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Region 11

DISPLAY GARDEN ISSUE

Region 11's Wonderful Display Gardens

After a decline in the number of display gardens over the past decade, Region 11 once again has 19 gardens showcasing the wonderful world of daylilies.

AWARD OF MERIT

What does the Award of Merit tell us about daylilies?

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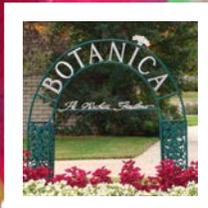
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Have you voted?



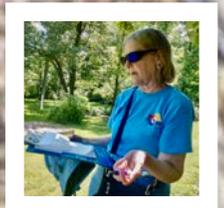
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Youth	\$10.00
Life	\$500.00

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(2 people, same address)

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In this issue...

Welcome to another edition of the MoKanOk Daylily. Since we last came to the mailbox, the world has changed in ways we could hardly fathom in the modern age of medical science. Summer Gatherings have been canceled as was the AHS National Convention. Still, our gardens are growing and we have experienced an exquisite bloom season here in the Flint Hills. All that rain we received in 2019 loaded our gardens with nitrogen and made for a stunning blooms season.

Since we didn't get to visit any gardens as a regional encounter this summer, we are bringing the gardens to you! We are featuring six our region's AHS Display Gardens in this issue to give the membership a sense of the high-quality gardens in our region and hopefully encourage some of you to consider becoming a new display garden for the region.

Christopher E. Renner



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Judie Branson Gone but not Forgotten!!



- by Sue Calbreath

Judie took her last breath on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 10:05am with her family at her side. I could not believe it when Mia, Judie's granddaughter, texted me that Judie was in Hospice. We had made some plans for me to come to Springdale, AK when we were no longer quarantined to show her and Gail Wright my pictures from my trip to Africa. We had just texted on March 23 and she said "I never know from day-to-day how I am going to feel. Today, I actually worked outside a couple of hours - spent most of it on my butt, scooting along pulling weeds and dandelions." She loved her garden and the daylilies had a special place in her heart. She was especially proud of the daylily named for her. She said in her President's message in the Fall issue of *The Daylily Journal*, "Have you ever felt special? Felt like you were the luckiest person on the face of the earth? Well, I felt that way when Earl Watts named one of his beautiful daylilies for me," 'Suburban Judie Branson', Watts 2019.

Judie also had a special place in her heart for the Siloam Daylilies and became known as an expert on them. Several clubs had her come and share her knowledge about these small beauties. Judie was a member of the the Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society as well as the Ozark Daylily Society in Missouri. She did most of her local activities with the Ozark Daylily Society and Region 11 where she had made

some great daylily friends. The Arkansas club was closer to her home in Springdale, AR, but she said her closest friends were in Missouri.

The picture at right is of Judie in her favorite place, on a garden tour. She is on a much-needed break here with Hans Herrington, grandson of hybridizer Tim Herrington. She not only liked to visit with friends on the bus or in the gardens, Judie often would arrive early and work in the garden helping get them ready for the tour. In 2019, she worked in my garden for the Springfield Summer Meeting and in 2018, she worked in Watts Suburban Garden in Hattiesburg, LA. Working in the garden gave her the opportunity to meet new people and she said she would always learn something new about gardening and find new favorite daylilies for her small garden in Springdale, who needs grass.

Judie was an advocate for ADS. She felt there was no better place to make friends, and I certainly did when I met Judie. She drove 3 hours after my husband died to help weed his perennial garden. Dennis was the gardener at my house not me. I was not sure which plants were good and which ones were weeds. That is a real friend. Then there was our last trip to the AHS National in Wisconsin. I was using my Google maps to navigate. Well, on our way home Judie decided she knew a better route than Google. Her route added three hours to our trip. We had to stop and spend the night. We laughed a lot about Judie's Navigation System. This memory brought a smile to my face. As you think of Judie, may your memories bring a smile to your face.

Judie believed the garden was the place to go and find peace and get rejuvenated. I heard her say more than once, if you do not stop and smell the roses (or daylilies in our case) you'll miss out on life and a good friend.

In closing, in Judie's words "Life's a dance you learn as you go."



Judie Branson with Hans Herrington (photo by Tim Herrington)

Summer Board Meeting Report

- by **Lois Hart, Scott Elliot, and Charlotte Chamitoff**

The ADS national convention in Savannah Georgia was cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus but the board of directors was able to meet via a Zoom conference. Six members were in Savannah to attend the meeting.

The proposed bylaw changes were approved by the membership vote. One change is that a nominee for director now only needs to have attended two national conventions to be eligible for the position. Another change allows the board to appoint a director for a region that cannot find a member willing to serve as the Regional Director. Another change allows the board to nominate a past president or current Regional President to be the ADS board president if no sitting director is willing to accept the position.

The registrar reported that there were 91,957 registered daylilies as of 5/26/2020. There were 2500 new registrations in 2019. Also 1219 new photos were obtained for the data base. The archives committee reported they are screening slides that have been sent in from older hybridizers. The photo committee has the Daylily Journal photo index updated. It is hoped that a region number can be assigned to registrations so one will know in what area a plant was hybridized. There is a search for the location of deceased hybridizers and there are still 57 with no known address.

The board plans to appoint a Local Club Facilitator chair to increase communication and support for the local daylily clubs.

The *Open Form Daylilies, Spiders, Unusual forms, and other Exotics* book promotion brought in 135 new members. With 1135 copies still in the storage unit there will probably be future promotions for new members.

Work is about complete on a *Hybridizing 101* book and the publication committee is looking for an author for a book on small and miniature daylilies.

It was announced that the auction of the Savannah "auction" plants covered the convention expenses that had been paid leading up to the convention and all registration fees were returned.

Bev Winkelman, membership, said the ADS has an account with Office Max that the regions can use when they have a large amount of printing. She will furnish the region with the account information.

The next convention will be in **Hattiesburg, Mississippi in May 20-23, 2021**. The fall board meeting will also be held in Hattiesburg or via Zoom if necessary.

Putting a name with a face...

Charlotte Chamitoff on the Daylily Robin reports that Arthur Jasinski of Poland did a wonderful job putting faces to names of many early hybridizers. You can see his work on his Facebook page found here:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/SpecjalistyczneGospodarstwoOgrodniczeHemerocallis/photos/?ref=page_internal

If one scrolls to the bottom of the page he shows ALL the AHS Presidents (55 pics) and also ALL the Helen Fischer Gold Medal recipients (75 pics) as well as 326 photos of daylily hybridizers and more. It's a huge resource and very well done.

Charlotte notes that if one does not do Facebook, when that window pops up to join Facebook, she just clicks "not now" and can still scroll through all of Arthur's images. Each image enlarges with data.

The Daylily Hybridizer's Corner can be found at:
<http://www.daylilydiary.com/gardenHybridC.htm>

Encourage your friends to join ADS...

Now more than ever, we need to spend time doing things that bring us joy, and celebrating and sharing what we love with others. In that spirit, the American Daylily Society is sharing with you a FREE digital copy of the latest issue of The Daylily Journal, a quarterly full color hard copy publication, which is normally only mailed to our members.

Here is the link to the 2020 Summer issue of *The Daylily Journal*. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2f943ffe-768f-4544-97e3-494b93c05d3e> Feel free to share the link with family and friends.

Click on <https://daylilies.org/membership/> to learn more about the benefits of being a member of the American Daylily Society and to JOIN US! Right now, you can join as a trial member for only \$15 [offer limited to NEW ADS subscribers] and receive both fall and winter issues of The Daylily Journal!

Regional President

Best made plans...

- by Ann Redmon

Such a different world we are living in! Pandemic, social distancing, shut downs, isolation. And yet, our daylilies bloom and bring us joy! As gardeners, we always live with hope and anticipation—new blooms, new crosses to be made, better weather, timely rains. And while for now we continue with social distancing and very much miss our daylily friends, we know that with time, wisdom, and cautious optimism, we will get through this and life will eventually get back to something at least approximating normal. And the daylilies will continue to grow and bloom. And we will spend time in our gardens, where we find joy in the midst of our chaotic world.



Dietmar's Wisdom. A cute little thing from the Elliotts in Georgia that I got as a bus plant at the National Convention in Myrtle Beach.

had recently started) when it closed, but we have taken more walks together. So, I am grateful that, while different, life has been good here in Manhattan. There are many in our world who have been hit far harder by this virus and the damage done to lives and economies. So many are truly suffering and I know that each of us in our own way are doing what we can to care for those who need hope in these times.

By the time this issue reaches you, I imagine the daylilies will be winding down, but right now they are just getting going, with new faces showing up every day, both in the garden and in the seedling beds. It's such an exciting time!! In spite of heat, humidity, mosquitoes and biting flies....

And last but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate Carol Schultz who has been elected to be our Region 11 President starting in January 2021! I would also like to thank the nominating committee (Steve and Jane Amy, Susanne Thompson, and Kathy Krattli) for their diligence and insight in searching for an excellent candidate. And huge thanks to Carol for her willingness to serve as President after many years serving as our Region's Treasurer!



I do hope that all of you are finding solace and peace (and beautiful blooms!) in your gardens. I know I am!! The Flint Hills Daylily Society very much wishes that you all would have been able to join us in Manhattan for our Summer Meeting 4th of July Weekend, but we will work hard to make our gardens even lovelier by next summer, when we hope to host the re-scheduled Summer Meeting!

While most of my summer has revolved around working in both my home garden and the community garden plots, other parts of life, while changed, went on. I chatted with my neighbors (from 6+ feet outdoors) more than usual as they were at home too and walking and working outdoors. I learned how to do Zoom meetings, both with our church and with our daylily group. I learned how to get my groceries by ordering online and just picking them up. I very much miss seeing my grandkids, but did get to video chat with them and talked on the phone with their parents more often than usual. My husband and I had to stop going to the gym (a habit we



Public Display of Affection. A wonderful daylily by Nate Bremer that I won at a past Winter Gathering auction

Regional Publicity Director

Do you Zoom? How clubs can reach their members during the pandemic

- **Christopher E. Renner**

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were all faced with a reality which we hadn't seen in recent decades: there's no cure or vaccine for a medical problem. Suddenly to prevent the spread of a contagion, we had to stop doing things as our normal routine would demand and start doing things in a new way. Change often generates fear and what transpired across the nation in February and March was no exception. I suddenly went from being in classrooms 9 hours a day to sitting in front of my computer and "Zooming" with my students. I cannot say I enjoy teaching online, but given the circumstances I didn't have much of a choice.

Several digital platforms exist for face-to-face communication in the digital age: Skype and Face Time are two apps I use fairly regularly to visit with friends in Italy. However, those are one-on-one communication platforms that are not designed for groups, unless you have a Skype business account that allows you to teleconference with multiple participants.

Multiple platforms exist for group interactions: Google Hangouts, Blue Jeans, Zoom or Microsoft Teams all provide similar connectivity for people to come together for work or study. Zoom, which offers free 40-minute sessions, quickly became the go to platform during the Corona lockdown. None of the platforms are difficult to learn to use, I think Zoom is a little more intuitive than Microsoft Teams. One thing is for sure, if we want to keep our membership engaged during this health crisis, using a remote videoing/communication platform is going to have to become normative until a vaccine is developed. I do not expect to see a vaccine until sometime in 2022, if we are lucky. HIV has been around for 40 years and no vaccine has yet been developed for that pathogen.

Zoom allows for up to 100 participants with a free account subscription. To create an account (subscription), open the web browser of your choice on your Mac or PC and head to the Zoom website (zoom.us) to create and manage an account. Click on "Sign up - it's free" to create your account. Once you create an account, when you return just click on "My Account" after logging in to bring you to your account details.

You can schedule, join, or host a meeting at the top of the screen. Click on any of these three options and follow the prompts to set up or join a video call online. To join a call, you'll need the Meeting ID or name or link - these are provided when you receive an invitation.

The set up for tablets vs. the computer version is slightly different, what I provide here is for the computer version. I do not use a tablet, but friends

have told me that many of things I talk about here are found under the "More" option on the Zoom for tablets.

On the left hand side of the screen, you'll find a variety of options, including the first and perhaps most important: Profile. This is where you can change your profile picture, edit your email or password, and make other changes in this settings section. You'll also find the option to sign out of Zoom on all of your devices at the bottom of this page.

Other tabs on the left hand side include webinars, recordings, and your settings. The webinar feature can only be enabled if you pay for an account, and recordings will direct you to enable the feature for you and your meeting participants. At school all our sessions had to be recorded. I'm not sure that is necessary for a club function.

One thing to note is at the top is a pull down menu where you can "exit full screen" - I choose to do this because I often have multiple programs running on my computer and I find it easier to use Zoom in this mode. Other features are in a toolbar across the bottom of the Zoom screen - "chat" is the most important to click on. This allows you to message the entire group or send private messages to one individual. The chat feature also shows you who else is on the Zoom session and you will find "raise hand" - a feature that lets the moderator know you have something to say or a question.

The MOST IMPORTANT thing to do once you have said "hello," is to **mute your microphone**. The host can forcibly mute everyone, but I prefer for people to get in the habit of muting and unmuting themselves so they learn how to talk using a digital platform. It is VERY IMPORTANT to learn to mute... I've heard things I really did not need to know, when a husband or wife or child started talking not realizing their conversation is being shared with 40 other people! Likewise, let people know you are on a digital conference and the microphone is on in your household to avoid embarrassment.

I would encourage people to download the desktop app which offers a more streamlined version of the full



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software. An app version of the software is also available for smart phones with the same basic features

On their support website, Zoom offers a variety of video tutorials which will walk you through the set up and function of each Zoom feature. The tutorials are easy to follow and provide hands-on learning for those who prefer to learn by doing. The webpage is: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

Additional tutorials are available on YouTube, just search “How to use Zoom” and a variety of videos will pop up. Some are professionally made, others not so much. The objective is to become familiar with the platform so that the fear element is removed and you feel comfortable using a new technology. Zoom can also be used for family gatherings. I recently participated in a birthday party that was conducted via Zoom as well as connecting to my faith community which hasn’t held in-person gatherings since March.

Flint Hills Daylily Club has had two meetings using the Zoom platform. The 40 minutes can be a little short for a club meeting, so I recommend scheduling two sessions.

Participants will have to leave and log back in, but it is not that much of a hassle.

The host can even arrange for break out rooms - which I’ve used for various committees to meet and talk within a larger meeting. These need to be set up when you schedule the Zoom session and the moderator can assign people to them based on who is in attendance.

My feeling is we are going to have to learn how to work around the current health crisis and using technology can help people feel connected. I know not everyone has a computer and if many members in your club are not connected to the Internet, another option is for an old fashioned conference call. If conference calling would be a better fit for your club freeconferencecall.com provides a good platform. Fifteen years ago when I had a community affairs program on a local radio station, I used this service a lot to connect guests from across the state and nation for live interviews and discussions. Like Zoom, Freeconferencecall also has a computer and streaming option that can be combined with the regular telephone conferences to provide a range of options for keeping people engaged.

Have you voted in the Popularity Poll?

The 2020 Popularity Poll is open and ready for people to vote! Go to: <https://daylilies.org/PopPoll/>, choose “Region 11” from the pull down menu and VOTE!

As a reminder, those cultivars which have already won the popularity poll **should not be considered** for the 2020 Pop Poll. Those include: *Purple Cheetah*, *Heavenly Angel Ice*, *Rose F. Kennedy*, *Webster’s Pink Wonder*, *Dorothy and Toto*, *Kansas Kitten*, *Primal Scream*, *Cherokee Pass*, *Beautiful Edgings*, *Iona Pink Promise*, and *Strawberry Candy*.

The Popularity Poll is intended to be an individual’s own personal vote for the member’s favorite daylilies. Independent voting ensures each member’s vote will carry equal weight in choosing the Region’s most popular daylilies. Group voting and other activities which influence the poll’s outcome are not allowed and may result in those ballots not being counted.

**VOTE
NOW**



H. Hold Your Horses (Trimmer, 2004)

2020 Popularity Poll

This is the paper version of the 2020 Popularity Poll. **The electronic version is available at: <https://daylilies.org/PopPoll/>.** If using the electronic version, please select "Region 11" from the pull down menu and save your ballot when you finish. The ballot will not be submitted until September 1, thus members can go back and change their votes until that time.

If mailing a hard copy of the ballot, **it must be postmarked by September 1, 2020.** Please submit only one copy of the ballot (either electronically or in hard copy; **electronic ballots are preferred**). Mail to: Christopher Renner, 508 Valley Drive, Manhattan, KS, 66502

Each ADS member can vote for up to 10 cultivars in the Popularity Poll. A ballot with only one vote is acceptable. In addition to the cultivars listed, members can write in up to five (5) personal choices. Please **CIRCLE your choices**, or write in your choices in the space below.

A Green Desire	Diamond Jim	Ivory Plume	Pardon Me
Anam Cara	Elfin Energy	Jelly Filled Donut	Quest for Brilliance
Arcadia Valley Mountain Music	Eye of the Cat	Jokester	Rocket Blast
Bang Bang	Exotic Starfish	Kaitlyn's Eclipse	Rumor Has It
Bay of Biscay	Forever Redeemed	Kayla's Song	Sebastian the Crab
Blackberry Dragon	Garcia Lorca	Mamalahlee	Tea Cozy
Broadway Raves	Glitter Gal	Mayor of Munchkinland	Tiki Flame
Carnival in Mexico	Gothic Quills	Missouri Gold	Topguns Dripping Gold
Catspaw Dancing Girl	Hannah Banana	Mollie's Eyes	Treasure of the Southwest
Catspaw Sunrise Sunset	Happy Dance	Mountain Orchid	Trickster
Cloud Hunter	Heavenly Dragon Fire	Neon Flamingo	True Fine Woman
Come Down O Love Divine	Heavenly Hula Dancer	North Wind Dancer	Wild Horses
Connie Can't Have It	Heavenly United We Stand	Painted Demon	Wildcat Starry Nights
Developing Story	How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	Papa Goose	Windswept Morning Angel

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Daylily club(s) _____

Signature: _____

Write-in Choices - up to five (5) write-ins:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Regional Treasurer Report

Regional Finances: Facing the future together

-by Carol Schultz, ADS Region 11 Treasurer

E-mail: adsregion11treasurer@gmail.com

Please study the 2020 report of income and expenses and the 2021 budget carefully. Since we have cancelled the 2021 Winter Gathering, the event that usually provided most of our income for the year, we have created a bare bones budget for 2021.

Our Director, Sue Calbreath, will not be traveling for ADS Board meetings, which will reduce that expense. And we aren't sure if/how the national ADS conference in Hattisburg, MS will be handled, so we may not have youth members or our Director attending that event.

I have heard that some local clubs have held on-line auctions. I would really encourage you to think about offering your expertise in this technology to conduct an auction for Region 11. If you have a project or suggestion that would benefit Region 11, please let me or other Board members know.



H. Escape Reality, Murphy-J, 2015. Photo: Christopher E. Renner

I completed the accounting from the Springfield Regional Meeting in June 2019. Region 11 recovered all expenses spent for deposits and upfront expenses incurred. Since we deposited all the registration fees into the Region 11 bank account, I reimbursed Ozark Daylily Club for the expenses they incurred, leaving us a net income over expenses of \$2,452.65. The Region 11 Board determined this amount should go to the host, Ozark Daylily Club. This is good information for other smaller clubs thinking about hosting a Regional meeting in the future with the assistance of the Region.



We can remember the fun time in Springfield, miss the good time we would be having in Manhattan, and look forward to next summer when, we hope, we can gather again. Bev Long, the Ozark Daylily Club President, reports that their club voted to share the wealth by reimbursing the Oklahoma City Club \$200 on bus costs (since it the COHS just as much to come for one day as for two) and they donated \$500 to the Region 11 MoKanOk fund. The remaining funds are being used to strengthen the club's presence in the community.

Region 11 is thriving because of the support of the local clubs, a sign of healthy daylily presence in our region. Thanks a lot everyone!

We need each club to think about increasing its donation to the Region during this time. I realize that you may not be meeting regularly or holding your usual fundraising events during this pandemic either, but we can all make it together, as is so often said.

Regional Treasurer Report

Financial Activity

		Budgeted Income 2020	Budgeted Expense 2020	INCOME Year to date 6/20/20	EXPENSE Year to date 6/20/20	Budgeted Income 2021	Budgeted Expense 2021
MoKanOK	AHS Postage	\$350.00				\$350.00	
	Advertising	\$200.00					
	Interest	\$5.00		\$1.95		\$5.00	
	Donations - Clubs	\$3,000.00		\$500.00		\$4,500.00	
	*Donations - Individuals/ Memorials	\$200.00				\$200.00	
	Basket Auction at Regional Meetings	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	
	MoKanOk Printing/ Mailing		-\$4,500.00		-\$3,488.01		-\$4,500.00
	**MoKanOk Production		-\$2,400.00		-\$3,200.00		-\$2,400.00
	MoKanOk Supplies		-\$500.00				-\$100.00
Total/Net		\$5,755.00	-\$7,400.00	\$501.95		\$7,055.00	-\$7,000.00
Internet Auction							
	Internet Auction	\$1,000.00		-\$37.01			
	Internet Auction Expense		-\$300.00				
Total/Net		\$1,000	-\$300.00	-\$37.01			
Winter Gathering							
	Registration Fees	\$4,500.00		\$5,863.55			
	Live & Silent Auction	\$5,000.00		\$6,764.00			
	Travel & Hotels - Presenters 2019		-\$1,000.00		-\$1,364.03		
	WG Auction Plants		-\$1,500.00		-\$800.00		
	WG Hotel Cost Facility Rental		-\$2,500.00		-\$2,122.60		
	WG Catering		\$ -		-\$1,610.26		
	Honoraria Presenters				-\$200.00		
	Printing and supplies		-\$250.00		-\$307.01		
	WG Shipping		-\$1,000.00		-\$226.15		
	Photo Contest		-\$500.00		-\$540.00		
Total/Net		\$9,000.00	-\$6,750.00	\$12,627.55	-\$7,170.05		

Regional Treasurer Report

General	Budgeted Income 2020	Budgeted Expense 2020	INCOME Year to date 6/20/20	EXPENSE Year to date 6/20/20	Budgeted Income 2021	Budgeted Expense 2021
Youth Members encouragement		-\$500.00				-\$500.00
Travel - Director		-\$1,500.00				-\$750.00
Travel - President		-\$500.00		-\$122.27		-\$250.00
Awards		-\$75.00				-\$75.00
AHS Insurance		-\$125.00		-\$84.75		-\$125.00
Website				-\$149.95		-\$200.00
Treasurer's Expense		-\$50.00				-\$50.00
Total		-\$2,875.00		-\$356.97		-\$1,950.00
Totals	\$15,755.00	-\$17,325.00			\$7,055.00	-\$8950.00
Bank Balance	\$37,186.00					

*Donations from clubs increased for 2021 budget

** \$800 of the MoKanOk expense reported was for the Winter 2019 publication

** The Board agreed to advance payment for 3 MoKanOk issues in 2020 to assist the new editor in set up.

RP Director Needed

- by Ann Redmon

Region 11 is looking for a Publicity Director. If you enjoy promoting daylies (who doesn't ???), are comfortable with Facebook (posting daily info on the Region's Facebook group), and can put together the yearly pop poll and collect the results (mostly on the AHS members' portal and database) and have a small amount of time available, the Region is looking for you!!

Christopher Renner, our current RPD would like to step down as he is also our *MoKanOk Daylily* editor and still working full time, in fact this fall he is starting in a new position in a Sheltered ESL classroom. He is also the chair of next summer's Regional in Manhattan, KS, as well as the region's new Garden Judge instructor.

So, if you are interested in becoming more involved in the Region (this is a Board position), please contact Christopher (mokanokeditor@gmail.com) for more information, or me at (Region11president@gmail.com).

Thanks so much for considering this position! The Region runs well because we have so many talented people who are willing to contribute! Start date would be January 2021.

Regional Webmaster Urgently Needed

The Region is in need of a person or persons who will be able to take over our regional webpage. Due to his heavy schedule of work and being a full-time university student, Michael Kowalchuk has had to step down as our webmaster.

Christopher Renner will fill in until we can find someone to take on the webpage as a dedicated task for the region.

You do not need to know code to be the webmaster. The service provider we chose to host the regional webpage has a "drag and drop" approach to webpage design. The webmaster can choose from a broad array of features and can make the page as simple or complicated as one desires. We're happy with the minimum, but it must be maintained - old information removed, new information uploaded.

The most important point to consider is the time commitment as webpages take time. Michael has got the basic format set out, but it needs some fine tuning and editing that will take some time to accomplish.

Contact Ann Redmon (president@gmail.com) if you can help.

Regional News

Garden Judges Corner

- by **Christopher E. Renner**

On June 26th, the Region held a session of Garden Judges 2 at the Ward-Meade Botanical Garden in Topeka. Ann Redmon assisted and I gave my first seminar as a new Garden Judges instructor. We had three students: Chris Tyler, Laura Ross and Karen Booker - all three were from the Topeka Daylily Club. Jim and Helen Fry helped by reserving the meeting room and getting us set up. We utilized the beds at Ward-Meade to judge both registered cultivars and seedlings. Ward-Meade has six seedlings, all of which were in bloom, so it made that portion of the seminar both interesting and fun.

Debbie Smith, ADS Judges Education Chair, reports that the online courses which had been scheduled to take place in April were canceled when all the participants who had enrolled withdrew in the uncertain times of the COVID-19 shutdown. Still, ADS is committed to providing the Garden Judges training in an online format for those who would like to complete the requirements. ADS will hold a class for **2 participants**, so there isn't really an excuse not to try.

ADS is also offering Exhibition Judges training sessions in an online format.

If you would be interested in completing your training using this platform, contact Debbie at <judgeseducation@daylilies.org> and ask to be signed up for the next training they have.

If you have questions about becoming a Garden Judge, please contact the Region 11 Garden Judges liaison, Diana Plahn, at <dplahn@me.com>

2020 Region 11 Garden Judges:

Jane Amy
 Steve Amy
 Clint Barnes
 Floanna Crowley
 Sherryl Fitzpatrick
 Kathy Foster
 Lois Hart
 Mary Hyden
 Brenda Jindra
 Ann Large
 Cindy L. Lindquist
 Mary Lou Lundblade
 Rick Pearce
 Kathy Pinkas
 Diana Plahn
 Ann Redmon
 Christopher Renner
 Nancy Rold
 Laura Ross (new judge)
 Carol Schultz
 Susanne Thompson
 Chris Tyler

Reminder:
Garden Judges ballots are due by September 1. You can vote your ballot online through the Membership Portal at daylilies.org.

2020 Stout Silver Medal Contestants

One of the biggest responsibilities of being a Garden Judge is voting each year for the Awards and Honors Ballot which includes the Stout Medal, Award of Merit, Honorable Mention and specialty awards. Here are the contestants for the 2020 Stout:

Aaron Brown	Christmas in Oz	Her Late Bloomers	Little Gold Nugget	Purple Tarantula	Topguns My Friend Ellen
Allen DNA	Desire of Nations	I Lava You	Little Lemon Twist	Spacecoast Dark Obsession	Violet Becomes You
Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson	Duck's Dark Side	Its Bitsy Spider	Memphis	Spacecoast Irish Illumination	Viva Glam Girl
Barbara Watts	Glorious Autumn	Jessica Lynn Bell	Ocean Spirit	Special Candy	Walter Kennedy
Big Red Wagon	Green Arrow	Laughing Skies	Papa Goose	Spotted Fever	Wildman George
Browns Ferry Royalty	Green Rainbow	Linda Bell	Riot on the Kindergarten Bus		

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Nominations Sought for the AHS Regional Service Award

- by Steve Amy

Some confusion has existed regarding the Regional Service Award in the past several years and may still be confusing to some. Our Region 11 has a Regional Service Award which is only for Region 11 members and has been renamed the **Mavis Smith Service Award** in honor of Mavis and to help reduce the confusion with the national organization's (**AHS**) **Regional Service Award** which is awarded to one person in EACH region yearly.

In 1974, the AHS Board established Regional Service Award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Currently serving board members are not eligible. However, serving Regional Presidents are now eligible to be nominated for these awards. (Board Motion 917, dated 10/29/2005.) Also, a person must either be living or must have been deceased for a period of 24 months at the time of nomination for the Regional Service Award. (Board motion 1025, dated 10/31/2009.)

Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award. An AHS member will only be eligible to win a Regional Service Award once. Nominations may come from any member of the nominee's region.

The deadline for the National Regional Service Award is **September 1**. Region 11 has not been very cognizant of the award and failed to submit any candidates for several of the years the award has been given, so we have not had anyone receive it since 2018.

Listed in the table in the center of this page are the past recipients from our region by year and you will note several gaps. We really need to do much better than we have in the past to recognize our members who give so much to our Region.

Please take a little time and think about your club members as well as other club members and you will certainly find at least one person and probably more that deserve recognition. Then take a few minutes or collaborate with others in your club to draft an inspiring document to show how the person or couple has contributed to your region in support of daylilies.

Detailed information is provided below on what is needed to do the nomination.

- Each nomination letter must be typed, either double or single spaced and should be limited to no more than two pages.
- All nomination letters should contain a summary of the nominee's worthiness for the award.
- While it is perfectly acceptable for several individuals to collaborate in writing nomination letters for worthy individuals, in the interest of preventing any hurt feelings or misunderstandings, it is recommended that these nominations be submitted in confidence and not shared with those being nominated.
- Nominations must be sent to the AHS Awards & Honors Chairman by **September 1st** by mail (Rhonda Veroeven 6674 Windsor Ridge Lane, Windsor, WI 53598) or email (awards@daylilies.org), and must contain a **summary of the nominee's worthiness for this award**.
- The AHS Board votes by secret ballot at the annual fall board meeting, and the award is presented at the following AHS National Convention.

Year	AHS Regional Service Award Recipients	State
2018	Ron Azzani	MO
2015	Bettye Coughenour	KS
2014	Harry & Sharron Gregory	KS
2013	Andrea Weaver	KS
2012	Michael Bouman	MO
2009	Elaine Holstrom	KS
2008	Bob Tankesley Clarke	MO
2005	Mary Lou Lundblade	KS
2004	John Eiseman	MO
2003	Bob McConnell	MO
2002	Barbara Dean	OK
2001	Richard K. Dixon	MO
1996	Peggy Estes	OK
1990	Jo-An & Fred Finke	MO
1987	Harold Daum	MO
1982	Bertha Plato	OK
1979	Macis Smith	MO
1976	Ruth Mannoni	KS

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Region 11 President Election Results

**-by Steve and Jane Amy, co-chairs
Nominating Committee**

Carol Schultz was elected as the next President of Region 11. Congratulations Carol! Her term will begin in January 2021.

Thank you all who voted, and we are certain Carol will be a great President in the upcoming term starting January 2021.

We had good results with the email balloting process to vote for our next Regional President. We received six paper ballots from the MoKanOk, and seventy-four electronic email ballots returned. This is a big change from our previous method of printing the ballot in the MoKanOk which usually returned few ballots by mail. We usually had a voice or show of hands vote as well in the Business Meeting portion of the Regional Meeting.

Due to the cancellation of the Regional Meeting this year, ADS allowed the use of electronic balloting. We are not sure if it will continue to be allowed but it worked well despite some bits of confusion on how to vote and return the email ballot. We also had some misunderstanding on the distribution of the electronic email ballot and many people may have gotten more than one email ballot sent to them. If the email ballot process is allowed in the future, perhaps it will be a little easier to understand and process.

Thanks again to all who voted and of course, thanks especially to Carol for accepting the nomination.

Thanks also to Susanne Thompson, Kathi Krattli and Jane Amy who were members of the Nominating Committee for all the time and effort in search for a candidate.

Region Fundraiser: Help fund the MOKANOK--- donate plants for an internet auction

-by Lois Hart

Region 11 receives its income from the Winter Gathering and Local Daylily club donations. The 2021 Winter Gathering has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus, so the regional officers are looking for additional income sources.

The Lily Auction is one venue that is available and there are Facebook sites for selling daylilies. Since most club sales have been cancelled for 2020 our members should have a selection of plants that desperately need dividing and Region 11 would appreciate your donation.

The region will sell the plants and then notify the donor when and where to ship. If you are uncomfortable with the shipping process, the region will arrange for a local club member to assist you. Shipping costs will be reimbursed unless you want to make that a donation to the fund.

You may contact Ann Redmon (annred97@gmail.com), Carol Schultz (carolmschultz@aol.com), Lois Hart (legwh85@mokancomm.net), or Chris Tyler (sctyler74@gmail.com) about making donations to this effort.

No set dates have been established for running the auction since plants can be listed at any time. First we need to have plants to list for sale! Please check your garden for excess plants, let us know if you can donate, and help the MOKANOK FUND.

We will have more information in the Fall issue of the MoKanOk Daylily.

Winter Gathering 2021 Is Canceled

More sad news seems to be a daily occurrence on the COVID-19 front which is affecting the hospitality industry especially hard. After several conversations with Drury Suites, the Region 11 Board has decided to cancel the Winter Gathering 2021. The hotel could not accommodate our numbers.

Regulations prohibit the use of buffets for serving food, number of people in the meeting rooms, the number of people allowed at each table, etc.

We will get through this but only if we each do our part to protect the health of each other.

AHS Awards

The AHS Award of Merit: What does it tell us about the daylily over the past two decades?

-By Claude Carpenter

-This article originally appeared in *The Georgia Daylily*, Spring 2020. Reprinted here with the permission of the author.

The AHS Award of Merit is the second highest cultivar award given in our society. It is extremely hard to win this award. There are only twelve given each year out of approximately 180 cultivars that have previously won an AHS Honorable Mention Award. (That is a 7% probability.) The twelve winners each year are determined by votes of our AHS Garden Judges. The votes must be spread across at least 50% of our regions. No more than 33% of the votes can come from any one region. This is to ensure that they are observed and grow well across a wide geographical area. Obviously these twelve daylilies would be a great addition to any garden.

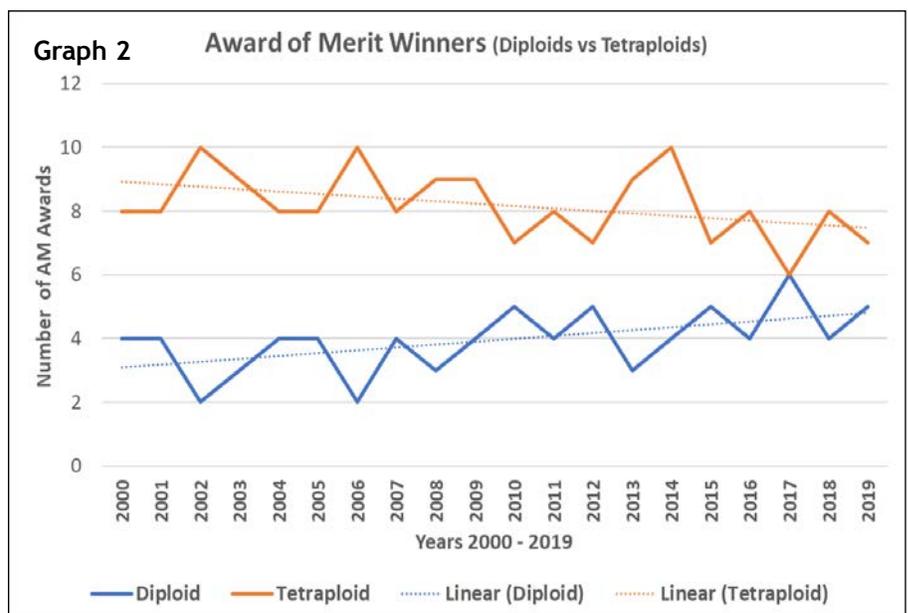
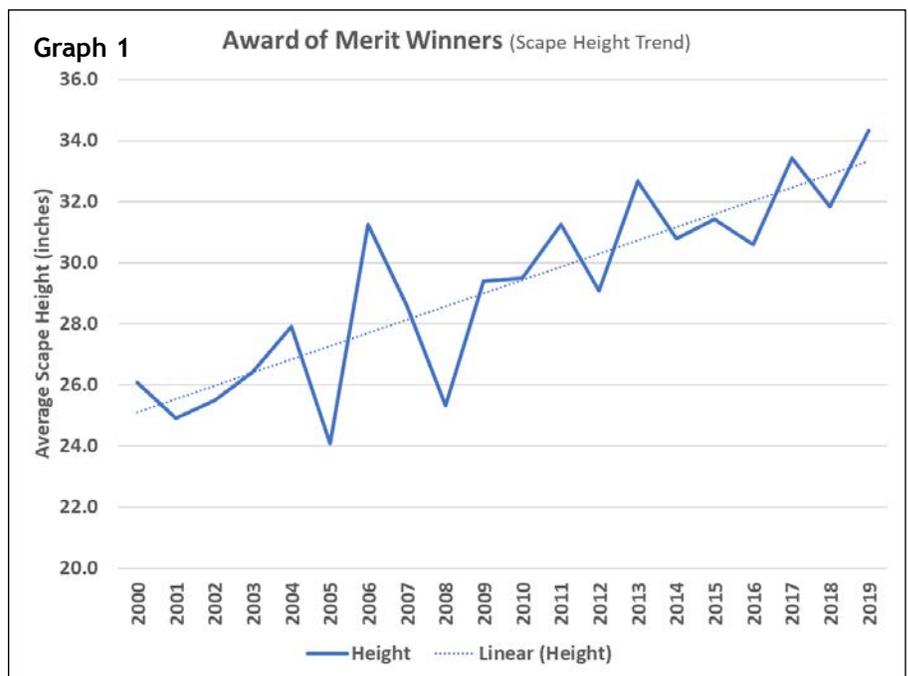
Most of us who have been growing daylilies since the year 2000 are certainly aware of significant changes in the daylilies that are introduced by our hybridizers since the turn of the century. What are these changes? Over the past twenty years, 243 daylilies have won the AHS Award of Merit. Let's examine the characteristics of the winners each year over time. I have taken the characteristics of the twelve each year and then compared these characteristics across a twenty-year period.

The winning number of each flower type has seen a significant change. In the year 2001, 10 Large/Extra Large, 1 Spider/UF, and 1 double won the Award of Merit. From 2001 through 2006 only one Spider/UFs won an AM each year. Since 2006 the trend line reveals that the number of Large/Extra Large winners have declined and the number of Spider/UF winners has increased. In the year 2019 there was an equal number of each. Over the twenty years the number of Small/Miniature and Doubles winners has remained relatively constant.

The average scape height of each year's AM winners has also seen a significant change (see Graph 1). The average scape

height has increased from approximately 25 inches in the early 2000s to just over 32 inches in 2019. This trend will no doubt continue in the coming years as scape height in new introductions is trending higher.

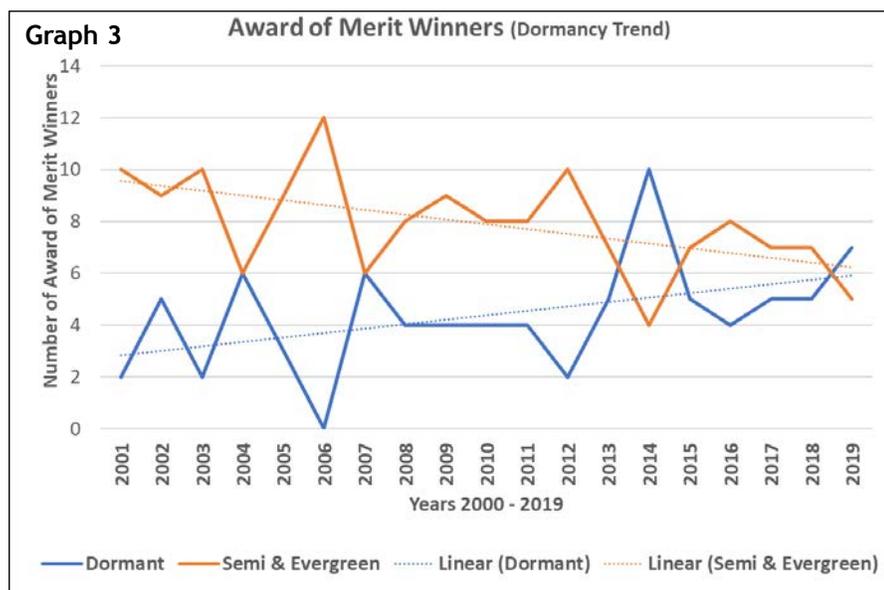
The hybridizing trend over the last twenty years of the 20th century was to tetraploid daylilies, after hybridizers



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learned how to convert diploids. Tetraploid hybridizing reached its peak in the early 2000s when over 80% of the AM winners were tetraploids. Since then the trend is toward more diploid winners each year until 2017 when the number was equal (see Graph 2). Two of the past four Stout Silver Medal winners have been diploids.

In the early 2000s dormancy of the Award of Merit winners was dominated by evergreen/semi-evergreen daylilies. In 2006 there were zero dormant Award of Merit winner. Since then the trend has been more dormant winners each year until 2019 when 7 of the 12 winners were dormant (see Graph 3).



The 12 Award of Merit winners each year automatically go on the Stout Silver Medal Ballot two years later. They will remain on that ballot for up to three years unless they win the Stout Silver Medal.

Award of Merit winners receiving the most votes over the last decade in order of most votes.

1. Webster's Pink Wonder (2012)
2. Mayor of Munchkinland (2019)
3. Papa Goose (2018)
4. Heavenly United We Stand (2015)
5. White Eyes Pink Dragon (2013)

Some additional facts about the Award of Merit winners as they became eligible for the Stout Silver Medal:

Every Stout Silver Medal winner since 2001 has been in the top

three in votes the year they won the Award of Merit.

Eight of the last sixteen Stout Silver Medal winners received the most votes the year they won the Award of Merit.

There were no Stout Silver Medal winners from the cultivars that won the Award of Merit in 2006, 2008, and 2009 and 2011.

Award of Merit winners for the following years produced two Stout Silver Medals:

2007 AM winners

- H. 'North Wind Dancer'
- H. 'J. T. Davis'

2010 AM winners

- H. 'Heavenly Angel Ice'
- H. 'Carnival In Mexico'

2012 AM winners

- H. 'Dorothy and Toto'
- H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder'

There were no Stout Silver Medal winners from the 2016 and 2017 AM winners; however, they are still on the ballot in 2020.

The Award of Merit winners for the years 2018 and 2019 have not been eligible for the Stout Silver Medal prior to this year. They will go on the ballots as follows:

In 2020 the 2018 winners will go on the ballot. The top three from 2018:

- H. 'Papa Goose'
- H. 'Get Jiggy'
- H. 'I Lava You'

In 2021 the 2019 winners will go on the ballot. The top three from 2019

- H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'
- H. 'Walt Lowry'
- H. 'Green Inferno'

How did your favorite hybridizer rank in the number of Award of Merit over the past two decades? Table 1 shows the rank of those receiving 5 or more AMs since 2000. Table 2 shows the top hybridizers with 4 or more AMs since 2010. Pat Stamile won the most AMs in both decades. Jeff Salter was runner up in the years 2000 -2009. Jamie Gossard is the runner up since 2010.



H. Webster's Pink Wonder photo by Christopher Renner

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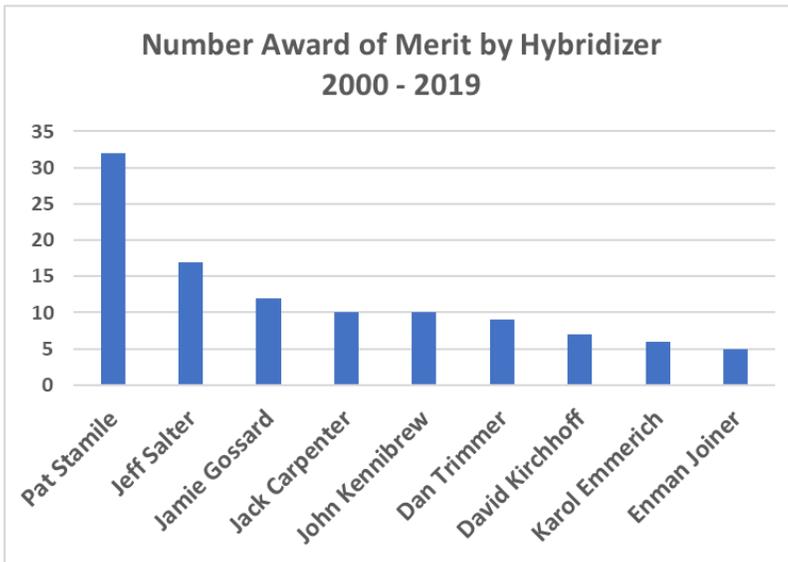


Table 1



H. Mayor of Munchkinland (photo by Claude Carpenter)

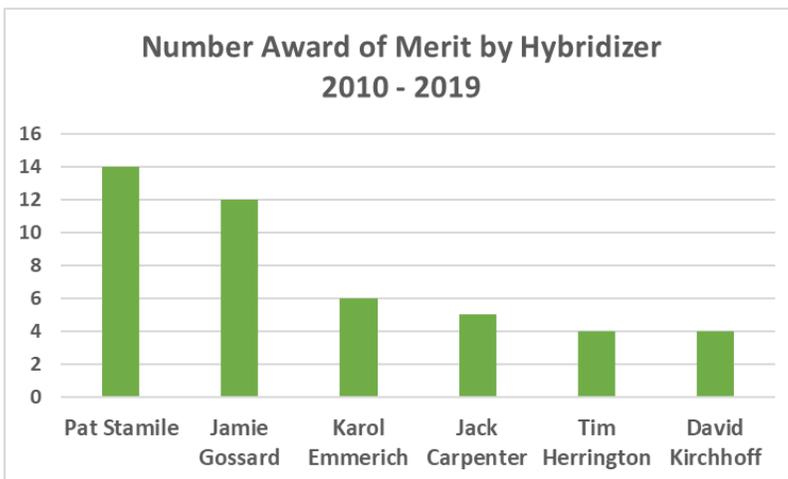


Table 2



H. White Eyes Pink Dragon (photo by Claude Carpenter)

To summarize what we have learned from all this:

1. Spiders and Unusual Form daylilies have become more popular in the last ten years and more are being registered each year.
2. The hybridizing trend is toward taller scapes in all cultivar forms.
3. There has been a trend back to more diploid hybridizing.
4. More dormant daylilies are winning the Award of Merit.
5. Winning an Award of Merit is extremely hard. The number won by Pat Stamile, Jeff Salter, and Jamie Gossard is remarkable and a tribute to their hybridizing programs.
6. Cultivars winning the Award of Merit have been evaluated across a wide geographical area by AHS Garden Judges who have been trained to recognize the good traits in a cultivar. Any daylily winning this award would be a great addition to any garden.

A listing of the **2019 Award of Merit winners** is can be found at: <https://daylilies.org/awards/award-of-merit/>

A list of the **243 Award of Merit winners since 2000** is available on the Region 5 website: <http://www.ahsregion5.org/>

The 2019 AM Winners voting results for Region 11: Mayor of Munchkinland (14); Exotic Starfish (6); Green Inferno & Clown Parade (5); Walt Lowry, All Things to All Men, Ida Mae Norris (3); WYSIWYG & Mean Green (2); Blazing Cannons & Thundercat (1).

Regional Display Gardens

An Introduction to ADS Display Gardens

- by **Christopher E. Renner and Melody Campbell**

COVID-19 has caused us to pause our usual activities and cancel both our Summer Gathering and now the 2021 Winter Gathering. Still the region has many display gardens that people can and did take advantage of this summer to get our daylily “fix.”

This edition of the MoKanOk features six of the region’s display gardens. Two more display gardens will be featured next spring (the Amy’s Garden in Wamego, KS, and the Leon Delmez Memorial Display Garden at Kansas State University) when we showcase the gardens for the 2021 Summer Gathering. Text and photos were provided by authors unless otherwise noted.

An American Daylily Society Display Garden is established to display the very best daylily cultivars to the general public. Its purpose is to educate the visitor about modern daylilies and how they can be used effectively in landscapes.

Over 250 ADS Display Gardens are spread across the US. In 2019, Region 11 had 14 Display Gardens: seven in Kansas, four in Missouri and three in Oklahoma. The most recent addition is Leemer Cernohlavek’s Red Bird Hill Garden in Fulton, MO.

Each display garden is unique in its own way - from small to large private gardens, historic daylily gardens and even commercial gardens. On the AHS Display Garden web page, <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens/>, there is a super search tool that can be used to plan your next daylily adventure in your region or anywhere in the country. The interactive Google map can also be used.

If you would love to share your daylily garden with the public, consider applying for official Display Garden status.

To obtain official Display Garden status, certain criteria must be met:

- The owner or public garden liaison must be an AHS member for two years or more, and must maintain his or her membership in good standing.
- Although the number of daylily cultivars is not set, the garden must include a wide variety of daylilies (e.g., diploids and tetraploids; full, round, and spiders; small, miniatures, and large flowers) from a number of hybridizers. For Historic Daylily Display Gardens, it is recommended that the garden contain a minimum of 50-100 historic daylily cultivars and species.
- The garden must be well maintained (i.e., water, fertilizer, mulch, etc.) and relatively free of weeds.
 - Plant markers should be maintained in good condition, with the name of both the cultivar and the hybridizer showing clearly. Date of registration is often included on the marker as well, and must be included on the plant marker for historic daylilies. Historic daylilies are defined as all daylily species plus daylily cultivars registered on or before 1990. Gardens must contain a representative collection of historic daylilies. A minimum of 50 cultivars registered in, or prior to, 1990 is the main requirement to qualify as an Historic Daylily Garden.
- The garden should be open to the public during bloom season. The American Daylily Society’s insurance policy does not include Display Garden visitation. Garden owners are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
- Commercial gardens are requested to maintain a specific area designated as a Display Garden.
- By September 1 of each year, Display Garden owners will be notified about renewing their status. Forms must be mailed or submitted online by October 1.



Region 11 on Facebook:

Please join the Region 11 community on Facebook to share photos of your clubs’ activities and your gardens.

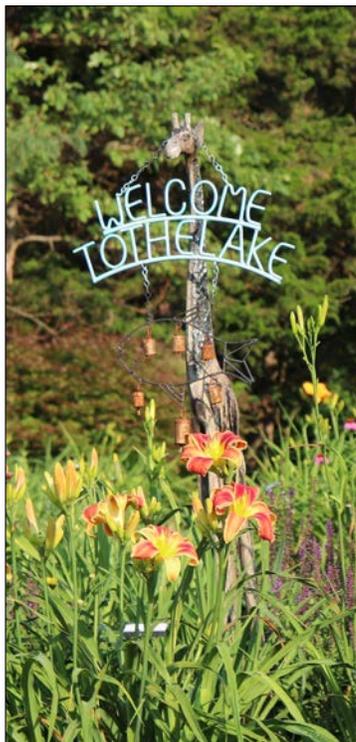
Join at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489706981093136/>

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Nature's Melody Nursery, Warrenton

-by *Laura Hood*

First, the details: Nature's Melody Nursery, llc, was established in 2008 in Wentzville, Missouri. We quickly ran out of space on our half acre on a hillside there. In 2010 we moved to a home in Warrenton on three acres. The home needed lots of work, but it faced a small lake and had about an acre of gently sloping lawn with one perfect, giant white pine as a focal point. It was a perfect blank slate. In 2013 our garden was one of the tour gardens for the Summer Regional meeting in St. Louis. We became an official Display Garden in 2015 or so. Our collection includes about 800 cultivars, some historical varieties as well as many newer plants. We grow and love all



forms. In addition to daylilies, our garden features a wide assortment of plants, from Japanese maples to sedums. Our favorite companion plants for the daylilies are tall garden phlox and coneflowers, while we use creeping sedum varieties as living mulch. In the shade garden, we have a large collection of hostas, ferns, toad lilies and epimediums.

We have tried to create a welcoming, serene atmosphere with a little whimsy and a lack of ostentation. I asked a gardening friend for a quote I could work with for this article. She said what she loves about our garden is the diversity of plants, and that it is an all-encompassing garden for every kind of gardener. Another visitor just today said that our space felt sacred and inspired prayer. I can die happy!

There are many advantages to being an official ADS Display Garden. The most obvious reason to get certified is the potential to increase the number of visitors. If selling daylilies is high on your list of priorities, then increased

sales alone is reason enough to go through the few easy steps it takes to get certified. In the beginning, that was probably all I had in mind.

Other rather surprising outcomes have been far more rewarding than the business referrals! If you are reading this article, you are aware that we extreme gardeners are a rare and awkward social presence. We can breathlessly discuss plant trivia for...well, forever. Meanwhile the average person's face loses all expression while we blather on. We KNOW they are not interested, but we just can't help ourselves. This creates a dissonance in one's soul which can be uncomfortable.



H. Khan (foreground), Tankesley-Clarke, 1993



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Having a display garden brings wonderful strangers into one's life and sometimes these gardeners are even stranger than us! These folks might be from—gasp!—a different political party, probably followed a different career path, could be any gender or complexion or age and yet from the moment they call to make an appointment there is a comfortable camaraderie because we know that they “get it”. There is indescribable joy in community—it is just so affirming to have another person



H. Helix, (Stamile, 2002)

reflect back the excitement and joy that gardening brings.

Having a display garden creates a circle of giving. Often, visitors will bring a “hostess gift” and usually it is a plant which is special to them, and sometimes quite rare. We are fortunate that our gardening space has sun and shade, mostly average with some wet and dry locations. This means that we will gleefully attempt to grow any plant. I am a compulsive propagator, and so I almost always have trays with a variety of cuttings, potted volunteer maple seedlings, coneflowers, petunias, and who knows what that all need homes. These get shared with visitors, and what could be more delightful than free plants given with good will?

The circle of giving happens both with plants and with knowledge. While many visitors are horticulture novices, some have a wealth of experience and knowledge. We've had opportunities to be humbled by how little we know, and to be surprised that we have so much knowledge to share. When we first developed the garden, we interplanted iris with daylilies. When we were visited by Dave Niswonger (an expert in both plants) we learned why we were less successful with the iris than the daylilies. He taught us that iris prefer leaner and dryer soil and need more air circulation. Gardeners know a lot and given a chance, they'll tell you most of it!



Get your Display Garden certification. It will create diversity in your life: diversity of friends, diversity of your plant collections and diversity in your garden practices. The world could use more of all of these. Oh, and VISIT US!

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Botanica - the Wichita Gardens, Wichita

- by Cathy Minkler, Wichita Daylily Club, AHS Display Bed Caretaker; photos by Dennis White

Botanica, the Wichita Gardens, as its officially named, opened in May, 1987 as a collaboration between the Wichita Area Garden Council and the City of Wichita. Originally it was four gardens but today the gardens combine Kansas charm with modern amenities on 17 acres of land. It is nestled in the heart of the Riverside neighborhood in Downtown Wichita.

The gardens include: an aquatic collection; butterfly garden and 2,880 square foot butterfly house featuring pansy exhibits during the winter; greenhouse for tropical plants; juniper collection with more than 30 types of junipers; peony collection of 104 cultivars; pinetum; rock garden with sedum and sempervivum; rose garden with more than 350 rose plants; sensory garden; Shakespearean garden; woodlands with azaleas, dogwoods, elm, hackberry, honey locust, mulberry, osage orange, and redbuds; and Xeriscape demonstration garden.



Botanica photo

Botanica's tulip bloom

purchases from hybridizers for auctions. Two rectangular beds sit side-by-side. Each bed holds three rows of plants for a total of 25 cultivars per bed. Walking paths separate each bed and a third U-shared bed on the east edge holds a total of 70 cultivars. Some of the cultivars in the collection have been grown since 1991. H. Copper Colonel, (Sass-HE, 1948) was among WDC's first acquisitions.

In the beginning, one rectangular bed was devoted to WDC

hybridizers like Henry Backs (H. Wichita Children), Ted Breth (H. Catherine Irene), Glenn Merrifield (H. Mary Helen Jarrell), Guy Swink (H. Wizard of Oz - before Tim Herrington's success with he Wizard of Oz series), Geoge Taylor, who

Daylilies became a part of the garden from the beginning. Members of the Wichita Daylily Club (WDC) planned a display bed that Botanica Garden

staff constructed at the south end of the parking lot within the gated grounds. The beds are outside the admission entrance so visitors can have a free look and enjoy the flowers on their way to the main entrance.

The daylily beds were first planted in the summer of 1991. All the daylilies then and now have been club member donations from their own gardens or club



H. Wizard of Oz, (Swink, 1985)

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winner from 2008 – Jerry Mix’s H. Wichita Whirlwind. Other cultivars represent hybridizers from across the country from Apps to Gossard to Stamile.

The reader may have noticed the lack of Stout Medal winners. Those featured in our display garden include H. Carnival in Mexico, H. Dorothy and Toto, H. Fooled Me, H. Heavenly Angel Ice, H. Hesperus (the first Stout winner!), H. Northwind Dancer, and H. Primal Scream. The Stout winners have their own bed in Botanica’s Beverly Blue Teaching Garden. Botanica also grows a nice-sized bed of Bob Tankesley-Clark’s H. Botanica.

Each year, all of us are challenged to evaluate what we want to keep and what we want to let go of for new garden occupants. So many wonderful varieties exist (old and new) that decision-making can be hard. WDC strives to include

was from Chanute, was a WDC members and we still grow his H. SeKan Sunset and H. Naomi Ruth. In 2019, WDC President Dennis White’s H. Plagioclase was added to the beds. Earlier WDC President Judy Marcus was the daughter of Decatur, Georgia, hybridizer Clyde Davidson. Many of his *Decatur* cultivars reside in our AHS Display Garden beds.

historical as well as brand new cultivars in our beds at Botanica. This summer’s evaluation will determine what new daylilies the AHD Display Garden will host in 2021. Be sure to visit Botanica when you are in the Wichita area.



We also strive to feature Region 11 hybridizers and have acquired Wilma Bryant’s H. Fantasy World; Kathy Krattli’s H. Pastel Rainbow Curls; Mr. Kropf’s H. Butter Dish; Russel Morgan’s H. Erin Marie (Russel’s granddaughter Kate is a garden employee at Botanica and takes a special interest to maintain our display beds); Kelly Rigg’s H.

H. Femme Osage (Whatley, 1985) AM 1989; JC 1985

Raspberry Ice; Bob Rigg’s H. Solar Explosion; Bob Scott’s H. Topguns Color Infusion and Topguns Smoking Hot; and Oscie Whatley’s H. Adjure (one of the first to bloom) and H. Yuma (one of the last to bloom). We would be remiss if we didn’t grow the first Oscie Whatley Hybridizer’s Award



In 2014, Botanica accepted the historic Joyland carousel as a gift from the owners of the Joyland amusement park. Artist Marlene Irvin painstakingly restored all 36 horses to their former beauty. Artists and architects have banded together to completely restore or replace the remaining mechanics and chariots that make this piece of history whole again.

Regional Display Gardens

Ward-Meade Botanical Garden, Topeka

-by Jim Fry, Topeka Daylily Club

The history of the botanical garden begins when Anthony and Mary Jane Ward started construction of the Mansion in 1870. The house was constructed with two brick walls and two walls of native limestone. Anthony passed away in 1874 but Mary Jane lived here until 1896 at which time the property was left to their daughter Jennie Ward-Meade.

John and Jennie Meade, with seven children, moved into the Mansion in 1898. They continued to remodel the house adding porches and ionic columns. John and Jennie



had passed away by 1925 however the Mansion remained occupied by their descendants until 1961 when the city of Topeka purchased the property.

The Botanical Garden was established in 1963. The day Ray Schroeder finished his final exams at K-State, in 1971; he received a phone call and was informed he could come to

work at Ward-Meade. Ray started planting trees and shrubs that first day. Ray and Cindy moved into the mansion in 1972 and raised their three children there. Ray is starting his 50th year working at Ward-Meade.

The Botanical Garden is a labeled collection of trees, shrubs and perennials common to the area and includes approximately 250 tree varieties, approximately 200 shrub varieties, many perennials, and is enhanced with approximately 25,000 tulips and daffodils during the spring season and approximately 15,000 annual flowering plants during the summer and fall seasons. The Botanical Garden includes an Herb Garden and a Butterfly Garden with the "Monarch Butterfly Waystation" designation both with labeled plants. The Botanical Garden has the designation of an American Hosta Display Garden, one of only 23 in the nation, with approximately 1000 hostas planted in a landscape setting. The Hosta of the Year from 1996 to present is planted in one area. An Asian Garden and a Dwarf Conifer Garden are nearing completion.



Topeka Park and Rec photo

The Anthony and Mary Ward mansion.

The Botanical Garden also contains a labeled collection of approximately 50 Myron Bigger registered Peony plants. Ward Meade is working towards acquiring all of the peonies Mr. Bigger registered.

A Victorian fountain graces the entrance to the Botanical Garden and a series of water features, bubbler rocks, wall fountains, pond-less water falls, several streams, reflection pool, three ponds and a dry-stream bed enhance the Botanical Garden. Colored and stamped concrete sidewalks throughout provide the visiting public a safe and efficient means to stroll through the plants and water features. Stepping stone paths in several beds allow visitors to more closely view plants, water gardens, and the fish. Other Botanical Garden features include arbors, bridges, benches, gazebo and the courtyard where approximately thirty weddings are held each year.



The Japanese Garden

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Daylilies were first planted at Ward-Meade by Jess Danner, Frank Holstrum, and Carroll Morgenson. The daylilies were originally planted at the Governor's Mansion but moved to Ward-Meade because of a deer problem. Dale and Alice Langley also moved daylily plants from their garden to Ward-Meade.

Helen and I joined this effort in the fall of 2014 by helping plant tulip bulbs. We started planting daylily plants in the spring of 2015. Thanks to the generosity of members of the Topeka Daylily Club all of the plants have been donated. The idea of having an American Hemerocallis Display Garden was Ray Schroeder and Bob Saathoff's.

Application forms for recognition to be a Daylily Display Garden were submitted to Mary Lou Lundblade, National

Chairperson at that time, in the spring of 2016. Steve and Jane Amy inspected the garden to insure all the ADS criteria had been met and the dedication took place on June 29, 2016. There are two beds of distinction, the Kansas Hybridizer Bed; all of these plants have been hybridized by Kansans, and the Stout Silver Medal Winner Bed with winners, as determined by garden judges throughout the country, from 1996 to the present. There are approximately 220 labeled daylily plants located in eight different beds throughout the garden.

Maintenance of the beds, weeding and deadheading, is done mostly by Helen and I. When the Garden was on the 2018 Region 11 summer meeting, the Shawnee County staff deadheaded which was greatly appreciated. A large portion of the work done at Ward-Meade comes from very dedicated and appreciated volunteers.

The Ward-Meade Historic site and Botanical Garden also contains, Old Prairie Town, a short street of 19th Century buildings comprised of 11 historic buildings, most of which were moved in from the surrounding community.

Several big events are held each year at Ward Meade including Tulip Time, Tulips at Twilight, Apple Festival, Wheat Stock, A kid related event, and Holiday Happenings. The full slate of events can be seen on the Ward-Meade web page.

This Botanical Garden has probably the most diversity of any garden in the country and I would invite everyone to come visit when in full bloom.



Regional Display Gardens

Will Rogers Park, Oklahoma City

-by Kathy Scurlock,
President Central
Oklahoma Daylily
Society

The Display Garden of the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society (COHS) is located in historical Will Rogers Park in Oklahoma City, which is also where our club meetings, sales and shows take place.

The planning of this park took place in 1909, twenty years after the city was founded during the April 22, 1889 land run. W. H. Dunn, a landscape architect and Superintendent of Parks in Kansas City was hired to develop the first park plan for Oklahoma City. His 1909 plan was to have a "Grand Boulevard" several miles from downtown encircling the city with four major parks at the four "corners". Will Rogers Park became the park of the northwest corner of the city. Development of the park did not begin until the 1930s when the city horticulturalist Henry Walter made



Christopher Renner photo

Will Rogers Park

plans with the Oklahoma City Parks Department and National Park Service and employed the Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration. Together, they dammed two creeks and created a naturalistic landscape of small lakes, rolling hills, picnic shelters and garden areas.

not known. As members recall, the areas we have occupied in the park have changed somewhat through the years. Our current location is a prominent area near the Ed Lycan Conservatory which is a popular venue for weddings and other events.



Christopher Renner photo

H. Bang Bang (Bremer, 2011)

The actual date that COHS formed our Display Garden within the park is



Participants at Summer Gathering 2017

Our club did have a very hardworking and loyal member in the past, Peggy Estes, who bought plants and

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Ed Lycan Conservatory

tended to our Display Garden for nearly 30 years! She lived nearby and contributed so much to the garden. One of our members, Hooker Nichols of Dallas, Texas even named a registered daylily in her honor in 2010. After her service, Stephen Durham, then Terry and Ashton Lopp and now myself have taken the reins.

I have been the display garden chair of our club since 2014. I live nearby and have enjoyed the gardens and pathways at Will Rogers since I was a kid. In 2015 I planned and laid out additional walkways within the garden made of square concrete steppingstones to allow closer viewing of the flowers. Our club, with the help of Emily Elliott, decided to reorganize the plants in 2015 into separated areas for Large and extra large, minis and smalls, spiders and UFs, doubles and plants hybridized by Region 11 hybridizers. This was a big job and many of our members participated. We were able to keep them all straight as they were moved, which isn't easy, as you all know. They all look alike! The steppingstones helped create borders for our different new areas. The number of plants has now grown to over 325 daylilies.

In 2017 the park department and I worked together to design and purchase two signs for either end of our garden that identify our plants as daylilies (some people really don't know this) and credit our club for their donation and care. This was just in time, too, because COHS hosted the Summer Regional Meeting in 2017 and were happy to have our Display Garden as one of our featured gardens on our tour.

Our club gathers for workdays and helps to weed and plant. Many members have donated plants to the garden. We are also able to harvest divisions from our display garden to sell at our club sales, which greatly increases the number of cultivars available to the general public as well as boosting our club's income. Bloom season there is truly spectacular and enjoyed by the public.

Since the garden is in a public place and the park does the watering and some maintenance, it is a cooperative effort. In the last several years the garden, as well as the whole park, has had increasing trouble with nut sedge. With the help from the park and hard work and generous donations from our club members, the COHS Display Garden is still a lovely area we all are proud of.



Gardeners hard at work: (left to right) Brenda Jindra, Judith Miracle, Lois DeCamp, Kathy Scurlock

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Delbert & Brenda Jindra's Garden

- by **Brenda Jindra**

Our garden was designated an AHS Display Garden in 2005. As I recall, members of AHS Region 11 were encouraged to apply for display garden status because we really didn't have very many in our region. At that time we grew a diverse collection of around 400 daylilies with quite a few that were hybridized by people within our region. Ann Large was asked to inspect our garden and report whether it met the criteria to become an AHS Display Garden. We were pleased that she gave our garden a favorable review.

We added more daylilies through the years. From time to time I got carried away bidding on beautiful cultivars at the Winter Gathering or Summer Regional Meeting and when it was time to plant them, I discovered I had run out of space. Delbert moved our fence and built another long bed for me and when I filled it up he said he wasn't going to move the fence again. I decided to plant the overflow daylilies at my parents' home which was only three mile away. They were no longer living there and when I went to look at the flower beds they were very overgrown with grass. I went home and cried. Delbert relented and moved the fence. By this time he had bought a small John Deere tractor with a loader bucket so moving garden soil into a new raised bed went quickly.

I experienced the same problem everyone has who has a full time job; it's difficult to keep up with garden

weeding and by the time I finished, it was time to start again.

In 2014 I found a landscaping company from a nearby town that was willing to come to our place in the country to renovate the flower beds around our home.



We hired them to remove a few inches of topsoil and replace it with better garden soil, and diversify our plants by adding flowering shrubs and trees. We also decided to have them install a sprinkler system. After completing their many summertime projects, they finally arrived to do our project on October 22nd. They dug out all of the plants leaving only two trees, three large crepe myrtles and a yucca. Each daylily went into a pot with its label and when we ran out of pots we started using paper grocery sacks. They replaced some chain link with a split-rail fence. The gardeners worked hard for three days and then they took the weekend off. I was supposed to place each daylily where it was supposed to be planted. Unfortunately I had to work that weekend and found it difficult to consider color, form and height to position the daylilies. When the gardeners arrived Monday morning I had only decided where I wanted about fifteen of the daylilies planted. They planted these and left the others for us to plant. Delbert and I worked together for days, after getting home from our jobs. We had extra iris and daylilies since we reduced the size of some clumps so we built another raised flower bed by our field. We finally got everything planted just



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a few hours before the first really cold snap in late fall.

We worried that many daylilies might not survive the winter, but nearly all of them did very well. Now we hire the landscaping company to do garden maintenance and I am able to keep up with the bed by the field that

they do not maintain.

I used to call this bed our “temporary garden”. My intent was to grow plants that I wanted to donate to our club’s plant sales and then this bed could again become part of the field. Over time I continued to buy new daylilies so it’s now planted with new acquisitions too. I used to have to climb over a barbed

wire fence to work in this garden but Delbert had a welder build a very nice stile to give me easy access.



Christopher Renner photo

The “temporary garden”



Since we live in the country we don’t have many garden visitors. When the garden is at its loveliest I always think it’s a pity that more people can’t see it. A few times we’ve thrown garden parties, where we provided refreshments and invited friends and relatives to come see the flowers. Our garden was on tour for two Summer Regional Meetings. Our latest garden enhancement involved having a pergola built to provide shade and a nice place to sit in the garden. We now grow over 800 daylilies. AHS Display Garden status inspires us to keep our garden looking nice and think of opportunities to invite visitors to our garden.



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Il Giardino dei Sogni - the garden of dreams

-by Christopher Renner

I had no idea when I began building my garden that it would become a display garden in 2016. At first I had to deal with issues of runoff and erosion. The real estate agent was convinced that a house slapped on the side of a hill with a natural wooded area in the back was perfect for me and my naturalist tendencies. My father (the master carpenter) wasn't so convinced. Yes, the house was sound and had good insulation - but being on the back side of a 200 foot high hill, wasn't something he was too sure about. So I contacted a structural engineering professor at K-State who told me what I needed to do: put in retaining walls and create a large drain to direct water away from the house. Walls were built, patio laid out with 3 feet of crushed rock under it (my big drain), dirt was hauled in and the battle to eradicate honeysuckle and red buds began.

Anyone who has visited my home here in Manhattan knows that my gardens hold an abundance of plant life. Mostly I have perennials - spring bulbs of narcissus (daffodils) and tulips (although the deer have greatly reduced my tulips). They are followed by iris, peonies, and hostas, then daylilies, cone and sunflowers, daisies, along with my herb garden and a few annuals - pansies



H. Free Wheelin' (Stamile, 2004)

on the 11 of November, 1921, in Blackie, Letcher County, Kentucky. She was the second of 12 children. Life was hard in the Kentucky coal country of the 1930s.

in spring followed by marigolds and petunias for the summer months. Various grasses and some shrubs contribute color and textures.

Several threads come together to weave the tapestry that has become my garden starting with my mother, Ollie Mae Campbell. She was born

For most of my mother's childhood, there was never sufficient food in the house to feed all the children and my mother's stepfather had bouts of depression which often left the family destitute. So the children were



Terraces west end of south garden

farmed out to other family members. My mother spent most of the 1930s with her grandparents who had little more than her own parents, but my maternal great-grandmother did have flowers in her garden that my mother recalled with much fondness.

In 1959, my parents bought a small house half-block south of the Catholic church in my home town of Beattie, Kansas. It was the first property they had ever owned. I remember for the first couple of years my mother turned half of the city lot the house sat on into a huge vegetable garden that included cantaloupe, corn, beans, peas, eggplant, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers and much more.

My parents built a new house in 1964 and this greatly reduced my mother's vegetable garden. Still, all through my youth, each spring the earth would be spaded and prepared for another planting season. But in addition to asparagus, beans, corn, tomatoes, and onions, about a quarter of the garden space was

devoted to flowers. Mother had finally reached a point where she had money in the bank, so she planted some roses, which she tended with great care along with peonies, asters (both of which I still grow), petunias, sweet pea, and of course geraniums.



The geraniums she would pull up each fall before the frost and hang upside down, dormant in the garage for the winter. Then she would replant them in the spring and they would returned to life to be appreciated for another summer. Today I do not know anyone who saves their geraniums like that. Each fall I drag them back into the house turning my living room into a greenhouse for

the winter. I still have several plants that were my mother's. The problem with older plants is they tend to get fairly large even if I prune them. I'm guessing the spider plant is 35+ years old and my mother had the asparagus fern when I was a child (50+ years ago). They are a living connection to people who are no longer with me and remind me daily of the interconnected web of life. Much as are my daylilies.



The first plant I could call my own was given to me by my father's sister, Dorothy, who was my god-mother. I was probably in middle school at the time. It was a cactus that she had been growing for years. On a visit one summer in adulthood, it was in bloom at my parents' home and I was taken by its fragrance - and

still am. There is nothing quite like it. Although I lost part of it when I had to transplant it some fifteen years ago, it is still alive today, over 50 years later. I don't know too many people who can say they have a plant that has been with them for such a long period of time.

I have 347 varieties of daylilies, 28 types of iris, various hostas, and other plants. I spend most of the summer tending to my garden and continuing on the tradition my mother taught me. My garden became a AHS display garden in 2016. I chose an Italian name, reflecting the 16 years I spent living there. It is truly a

garden of dreams - my own, the hybridizers whose cultivars I grow, and for the people who come to visit.

Marian Quinlan taught me about daylilies. She started off giving me some for the flower bed by my driveway. Once the retaining walls were build and the south yard raised, I suddenly had room for a whole lot more. One thing Lenora Larson confirmed in her presentation at Winter

Gathering is that I am a collector. Therefore I have a daylily collection as well as a garden.

My daylilies range from *Apricot*, (Yeld, 1893) to *A Vision in Pink* (Redmon, 2020). Since my display garden is also a historical garden, I have 112 cultivars that were registered before 1990;

40 before 1970. I'm always on the

look out for unusual historical daylilies. The problem is I've reached the point that I've pretty much used every inch of my smallish city lot that I can for daylily beds. I am now to the point that if I want to add another to the collection, something else has to go. My sister is the beneficiary of the purges. She lives on a farm in north central Missouri and has lots of space to plant things. So if I discover some cultivar isn't what it is supposed to be, the NOIDs are dug up and sent to her.

Daylilies are beautiful, require little care, and provide an ever-changing garden from May through July. Daylily blooms last for only a day, regardless of their beauty. So often we just assume that what is here today will be here tomorrow, but that is not the case. If the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us anything, it is that life is fragile. Our planet is fragile. And we only get one shot at doing the right thing when it comes to our environment.



Patio



H. White Chocolate (Reed, 2009)

Regional Club Happenings

Central Missouri Daylily Club

-by Nancy Rold

Well, we had a great year planned, until COVID-19 came to visit. Shelter in place restrictions caused us to cancel our April meeting, our May plant sale, June meeting and July flower show. So sad! We are hoping to be able to hold our August picnic and farmer's market plant sale. We are really looking forward to having Ashton and Terry Lopp speak to us in October. Our fingers are crossed!

In the meantime, we cannot be dissuaded from sharing our love of daylilies! We have set up a private club Facebook group for our members to share images of their gardens. What has been even more popular is an email round robin that encourages members to send photos of favorite daylilies and garden views to all. No one opted out! In just the first 10 days, we already have 11 members responding with photos and expect many more as bloom season proceeds. President Carol Schultz has been a great encourager, promising that our planned June meeting plant drawing for Dan Bachman registrations will be drawn from the participants in this round robin.

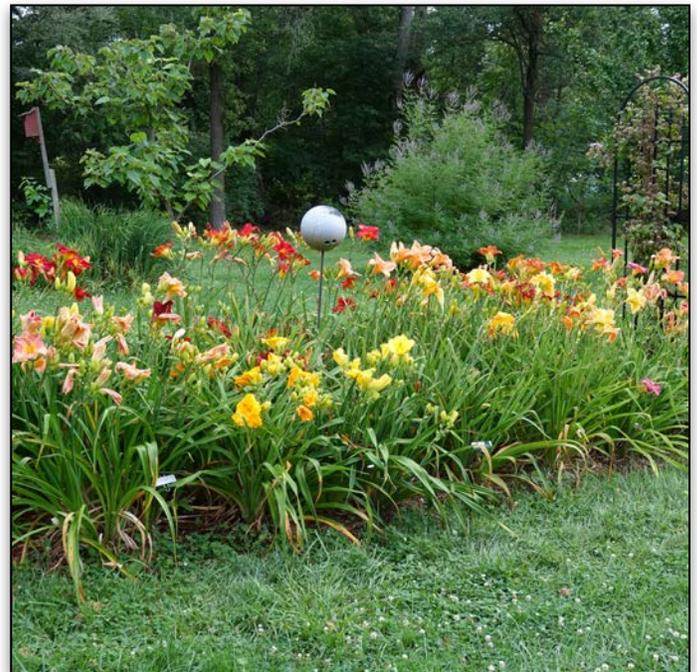


Leemer Cernohlavek and Carol Schultz at Red Bird Hill Daylily Garden. At right - two photos from the garden.

The virtual national tours were such a hit, that we are exploring ways to make some live or recorded local video tours possible on July 12 which was to be our open gardens day.

We miss all of our Region 11 friends! We hope that all of you can stay safe and enjoy extra time in your gardens.

Late addition. Carol Schultz sent in a collection of pictures showing the certification process for Region 11 newest display garden: Red Bird Hill Garden in Fulton, MO. Nancy Rold was the designated AHS inspector. The inspector must certify that the garden has the cultivars it claims, that weeds are under control, and that cultivars are tagged so people visiting the garden can easily identify the cultivars on display.



Regional Club Happenings

MoKan Daylily Society

by Connie Snow; Photographs by Gayle Yelenik

We had such great plans for this year when we held our last meeting in February but things certainly changed. Our April and June meetings as well as our August Sale were all cancelled.

We have been keeping up by emails and members posting information and garden pictures on our Facebook page. It's been great to see various gardens spring into bloom, with daylilies and any number of companion flowers and shrubs! We are so glad everyone is sharing their thoughtful moments and beautiful flowers.



Carol Fisher's garden

To help make this a great year to share, we are having 8 gardens on the 2020 Mo-Kan Members Garden Tour. With tour dates from June 25th to July 12th. There will be plenty of room to spread out and enjoy these gardens. Gardens on tour are from Kansas City to Kearney, MO, and in Kansas from Ottawa, to Shawnee, and Overland Park. The tour will have a couple of hybridizer's gardens, with their registrations and newest seedlings. Helpful ideas for beginning hybridizers and

some starter seeds are offered by one of our hybridizers.

Several gardens can boast they harbor hundreds of daylilies, some as many as 900 to 1,000 varieties. There



Carol Fisher seedling

will be smaller lustrous backyard gardens with some surprise frogs. Another will share their paradise garden with you, the pond with a water feature even some shady paths and spots to relax as well as many diverse shade and sun-loving flowers and shrubs. You may see anything from classic favorites to some of the newest varieties on the market from well known hybridizers. The variety could be overwhelming. I think everyone will have a pleasant and relaxing time strolling through these wonderful gardens. I hope there are lots of



Loose Park Garden Bed

pictures taken that might just show up in the next photo contest! As a bonus, members receive daylily dollar credits for each garden toured.

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Mo-Kan Daylily Society has maintained a bed of Region 11 hybridizer's flowers at the Loose Park Garden Center for several years. We are moving the flower bed to another location at Loose Park this fall. At the new

Beds at the Botanical Center - a wonderful form of socializing and social distancing.

Thanks to wonderful weather - plenty of rain in the spring and now wonderful sunny days, we have gorgeous large daylilies blooming in all of our gardens and at our beds at the Botanical Center - earlier than we had expected. We don't know whether the absence of our favorite enemy - the red daylily phlox bug is a one-time event. We prefer to think that the Covid virus did one good thing - killed the bug and it will never come back - but that is probably wishful thinking!

With little on our calendar, we added an afternoon at the daylily beds to view the daylilies at the peak. Our plan was to have members complete the Regional Popularity Poll. As with the rest of our year there have been changes. We're moving the event two weeks sooner

and turning the event into a work day to deadhead spent blooms and a time to view our lovely daylilies.

A few items of note: Gary Jones, our only club member who hybridizes, has invited club members to visit his garden and help him evaluate 6 years of seedlings over the next few weeks.

Daylilies from our club and members gardens are now on display in the Lebanon Master Gardener's plot in one of the public parks. The area is small and the plants are young - but they expect beautiful blooms in the next few years.

The one event we have kept on our calendar is the annual Picnic and Members Daylily Auction which will be held in September. (hopefully)



Gary Helmers and Judy Durhan on Gary's garden

location the flowers will be seen by more park goers. Because of this move and the need to divide the plants, we are having a "Satellite Sale" for our members. Members can pre-order plants from a list of 36 plants, all by Region 11 hybridizers, including several by Mo-Kan members. They are being sold as 3 bare root fans or where available clumps of 6 fans or more, all at reasonable prices. Flowers will be available for pick up in late Aug. or early Sept. Some members will also be selling from their own gardens and will email a list of available plants for purchase.

We are hopeful that each of us can catch up on our garden projects and find new ways to add interesting activities for our club members. Everyone take care.

Ozark Daylily Society

-by Bev Long

This is the year we carefully planned for many wonderful events: New and exciting speakers. Sharing of daylily information and sales of daylilies to our members and the community through our Annual Display. All were cancelled out of concern for everyone's health and safety. We were able to continue working in our Daylily

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Flint Hills Daylily Society

-by *Laura Hall*

July 4th would have been the date of the 2020 Regional. Instead FHDS held its annual members garden tour on that date. Instead of our usual parade all together from garden to garden, all three gardens were open from 7:00 to 10:00 and members came and went on their own. Ann Redmon, Steve and Jane Amy and Laura Hall all had their gardens open. All three gardens would have been on the 2020 Regional tour. The daylilies cooperated with lots of glorious blooms. It was

a safe way to share our gardens but not nearly as much fun as our usual tour together. Christopher Renner, who's garden is an AHS Display garden, also welcomed visitors.

Christopher Renner and Kathy Foster, co-chairs of FHDS member plant raffles, were able to hold the plant raffles in April and June through Zoom meetings. We've received fantastic Daylilies from Seejay Mock, Terry and Ashton Lopp, Heidi & Charles Douglas, Dan Bachman and William Marchant so far this year. It's always a treat to participate in the raffles and a wonderful way to acquire new and exciting daylilies.



Laura Hall Garden



The Amy's Garden

Central Oklahoma Heremocallis Society

-by *Kathy Scurlock*

Of course, COHS in the Oklahoma City area had to cancel all our spring activities, like everyone else. We did, though, organize a one day local tour on Saturday, June 20 to visit four member's gardens, our display garden at Will Rogers Park and Bobby Scott's business in Yukon. We wore masks and drove our own cars and did not meet for lunch as we have done in the past, sadly. Not everyone was able to make it to every garden, but overall, approximately 15-20 people joined our tour. We even had two visitors from the Tulsa group, which was a nice surprise! The member's home gardens we visited were Dollie Glover, Theresa Beecham, Dean Reusser and Judith Miracle. We thank them for their hospitality! Bobby Scott generously dug and gave away a very nice sized daylily fan to everyone from our tour that came to his nursery. He had a great selection of other sunny and shady perennials for sale there, as always.

We've sure missed having our activities, but are hoping that we can return to our normal schedule in the fall. We are hoping to be able to host hybridizer Tim Bell on Friday, September 18th At 6:00 pm at our meeting place at Will Rogers! He will have an auction afterwards and we are looking forward to that meeting for sure! He was scheduled to speak at our March meeting, but we all know what happened to those plans, unfortunately.

We hope everyone in Region 11 has enjoyed their own gardens and daylily blooms during this quarantine time. Here, we are facing high temperatures and lots of humidity now, but at least most of us have had good rains lately.

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