Springtime in Sanford...

This year’s Spring Regional will be held Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, at Monroe’s on the Lake, in historic Sanford, Florida. In addition to the opportunity to be inundated with daylilies and fellow daylily enthusiasts, you’ll also have the opportunity to experience the waterfront tranquility of accommodations located right on the shores of scenic Lake Monroe. And if you’re willing to tear yourself away from two days of daylilies, daylilies and even more daylilies, you might have the chance to enjoy other Sanford attractions like the downtown arts district, antique stores, and the Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Park. But first you have to register!

For more information, see the registration form on page 19, or visit ahregion12.org/calendar/spring2016.pdf. Hope to see you there!

Letter from Our New Region 12 President

Spring is finally here! Traditionally spring is seen as time of rebirth and regrowth. This year in Region 12 I hope to see a lot of both. I hope we can put some of the events of last year behind us and enjoy what this year will bring. As the new RP I will work towards helping the Region do both in a couple ways.

The first is by welcoming you to the Spring Regional in Orlando this year. I think that everyone who comes will have an amazing time. There will be thousands of daylilies to see at the tour gardens: Nicole’s Daylilies (Nicole DeVito), Floyd Cove Nursery (Guy and Karen Pierce), and Dragonwood Garden (CJ and Virginia Gregory). Bob Martin has also lined up some great food for the lunch and dinner as well as an optional dinner Friday night at a German restaurant right around the corner of the hotel, which is right on Lake Monroe. There will be door prizes, raffles, silent and live auctions, food, friends, daylilies and great camaraderie. I hope you all plan to attend.

Another thing I would like to do is introduce some more fundraising ideas to replenish our coffers and some more ways to have fun in order to replenish our members as well. I have a few ideas but I really want to hear what you think. I
Director’s Corner

Happy New Year to all our readers. Some exciting things are happening within the AHS. We have a new AHS President, and our well wishes and congratulations go out to Nikki Schmith as she begins her journey.

A new doubles book has been released prepared and written by Dr. Scott Elliott, with contributions from David Kirchhoff, Bruce Kovach, Tim Herrington, Pat and Grace Stamile, Ted Petit, and Bob Tankesley-Clarke, titled “Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun.” This can be purchased from The AHS c/o Brenda Macy, AHS Publication Service Manager, 109 West Poplar Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, for a $20.00 check made payable to the AHS, or for 10 copies or more $12.00 a copy plus $1.00 shipping and handling, or buy it with a credit card or PayPal, at members.daylilies.org. (pubsales@daylilies.org or phone 270-737-9058) You can mix and match with “The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies.”

Also in the pipeline is another book by Oliver Billingslea. So if you enjoyed “Landscaping with Daylilies,” you will really enjoy his “Spiders and Unusual Forms” book. Oliver has worked tirelessly for the AHS on his books and derives no profits for his work, he is to be complimented for this.

We also have a new AHS Registrar, Elizabeth Trotter. Welcome aboard, Elizabeth, to this challenging job. You know you have some big boots to fill.

Sara and I were in England over the Fall Regional Meeting for which we apologize, however since we were visiting with our Grand Children and Great Grandchildren we hope you will forgive us. We had an excellent time.

The beginning of the year brings a lot of hard work for us. Since we were away for a lot of the fall, we have to now catch up with daylily beds that are covered with weeds and nut grass. I am taking all my daylilies up, spraying with roundup, digging in mushroom compost and replanting, hoping against hope that I get it all done before we get a serious frost. Plants so far are doing very well as I sincerely hope yours are too.

Well folks, this is my last year as your director. I hope that I have served you well, so until the fall issue, I will say adieu and see you all at our Spring Regional in Sanford, Florida in May.

Best wishes to all.

— Bob Martin, Director, Region 12

Letter from our Region 12 President (continued)

want as many ideas from as many people as possible. I welcome you to email me at cvgregory@mpinet.net with any ideas, questions or anything that is on your mind. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Regional!

— C.J. Gregory, President, Region 12
Creating An Incredible Edible Daylily Garden

As many Hemerocallis enthusiasts know, daylilies buds and flowers are edible. There are many interesting recipes that include daylilies many different ways – from the main ingredient to an edible floral accent on a dish. And there are ways to add many different complementary edibles to your daylily garden, so you can harvest, eat and enjoy.

Here in Florida, you can easily replace flowering bromeliads with a common fruit-bearing bromeliad – a pineapple. In addition to purchasing and planting potted pineapples from a garden center, you can just top off your grocery-bought pineapple and plant the fruit-end in the ground. Just like daylilies, pineapples enjoy full sun, and aren’t water hogs. So they can be an easy addition to your landscape.

Herbs are also excellent additions to a daylily garden. However, some can be weedy, or readily spread seeds, so you need to learn more about their growth habits, or trim and use them often to keep them from going to seed.

One of my favorites is African Blue Basil. This variety was created by a basil grower who was propagating two different basil varieties side-by-side, and wound up creating a sterile hybrid of the two other breeds. African Blue Basil is unable to produce seeds of its own, and is propagated by cuttings. It flowers continuously, and has a purple-blue coloring. This is a fragrant and delicious addition to any garden.

If you have fencing around your garden, consider adding muscadine grapes or a thornless blackberry hybrids. They are hardy in most Florida climates, and enjoy a slightly acidic soil, just like daylilies. Although the vines will be bare in the winter, and they should not be used as a garden focal point, they will certainly bear delicious fruit annually, and would make an excellent backdrop in any summer garden.

Some other notable plants that add interest and texture to your daylily garden are rainbow chard, multi-color bush beans, or airy, ferny asparagus. Or add a simple garden obelisk to grow climbing nasturtium flowers. Both blooms and leaves are edible, and the greens add a slightly spicy, radish-like flavor to any salad

So visit your local garden centers with a different outlook. Be creative and considering adding some incredible edibles. Remember, variety truly is the spice of life!

— Michelle Peterson, RPD, Florida Master Gardener

“Some other notable plants that add interest and texture to your daylily garden are rainbow chard, multi-color bush beans, or airy, ferny asparagus.”
Welcome to our new Region 12 Secretary

I became interested in daylilies many years ago when I became unemployed. I figured since I wasn't working I would help with the yard work while hubby worked and get it out of the way so we had more time together.

It was at a fall plant sale at a farmers market that we bought our first daylilies from Joe/Lou Hulsey of Possum Hollow Daylilies from Dahlonega GA.

Since then we joined several clubs in GA and grew some beautiful flowers and entered shows.

We have moved around with the government to MD CO IL and now FL, joining and growing daylilies along the way. We have many seedlings left behind given to others in hopes to leave our little Daylily trail of happiness with them.

I hope to serve Region 12 well while we are stationed in FL and look forward to meeting new Daylily friends!

New Region 12 Members!

- Michael Bass
- Martine Chaplauscke
- Audalia Gutteridge
- Ingrid Haines
- Jim Lee
- Suzi Matteson
- Maddox Miller
- Faye Morris
- Linda Porter
- Stanley Smith
- Linda Yaun

— Martha Caldwell, Membership Liaison, Orange Park, Florida
Minutes from Region 12 Fall Business Meeting

The 2015 Region 12 Fall Meeting was held October 24, 2015 at the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, 2281 Old Bainbridge Rd, Tallahassee, FL.

President Gene Perry thanked Randy Fleming and members of the Tallahassee Daylily Society for all their hard work and efforts. He applauded that fact that there were 67 paid registrants at the meeting, which was the largest turnout at a regional meeting that the Region 12 had seen in quite a while.

Gene recognized past presidents in the room, Joe Agosta and Ray Wensell, as well as all of the regional officers and chairs.

Gene recommended a change to the minutes of the Spring Regional Meeting, which were published in the Fall letter. Omitted was a discussion about the local clubs taking over sponsorship of the various regional awards.

The Spring meeting minutes were accepted as amended. The Treasurer’s Report published in the Fall newsletter was accepted as submitted.

C.J. Gregory announced that the Central Florida Daylily Society would sponsor the Landscaping Garden Award that was given at the Spring Regional meetings. Gene thanked the CFDS for their sponsorship. There was discussion about the $375 budgeted for various regional awards.

Opal Howell made a motion to stop all monetary awards and replace them with printed certificates. Floyd Sewell seconded the motion. There was discussion about this motion. It was brought up that the awards might be considered individually and separated into three categories:

- Spring Regional Awards
- The Munson Awards
- The Photography Awards

Michelle Peterson explained that the Photography Awards could be put on hold because she had no desire to take over this project there was no membership interest in taking over the committee.

There was a suggestion to vote on each award category separately, so Opal withdrew her motion.

There was a motion made by Michelle to put the Photography Awards into abeyance. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Virginia Gregory to put the Spring Regional Awards into abeyance. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion made by Virginia Gregory to retain the Munson Awards. The motion passed unanimously.

Gene announced that various regional chair positions were open. Kay Smith had resigned as secretary, and a new secretary was needed. Donna Williams of Tampa, FL graciously agreed to assume the position of Region 12 Secretary. The region also needed a new Ways and Means Chair to assist with fund raising for the region. There was no volunteer.

Gene asked if anyone would be willing to work on improving the look of the regional 12 website, to create an outline or plan for improvement and submitting it to the current webmaster. Carol Robinson and Michelle agreed to work on this project.

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**AHS Region 12 Treasurer's Report**

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*Respectfully Submitted by Opal Howell, Region 12 Treasurer*

*PLEASE NOTE: A special board meeting was called and held on January 25, 2016. The outcome of the meeting impacted the Region 12 budget, as reflected above. The meeting minutes are available to be read on ahsregion12.org.*
Gene asked for volunteers who would serve on a Nominating Committee for the new 2017 Regional President. Ray Wensell agreed to chair the committee; Floyd Sewell and Virginia Gregory would join him. The nominations for incoming president would be presented at the next Spring Regional meeting.

Michelle gave a report on the 2015 Pop Poll. There was a delay in ballots due to a technical “dump” that was done by national. Therefore, all ballots were not counted until the end of September, and this changed the outcome of the third, fourth and fifth awards. The top 5 were: 1) Dorothy and Toto, 2) Elva White Grow, 3) God Save the Queen, 4) Spacecoast Irish Illumination 5) Mark’s Bouquet. The top 10 for 2015 are on the regional website.

Michelle also talked about the need for content for the regional newsletter. She praised Central Florida Daylily Society for all the great content they submitted for the last newsletter. She is looking to ALL clubs in the region to provide interesting and fun articles.

Virginia announced the Spring Regional meeting will be Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, 2016. The speaker will be Heather Herrington, and the event will be held at Monroe’s On the Lake in historic Sanford on the shores of Lake Monroe. There will be 3 garden tours and more. Once a registration form is created, members will be sent a link via email. If a member is not receiving the email notifications, see Michelle.

Gene asked if there was any new business or other announcements. None were presented. Gene reminded everyone that the meeting would be followed by speaker Scott Elliot of Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, Georgia. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Peterson, RPD
So You Want to Be Best In Show

What daylily do I want to purchase? Do I want color, size, bud count, substance, texture, double, tet? The list goes on. How am I ever going to get a blue ribbon, go to the head table, much less Best In Show? Well, buy what you like, but if you’re going to show your plants off, welcome to the world of horticulture catfights. Exhibition clinics can take all the mystery’s out and when you graduate as a Exhibition Judge, your word is Law.

Exhibition Judges Clinic I
9:00 AM

Download the AHS Daylily Exhibitions Handbook. Read Chapters 1 & 2, pages 9-18. We are going to cover Judging Responsibility, Ethics, Standards, Rules and Accreditation. Then the good stuff - Characteristic of Daylilies - sizes and form, subforms, colors and patterns, texture and substance, older cultivars. Q & A at the end, and now you are a Student.

Exhibition Judges Clinic II
1:30 PM

Read Chapter 3, pages 19-32. As a Student, this Clinic gives you the opportunity to actually practice Judging of Cultivars and Seedings. So a brief review of Clinic I. Then AHS Standard System of Awards, AHS Major Awards, and AHS Special Awards. Now you can practice judging a Registered Cultivar and a Seeding. Take the test (open book), and you get to Judge 3 Cultivars and 3 seedlings, endeavoring to get within Master Panel scores. You are now a Junior Judge and now approved to Judge (catfighting begins).

Exhibition Judges Clinic III
1:30 PM

As a Senior Judge, you need to take this Refresher course every 4 years. Take as often as you can, because new items are always coming along. It would also, be good if you are a Senior Judge to volunteer for Master Panel to refresh Judging skills. Brief review of Clinic I & II data, plus this time more in depth of Unusual Forms Definition, Branching and the new Seedling Distinction Worksheet/Checklist.

Clinic Instructors are very well trained and easy to understand. You will be learning in moments of pleasure and have hands on experience at every turn.

Take both Clinic I and II on Friday May the 6th and by Sat May the 7th and you will be looking at the Tour Gardens plant material with an all new perspective.

Clinic fees are $5.00 and audit is $3.00

— Floyd Sewell, Jacksonville, Region 12 Exhibition Judge and Instructor
Central Florida Daylily Society (CFDS)

The Central Florida Daylily Society (CFDS) held their last meeting on Sunday, March 13th. The meeting was extremely well-attended, since many Region 12 members traveled to Orlando to hear and see our new AHS President, Nikki Schmith, give her presentation on collections. It was very well received.

Next up—the Region 12 Spring Meeting, May 6-7.

The CFDS meets the second Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Orlando Garden Club. For more information, visit the webpage at www.centralfloridadaylilies.org.

— Bob Martin

The CFDS will be sponsoring the Region 12 Spring Meeting on May 6th & 7th. See the Registration Form on page 24.
Florida Local Daylily Clubs

Bay Area Daylily Society
Dennis Hoffman, President
9100 90th Avenue N.
Pinellas Park, FL 33728
(717)547-5345
e-mail: eswdlh@earthlink.net
web: www.bads.us
Meet year-round at 10am the second Saturday of each month. Locations vary. Visit www.bads.us for more information.

Choctwhatchee Hemerocallis Society
Carl Henderson, President
2947 Bob Sikes Rd
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
(850) 892-5452 or (262) 227-7482
e-mail: chender832@acninc.net
Meet at 2pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month January - June at the Walton County Extension Service, DeFuniak Springs.

Central Florida Daylily Society
Sara Martin, President
1636 Sunset Avenue
Orange City, FL 32763
(386) 775-0726
e-mail: bobsara05@embarqmail.com
web: www.centralfloridadaylilies.org
Meet from 2 to 4p.m. on the second Sunday of the month from September through April at the Orlando Garden Club, 710 East Rollins Street, Orlando, Florida 32803.

North Florida Daylily Society
Bob Reese, President
9711 Beauclerc Terrace
Jacksonville, FL. 32257
904-731-0689
e-mail: bobreese@att.net
web: ndaylily.home.comcast.net
Meet at 2:15pm on the second Sunday of the month from January through April at Orange Park Library at 2054 Plainfield Ave.

Ocala Area Daylilies
Pat Hawk, Interim President
5301 W Highway 316
Reddick, FL. 32686
(352) 591-3120
e-mail: wateroak@windstream.net
web: facebook.com/Ocala.area.daylilies
Meet every 4th Sunday, 2pm, at the Ocala Public Library, 2720 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, Florida.

Pensacola Daylily Club
Michele Taylor, President
113 Santa Rosa Rd Lot 1
Cantonment, Fl. 32533
Phone: 850-889-5195
e-mail: micheleteaylor38@gmail.com
web: www.pensacoladaylilyclub.com
Meet September-June on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the Garden Center Café, 1850 N 9th Ave, Pensacola, Florida 32503.

Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society
Andrew Harbison, President
15445 51st Drive
Wellborn, FL. 32094
(386)965-5662
e-mail: andrewharbison@me.com
Meet at 2pm, the third Sunday of each month from September through June at the Columbia County Public Library, 490 N Columbia St, Lake City, Florida.

Tallahassee Daylily Society
Randy Fleming, President
9431 N Holland Road
Panama City, FL 32409-4010
Phone: (850) 814-3922
e-mail: jrflemin@mchsi.com
web: www.thsgardens.org
Meet at 2pm the 4th Sunday of each month at the Leon County Cooperative Extension Center located at 615 Paul Russell Road from September through April (excluding December).
**Summer Health Tips for Gardeners**

Although playing in the dirt in our daylily gardens can be relaxing and fun, we need to take proper precautions to avoid injury and illness. The old adage holds true — an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

First and foremost, remember to dress with safety in mind. We have to guard ourselves from our severe Florida sunshine and heat, fertilizers and chemicals, bacteria and other pathogens found in soil, and from biting and stinging insects.

It may seem easiest to work in the garden in shorts and a tank top, but wearing light-colored loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked in your socks or high rubber boots is a much better garden outfit. Ticks and biting ants are usually located in or close to the ground. Diseases caused by mosquitoes are no laughing matter, especially with the recent threat of Zika virus, currently under close scrutiny by the Centers for Disease Control. Appropriate clothes will help. Plus, add to your outdoor arsenal, DEET or a similar form of mosquito deterrent.

Stave off sunburn and potential skin cancer by wearing and re-applying sunscreen with a minimum SPF (sun protection factor) of 15. Wide-brimmed hats also help but your face in shade while gardening.

Know your limits when gardening in the heat. First and foremost, try to avoid working outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, generally from 12 noon to 3 pm. Take frequent breaks, and continually drink water to stay hydrated. Non-alcoholic liquids and salty snacks are necessary in our extreme summer heat, and your overall health is more important than temporary water-weight gain.

Move to shaded areas to rest, and give your body's thermostat a chance to recover from the heat. Dip and wring out bandanas in cool water and place on the back of your neck.

You risk for heat-related issues is higher if you fall into one of these categories:
- 65 years of age or older;
- considered overweight;
- pushing yourself to work too hard when you’re usually sedentary;
- having a physical illness;
- taking certain medication(s).

Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness, including high body temperature, headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion. Stop working if you experience sore muscles or shortness of breath. When in doubt, call 911.

Although there is a current trend to avoid vaccinations, many can be life-saving. One no-brainer for every daylily gardener is a tetanus vaccination. Gardeners use sharp tools and dig in the dirt. Tetanus lives in the soil and can enter the body through cuts in skin. Before you begin digging, make sure your tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine is current. All adults should get one every 10 years.

I’ve known gardeners who have contracted serious infections when seemingly small and inconsequential scratches get dirty especially when the nicks are on hands. So make certain you keep skin abrasions well protected, and use gardening gloves. Another no-brainer is to always use well-maintained, sharpened tools. In addition to causing quite a bit of hard work and frustration, dull tools often cause preventable accidents.

Lastly, daylily gardeners must use caution and

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**Distinction**

After teaching Clinic II in Lake City, one of my students came up to me (Michelle Peterson) and asked for a better definition of Distinction in Judging seedlings. Distinction is not uniqueness, I said, but qualities that enhance the plant - color, substance, height, branching, bud count, color etc. Now I am thinking to myself, having joined AHS in 1988 and being a Judge since 1991, that I've seen thousands of daylilies. So, by experience, distinction stands out to me, but not to a new Junior Judge. So we sat down and went through the Judges Handbook, reading everything on Distinction. Michelle was nice and said Okay. The next day in a Garden, see this clump is very distinctive. Okay, she said.

I checked with other Judges in Region 12, and got different answers from everyone. Emailed Joann Stewart, Exhibition Chair, and she emailed that it was being worked on. She emailed me a copy of the rough draft. You have to be impressed with the last criterion - "Wow and/or would you remember bloom in 5 minutes factor."

Nikki Schmith, AHS President has sent out the following email to all Exhibition Judges:

> Many exhibition judges, visitors, exhibitors and hybridizers over the years have expressed concern, complaint and criticism regarding the process of judging distinction in seedlings at an accredited exhibition show.

I am pleased to announce that a new "Seedling Distinction Checklist" has been produced, tested and approved for use by AHS Exhibition judges! It is a collective effort driven by Region 5 members Dr. Joann Stewart, Dr. Scott Elliott, Tim Herrington, and Jim Mullins - with support from many other exhibition enthusiasts.

Please access this new checklist here: https://daylilies.site-ym.com/?ExhibitionJudges

You will need to log into the AHS portal to find and download the document.

The document is a PDF, so download it, print a few copies and get ready for the 2016 show season! It is meant to be used while judging seedlings, at least to get started with a baseline conversation about what characteristics should get what points, and should also be used to help remind YOU what to consider while judging this section.

It should be MOST helpful during master panel discussions and in choosing best in section among the seedlings. If you are teaching a refresher course, please print it and bring it for discussion at these clinics.

Share it at your local clubs. Send it to your local show chairs and local hybridizers who aren’t judges. Nancy’s specialty is doubles, and, boy, does she have some beautiful ones.

— Floyd Sewell, Jacksonville, Region 12 Exhibition Judge and Instructor
# Seedling Distinction Worksheet/Checklist

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Florida Exhibition Judges, 2016

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Garden Judge Liaison Report

We all are eagerly anticipating the upcoming daylily bloom season. If you are like me you have been watching the lush new foliage appear since early this year.

Our daylily cultivars go through many growth stages throughout the year not the least of which is the spring bloom. Observing daylilies throughout the year helps us decide which ones are the overall best performers. You share the knowledge you have been gathering with your daylily friends, and they in turn share their knowledge with you. Why not share your knowledge with the whole daylily community?

Put your daylily observations to additional use by having them considered during the selection of the annual AHS Cultivar Awards. All you have to do is become a garden judge via a few hours of training and you will be eligible to vote for these awards. Classes will be held at the Spring Regional meeting in Orlando. Sign up for them with your registration. Or you can just audit the classes and learn how to be a better daylily observer. See you in class.

For more information on garden judging visit the AHS website, www.daylilies.org, or ask a garden judge you may already know.

— Joe Agosta, Tallahassee, Region 12 Garden Judge Liaison

Regional Historian Report

Hello, my name is Carol Robinson, and I am the new Historian for Region 12. For those who don’t know me, I have been active in daylilies since 2006, when I joined BADS and AHS. From there the addition to daylilies has grown by leaps and bounds. I currently own and operate Daylily Delights Nursery with over 600 different cultivars.

I want to thank those clubs in Region 12 who have already sent information and pictures of activities within the region. For those clubs yet to submit any information, I am looking for any club activities occurring within Region 12. I also need extra copies of the Region 12 newsletters as they become available.

Many thanks go to Sandy Soderburg as the previous Regional Historian, she did a great job! I have some big shoes to fill and I am depending on all you folks in Region 12 to accomplish this. Have a glorious bloom season!

— Carol Robinson, Tallahassee, Region 12 Garden Judge Liaison
Tales From Tallahassee…

by Candace Hundley

Gray Memorial United Methodist’s pumpkin patch greeted the attendees to the AHS Region 12 Fall Meeting on October 24, 2015. Registration was 135% higher than estimated - congratulations to the Tallahassee Daylily Society who made this a happening place to be!

Sharon Agosta and Cindy Fleming greet guests and are always ready, willing, and able to support the efforts of the Tallahassee Daylily Society.

Randy with G. J. Gregory from Oviedo, a hybridizer who has spoken at TDS meetings in the past.

Maryzell Roberts, Rosemary Dixon (Bainbridge, GA), and Ouida Howell ruminate over which daylilies they want to place bids on for the silent auction.

Ottis Houston (Lake City) chats with Dan and Lesa Harrison from Defuniak Springs.

James Brooks has taken up yodelling???? Sweet Sandra ignores him and places her interest elsewhere!
Cindy shares a moment with Teresa Russell (Chiplcy) - yep, she's a beach mama.

Darlene Holland, Bob Lewis, and Carolyn Jones (Defuniak Springs) as well as Cindy are all ears over something about which Randy seems to be holding court.

The gentleman here was horribly camera shy - it's David Williams (Tampa) who is also quite the singer and a volunteer in food service.

Charlotte Gibbs called numbers for the door prizes as Eula Burns searched the crowd for a hand to go up to claim the next door prize. One of the Wynn grandchildren watches and Sharon simply, well, waits.

The Superstar Culinary Staff: Penny Lamboy (foreground), Jennifer Skinner (left back), and Jenny Smith (right).
Nicole’s Daylilies is a unique hybridizing garden that produces beautiful, cutting-edge daylilies. Located in beautiful Eustis Florida, Nicole’s Daylilies is owned and operated by Nicole DeVito. Not just a daylily garden, Nicole and Nicole’s mom, Susan also call it home. One of their favorite distractions from daylilies is their butterfly and hummingbird garden.

Floyd Cove Nursery, owned by Guy and Karen Pierce, is known for producing “cutting edge” quality daylilies that inspire not only the hybridizer but also the daylily lover. Over the past 30 years, Floyd Cove has maintained a high standard of plants delivered to their customers, that high standard continues to be maintained today.

Dragonwood Garden is small suburban garden that specializes in small unusual forms and patterned daylilies. The hybridizers, C.J. and Virginia Gregory, work primarily with diploids, but still make several tetraploid crosses each year.

In 2013 they moved from a small corner lot in downtown to two and half acres in the suburbs. Most of their daylilies are still in pots as we work on settling in and setting up their new garden.
Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun

By Scott Elliott, Ph.D.,

with contributions from David Kirchhoff, Bruce Kovach, Tim Herrington, Pat and Grace Stamile, Ted Petit, and Bob Tankesley-Clarke

It’s everything you should know about double daylilies:

History of the double daylily form

The form (what qualifies a daylily to be a double)

A preview of the newest seedlings and future introductions as voted by the hybridizers

Dozens of hybridizer profiles

Photos of all recent award-winning double daylilies

More than 350 full-color photos

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Want to meet the author? Check out Scott’s schedule at www.scottelliottdaylilies.com or on Facebook to see if he will be in your area. If not, contact Scott to schedule a presentation on the book and/or his hybridizing program for your club or regional meeting.
American Hemerocallis Society Region 12
2016 Popularity Poll Ballot

Here is your new Popularity Poll ballot. Each cultivar below received at least four ballot votes or two write-ins on last year's ballot. An electronic ballot is also available on the AHS website at: www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot. Mail or email your choices to your RPD (see below), or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot only once.

Each AHS member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. A ballot with only one (1) vote is acceptable. In this new Popularity Poll ballot, you have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should your choices not appear in the listing below. Daylilies receiving the most votes will appear on the next year's ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so. Votes must be postmarked by September 1, 2016.

PLEASE CHECK OFF OR WRITE IN YOUR CHOICES BELOW.

☐ Above The Clouds  ☐ Fried Green Tomatoes  ☐ Sherry Lane Carr
☐ Across The Universe  ☐ Geneva Rockin Robin  ☐ Silver Run
☐ Affair D'amour  ☐ God Save The Queen  ☐ So Many Stars
☐ All about Eve  ☐ Initial Inspiration  ☐ Spacecoast Behavior Pattern
☐ Amanda's Little Red Shoes  ☐ Jason Salter  ☐ Spacecoast Gold Bonanza
☐ American Freedom  ☐ King Kahuna  ☐ Spacecoast Irish Illumination
☐ Answer From the Stars  ☐ Lady Neva  ☐ Spacecoast Sea Shells
☐ Apple Blossom White  ☐ Lava Flow  ☐ Spacecoast Tigertail Tango
☐ Arctic Tern  ☐ Lemonberry Truffle  ☐ Spacecoast Tiny Perfection
☐ Bali Watercolor  ☐ Mark's Bouquet  ☐ Sweet Patootie
☐ Bela Lugosi  ☐ Mary Ethel Anderson  ☐ Ten Gallon Hat
☐ Big Kiss  ☐ Maryzenn  ☐ Thin Man
☐ Bob Martin  ☐ Melvin Wayne Johnson  ☐ Voila Francois
☐ Buddy's Betsy  ☐ Midnight Magic  ☐ Whistleblower
☐ Clarion Call  ☐ Midnight Raider  ☐
☐ Clayton Houston  ☐ Odd Man Out  ☐
☐ Cyber Zone  ☐ Orange Colossus  ☐
☐ Dorothy and Toto  ☐ Orange Velvet  ☐
☐ Dr. Charles Molano  ☐ Panama Sunset  ☐
☐ Dragonwood Dream Maker  ☐ Parrots of the Caribbean  ☐
☐ Dragonwood Spellbound  ☐ Picnic Party  ☐
☐ Dreamsickle Surprise  ☐ Rosabelle Van Falkenburgh  ☐
☐ Edd  ☐ Sara Martin  ☐
☐ Elva White Grow  ☐ Scouts Honor  ☐
☐ Fashion Police  ☐ Sea of Cinders  ☐
☐ Firefly Frenzy  ☐ Sebastian The Crab  ☐

Your Choice WRITE INS:

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**Cook’s Corner**

**COPPER PENNIES**
*From Sara Martin*

A delicious side dish.

Ingredients:
- 2 lbs Carrots sliced on the round.
- 1 med. Onion chopped fine.
- 1 green pepper, chopped fine,
- 1 can condensed tomato soup, undiluted
- 1 tbsp. prepared mustard.
- ½ c of vinegar
- ½ c salad oil
- ¾ c sugar

Cook carrots until tender in a small amount of boiling salted water. Drain. Combine carrots, onion, green pepper and set aside. Combine soup, vinegar, oil, sugar, mustard and stir. Bring to a boil and pour over carrots. Refrigerate overnight.

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**STUFFED DAYLILIES**
*From dirtwormy.com*

Ingredients
- 10 open daylily flower heads
- 4 oz soft, herbed goat cheese
- 1 Tbsp raw honey

Notes:
1. Use Silverton garlic & herb goat cheese because it’s delicious and quick, but you can always buy plain goat cheese and add roasted garlic, chives, sea salt, and black pepper to taste.
2. Raw honey is not runny.

Directions:

Collect the daylily flower heads from a source you know for certain is unpolluted and unsprayed. The heads will pop right off. Trim off the pollen covered stamen with scissors. Also cut off any green still attached to the flower.

Rinse the lilies thoroughly and gently under room temperature water. I rinse them one at a time to keep from damaging the flower and to remove any tiny critters, but if your dinner guests don’t mind eating a few bugs go for a quick bulk rinse. It’s just extra protein anyway! Thoroughly combine the herbed cheese and honey in a small bowl with a fork. Adjust seasoning as you see fit.

With a spoon or a knife stuff the cheese deep into the center of each daylily.

Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 3 hours. Only store the daylilies if you’ve thoroughly washed them because live bugs must be eaten immediately or stored away from other foods.

*Caution: A few go a long way. Over-indulging on these can have a laxative effect; some people experience a slight irritation of the throat from daylilies; and other types of lilies are poisonous.*
Regional Service Award

Just a reminder to all that you are welcome to nominate a person of your choice for the Regional Service Award. The deadline for nominations is September 1st for next year’s AHS Convention presentation.

This Award was established by the AHS Board in 1974 to recognize 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 this award. 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.

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 AHS member of the nominee's region.

The name of your nominated candidate, together with a written summary of the nominee’s worthiness for this award, should be mailed to:

Melodye Campbell
AHS Awards and Honors Chair
21 Ambleside Drive
Fairport, NY 14450-3212
Or sent by email to:
awards@daylilies.org

AHS Youth Activities

Don’t Hesitate, Participate
January 1 to December 31, 2016
Gain points by participating in the Youth Group of the AHS Portal.
www.daylilynetwork.org
The one with the most points will win a daylily from Dan Bachman.

Coloring Contest
March 1 to September 1, 2016
There are three drawings; each for a specific age group. The drawings were distributed in the spring-summer Youth News. They are also available to print from the youth section of the AHS web site. The winners will receive a shirt embellished with their art work.

— Kathy D’Alessandro, AHS Youth Chair

Summer Health Tips for Gardeners (continued)

protective gear when spraying pesticides and fertilizers. When using chemicals, it’s not okay to use the Nike motto, and “just do it.” Remember to always read the label. The label is the law. Mix amounts as directed and wear masks, goggles, gloves, etc., when required. And only spray when conditions are appropriate—avoiding windy days, or before heavy rains that will leach chemicals into our groundwater and create problems for our waterways and wildlife.

We have a long growing season here in Florida, so many of us are in our gardens quite often. Be safe, be well, be joyful, and relish the upcoming bountiful bloom season this year.

— Michelle Peterson, RPD, Florida Master Gardener
Each registrant will receive a complimentary daylily from Dan Hansen for attending the conference. Many local hybridizer gardens will be open. A list will be posted separately.

**Registration Includes Saturday bus tour, lunch and dinner:** $85 per adult, no charge for AHS Youth. Registrations sent after April 15, 2016 - $10 late fee. **Make check payable to: Central Florida Daylily Society.**

**Hotel Information:** Monroe’s On the Lake, 530 N Palmetto Ave, Sanford, FL 32771. A beautifully renovated hotel located by the water in historic Sanford, FL. Discounted room rates are $69 plus tax for a single queen bed, $79 plus tax for two queen beds and $89 plus tax for a king bed. Call 407-878-1861 and reference “FLOWER CLUB” when making reservations. The hotel offers a complimentary continental breakfast starting at 4 AM. Rooms need to be booked by April 4 to receive the discounted rate.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee (includes Saturday bus tour, lunch and dinner): $85 per adult, no charge for AHS Youth. For Registrations sent after April 15th add $10 late fee.

Send check made payable to Central Florida Daylily Society and completed registration form (below) to:

Trish Titer,  
2450 McMichael Road, Saint Cloud, FL 34771

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Fees for clinics are $5 per person and will be collected prior to clinics. Bring a copy of the Exhibition or Garden Judges Handbook with you. They are available for download on the AHS website.
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