



Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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President's Message

It's been a busy year since I took office as President and a lot has happened this past year. We've had great guest speakers like Tim Bell and Jan Joiner to talk to us about daylilies. Barbara Kirby gave us insight into the Region 5 and AHS. Sue Calbreath and Pam Haffner taught us about Fairy Gardens.

We had an outstanding daylily show with lots of entries and lots of winners. For the first time, we even had an Ophelia Taylor Award winner. (*Editor's note: see story below.*)

We had a wide variety of activities and functions for club members to partake in like the Pop Poll Party, our annual picnic, the region fall fling, a grooming clinic and our annual Christmas party. We had several plant sales to earn funds for the club. We are a busy, busy, busy club.

It's been a lot of work for all involved but we've had a great time doing it. The future looks bright for CCDS with the 2015 National fast approaching. Before closing I want to thank everyone for their help in making our club the best club in the Region. I also want to congratulate Jack and Cynthia Rigsby on being awarded the first Annual President's Service Award. They surely deserved it.

I can't wait for spring to get here. Enjoy the Holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mark Franklin, CCDS President



Mark Frankin Wins Ophelia Taylor Award Once ... With Three Sets of Qualifying Entries

Requirements for winning the Ophelia Taylor Award: “Any winning Entry must score ninety-five (95) points or above individually for each of the five (5) scapes from each of the judges.” - AHS Website

Another Editor’s Note: I was going to write up an article describing Mark’s accomplishment in winning the Ophelia Taylor Award at CCDS’ 2013 show. So I e-interviewed Mark by zapping a few questions by e-mail. His response was more succinct than anything I would have written. I used my editorial license to copy his response below.

“Here are the groupings of the flowers that I submitted for the Ophelia Taylor Award.

Group One: Dragonfly Wings
Off To See the Wizard
Raspberry Prism
Abba
Corinthian Pink

Group Two: Blood Sweat and Tears
Lonnie Leroy Carpenter
The King is Coming
Fox Hunter
It's a Dream

Group Three: Texas Big Red
Savannah Smooch
South Sea Serenade
Psalm of David
Mississippi Red Dragon

None of the entries scored less than a 96 with the first group being selected as the winner with a score of 98 or higher on each flower. The second group scored the lowest with the lowest flower in that group scoring a 96. The third group all had scores of 97 or higher. It was truly amazing. I never thought that all three would win.

I really set out to win the award because it had not been accomplished by anyone in our club. I entered three entries because I wanted to give it my best shot. The waiting for the results was excruciating because I knew I had a great chance and I knew that someone also had the results. I was really over whelmed when Barbara Kirby finally told me. My one regret is that I didn't get pictures of the entries. We were so busy that day that I just never thought about it.

Well that's the whole story. Thanks, Mark Franklin”

Dec. 17th Meeting - Sue Calbreath & Pam Haffner
"Fairy Gardens"



The November 17th general meeting was a very different daylily meeting. Patty Franklin led it off by listing six or so garden things to do inside when it's too cold to go outside.

- 1) Keep your eyes open for megabargains especially at stores that stock seasonal stuff. Patty found Preen at ½ price at Costco and with Mark pushing the flatbed cart, they bought a boatload.
- 2) The best idea is to map your garden for several reasons. The exact location of dormant plants can be forgotten and accidentally dug up when planting in the spring, tags can get collected by well-meaning, small children and memories are short when it comes to recognizing by sight where we planted what. Either write on paper what's planted where or ... and this is easy ... take photos during the growing season.
- 3) through 6) – I've forgotten what they are ... but Patty can tell you.

After business was done with reports about the 2015 National Convention (which CCDS is hosting, if you didn't already know), the Fall Jonquil Festival Daylily Sale, treasurer and secretary reports, the ARMS program, etc., Pam Haffner and Sue Calbreath co-presented their passions for fairy gardens.

While at the 2013 Nationals this summer, both found that this was a shared interest after seeing a fairy garden in one of the tour gardens which featured a yellow brick road (photo below). Sue introduced the topic by quoting Sir James Barrie, author of Peter Pan. His take on the origin of fairies is this:

“When the first baby laughed for the first time,
the laugh broke into a thousand pieces
and they all went skipping about,
and that was the beginning of fairies.”

Photos are shown on the previous page of only a few of the 15 or so displays they brought. Each created whimsical scenes which included fairies babysitting baby fairies, fairies relaxing in their own scaled down gardens, even a garden with a fairy-bee sleeping in front of its fairie-skep (the Haffners are veteran beekeepers).



A yellow brick road scene photographed by Claude Carpenter at the Turtle Gardens, a 2013 National Tour Garden in Minnesota. Note the ruby red slippers under the house (lower right corner).

Picnicking at the Waldrop's

It Just Gets Better and Better

Once again, the Waldrop's hosted September's post-season picnic and daylily auction. The day cooled off comfortably, outside sounds of birds and breezes were calming, the garden was manicured and we all just had fun! The group laughed at and with one another and caught up on small talk. Bill took the annual group photo, said the blessing and abundant good food was shared. Then ... the auction started. And, once again, the photos tell the story better than words. Smiles and raised hands ruled!



2013 Picnic Photos - continued



Daylily Photos from 2013 Nationals by Claude Carpenter



2014 CCDS Calendar

January 25, 9:00am	2014 Daylily Show Planning Meeting – Franklins’
February 9, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
March 1, 9:00 am	Region 5 Meeting – Macon GA
March 16, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
*April 26-27	Smyrna Spring Jonquil Festival Plant Sale
May 4, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
June 7, 9:00 am	Breakfast & Grooming/Design Clinics – Waldrops
June 13-14	Region 5 Spring Regional - Cartersville GA
June 20, 5:00 pm June 21	Daylily Show “set-up” – Galleria Joint CCDS & DSGA Daylily Show & Plant Sale
June 26-28	AHS National Convention – Asheville NC
August 3, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
September 7, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
September 20, 4:00 pm	Fall Picnic, ARMS Auction & Plant Sale – Waldrop’s
October 11	Region 5 Fall Meeting
*October 25-26	Smyrna Fall Jonquil Festival Plant Sale
November 16, 2:00 pm	General Meeting – First United Methodist Church
December 7, 4-6:00 pm	Christmas Party – location to be determined
*Tentative dates	

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Websites

www.cobbdailily.com - Cobb County Daylily Society (CCDS) new, official and updated website

www.daylilies.org – American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) website

Atlanta Group on Bus 2, 2013 AHS National Convention, photo provided by Claude Carpenter. More in the next newsletter.



Bus Captains Bill and Diana Waldrop (Georgia) have their picture taken with Kyle for their blog.

