

# Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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## Youth Keeps Us Young

A National Geographic photographer once said in a seminar, “You can’t take an ugly picture of a beautiful subject.” And all youth are beautiful, aren’t they? In the photo above, Ansley is watering her daylilies, H. Lamb’s Lilies, and will be entering her first show this year in the youth division at the Cobb County and Greater Atlanta Daylily Show on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. If the past predicts the future, she won’t be the only one. Her brother, Jake, has won blue ribbons the past two years. He’s shown with his and Ansley’s mom in the top photo on the left.

How’d you get your start loving to garden? Chances are someone close to you planted the gardener’s seed in your heart, gave you yard tasks that generated perspiration and tired muscles and then allowed your pride to bloom when you discovered one of your plants burst into colorful flowers. For me it was Dad and Aunt Gertrude. Who was it for you? And who will you influence? If there’s not a (grand)son or (grand)daughter, niece or nephew around, maybe there’s a young neighbor that keeps asking, “Whatcha doin’?” and would be grateful for your attention. They might even listen to your garden wisdom.

Who knows? The youth you mentor may go on to become the next well-known hybridizer or . . . the President of the United States that transforms the White House rose garden to a daylily extravaganza! And they’ll say they owe the love of it all to YOU !!!



## Gardening To-Do List by Doris Bishop

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment of Garden Courtesy:

**“Thou shalt not  
touch, pinch, snip, or  
snitch any:  
PLANT,  
PROLIFERATION,  
POD, or POLLEN.”**

**“. . . Violators will be  
composted ! ”**

**John Eiseman**  
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“The” Doris Bishop !!!



### JUNE

1. **WATER, WATER, WATER!** Daylilies need at least **one inch of water each week**. Water early in the mornings or late in the afternoons. Never allow water to remain on the foliage when the sun is overhead or else ugly leaf scorch will result.
2. Continue to spray for aphids, thrips, and spider mites and treat for slugs and snails.
3. Check sick daylilies for crown rot. Crown rot will kill a daylily. If caught early, the plant can be treated and possibly saved.
4. Watch for rust if you have added new daylilies from a rust-prone area. Treat immediately before it can spread to neighboring plants. Put any foliage with rust in the trashcan and wash your hands. Rust spores will spread.
4. Pull or clip any yellow or discolored foliage. Yellow foliage may be a sign that the daylilies need water.
5. Deadheading spent blooms keeps the garden neat and presentable.
6. Hybridize to create future Stout Silver Medal winners. Be sure to label your crosses. (Pod parent x pollen parent)
7. Take lots of pictures of your daylilies and the garden. Study the garden pictures to see what you like and what you want to change. You may want to add pictures of each daylily you grow to your daylily database this winter when you finally have spare time.
8. Tour other gardens. Visit the AHS Display Gardens in your area. Ask questions when in the gardens. Take along a pad and pen to list any daylilies that you want to add in the future.
9. Take advantage of plant sales in your area, especially at local daylily shows. Good buys are to be had!
10. Visit and exhibit your daylilies in a local daylily show. You will see many very beautiful daylilies. Be sure to bring that pad and pen with you.
11. Go to AHS Region and/or National meetings. You will tour beautiful daylily gardens and meet other excited daylily lovers.
12. Walk your garden with pad and pen in hand. What changes do you want to make before next year? Which daylilies are not performing well? Would they do better if moved to a new location in your garden or should they find a new home in someone else's garden? Should that showy clump be moved to a more visible location? Should the reds or dark purples be moved to more shade? Should that short one in the back of the bed be moved to the front or the tall one in front moved to the back? Make note of which clumps need to be divided in September. Don't rely on your memory. Write it down and put your notes where you can find them later.
13. **Above all else, take the time to enjoy your daylilies.** June is the peak month for daylily blooms in our area. This is what you have looked forward to since the daylilies quit blooming last summer.

### JULY & AUGUST

1. **WATER, WATER, WATER!** Continue to water even though your blooms have declined or finished. Water helps to produce rebloom scapes and new fans, prevent stress on the plants from the hot, dry periods of summer, grow bigger roots and fans, and prepare the plants for next year's blooms.
2. Give the daylily foliage a final spraying for insects.
3. As the foliage becomes ragged and dries, it may be mowed a few inches above the ground, clipped or sheared, or weed-eated to keep the beds neat. New foliage will then grow and replace the old. Some growers prefer to leave the foliage and do nothing to it.

## Gardening To-Do List by Doris Bishop (cont'd)



4. Supplement your fertilizing program with an additional dose of Milorganite or other non-time release fertilizer and Epsom salt. This will help with fan increase and healthy roots for next spring. After the daylilies finish blooming, they begin preparing for the next year's growth and blooms.

5. If you are going to get daylily rust, it will show itself by now. You can treat the rust, cut the affected foliage, and destroy the foliage by putting it in the trashcan, or hope that the cold temperatures of winter will destroy the rust. Rust does not kill the daylily but does make the foliage look unsightly.

6. If you hybridize, gather seeds as the pods dry. Be sure to label the seeds as you gather them. Air dry the seeds for a few days or else the seeds may mold when refrigerated. Then refrigerate shelled seeds in small plastic bags for at least two weeks to speed up the germination process. Seeds can then be planted directly in specially prepared ground or pots. Seeds may sprout within a week or two or may take longer. **Be sure to water and not let the soil dry out.** If the soil dries out, the seeds may not germinate. Continue to water the seeds once they have sprouted. Seeds may be refrigerated in a sealed plastic bag all winter and then planted in the spring.

Each person has time, energy, and financial limitations. These guidelines are only suggestions. Take what you want from these suggestions. Aim to add something new each year to your program of growing daylilies to make it better. Try NOT to make it WORK. Instead, have FUN and ENJOY growing the BEST flower there is---the DAYLILY!



## Save the Dates\*, Please

- Sept. 19** . . . . . General Meeting – 2PM, First United Methodist Church
- Oct. 2** . . . . . Fall Picnic – 4PM, Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens
- Oct. 15-17** . . . . Fall Fling – Crowne Plaza, Atlanta, GA
- Nov. 14** . . . . . General Meeting – 2PM, First United Methodist Church
- Dec. 12** . . . . . Christmas Party – 4PM, McKenney's home

**\*Schedule as of July 2010 and is subject to change.**

## Ira Pegues – Thank You !!!

Ira Pegues, one of our original members, gave the Waldrops his Daylily Journals dating from 1952 to 2000! That's 48 years' worth of AHS history!

Bill and Diana contacted the AHS Archives Chairman, Ken Cobb, who was delighted to receive these back-issues for the archives.

It was quite interesting to look back at these issues. Obviously, even in 1952, people were in love with the Daylily and anxious to learn how to grow them better. **Ira, thank you for your wonderful gift of these AHS Journals.**

One of the advantages to being a member of the AHS is receiving

the four Journals each year. They are filled with great information and beautiful images.

If you haven't joined AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) you can today for only \$25.00. You can find a registration form at the AHS web site, [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org).

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## 2010 Show & Sale & Garden Tours

This spring was busy! In late May, the business of the AHS Convention in Valdosta included two days of garden tours added to convention business. The busy-ness of the second annual Cobb County and Greater Atlanta Daylily Societies' show and sale on June 12th continued the chaotic fun at the Galleria. And as if that wasn't enough, a June 19th morning of garden tours began with breakfast at the Rigsby's and ended with tea at the McKenney's. And all during June, how many of us just stood in our own gardens and enjoyed the show! Below are random pix taken this spring.

### Random Shots of Spring Events



Claude Carpenter's daylilies took several awards.



Lela's, H. Mini Pearl, Best in Show, Youth



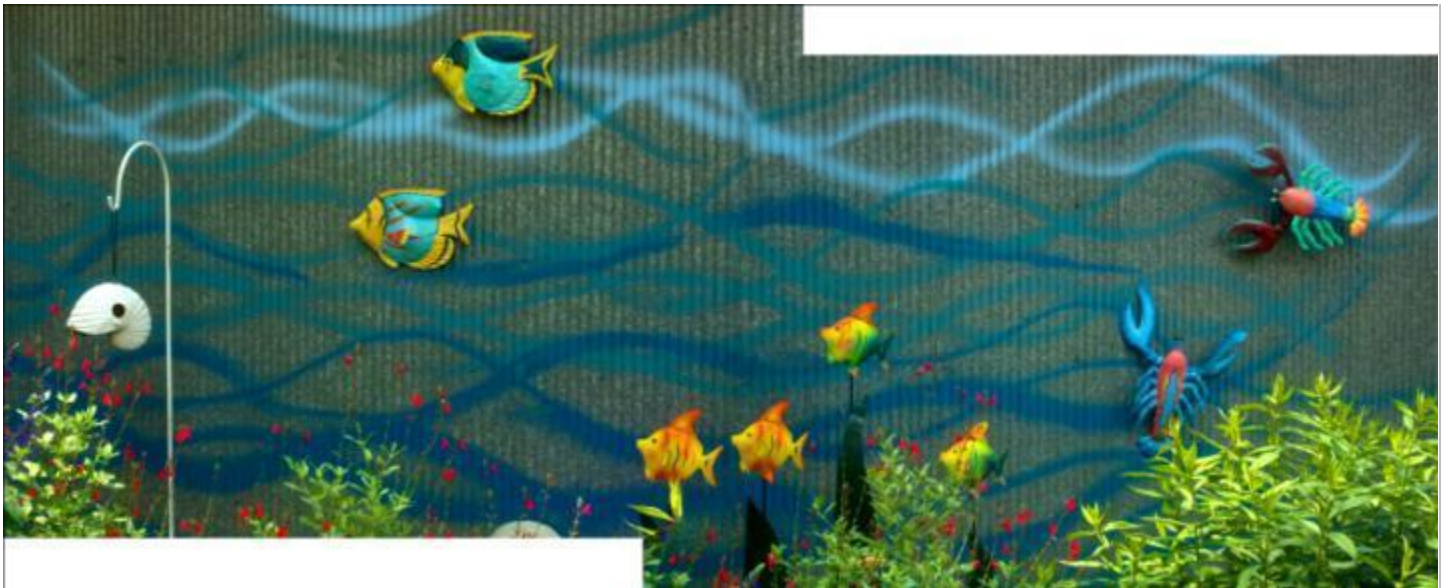
Georgeous George,  
Garden Guru



Bug's-eye view of an AHS  
tour garden



A different angle



Garden walls and paths, mixes of plants and people that walk them ....



## Finally, A Word from Our President

I always enjoy our Daylily Show in June as much as anything else that our Club does during the year. I can't say enough about the leadership of Patty Franklin in making this show to be such a resounding success the past two years. Indeed, I can say with pride that our joint show with the Atlanta Club has become a tremendous success in the State of Georgia. This is the reason that we had 16 Judges to be with us at our Show. I would also quickly add that I tremendously enjoy the luncheon that our Clubs sponsor at the show, and that this year we had over 87 daylily friends at our luncheon. Thanks to Jack and Cynthia Rigsby for all of their work in making the luncheon a tremendous success.

I also enjoy our garden tours in our own gardens. It was a tremendous treat to have breakfast together at the Rigsby home, and then travel to the McKenney home. A great breakfast and great flowers; how much more fun could a morning be? Thanks to Jack and Cynthia and to Glenn and Yvonne for making our summer garden tour such a resounding success.

I would also note that yesterday I received our AHS Journal, and the focus of the Journal was on the National Convention held in Valdosta. Eight, great gardens, and seeing friends from across Georgia and from all across the country made the Convention the place to be. Barbara Kirby and the leadership of the Valdosta Club certainly receives our applause.

I'm looking forward to this coming fall, and to the election of our new officers. I am saddened that I will no longer be the Club's President, but I know that the leadership now must shift to others who can take our Club to new and better adventures. I'm looking forward to the report of our nominating committee in September, and I will see you then.

Bill Waldrop

## But, Really . . . Finally, . . . Even More Pix



Best in Show Winner  
"Arms Reaching Out"  
Marilyn Hennecken

From the [www.Daylilies . . . World Wide Wonders](http://www.Daylilies...WorldWideWonders) 2010 Show and Sale design competition entries. Sorry, they wouldn't ALL fit.

Another DVD-CD was made of the 2010 show. If time permits, it'll be shown at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and includes more garden tour shots from the Valdosta national convention.