meetings	\$1,000.00	
	MoKanOk Printing/Mailing		\$7,200.00
	MoKanOk Production		\$2,400.00
	MoKanOk Supplies		\$50.00
	Total	\$3,950.00	\$9,650.00
Auction	Internet Auction	\$5,000.00	\$200.00
Winter Gathering/ Spring Fling '23	Registration Fees	\$6,230.00	
	Live & Silent Auction	\$6,500.00	
	Travel & Hotels - Presenters		\$1,920.00
	WG Auction Plants		\$1,000.00
	WG Hotel Cost		\$2,100.00
	WG catering		\$1,800.00
	Honoraria for Presenters		
	Printing and supplies		\$300.00
	WG Shipping		\$600.00
	Photo Contest		\$600.00
Total	\$12,730.00	\$8,320.00	
General	Youth Members encouragement		\$300.00
	Travel - Director		\$1,500.00
	Travel - President		\$500.00
	Awards		\$125.00
	AHS Insurance		\$100.00
	Website		\$200.00
	Treasurer's expense		\$50.00
	General supplies		\$100.00
	Total		\$2,875.00
Subtotals		\$21,680.00	\$21,045.00
	Assistance for Summer Meetings		\$5,000.00
Total		\$21,680.00	\$26,045.00
	Projected 2023 Net Profit (Loss)		-\$4,365.00

Regional Secretary

Minutes of ADS Region 11 Board Meeting

- Laura Hood, Regional Secretary

The meeting of the Executive Board took place in conjunction with the annual Summer Meeting held on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Embassy Suites, Tulsa, OK.

Present were:

Carol Schultz, Region 11 President; Josh Winzer, Treasurer; Steve Amy, Regional Director; Jane Amy, Awards Liaison; Sharon Henry, Youth Liaison; Michael Kowalchuk, Webmaster; Diana Plahn, Garden Judges Liaison; Christopher Renner, Regional Publicity Director, Regional Newsletter Editor; Laura Hood, Regional Secretary; Susanne Thompson, Exhibition Judges Liaison; Brenda Jindra, Historian; and Michael Bouman, Hybridizer Liaison.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and started off with introducing our new Treasurer, Josh Winzer; our new Youth Liaison, Sharon Henry; and our new Exhibition Judge Liaison, Susanne Thompson.

The treasurer expects to have all the necessary changes completed within two weeks. He encouraged those present to contact him with any questions. One important task will be to change banks, as US Bank does not do business in Oklahoma where Josh lives.

Sharon Henry reported as Youth Liaison that, ironically, all three of her kids cancelled for the Summer meeting. Sharon will put together a list of all youth participants.

Susanne Thompson reported as Exhibition Judges liaison that she will get right to work on her new duties as soon as this Summer Meeting is completed. Susanne was involved in the planning of the meeting and also had her garden on tour. There were not enough participants to offer Exhibition Judges 2 Training at this meeting.

Steve Amy reported that ADS is technically in violation of their own Bylaws, which state that the regions must be balanced. None should contain more than a certain maximum nor less than a certain minimum of the total membership. Boundaries of the regions have changed over the years, and it may be necessary to change again. This is a concern because ADS is a large Non Profit and, as such, is monitored for many things, including adherence to the Bylaws. Steve plans to bring the issue up at the Fall ADS Board meeting. As Membership Chair, Steve Amy reported that ADS is losing members, and we need to strongly encourage youth interest.

Josh Winzer discussed the current budget. The \$5,000 always included in the budget for assistance for regional gathering hosts causes the budget to appear that we are losing money each year, but host clubs rarely use the funds. The Board approved the budget for presentation to the membership for approval.

Christopher Renner requested that folks post on the Region 11 Facebook page. COHS used the page to promote their sales. Clubs can also post notices about their guest speakers. Christopher reported that the problems we were experiencing with scam bots requesting membership has died down somewhat. He noted that the EU now considers Facebook to be a monopoly, and changes may be coming soon. For now, it a good venue for our demographic. Since the Popularity Poll has been discontinued, there is time to focus on other PR avenues. Christopher is having his second knee surgery soon, and for that reason would like to get the MoKanOk out two weeks early. Another reason is to test whether getting it out early will affect delivery times as USPS delivery has become unpredictable. He asked that folks post on Facebook when they receive their MoKanOk. Christopher expects to have the Fall MoKanOk laid out in early September and mailed by Mid October. He asked that folks send their content as they have it.

Carol Schultz notified all Board Members that they will be expected to report at the Annual Business meeting.

Since Lois Hart, Winter Gathering/Spring Fling Coordinator was busy with registration, Carol opened discussion of Winter Gathering/Spring Fling in 2023. Since the Summer meeting will be in Kansas City, we are considering moving the Winter Gathering to Joplin. Joplin is centrally located, but does not have a major airport, which can be a problem for outside speakers. The meeting could be anywhere, but it is preferable that it be in a central location so members from all three states will attend. It was suggested that we form a short term sub-committee to explore possibilities for the Winter Gathering/Spring Fling. At the business meeting Carol will call for volunteers from all three states to help plan the meeting, which will be held around the end of March

Diana Plahn reported that five people took Garden Judging 1 online and are eligible to take Garden Judges 2. We need more garden judges so our hybridizers will be noticed and get awards at the national level.

Brenda Jindra, historian, reported that she and Carol Schultz each have a set of hard copies of the MoKanOk. Extra copies were being given away to anyone that wants them. We should consider digitizing them at some point. Even archives like K State will not take hard copies anymore.

Michael Bouman, Hybridizer Liaison, has been considering who are our mentors and leading hybridizers. It seems that many have passed away or quit recently.

Michael noted that the Portal is rarely used except to go to the Journal archives. The project was plagued with conflicting platforms and personalities and no money to pay the volunteers.

Regional Secretary

Minutes of ADS Region 11 Board Meeting

Steve and Jane Amy reported, as Awards and Honors co-chairs, that they received nominations for the Region 11 Service Award and a deserving winner has been chosen - to be announced at the Business Meeting.

Michael Kowalchyk reported as Webmaster that two clubs (Topeka and MoKan) have not sent him updated contact information. Michael was able to save some expense with a three year renewal for the domain. The MoKanOk is posted on the website now also. Michael has created an online registration form that is hidden, but can be activated and used immediately by any club hosting an event. It is set up to handle PayPal or Square payments.

Michael Kowalchyk also reported on the 2024 Annual meeting in Oklahoma City. He has received just one guest and one entry for the Oscie Whatley Seedling Bed. He encouraged all present to send their plants as soon as possible. The gardens have been selected for the meeting and a brochure cover has been designed.

The president adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes of ADS Region 11 Membership Meeting

- Laura Hood, Regional Secretary

The membership meeting was called by President Carol Schultz at the end of Spring Fling on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the Airport Sheraton, Kansas City, MO.

Carol Schultz announced that Chris Tyler will be stepping down as Treasurer and will hand over those duties to Josh Winzer of Tulsa after the summer meeting in Tulsa.

Our online auction brought in over \$5000, and Carol expressed special appreciation to Jane Amy, Lois Hart and Chris Tyler for their part in putting on that event.

Our Spring Fling auction, including the Silent and Bag auctions, brought in over \$6000 this year. Photo Contest winners were presented with their cash prizes just before the auction to encourage folks to spend their winnings on the auction. Attendees were reminded that they, too, could submit photos and get extra cash to spend on the auction. The winners were as follows:

Single Bloom Category

1st Place: Jeanette Schuler for Heavenly Blue Eyes

2nd Place: Jim Fry for Cloudhunter

3rd Place: Connie Snow for Broadway Spotlight

Multiple Bloom Category

1st Place: Connie Snow for Diva in Zebra

2nd Place: John Wieland for Cat Dancer

3rd Place: Kathy Krattli for Pickled Beets

Landscape Category

1st Place: Jeanette Schuler

2nd Place: Jeanette Schuler

3rd Place: Kathy Krattli

Artistic Category

1st Place: Jeanette Schuler

2nd Place: Kathy Krattli

3rd Place: Carol Schultz

Chris Tyler will send all Club Presidents our budget status and a list of new ADS members so clubs can reach out to welcome them.

Carol urged each club to donate to the MoKanOk Editor's Fund and donation of \$500 or greater.

Ron Topping, the MoKan club president, is considering hosting the 2023 Regional in Kansas City.

Lois presented the Bragging Bell to Flint Hills, which had 14 members in attendance.

Carol announced consideration of moving the Winter Gathering to the last weekend in March and keeping the Spring Fling permanently. There were no objections expressed, and Carol will request input form membership in the next MoKanOk.

Susanne Thompson, Linda Morton and Kathryn Earle of Tulsa invited the membership to attend Daylilies Galore and So Much More, the summer regional meeting in Tulsa. Linda Morton requested items donated for the Bag Raffle and Silent Auction. Clubs should begin planning now to create their baskets for the auction. Hotel and registration information was shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03.

Regional News

Changes in Garden Judges' Training

- by **Christopher Renner**

We had 5 members attend the Garden Judges 2 workshop in Tulsa. We are extremely thankful to Bill and Cherry Shoemaker for making their garden available for the workshop and for insisting we come inside when the heat was getting too much to bear. We had great discussions about exemplars in the Oscie Whatley bed and what makes a daylily "distinct" from all the other pretty faces in the garden.

For those who attended, please get your applications sent in so we can get you certified!

As of June 1, 2022, we have 26 certified Garden Judges in Region 11. They are listed below with the expiration date of their certification:

• Becky Stone	2025
• Mary Hyden	2023
• Patti Waterman	2023
• Rick Pearce	2023
• Brenda Jindra	2025
• Carol Schultz	2026
• Valorie White	2023
• Dennis White	2022
• Ann Large	2026
• Sherryl Fitzpatrick	2026
• Ann Redmon	2025
• Clint Barnes	2022
• Kathy Foster	2022
• Laura Ross	2024
• Kathleen Pinkas	2024
• Susanne Thompson	2023
• Nancy Rold	2026
• Christopher Renner	2026
• John Wieland	2024
• Cindy Lindquist	2022
• Chris Tyler	2026
• Jane Amy	2023
• Steve Amy	2023
• Floanna Crowley	2024
• Lois Hart	2026
• Diana Plahn	2024

AHS has announced the creation of a new **Garden Judges 3** workshop for those seeking recertification. The "Refresher Course" can be taught entirely online or

in-person. AHS hopes this will relieve some of the pressure on garden judges to attend courses at regional or national meetings and help make the recertification process easier.

Both Garden Judges 2 and 3 will be accepted for recertification for the next two years, after which only Garden Judges 3 will be used for recertification.

For those judges whose certification ends in 2022 or 2023, contact Debbie Smith at judgeteducation@daylilies.org for more information and to find the dates for online classes for the new Garden Judges 3 workshop.

We still need more AHS members in Region 11 to become garden judges. With online editions of Garden Judges 1 readily available (once again contact Debbie Smith about dates of courses), AHS members do not need to leave their homes to do that workshop. At the same time, anyone who loves daylilies should know the content of that workshop and it would make a great special event for your clubs. Feel free to contact me if you want to offer such a possibility. The workshop takes about 2 hours as I have it formatted so that people have an opportunity for discussion and interaction with the content.

And as a reminder, here are the steps to becoming a Garden Judge:

1. You must be an AHS member for at least 24 calendar months to begin training.
2. Before you take the workshops, read Chapters 1 and 2 of the Garden Judges Handbook, *Judging Daylilies in the Garden*. The book is available as a free PDF download from the ADS Member's Portal or a hard copy can be ordered from Amazon. **Note:** revisions were made to the handbook in **March 2021**, so if you have an older copy you will need to download this version.
3. Take Garden Judges Workshop 1 and take a test at the end. You will need to score 70%.
4. Take Garden Judges Workshop 2 (approx. 2.5 hrs). This workshop is taught in a garden and students learn to evaluate the "complete garden plant" - both registered plants and seedlings.
5. After completing both workshops, Garden Judge candidates need to complete an *Application for Appointment* form from the ADS Web site or the local Garden Judges' Workshop Chairman and send it to the Regional President.
6. Judges are encouraged to grow a variety of cultivars in their own gardens reflecting the broad variety of Daylilies in cultivation.

Regional News

2022 Mavis Smith Recipient: Jess Danner

- by Steve Amy

The Region 11 Awards Committee, Steve and Jane Amy, Patti Waterman, and Ann Large, were pleased to have received multiple nominations this year for the Mavis Smith Service Award. The winning nominee is well deserving of the award.

Jess Danner is this year's recipient of the Mavis Smith Award. Jess was not able to attend the Regional Meeting in Tulsa so he will be presented his award at the next Topeka Daylily Club meeting.

This is the nomination letter that was submitted for Jess.

2022 Mavis Smith Award Nomination - Jess Danner - Topeka Daylily Club

We would like to nominate Jess Danner for the 2022 Mavis Smith Award.

Jess supports and attends Region 11 and National AHS meetings. He also never hesitates to volunteer his garden for tours.

Jess supports and promotes daylilies at the annual Kansas Garden Show held in Topeka.

While most of his work has been local, Region 11 has certainly been enhanced by his participation.

Jess organized the Topeka Daylily Club with monthly meetings to be held at Ward Meade Park in Topeka, Kansas. (FALL 1991)



Photo: Steve Amy

Jess was president of the club for years.

Jess helped organize "Buying Trips" for daylily enthusiasts from Topeka to Southeast Kansas Hybridizers each Spring for years.

Jess started the annual Topeka Daylily Club Flower Show held at the Fairlawn Plaza Mall in Topeka.

Jess has been Chairman of the Topeka Daylily Club Flower Show every year.

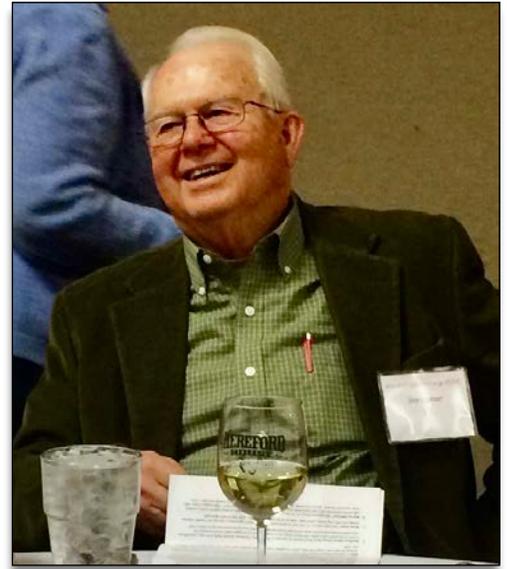
Jess entered daylily designs in the Topeka Daylily Club Flower Show and has won the Tri-Color Award twice.

Jess helped move the Kansas Hybridizer's daylily bed (which was being eaten by deer) from the Kansas Governor's Mansion to the garden at Ward Meade Park.

Jess helped supply daylilies and helped plant a Topeka Daylily Club daylily bed in the Ted Ensley Garden at Lake Shawnee.

Jess also supplied daylilies for a Memorial Daylily Bed in the Ted Ensley Garden at Lake Shawnee in Topeka honoring George and Naomi Taylor.

Please offer your congratulations to Jess on receiving this honor.



Jess Danner

Photo: Christopher Renner

AHS Display Gardens

Are you proud of the garden you have created? Why not share it with other AHS members by becoming a Display Garden! It is easy to do.

Visit daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens to find out the details or contact Sue Hill, Display Garden Chair, at displaygardens@daylilies.org

Spring Fling 2022

-by Lois Hart

The 2022 Spring Fling had a fun Friday night with Bobby Scott and Eric Tankesley-Clarke presenting their hybridizing programs. The Saturday speakers were Mike Grossman and Kathleen Nordstrom from up Minnesota way and they were two warm and friendly people.

The whole weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by over 50 Region 11 members. The auction had about 100 wonderful plants and was a huge success. Put the date on your calendar for a fun weekend with fellow daylily lovers for Spring Fling 2023, March 24-26th at the Four Seasons by Sheraton by Kansas City Airport. The speakers have not been chosen but will be announced in the Fall MoKanOk.



Region 11 photographers have been hard at work capturing the beauty of daylilies.

Photo: Christopher Renner



Award winning photographers: Jeanette Schuler, Kathy Krattli, Carol Schultz, Laura Hood -Photo Contest Chair, Connie Snow, John Wieland, and Jim Fry.

Photo: Christopher Renner



Mike Grossman and Steve Amy

Photo: Christopher Renner



Kathleen Nordstrom

Photo: Christopher Renner

Spring Fling 2022

Spring Fling Photo Contest Winners



First Place Single Bloom:
Jeanette Schuler for Heavenly Blue Eyes



Second Place Artistic: Kathy Krattli



Second Place Multi Bloom: John
Wieland for Cat Dancer



Second Place Single Bloom:
Jim Fry for Cloudhunter

Spring Fling 2022

Spring Fling Photo Contest Winners



First Place Multi Bloom:
Connie Snow for Diva in Zebra



First Place Landscape: Jeanette Schuler



Guest Plant Request for the 2024 National Convention

Guest plants are an essential part of a convention, especially for hybridizers to let their plants shine under the national spotlight.

Hybridizers **may send as many cultivars** (up to five fans per cultivar) **as they wish**. The guest plants will be planted in the tour gardens and will be clearly labeled as a guest plant.

Please send instructions for after the convention to the guest plant chair, Kathy Scurlock. The hybridizer will pay the shipping costs to the garden owner, if the cultivars are to be sent back after the convention.

Please send guest plants to:

Kathy Scurlock, 3333 NW 20TH, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73107-3005

Guest plants will be accepted **NOW through October 15th, 2022.**

Daylilies Galore and So Much More

The Tulsa Area Daylily Society did an outstanding job hosting our 2022 Summer Meeting.

- by Christopher Renner

Tulsa: Daylilies Galore and So Much More was attended by 102 members from across the region and we even had some guests from neighboring regions.

The Region 11 Board of Directors met at 4:30 PM on Friday to discuss appointment changes and review the proposed 2023 Budget along with reports from our regional director and regional officers/liaisons. Terry Lopp has stepped down as Youth Committee Chair and has been replaced by Sharon Henry. The Exhibition



The silent auction held a broad array of items to bid on.



Waiting for their turn at Friday's buffet: Brenda Jindra, Jane & Steve Amy, AHS VP Rhonda Veroeven, Terry Lopp, Ashton Lopp, and Dean Reusser

Judges Liaison position was taken over by Susanne Thompson. Joshua Winzer is taking over the regional Treasurer's responsibilities from Chris Tyler. The complete report can be read on page 12.

Friday opened with a Meet and Greet in the hotel's foyer followed by a "comfort food" buffet for dinner which was a pleasant change from the Friday evening taco bars of the past two years. Following dinner, Joshua Winzer then served as our auctioneer for the regional plant auction. He sold 112 plants and raised \$8,200 for the Tulsa club.



Sheila Baker selling tickets for the bag raffle.



AHS President Scott Elliott and TADS President/ Summer Meeting Chair Joshua Winter

Saturday morning started with an early breakfast and loading onto the busses for the four gardens on the tour: the Bill and Cherry Shoemaker Garden, the Thompson's Robin's Nest Garden, the TADS Display Garden, and the Tulsa Botanic Garden (Stories about each garden follow this article).

Daylilies Galore and So Much More

Following lunch at the Tulsa Botanic Garden, buses took participants back to the hotel and five members braved the heat to take the Garden Judges 2 workshop back at the Shoemaker Garden.

The Region's Club Officers meeting was held at 4:00 PM at the hotel. It was announced the Mo-Kan Club will host the summer meeting for 2023 following the same slimmed-down version as has been the policy for the past four years. For 2024 we will attend the National Convention in Oklahoma City, but we will need a host for Summer Meeting 2025.

Following a plated-dinner banquet, Scott Elliott gave a sometimes humorous presentation about his hybridizing program and garden. He also gave every participant a cultivar to take home!

The Region 11 Business Meeting followed Elliott's presentation with the presentation of the proposed budget for 2023, the announcement that Carol Schultz has been re-elected to a second two-year term as Regional President, and reports from the Regional Director, Regional Publicity Director, and Treasurer.



Susanne Thompson receiving the Wilma Award from Terry Lopp.



Refined by Fire, Rold-N., 2018, in the Shoemaker Garden
Photo by Michael Kowalchyk

The Regional Awards were also announced: The Wilma Award, sponsored by the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society, is presented for best grown clump. This year it went to Susanne Thompson for *Mr. and Mrs. Bubbs* by Heidi Douglas. The Region 11 Hybridizer Award went to Nancy Rold for *Refined by Fire* (2018). The Oscie Whatley Seedling Award, sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Daylily Society, went to cultivar #11 submitted by Jim Fry, Topeka.



Oscie Whatley Seedling Award Winner
Photo by Michael Kowalchyk

The final event of the evening was the annual basket auction to help fund our *MoKanOk Daylily* journal. Clubs from across the region submitted entireties for this fundraiser which raised a total of \$660. Bidding for some baskets was fierce with the Flint Hills Daylily Society's submission winning top dollar for the *MoKanOk* of \$205.00.



Flint Hills Daylily Society's MoKanOk "basket" - retail value: \$585.50; Sold for: \$205.00.

Daylilies Galore and So Much More Tour Gardens

The Garden at Big Heart Castle

- *story and photos by Ann Redmon*

The first thing you see when approaching Bill and Cherry Shoemaker's home is a castle, not a huge, medieval castle, but a home sized castle, complete with a drawbridge under construction. Bill and Cherry have been working on their home for nearly 20 years and it has been a labor of love. Aside from the stonework and the roof, they have done most of the work themselves.



Shoemaker Castle
Photo by Irene Johnson

As you pass the house, the gardens come into view. And they are stunning! There are 3 main garden areas on the approximately 8 acre property. The first garden holds many seedlings grown from seed that former Region 11 president, Randall Barron, made. His widow, Marvel, gave them to Bill to grow and he has registered 3 daylilies from those seeds so far, under both Randall's and his names. There are many more beautiful seedlings under evaluation. This garden



Barron seedling

also included many seedlings of Bill's. He didn't have long to learn the art of hybridizing from Randall, but it's obvious that he was a quick and eager student. This bed holds most of the plants that Bill is using for hybridizing, with many newer introductions, including several from other Region 11 hybridizers. One of these, REFINED BY FIRE by Nancy Rold, won the Hybridizer Award. A stunning small unusual form, it caught the eye of



Arbor bed



**Refined by Fire
Hybridizer Award.**

many attendees, including our speaker, and ADS President, Scott Elliott. This area of the garden also included the Oscie Whatley seedling bed. Unfortunately, several of the seedlings were not yet in

bloom, but there were several beauties for voters to choose from. Number 11, a tall purple UF by Jim Fry, was the winner.

The next garden area I visited was centered around a lovely pergola. Cherry says this was the first garden they built. All of the gardens were designed, built and are maintained by Bill and Cherry, with Cherry doing the lion's share of the maintenance, as Bill travels a lot of the time for work. Throughout the gardens, daylilies are beautifully accented by many other perennials and annuals, as well as lovely sculptures and various other delightful examples of 'garden art'.

Hollis and Susanne Thompson Garden

- story and photos by Eric Tankesley-Clarke

Susanne Thompson is not a woman of small gestures. If you know her, you know her broad smile, her freely dispensed laughter, her all-enfolding warmth. If you know Susanne Thompson's garden, you see a projection of all that and more.



Thompson garden along the driveway



Thompson garden around koi pond - the figure is used to keep heron away from the koi.

The front drive sweeps around the house and off to the left, and the gardens sweep along with it. A collection of daylilies of all vintages marshal their strength along the front fence beside the drive, offering a pleasant view from both the house and the street. This



Susanne's koi

long bed is almost entirely made of daylilies, with just a few other perennials at its entrance. Here you will find a number of well-known spiders and their opposite numbers, round and ruffled large-flowered varieties.

Facing the long bed across the drive is a very different sort of garden, an island where calming greens rule in a variety of shapes and textures, with daylilies and a few other flowering plants used only as accents. Shrubs help anchor the bed (including a handsome purple smoke tree) and, for verticality, cattail. Where there is cattail, there might be water, and where there is water, one might find fish. Indeed, you do! And these are not mere minnows or fingerlings. No, these are large koi in vermilion and ivory and ebony and gold, roiling the pond with their hope for tasty morsels they are certain you brought just for them. A concrete crocodile stalks them, while a figure calling to mind our garden host keeps him in check.

Leaving the disappointed fish behind (somehow the convention goody bag didn't include koi treats) there is a rock-terraced bed dressed in rousing hot pink echinacea and cooling lavender phlox with a more commanding presence from the daylilies. A pair of flamingos dance among them, while another water bird, perhaps a heron, keeps an eye on those delicious koi just across the pavement.

Meanwhile, along the right side of the entrance, a shadier garden with Lilium, Hydrangea, and a few daylilies and irises offers a cool retreat from the high sun. Banners and brightly colored



Amber Smiles, Krattli, 2019

metalwork energizes this area. In fact, throughout the garden one finds all sorts of additions. Folksy figures relax in a shade garden or welcome us to enjoy daylilies in the shade of a fruit tree. A giant fantastical carp swims past benches in a shade garden. A resplendent peacock lords it over a waterfall and stone-paved lanai behind the house. Magnificent Japanese maples and smoke trees screen it to make a cozy retreat.

And now that we've gotten to the back, we find a raised bed filled with mainly UF's, with several clumps growing in massive pots, and most were simply spectacular. A nearby *Crinum*, knowing it could not



Thompson back patio

compete, drooped its pale flowers downward in dejection.

The standout in this quiet garden just off the patio was 'Mr. and Mrs. Bubbs' (Douglas-H., 2018), spangled with gigantic pink UF blossoms. Another fan favorite was 'Amber Smiles' (Krattli, 2019). This is also a pink UF, but the pink is more delicate and less rosy. 'Dory's Big Heart' (Douglas-H, 2018), influenced by its grandparent 'Rose F. Kennedy', brought a coral hue to the composition, since all three of these were grown close together. Yet another pink UF, this one with crispate petals, was 'Cool Nicole' (Krattli, 2019). Methinks that Susanne has a thing for pink narrow petals. To be fair, there were other forms and colors and sizes. Margo Reed's 'Brown Witch' (1999), for instance, one that was an old favorite of mine and Bob's. Suzanne pointed out a bed in front that is gradually becoming her miniature- and small-flowered bed. I didn't see much in the way of doubles, although Scott Elliott's 'Now That's Orange' (2015) flowered in front of the house.

Fishes and fowl, figures and flowers—Suzanne's garden exudes joy and through it she shares a bit for each of us to take away with us.

TADS Display Garden and the Tulsa Botanic Garden

- story and photos by Kathy Scurlock

Two public gardens were part of our garden tour during the 2022 Region 11 Summer Meeting. The TADS Display Garden is located in the former Tulsa Rose Garden and near the Tulsa Arboretum and the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens in Woodward Park in central Tulsa.

TADS has four large rectangular well-cared for beds with a backdrop of low evergreens in full sun, which was making itself felt as the day was growing quite warm. Many daylilies were in full bloom, putting on a lovely show for us!

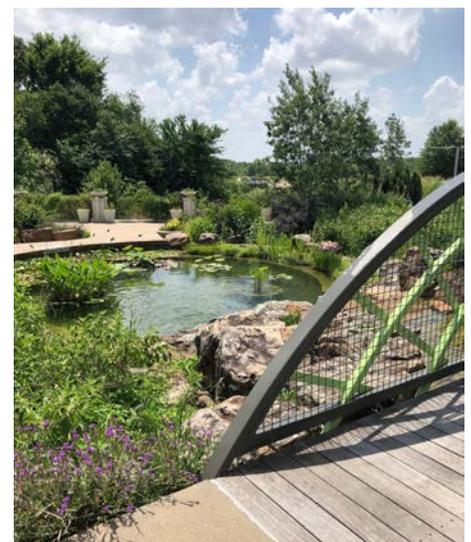
After the Rose Rosette virus (RRV) ended the historic Tulsa Rose Gardens beginning in 2013, the park opened spaces for local garden clubs to adopt to showcase their specialties and become caretakers of their beds. TADS occupied two spaces in 2020 and expanded to four spaces in 2021.

Kathy Earle is the chairperson and Sheila Baker and Linda Morton also help out on a regular basis. They have approximately a hundred different cultivars in their collection. This area is also used to provide plants to be divided and sold at the club's two annual sales. Many different hybridizers were represented, and the daylilies were in great form.

The Tulsa Botanical Garden was our last stop on the garden tour.



TADS Display Garden



Tulsa Botanical Garden



Tulsa Botanical Garden Visitor Center

through the mouth of the statue and a rainbow-like prism in the ceiling providing colorful lighting. A natural riverlike water feature travels through many of the flower beds with bridges and benches.

The visitor center is surrounded by a panorama of colorful beds that overlook a seven acre lake. There's a nice paved promenade around the lake. Another dramatic water feature there is a long stair-like waterfall cascade flowing down a hill, with many lovely terraces and large beds of annuals, perennials and trees spreading out from either side. Art Deco details throughout the gardens reflect Tulsa's rich architectural history. Nice colorful clumps of daylilies were plentiful this time of year.

This newer public garden, which opened in 2015, is set on a hilltop in far northwest Tulsa. Our three air-conditioned buses took us all to our comfortable event building where we enjoyed a nice, boxed lunch. This allowed us all to cool off a bit. Some chose to stay there chatting and sharing gardening stories and some braved the warm temps and toured the lovely garden areas which were close by. The Children's Discovery Area has a large sea monster-like sculpture at the top of a hill resembling a large head and face and is made up of various animal forms. Inside are windows that look out



Example of the art features at the TBG



Children's Discovery Area

Daylily Exhibitions

Venturing into the world of exhibitions

-by Christopher Renner

I've been in the world of daylilies for over 20 years now, but I had never been to a judging exhibition. I'm not a competitive sort of person, so I wasn't sure that daylily exhibiting was something I would be interested in, but I thought it was time to find out what the exhibition world was all about and used the opportunity of the Topeka Daylily Show on July 2 as my venture into the exhibition waters.

First, there are two primary divisions in exhibition judging: horticulture awards and design awards. Horticulture has both on scape and off scape judging and special awards. In reading about the awards I decided that garden judges have an easier row to hoe. In Topeka the judges first chose to start with the design awards.



Preparing for the show: Bobbie and Dale Vail prepare their scapes for the show by cleaning away any imperfection or buds that will interfere with the bloom being judged.



After preparing the scape and completing the entry tag, Irene Johnson and Ann Redmon verify the category before the blooms are placed on the tables.



Examples of Design entries

Daylily Exhibitions



Design judges Nancy Kowalchyk, Sherryl Fitzpatrick, and Michael Kowalchyk analyze the merits of the design entries.

The design entries were interesting in that they used all sizes of daylilies from small to extra-large. What impressed me the most about all the entries was their grace and proportional relationship between the elements in the design. The creators had spent time thinking through their designs and how the elements came together to make a whole. In the end, Floanna Crowley from Wichita would win the top awards for her design.

Once the judges had completed the design judging, they divided up into two teams to tackle the long tables of blooms to judge. Each table was divided into sections reflecting the various classifications AHS uses. In addition, two seedling entries were also to be judged.

I was impressed by the collaborative approach the judges used with each other. As a garden judge, I'm more or less left to my own devices. I do talk with other judges, but we don't really work collaboratively, so observing the interactions and listening in on the conversations taught me a few things I need to use when I'm looking at cultivars on my ballot like bud formation and how it can impact the bloom. We always have something new to learn about daylilies!

As with garden judges, the region could use more exhibition judges. Not all our clubs host AHS-certified exhibitions, but that doesn't mean an AHS member can't participate in an exhibition or be an exhibition judge. If you have not tried it, then I would encourage members



Floanna Crowley and her award-winning design



Horticulture entries

2022 Regional Hybridizer Introductions



Exhibition judges
Susanne Thompson,
Joshua Winzer, and
Nancy Kowalchuk
discuss the pros and
cons of a horticulture
contender.

to attend and get a feel for what exhibitions are all about. I think I'll try by entering some scapes next year in the Topeka show to see how the process works from a participant's point of view. Who knows, the exhibition bug might bite me.



Award winners for each category



Best in Show: Little Red
Dumplings, Anderson-H., 2000;
shown by Judy Briggs

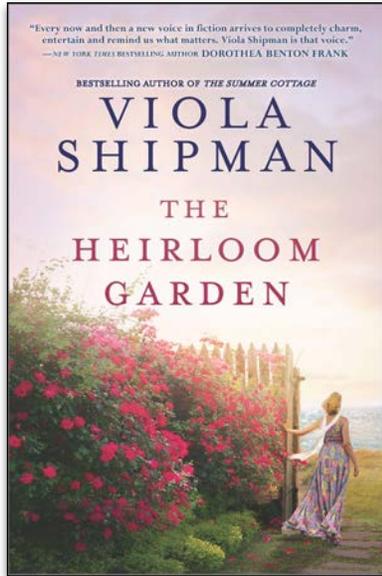
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& LOIS ART

Two Novels for Your Summer Reading

- A review by Brenda Jindra

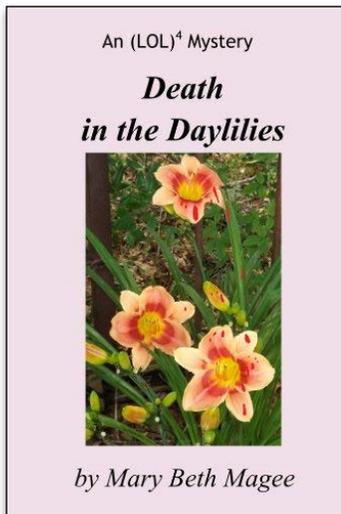
I would like to recommend two delightful novels that are the perfect books to read on afternoons when it's too hot to be in the garden. Both books prominently feature daylily gardeners and their daylilies.

The Heirloom Garden by Viola Shipman, which is the pen name of Wade Rouse, is a wonderful story. An elderly woman who lost her husband in WWII and her daughter to an illness walled herself off from the world with a high fence surrounding her home and flower garden. She grows many kinds of flowers and also hybridizes daylilies. Her heirloom plants help keep memories of her loved ones alive, yet she lives isolated behind her fence.



A young couple and their daughter move into the house next door. The husband is still traumatized from serving in the Iraq War. The inquisitiveness of the young daughter and the love of plants draws these two families together and they realize there is much in life still to live.

The second novel is *Death in the Daylilies* by Mary Beth Magee. This is a murder mystery with many interesting characters and lots of twists and turns.



Three ladies are on the Cypress Point Daylily Driving Tour when they discover a "pair of red paisley garden boots on the barely visible legs of a woman's body stretched out face down among the daylilies."

Curiosity gets the best of them and they begin asking questions into the cause of death. Soon they feel someone doesn't want them snooping around and their lives may be in danger. Read this

enjoyable novel to see whether you can guess who dunnit.

OSCIE WHATLEY 2024 SEEDLING COMPETITION

The Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society will host the 2024 Oscie Whatley Competition during the national convention. Hybridizers may submit a maximum of five fans of one seedling.

Please include instructions for the after convention procedure. If hybridizers request their seedling be returned, the hybridizer will pay shipping costs. Complete competition rules are posted on the Region II website.

Please send your entry to:
Kathy Scurlock
3333 NW 20th
Oklahoma City, OK
73107-3005

Entries accepted NOW
through October 15,
2022.

Regional Club Happenings

Air Capital Daylily Club

- by *Jan Eberle*

For many years, there were two organizations in Wichita that were primarily dedicated to the love of daylilies. Several people were members of both organizations. Last summer a group met to begin the process of merging the two organizations into one.

After a positive vote of both groups, the Wichita Daylily Club and the Prairie Winds Daylily Society became the Air Capital Daylily Society. Bylaws were worked out and approved.

We have had three meetings as one organization. At our first meeting, Harry Gregory demonstrated how to divide and transplant daylilies. We began our second meeting with a 90th birthday party for Claude Evans, a long-time member. Our program that night was from Terry Pitts, a local hybridizer.

We are now busily preparing for our daylily show which will be June 26 at Botanica, the Wichita Gardens. In preparation for our show, Dennis White presented a program on the proper presentation for flowers for the show.

We are looking forward to June 26 and our show, the theme of which will be "Come Fly Away." Results of the show will be reported in the next newsletter

Central Oklahoma Daylily Society

-by *Michael Kowalchyk*

We just hosted our 63rd Annual Daylily Show in early June. Congratulations to all the winners! Best in Show was 'Mayor of Munchkinland' exhibited by Clint Barnes. The Tricolor Award Winner was "We're Not in Kansas Anymore" exhibited by Judy Grotts.

Daylily Sale Alert! Our Fall Sale will be on Saturday, Sept. 10th from 8am-2pm or sold out. This will be one of our largest sales in several years as we are making room for guest plants for our 2024 convention.

Our September meeting and potluck will be Friday, September 16th at 6pm.

We will close out 2022 with our October meeting and potluck on Friday, October 21st at 6pm.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



Central Oklahoma Daylily Society show winners
Photo: CODS

Regional Club Happenings

Central Missouri Daylily Society

-by Nancy Rold

In April we welcomed Bloomington, Illinois, Hybridizer David Robinson to speak to our group. David has some amazing patterned daylilies with heavy substance and his seedlings are exciting. His talk was a delight and his enthusiasm contagious. We also got to meet his buddy John Nicholson who provides acreage for David's seedlings in nearby St. James, MO.

Our May daylily sale was cancelled due to the cold wet spring making digging difficult. We will have our next sale August 20 at both Columbia Farmers Markets.

We were excited to welcome Scott Elliott and Rhonda Veroeven to tour several of our members' gardens as they traveled through central MO on their way from Tulsa to Kentucky for the region 10 summer meeting.

Our June 25 Daylily Exhibition celebrated our 50th year as a club. Despite a late bloom season, many fine cultivars were shown and a full complement of designs were entered. Top honors went to:

- **Little Peep Eye** (Apsher, 1996) Best in Show and Outstanding Miniature Flower, exhibited by Nancy Rold
- **Full of Treasure** (Grace, 2010) Outstanding Large Flower, exhibited by Dan & Audrey Judy
- **Pride** (Tankesley-Clarke, 1996) Outstanding Small Flower, exhibited by Eric Tankesley-Clarke.
- **Curly Brick Road** (Reinke-J, 1999) Outstanding Spider Flower, exhibited by Karen Blackmore
- **Light Unto My Path** (Rold, 2017) Outstanding Unusual Form Flower, exhibited by Nancy Rold
- **Outstanding Seedling**. Seedling exhibited by Nancy Rold
- **Tricolor Design Award**: Tip O' the Hat by Charlene Larkin
- **Sweepstakes winner** was Dan and Audrey Judy. They also won the Boone County Fair Rosette for a collection of 3 Region 11 hybridizer's cultivars.

Fall event details will be posted to our club Facebook page: Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society. We welcome you to follow us! <https://www.facebook.com/CentralMissouriHemerocallisSociety>

Flint Hills Daylily Society

-by Ann Redmon

It's been a busy, crazy spring here in Manhattan, KS. We have had regular club meetings, held at the Riley County Senior Center, the first Mondays of April and June. Jane Amy presented interesting and informative programs on good sources of daylilies and another on good, modern daylilies. Lots of eye candy to drool over and add to our list of plants we want but don't have room for! We also had drawings for opportunities to purchase plants obtained from Karol Emmerich and Lori-Ann Jones, as well as Participation plants procured from Bobby Scott at Topguns Daylilies.

We had our annual sale (haven't had one for awhile due to Covid) on May 7 at the Manhattan Farmers' Market. Had cold wet weather for wash and tag out at Irene Johnson's, but the weather on Saturday for the sale was wonderful and we had a successful sale.

Several members attended the former Winter Gathering, this year Spring Fling, and had a wonderful time getting together with other daylily fans! It's always a great event, no matter when it is held!

On Saturday, June 25, we held Daylily Daze at the Kansas State Gardens in conjunction with the annual Master Gardener's tour. We had a display of blooms from our home gardens, as well as numerous potted daylilies which were given away in drawings every 15 minutes. We also had visitors choose their 3 favorite daylilies blooming in the gardens as well as their 3 favorites from the bloom display. Jim Fry's FIRST ONE SEEN TODAY was the People's Choice winner in the bloom display and PRIMAL SCREAM and TREASURE OF THE SOUTHWEST won for plants in the garden. We shared lots of information about daylilies with the general gardening public and even got a new member. Two of our member's gardens were also on the tour—Christopher Renner and Steve and Jane Amy shared their beautiful gardens with hundreds of garden lovers who got a chance to see just how wonderful daylilies are!

Greater St. Louis Daylily Society

-by Sara Binz

The spring speakers were well received. Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Gardens told us of her

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experience with “I Lava You”. She generated a larger than usual attendance. Richard Howard of CT Daylilies told us the story behind “Explosion in the Paint Factory.” Due to Zoom, we were able to host 4 visitors from outside our club for each presentation. We always invite and welcome other clubs as well as the public to our zoom presentations.

The May online auction was prepared and executed by our members Dave Themes, Russ Roberts and Rebecca Willison. There were 95 cultivars from Blue Ridge Daylilies, Heavenly Gardens, Spacecoast Daylilies, Slightly Different Nursery, Riverbend Daylily Garden and CT Daylily. Seventeen members took home new plants.

Some GSLDS members were honored with a garden visit from ADS President Scott Elliot and Vice President Rhonda Veroeven. They spent the morning at Laura and Tom Hood’s garden followed by Seajay and Richard Mock’s in the afternoon. Before the day was over they also visited Nikki Schmith’s garden in Illinois.

The summer picnic returned after its absence during the pandemic. The heat didn’t stop club members from enjoying Laura and Tom Hood’s garden. Italian Beef was the popular food choice. The traditional ‘Rob your Neighbor’ was played after lunch. The popular gifts were a bluebird house, daylily plant, and various hand clippers.

We hope to hold an online auction in September to raise money for the club. Members are looking forward to the photo contest that will be held in October. The categories and rules will be the same as those for the region 11 winter gathering.

Mineral Area Hemerocallis Society

The club met in April to hold its first business meeting since the pandemic. We had a lot on our agenda, but we were more interested in visiting with our friends that we had not seen for two years. We scheduled a combination meeting/tour with the Mineral Area iris Society in May at Judy and Bob Skaggs’, but that did not happen due to a conflict in dates, and as it turned out, we wouldn’t have been able to do it because of a rain storm.

Lea Ann James and I operated a booth in the Bonne Terre’s First Annual Festival in April. We had a lot of success selling daylilies. I was told by the festival manager, we had more success than any other booth. That made us proud. We loved informing people about the daylily, taught many how to plant, and of course were really happy that they took a plant or two home.

We did have success June 25 with our daylily garden tour/member auction at Sharon and Dennis Cordray’s.

The garden was beautiful, the potluck meal was scrumptious, and again, we had a wonderful time visiting with our friends. I don’t know if the past has made us realize the importance of fellowship, but it seemed that the atmosphere was so much different.

Our next meeting will be in August with another auction that will be public. We haven’t decided, but we are thinking that we will have another outdoor activity. Looking forward to the future.

Mo-Kan Daylily Society

-by Connie Snow; photos provided by Connie Snow

Mo-Kan Daylily celebrated its 45th Birthday at our meeting on June 11th. The thirty-three members



attending enjoyed seeing so many of their friends and were also treated to cake, coffee and fruit skewers.

We had an enormous bag auction organized by Annella Kuhar and assisted by Rachel White and Janet Schwenke. Everything was displayed on long tables. There were potted daylilies, hostas, Lily of the Valley and variegated Solomon’s Seal. A



Alice Lenington and Gayle Yelenik

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Lois Hart promoting the July 2nd Flower Show

line of colorful bags lined the tables and the items ranged from humming bird feeders with books on hummers, gardening tools, gloves and stained glass items. The silent auction had a large garden spinner, a metal trellis and a stained glass hummer. Everyone really enjoyed getting tickets for either daylily dollars (credits for volunteering) or cash.

President Ron Topping presided over a brief meeting then Gayle Yelenik began her blast from the past to the present

PowerPoint presentation. The presentation highlighted the history of the club. It spanned prior years, listing our presidents from 1977 to the present. We saw pictures from the club of current and prior members, gardens and events such as cleaning days, sale and show days. All and all everyone really enjoyed our very Happy Club Birthday!

We are currently planning our July 2nd flower show at the Overland Park Arboretum. Although not juried, we will have on and off-scape flower displays. There will be an area where members will demonstrate how to plant a daylily. There will be information about our club and how to join. What a great way to show off the beauty of daylilies and encourage present and future gardeners.

At the September 10th member-only daylily dollar (DD) and cash auction we should have fun bidding on daylilies purchased from hybridizers and ones donated for the event by club members. We always look forward to acquiring new (or new to us) daylilies for our gardens and passing on some of our flowers from clump divisions.

A warm thank you goes out to all the members who helped make the birthday celebration a success and to those volunteering to chair and help with our other activities this year.

Ozark Daylily Society

-by Beverly Long

Our outdoor calendar this spring and early summer has been full.

Joining with several other community garden clubs, we participated in the Botanical Center's April plant sale. Preparation takes a week of digging, cleaning, bagging, and tagging. Club members were generous with their time. The sale featured a new location at and around the Japanese pavilion which provides

more parking, restroom facilities and more space for each club's plantings to be displayed. Of course, it was rainy and stormy for the start of the sale. We had a great crowd, sold all our daylilies, which included 77 different varieties, in three hours and made more money than at past sales. The best thing that happened was that many of our customers said they wait for our sale each year because the daylilies they buy always grow so well and are so beautiful. So, we are meeting one of our goals of creating a demand for quality day lilies.

May 14 was the Botanical Center's Garden Showcase. Several club members represented our club and answered questions about our daylily plantings and club work. Unfortunately, the daylilies were not in bloom and the peonies and iris were, so they received many more visitors and questions than we did.

As I write this, our



Botanical Center's April sale



Botanical Center's daylily collection

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Botanical Center daylilies are in spectacular bloom - many large and beautiful blooms with many more buds that will bloom in the next weeks.

On July 1 we plan an ice cream social at the gazebo. Afterward we will deadhead the daylilies so the daylily beds-despite the deer fencing- look great for the Fourth of July Holiday weekend.

Our final activity of the season will be our annual Member's Picnic and Daylily Auction which will be held outdoors on Saturday August 27.

Topeka Daylily Club

-by Debra King

We ended our spring and headed toward our summer by hosting Phil Korth, from Pinewood Gardens in Suamico, Wisconsin in March. We learned about his program and some of the naming behind his beautiful flowers, like some named in honor of his furry friends.

Our April meeting was held via Zoom with Sandy Holmes, from Riverbend Daylilies in Xenia, Ohio. We had a fun time chatting with her and meeting her grandson at the end of our meeting.

Our May member's only auction was filled with gorgeous plants from Phil Korth, Chad Bush, Kathleen Nordstrom, and Mike Grossman. Some of our members made the short trek down to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to enjoy the Region 11 meeting and tour some of the fabulous gardens down there.

We're getting ready to host our Daylily Show here in Topeka on July 2, and then in August we'll be preparing for our annual farmers' market sale!



Phil Korth presenting to the Topeka Club

West County Daylily Club

-by Chick Buehrig

Our favorite time of year has finally arrived. We have daylilies blooming and they are beautiful!!! The West County Daylily Club has several engagements scheduled which we think you surely will enjoy.

Number ONE on the schedule is a Saturday morning three gardens tour, July 2, hosted by Kathy and Dan Krattli, Jerry McDaniel and Mamie Lauck, and Laura and Tom Hood.

We did check the possibility of chartering a bus for the day, but the price for renting a bus for the trek is cost prohibitive thanks to the increase in gasoline prices. Another suggestion was carpooling. That may be an option for some who live near each other.

Number TWO is a meeting scheduled for August 5, 7:30 P.M. at MOBOT's Commerce Bank Education Center at the corner of Shaw and Kingshighway.

Number THREE: NOW BELIEVE THIS: the Garden has given us permission to have a sale of the daylily increases in the Jenkins Garden. The sale will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 13, at MOBOT.

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 10, we will start digging and packaging plants for Saturday's sale. We are going to need much help from those of you who have helped in the past as well as those of you who are interested in spending a good part of your day working with daylily plants and daylily people.

For safety reasons, the Garden staff demands and provides all with orange "Daylilies, I dig 'em!" tee shirts. Most will have them still and for the newbies, you must send me your size so that it can be ordered for you. Lunch will be prepared for us by the Garden staff. Like always, it has been a great meal. In order to know for how many to prepare, please send an email or phone call by Wednesday, July 20, stating you will be working with us on Wednesday, August 10, and eating lunch that day too. You can use the following email and phone number for orange shirt requests as well. The email address is: Buehrig31@aol.com The phone # is 314-389-8261. Leave a message if we don't answer the phone.

Number FOUR - The last event planned for WCDC in 2022 is a daylily meeting in the Commerce Bank Education Center on Friday, October 7, at 7:30 P.M.

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