



Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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Just over six years ago, Bill Waldrop, our past club President, called about a dozen people together and said "Why don't we form a Daylily Club in Cobb County?" This meeting was the origin of what has become one of the largest and most active clubs in Region 5, if not all of AHS. As of this writing we have 107 FAMILY memberships. Our success as a club has been and shall remain inherent in the outstanding support and strength of our membership.

We are now embarking on a year that promises to be one of the biggest our club has entered. We have three new hybridizers coming to do presentations, our flower show continues to become larger and greater and we are the host club for the Region 5 Spring Regional. This is indeed an honor that a club as new as ours has been given this opportunity. We accepted this because we knew we had the knowledge and SUPPORT to make it the best Spring Regional ever. Frost said "The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." We are asking all the "willing" to help at all levels. The chairs of the various Regional committees will be contacting the membership for support. If you have a particular skill, let us know.

The agenda for our February meeting is exciting. We will be introducing a member awards program which will allow members to receive free daylilies. Not just any old daylilies, but recently introduced ones. We will have a presentation on becoming a Garden Judge and updates on the Spring Regional. The guest of honor will be Lee Pickles, Chattanooga Daylilies, Hixon, TN.

The officers of your club request the honor of your presence, support and assistance so that the Cobb County Daylily Society will continue as the premier club in the American Hemerocallis Society.

David Arthur
President, CCDS



2010 Xmas Party Collage



Marlee's Find at AHS Garden Tour

“It’s Daylily Heaven in 2011” - June 10-12

Region 5 Meeting at the Marietta Conference Center

by Camilla Arthur, Co-Chair with David Arthur

We are all looking forward to the 2011 Daylily Region Meeting which will be held in Marietta this year. We already have 23 rooms reserved at the Marietta Conference Center, Hilton hotel. Reserve your room early. If you remember, the first 50 people to register and reserve a room for two nights will receive a 2011 daylily introduction by Bill Waldrop.

We have on tour four daylily display gardens. The gardens will be well manicured and at the peak bloom season. There will never be another opportunity to see all these outstanding gardens at their best. The bus tour will begin at the hotel on Saturday morning around 7:30 am. We will be going to MP Flowers (Franklin’s) and Shady Rest (Bishop’s) first and then to Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden (Waldrop’s) and Prissy’s Garden (Arthur’s). Then back to the hotel for a buffet lunch and mini clinics.

You will have the opportunity to attend several clinics of your choice. There will be clinics on

companion plants to daylilies, hybridizers’ forum, soil preparation, how to create a commercial garden and several others.

There will be a buffet and plant auction on Friday night as well as a boutique and plant sale on both days of the conference. We are holding all the judges clinics, both Garden Judge and Exhibition Judge, on midday Friday. This is the best time to become a judge. Everyone in the club should be a garden judge. If you grow daylilies, you need to know how to select the best flower plus you will be able to vote on daylily stars. Saturday night will be our formal dinner at the hotel with a short regional meeting and the speaker, Ted Petit, Le Petit Jardin, will present an outstanding program.

For a fun and rewarding weekend, book a room at the hotel and treat yourself! You will be so glad you did! Use the form on the next page for agenda and registration details and more.



2011 AHS REGION 5 SPRING CONFERENCE

“IT’S DAYLILY HEAVEN IN 2011”

Sponsored by Cobb County Daylily Society

June 10 – 12, 2010

Marietta Hilton Hotel and Conference Center
500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2010

12:00pm- 6:00pm	Registration Boutique, Plant Sale and Silent Auction are OPEN
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Garden Judges Clinic I
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Exhibition Judges Clinic I
11:00am – 1:00pm	Master Panel
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Exhibition Judges Clinic II
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Exhibition Judges Clinic III – Refresher
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Garden Judges Clinic II McKenney Garden
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Hospitality in Hotel Bar
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Dinner (Included) and Auction

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011

6:00am - 7:00pm	Breakfast buffet (Included for Hotel guests)
7:00am - 1:30pm	Garden Tours
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Buffet Lunch at Hotel (Included)
1:30pm – 6:00pm	Boutique, Plant Sale and Silent Auction are OPEN
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Numerous Mini Clinics (Topics to be announced)
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Hospitality in Hotel Bar
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Dinner (Included)
7:30pm - 8:00pm	Hybridizer Presentations
8:00pm	Guest Speaker: Ted Petit Le Petit Jardin

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

6:30am – 10:30am	Breakfast buffet (Included for Hotel guests)
8:00am - 1:00pm	Open Gardens

Meeting and Lodging

Marietta Hilton Hotel and Conference Center

500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA 30064
Telephone 770-427-2500 and ask for Georgia the
Daylily Conference rate or use the Group Code GAD

BOOKING SITE:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ATLMAHF-GAD-20110610/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

\$95.00 + tax for Single/Double room per night. Register
For two nights and the FIRST 50 ROOM
RESERVATIONS WILL RECEIVE A 2011 WALDROP
INTRODUCTION VALUED AT \$200.

Registration Form

2011 Region 5 Spring Conference

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

(Names of others included in fee)

Fees:	\$ 95.00 per person if postmarked by May 9, 2011
	\$125.00 per person after May 9, 2011
	\$ 60.00 Youth if postmarked by May 9, 2011
	\$ 80.00 Youth after May 9, 2011
	\$ 35.00 Bus Tour only (if space available)

\$ _____ Enclosed

**Make checks payable to Cobb County Daylily Society and mail to
Conference Registrar:**

Patty Franklin
15230 Birmingham Hwy. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 770-410-0548 email: mpflowers@comcast.net

Please fill in number to attend each of the Garden and Exhibition
Judges Workshops: A \$5.00 attendance fee or \$3.00 audit fee will be
Collected for each class.

Exhibition Judges 1: _____ Exhibition Judges 2: _____

Exhibition Judges Refresher: _____ Garden Judges: _____

Daylily Growing for Unique Situations

Text AND Pictures by Nancy Green

We love growing beautiful daylilies and healthy companion plants. Like most inspiring endeavors, many begin with a gleam in the eye or spark of the heart. Gardening is no exception. Magazines brim with appointed garden views finished with perfectly arranged pine straw.

While imagining and studying how you'll grow a wonderful garden, one tends to focus energies on inspirational goals. Similar to a mentored school yard, best intentions go hand-in-hand when envisioned with defining goals such as etiquette and the zero-tolerance concept. Weeds and pests are banned forever like schoolyard bullies. Yet like the real world, every garden arrives with its own form of bullies, particularly when least expected.

The reality is many weeds and pests are easy game when compared to the tougher challenges of garden bullies. You know the kind - the ones Life presents as you cross into your garden's path. What if you have to relocate and are faced with leaving your plants or undergo surgery and can't dig or use your knees? What can you do when those fabulous trees you planted 5 years ago are now towering over your beloved perennial beds, soon-to-be doomed by the fate of shade? Why do animals seem to come from miles around just to dig in or up-root daylilies in your beds? Why is it that at least once every summer some good soul forgets to mow the grass in the correct direction and shoots the clippings (i.e. weed seeds) straight into your flower borders or beds? And let's not forget ROOTS - yes, every tree, shrub and vine, including those from your neighbor's yard, are pointed directly towards your carefully constructed beds, no matter how professionally designed. And should all of the above not be enough to convince you to pawn off those garden tools to the energetic-looking kid down the street, just how skillful are you REALLY when it comes to facing off bullies such as honeysuckle, ivy or

bermuda? Bet that townhouse deal I have for you sounds pretty good about now. But wait, don't throw in the towel just yet - - you still have an option!

With so many potential experiences facing us, there are a few pro-active solutions to minimize the impact of garden bullies. Depending on your situation, in just a few weekends most of the above can be resolved. Many of the daylily garden bullies can be a thing of the past with just a few tweaks. How? By growing in containers! (continued next page)



Several pictures taken over the past year demonstrate successful gardening through the use of containers. Thanks to the assistance of my husband and his keen eye for salvage materials such as pvc pipe (see image below) and 10 foot boards, I directed my energies towards growing great daylily fans. This is achieved through timely applications and necessities such as bags of Fafard complete container mix, aged pine bark, compost, perlite, Epson salt and slow release fertilizer.



Through the application of gardening skills and know-how, one knows it takes a few steps to grow in containers. For the purpose of this article, I'm addressing daylilies in particular although this method can work for many plants.

As an avid gardening hobbyist for several decades, many of my seeds are typically started early indoors in tray cells and carefully monitored so as to achieve the highest germination rate possible. Having lived in various states and grown a variety of plants through several zones with particular growing requirements, experience is often times the best instructor. Growing out daylily seedlings fall into this category. Investing in daylilies which are bred from various zones can become negative experiences for those who purchase plants from across state lines. When hearing stories about daylily friends losing plants to weather extremes, it just breaks my heart. What I've done to solve this dilemma can help but is not necessarily feasible beyond the scope of the backyard gardener or hobbyist. If you work with a tractor, compost hundreds or thousands of seedlings

each year, and know everyone at your local nursery supply house by first name, this remedy may not be practical or useful to you.

One of the reasons my method seems to work so well is that I use large containers for double fans with large root systems to stretch out in. Various container sizes are selected based on the size of the daylily root system. Once planted, they are grouped according to the size of the fans which typically are not large or heavy in the very beginning. The containers are purchased in "sticks", which is the trade language for a bundle. For further info on my soil mix and container sources, drop me an email (nancy@butterflyfarms.net) and I will be happy to forward the info on to you. Some nurseries may be able to give you their large containers as sometimes they are thrown out. I purchase good quality containers which can be washed up and re-used over many years.

2010 was a very hot Summer, so hot that daylilies went dormant in July. Yet all I lost was a SC White Chocolate. The preceding winter was also the coldest in 39 years, though I did not lose a single daylily, which was truly amazing since many are semi-dormants. The key factors seemed to be through the use of high quality materials combined with tenting the growing area. This was achieved with the use of a quality frost cloth product during extreme cold nights (below freezing). The light fabric was purchased in a large roll for under \$150. After April, it was hosed off, folded and packed away for future use of many years. During Winter, plants can be left covered and will not cook like they would under plastic. The fabric will not tear in ice or wind like plastic. On nicer days, I fold the cloth back to expose the containers for warmer weather. (Please see images on next page.)



One roll of frost cloth covers approximately ten (10) foot long rows consisting of planted containers. The containers are placed in rows, side by side, with galvanized pole supports spaced 4 feet apart. I cut the cloth into 5 sheets so that 2 rows are covered at

a time, leaving a space between rows with which to walk. They drape over 10 feet long pvc pipe which are pressed into pvc elbows then supported by the galvanized fence posts which have been pounded into the ground when the ground was moist. The frost cloth ends are held down by salvaged lumber and hold well, even in high winds and under snow loads. Last winter I used extremely long sawhorses which were heavy and were susceptible to blowing over.

Each daylily container is doubled up, i.e., placed inside a larger container, which is then layered with pine straw as further protection. This works year round as an excellent source of insulation as well as a barrier against weeds. Squirrels and chipmunks still want to dig around, but the holes are easy to cover back up with a long stick. You don't even have to bend over!

Due to water constraints, I did have to hand water and apply water soluble sprays, but with some ingenuity, one could attach another run of pvc to the top rail and hook up an automatic watering device. I did this years ago with drip irrigation and it worked like a charm, timer and all.

Thank you for your interest in reading about my daylily container-grown method. It does require an additional layout of investment but will pay for itself through proactive management processes and preservation of otherwise expensive plant material.



Remember Spring? This one's by
R.Buehner, *Clover Field*

CCDS General Meetings

First United Methodist Church, Whitlock Avenue, Marietta

Speaker: Lee Pickles, Hixon TN

Chattanooga Daylilies

Feb. 27, 2011 @ 2 PM

The next CCDS general meeting will feature Lee Pickles, a hybridizer from Hixon TN, a long-time educator during both his "working" years and in "retirement", a 2009 AHS Helen Field Fisher Gold Medal recipient, organizer of many, many daylily symposia, holder of every officer's title of his local club including the past President title of the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society, newsletter editor for over 10 years, etc., etc., etc. His partner in all this, Jean Pickles, is also an educator and Master Gardener in her own right. If the Chattanooga Daylilies website is any indication, Lee will educate even the most seasoned gardener at our meeting on the Sunday, Feb. 27th and will entice the least seasoned to become more passionate about daylilies whether she's fighting the urge or not.

A glance at Lee's website, www.chattanoogadaylilies.com provides full-page how-to's and photos on freezing pollen, how a working greenhouse is constructed and utilized and the steps it took for them to morph into hybridizers.

Speaker: Dan Bachman

Valley of the Daylilies Garden

April 10, 2011 @ 2PM

Dan and Jackie Bachman's garden is located in Lebanon, Ohio, about 30 miles North of Cincinnati, where chile is not chile unless it's cooked with spaghetti. Their Valley of the Daylilies is an AHS display garden as well as a commercial sale and hybridizing garden featuring spiders and unusual forms in addition to pre- 1970 historic cultivars. At the April 10th general meeting, Dan will share his expertise so come with your notepad and pencil or just sit back and enjoy the presentation and camaraderie.

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Save the Dates – 2011 CCDS Calendar

- January 1 ----- AHS & CCDS Dues were due
January 21-23 ----- Mid-Winter Symposium, Nashville TN
February 12 ----- Winter Region 5 Meeting, Macon GA
February 27 ----- General CCDS Meeting, Speaker – Lee Pickles, Chattanooga Daylilies, Hixon TN
2PM @ First United Methodist Church (see page 6)
April 10 ----- General CCDS Meeting – Dan Bachman, Valley of the Daylilies, Lebanon OH
2PM @ First United Methodist Church (see page 6)
May 25-28 ----- National Convention, Baton Rouge LA
June 10-12 ----- Region 5 Spring Conference, Marietta Conference Center, CCDS Hosting
June 18 ----- Daylily Show, Cobb Galleria – Hosted by Greater Atl. & Cobb County Daylily
Societies
September 11 ----- General CCDS Meeting, Speaker – Mark Carpenter, The Lily Farm, Center TX
2PM @ First United Methodist Church
December 4 ----- Christmas Party @ the Verners

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“Name the Newsletter” Contest

Did you notice how different the newsletter looks? New logo, new layout, new title, more announcements, a really great how-to article, etc., etc., etc.,? What’s really needed now is a new name for the newsletter that describes the Cobb County Daylily Society and what we do. So our esteemed president suggested we have a “Name the Newsletter” Contest with a prize going to the submitter of the winning entry. As of this writing, the judging and rules and the prize are still to be announced but start the thinking process now. Think out of the box, use puns, think of gardens or garden activities or garden tools or getting dirty or the beauty of the daylily itself or ??? or ??? Play with words and get creative. If you have any early entries, submit them to me at ritabuehner@bellsouth.net. (Let’s assume for now that you can make more than one entry and that the deadline is April 15th.)

To get you started, “Fanfare”, “The Garden Gate”, “Tepals Time”, and “The Daylily Fan” are names of other daylily club newsletters across the nation.

More details to follow.