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What is a Polymerous Daylily?

The next meeting of the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society will be held November 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the United Cooperative Services community room (around back), located at 3309 N. Main St. in Cleburne. Our speaker will be John Turrentine,

Who is John Turrentine?

John was born so long ago that he can't remember when it was. He is so old now that he no longer has birthdays. He was married, once. As the song goes, she "picked a fine time to leave" but "thank God and that grey hound, she is gone."



John was born to a good hard working family. His parents did the best they could to raise him right, hard-working, intelligent, and sane. However, due to the influence of one of his uncle's (a Mother's sister's husband), John was introduced to Daylilies. These were most likely something from Berdy Ferris or Uri Winniford. When John went off to Seminary, these were mowed down with the rest of the grass in the yard. Then, after his children moved back home, they got him back into raising flowers. These were from some wild place in Missouri.

John is a retired middle-school science teacher: thank God for retirement!!! He has worked in a factory and in the grocery business. That was back when there was a Safeway (it's not safe anymore). After he graduated from High School, John went to Seminary at the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Seminary in Marlow, Oklahoma. He graduated with both Bachelor and Master in Theology. Later he returned and earned the Doctor of Theology. Along with Gardening, he is the Associate Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Duncanville, Texas. He is now in the process of becoming the Past-President of the North Texas Daylily Society.

John's collection of daylilies has grown, and the vegetables in the garden have given way to more daylilies. Currently, John has about 500 different registered daylilies and far-far more seedlings. He has a passion for the types that are not found in other gardens. He is removing the popularity poll daylilies from his collection because they are so popular. The round, or bagels, are being thinned out because everyone else is raising them. John is very fond of doubles, but his love is for the POLYMEROUS DAYLILIES. He has

about one-third of the registered poly form of daylilies. Because of the small size of his yard, he is focusing only on those with a 50% or higher poly bloom habit.

Following is the definition of Polymerous as stated by The American Hemerocallis Society:

POLYMEROUS: an adjective used to designate a daylily with more than the normal number of segments in each floral whorl, i.e., more than the normal three sepals (usually four or five) in the outer whorl and more than three petals (usually the same number as sepals) in the inner whorl. Polymerous daylilies have the extra sepals and petals evenly spaced in their respective whorls, unlike double daylilies in which the extra petals or petaloid stamens are stacked upon or lie above the ordinary petals. Moreover, polymerous daylilies have extra stamens; eight if there are four petals or ten for five petals, rather than the usual six. Most polymerous daylilies have the same number of carpels in the pistil (and therefore the capsule) as there are petals.



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Officer and Committee Chair Reports



Program Chair Report by Kathy Wade

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Membership Chair Report by Anita Goodale

The members of Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society met on October 1, 2016 for their monthly meeting. Twenty-nine members were in attendance and enjoyed fun, food and fellowship including a daylily exchange and auction.



Show Chair Report by Peggy Cathey

The 2017 Iris Show will be held April 15th in the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex Gym. Theme for the show is **The Iris Forecast**. The 2017 Daylily Show will be held June 10th in the JN Long cafeteria.



Treasurer's Report by Dan Cathey

We opened October with a balance of \$5,095.26. Disbursements were \$331.27 and included yearbook printing costs, newsletter and printing for our daylily give-away/auction sheets. Costs also included \$215.20 to establish a new Club website with "Go-Daddy". October's income totaled \$556.40 coming from raffle sales of \$24.00, plant marker sales of \$112.00, Maryott Daylily refund of \$14.00, and daylily auction of \$444.00. Members redeemed \$38.00 of their "club bucks" on daylilies purchased from the auction. Our account balance the end of October ending is \$5,150.39.



Hospitality Report by Gailmae Suite

Thank you Bill for doing the hospitality duties at the October meeting. With November being a month for thankfulness, lets all be thankful we have a great iris and daylily club, officers, committee chairs and members. That being said everyone please bring a dish or 2 to share at the November meeting.



Reblooming Iris Report

Vicki Rigby has had the following irises reblooming in her garden, **Autumn Tryst**, **Buckwheat**, **My Friend Jonathan** and **Priscilla of Corinth**. She says besides these four, **Billionaire** and **Pleasant Peasant** have also been blooming. Gailmae has had **Billionaire** and **Feedback** blooming in October and **Raspberry Frost** and daylily **San Antonio Firecracker** blooming in November.



Autumn Tryst



Priscilla of Corinth

If you have an iris Rebloom this fall, take a photo and submit it for our next newsletter. It's your turn to shine. **The deadline for all Newsletter submissions is November 30, 2016.**



Buckwheat



My Friend Jonathan



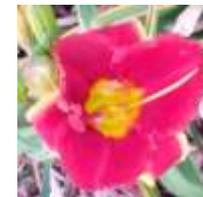
Feedback



Billionaire



Raspberry Frost



San Antonio Firecracker



AHS Region 6 Symposium by Peggy Cathey

Three members of JCI&DS attended the AHS Region 6 Fall Symposium in Dallas October 8th. They were Bonnie Nichols and Peggy and Dan Cathey. On Friday evening, everyone met at El Fenix for dinner with the Daylily Growers of Dallas and the Region 6 Board Members. A brief executive board meeting was held after dinner. The following morning, all 44 registered guests met at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the 2016 Fall Symposium. Upon registration, everyone received a double fan of their choice of daylilies sent by Bill Maryott. The meeting began after everyone enjoyed an assortment of breakfast goodies. **Hurricane Matthew** caused all three of the scheduled speakers to cancel due to no flights in or out of Florida.

Dan Hansen was able to send his PowerPoint program featuring his new and future introductions which everyone oooed and ahhhed over. Members of Region 6 stepped up to present programs in the absence of our other speakers. Doug McKemie and Sandy Perkins of **East Texas Daylilies**, located in Athens, TX, gave a very informative program on hybridizing daylilies, featuring many of their introductions. Mark Carpenter of **The Lily Farm**, located in Center, TX presented a PowerPoint program featuring many of his newer introductions and told lots of stories about his transition from being a "city boy" from San Antonio and his adventures in country living and Uncle Jack Carpenter introducing him to the late night adventures of armadillo hunting. It was a fun session, enjoy-

ing our Region 6 "family" pull together to make the Fall Symposium a fun and learning experience.

The Region 6 auction which pays for the 3 issues of **Daylilies of the Southwest**, our Region 6 Newsletter, was a lot of fun and there was some very heated bidding "wars" going on. Daylilies were sent for the auction by Mark Carpenter of **The Lily Farm**, Dan Hansen of **Ladybug Daylilies**, and Nicole DiVito of **Nicole's Daylilies**. Thirty-six daylilies sold for a total of \$2,825. **Hurricane Matthew** disrupted the shipment of auction plants from Greg Goeff's **Le Petit Jardin**. Those daylilies will be potted and sold in the 2017 Region 6 Auction which will take place in Austin May 25-27.



Save this date. The **Seventh Heaven Daylilies in the Garden** 2016 Region 6 Conference tour will feature 8 gardens in the Austin area. This will be a really exciting meeting and tour.

Everyone enjoyed a great barbeque lunch and the Region 6 Business Meeting was held as we all finished up our desserts. R-6 President, Tim Closs conducted the meeting. Up for discussion was the idea of inducting several of the daylilies which have won year after year in the **Popularity Poll** into a **Region 6 Hall of Fame**. A committee was chosen to work out the details. Maurine Valenza, R-6 Director and AHS Membership Chair gave a report on the decline of membership in AHS. She reported Region 6 has the most clubs recognized by AHS in the Club Recognition

Program. Be watching for the next **Daylilies of the Southwest** to see how our club ranks.



- Platinum 100% AHS Members
- Gold 90% AHS Members
- Silver 75% AHS Members
- Bronze 65% AHS Members
- Pewter 50% AHS Members

Maurine will be stepping down as Director and Beverly Winkleman will be taking over as Region 6 Director in December. Beverly is the current Region 6 Exhibition Judge Liaison and Membership Chair. Region 6 is looking for someone to step in and fill these important positions.

Each of the board members gave reports regarding their duties in Region 6. Dan and I are the Youth Liaisons and introduced the new Region 6 Youth Logo and tee-shirts.

The Tee-shirts will sell for \$8 each, youth sizes XS-L. You may order a shirt through Dan and I. There is also an adult tee-shirt available for the same \$8 for sizes S-XL. Please add \$2.50 for 2X and \$4 for 3X.



Everyone in attendance received a 2016 introduction of **Dallas Sweet Sixteen** (see puzzle on page 6).

New Iris Beds at JN Long Cultural Arts Complex by Micki Nellis

The following photo and article appeared in the *Cleburne Times Review*, Sunday, October 16, 2016.



The JN Long Cultural Arts Complex is getting new iris beds as an extension of its **Gloria Huddleston Memorial Iris Garden**. The garden add-on is on the NE corner of the campus and is being built by Cleburne Friends of the Cultural Arts president Alden Nellis.

"Now is the time of the year to divide your Irises and plant new beds," Nellis said. "I divided ours at the house and now have 69 cultivars to plant at JN Long."

Healthy rhizomes planted now will get a good start before winter and will bloom next spring.

To find out more about the Irises at JN Long, go to: www.cleburneculturalarts.com.



To learn more about iris culture, go to the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society website at: www.johnsoncountyirisanddaylily.org



Invitation

from Bonnie & Hooker Nichols

Members of the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society have been invited to Bonnie & Hooker Nichols home the evening before (Friday, No-

vember 18th) for a wine reception at 6:30, followed by dinner. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to 214-352-2191.

The Iris Society of Dallas has invited Steve Schreiner to speak at their November 19th meeting.

Bird Feeding Tip

Do you enjoy feeding the birds but hate when the scattered seeds sprout in your garden? Next time, try putting the seed in the Microwave on 50% power for 5 minutes. The birds will still enjoy the seed, but they won't sprout and create more work for you in the garden.



September Drawing Winners



AIS MEMBERSHIP



Carol Greenhill
AIS Winner



AHS MEMBERSHIP



Vickie Rigby
AHS Winner

RAFFLE



No raffle



October Drawing Winners



AIS MEMBERSHIP



Doris Harts
AIS Winner



AHS MEMBERSHIP



Bill Page
AHS Winner

RAFFLE



Janet Goodman
Raffle Winner



MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2016 MEETING(S)



SEPTEMBER MEETING:

There was not a formal meeting as all members present at the Iris Sale were busily taking care of business and helping potential members and/or customers with their selection of iris to take home for their gardens. There were hundreds of rhizomes for sale and it looked to me like a steady stream of visitors to the J.N. Long Center from the beginning through the end of the sale. As Peggy wrote in the October newsletter, total sales were \$2,001.00.

Many Thanks to all who participated

OCTOBER 1, 2016 MEETING (Daylily Giveaway, Auction & Exchange):

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Vicki Howard. The minutes of the August meeting as well as the treasurer's report which were printed in the October newsletter were approved as printed.

There were 25 members in attendance, all anticipating their receipt or purchase of new daylily varieties for next year's bloom.

BUSINESS:

Vicki Howard brought to the members' attention that volunteer workers are needed to clean and spruce up the

public iris beds at Hulén, McGregor and the J.N. Long Center. A volunteer sheet was sent around for members to sign up as a group or individually to spend some good quality work time!!

Membership Report: All is well.

As many of you, and me as well, are AMAZED by the amount and quality of time volunteered by Peggy Cathey. She expressed at this meeting that she is absolutely booked and requested a volunteer assistant to help her accomplish the many Club related tasks for which she is responsible. She is ready, willing and able to share her knowledge and share the load with any one or more available to help. Please give her a call if you have some extra time.

Also Peggy contacted the officers via e-mail to take advantage of changing the domain for the club with a choice of webhosts. The best deal available was with GoDaddy.com. The officers confirmed the purchase of a three-year domain with GoDaddy.com. The domain name is:

www.johnsoncountyires&daylily.org.

REMINDERS:

Glenn Huddleston gave a short talk, i.e. IRIS 101... on what we should be doing in our Iris beds at this time of year. In addition to fertiliz-

ing for the Spring bounty, he reminded us to remove all dead foliage, check for holes in leaves and check around the bases for any indications of cut worms. For his show stock, he dusts around the base of the rhizome with Sevin in the spring to get rid those pesky pests. Also if leaves are laying down ... check for soft rot and take care of that ASAP.

DAYLILY EXCHANGE AND AUCTION:

After taking care of the basic business the daylily exchange and auction took place. Because of a little misunderstanding in receipt deadlines, Bill Maryott dug and sent 70+ daylilys rather than the 50 we initially ordered. He had forgotten that we moved the meeting from October 8 to October 1 - oopps! Peggy should get some extra credit for making sure they got here on time she may have received a few extra grey hairs over that one too!!

Glenn Huddleston was chief auctioneer and the sale went off without a hitch.

After much food and fun, the meeting was adjourned and the membership helped with clean-up.

The next Club meeting will be held November 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Rigby, Secretary

Check It Out

With a lot of help from Micki Nellis, we now have our new website up and running. The new website can be found here:

<http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org>

We have been using a PO Box for the past several years at an expense of \$82 per year. We will now use a mail drop at the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex at no charge. The new mailing

address for sending membership dues or new memberships is:

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society
425 Granbury St.
Cleburne, TX 76033

President's Message by Vicki Howard



Wow! Our next meeting is November 12th. That will make 6 weeks since we last had a meeting and I miss my gardening friends. I keep thinking fall and cooler weather are here, but it seems to only last a day or two before it is hot again. I don't know about you, but I am ready for some cool weather.

If you haven't completed your fall garden chores, those should probably get done before the real cold sets in.

Have you fertilized your irises and daylilies with a low nitrogen fertilizer to get them the energy needed to put down plenty of new roots during the winter to support lots of new increases in the spring? If you haven't done it yet,



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you should probably use an organic fertilizer to prevent a sudden spurt of new growth just before a freeze.

Be sure to remove all the weeds and dead leaves so insects won't have a place to hide. Water weekly when we haven't had any rain. Going into the winter months too dry could be very damaging to your plants.

Once you have your beds clean, be sure to mulch your daylilies, Louisiana irises and Spuria irises to control winter weeds and help retain moisture.



Now is also a great time to build new beds. Add plenty of organic matter and alfalfa pellets and mix it in well with the soil. Your soil will need to rest and give the amendments time to breakdown before planting can begin. I hope you have all your bareroot irises & daylilies planted. Established

potted plants can pretty much be planted anytime.

Keep a close eye on your newly acquired daylilies from our Daylily Giveaway, Exchange and Auction. I have noticed several trying to put on bloomstalks. I know it is hard, but these bloomstalks should be cut out and not allowed to bloom at this time. The plants are still in shock from being dug up and shipped to Texas and need this time to recover and put down roots.

Plant a few pansies or other cool season plants to brighten your winter months with some cheerful color.



If you have been able to check all these chores off your list—good for you. All you have to now is sit back, enjoy the cooler fall weather and dream about next year's bloom season.



Have a Great Fall Ya'll!

November Auction

We will resume our monthly meeting auction this month with 6 outstanding plants. Gailmae & Wayne will be bringing 2 reblooming irises and 1 daylily and Peggy & Dan will bring 2 daylilies and 1 iris. Here is a sneak peek at what you will have to bid on. Please remember, **all bids benefit the club.**



All American



Dena's Delight



Blatant



Booger



Gene Foster



Halloween Costume

Celebrate the Arts

November 5
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Free Family Festival

Children's Activities
Music & Food
Entertainers
Arts & Crafts

Come celebrate with us



2016 American Hemerocallis Society Top Medal Winners

Top daylily winners were just announced at the AHS Fall Board Meeting. The highest award a cultivar can receive is the **Stout Silver Medal**, given in memory of **Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout**, who is considered to be the father of modern daylily breeding in North America.

The winners are determined by votes cast by AHS Garden Judges. Winning the 2016 **STOUT SILVER MEDAL** is:



Rose F. Kennedy, (Doorakian, 2007)

DONN FISHER MEMORIAL (Best Miniature)



Micro Chip, (Trimmer, 2005)

ANNIE T. GILES (Best Small)



Whistle A Happy Tune (Herr, 2001)

IDA MUNSON AWARD (Best Double)



Sunglasses Needed (Joiner, 2007)

DON C. STEVENS (Best Eyed or Banded)



Carnival in Caracas (Santa Lucia 2007)

EUGENE S. FOSTER (Best Late Bloomer)



Honey Crunch Cupcake (Herrington, 1999)

HARRIS OLSON SPICER (Best Spider)



Rolling Raven (Stamile, 2007)

LAMBERT WEBSTER (Best Unusual Form)



Firefly Frenzy (Joiner, 2002)

R. W. MUNSON, JR. (Most distinctly patterned)



Get Jiggy (Stamile, 2008)

EARLY SEASON BLOOM AWARD



Everybody Loves Earnest (Herrington, 2005)

EXTRA LARGE DIAMETER



Tall Dark and Handsome (Herr, 2006)

Top awards presented at the 2016 National AHS Convention in Louisville, KY

PRESIDENT'S CUP (Most Outstanding Clump at Convention)



Toy Trumpets (Sobeck 1984)

FLORIDA SUNSHINE CUP (Most outstanding miniature or small clump)



Brookwood Black Kitten Sharp, 1995

NED ROBERTS SPIDER/ UNUSUAL FORM AWARD



(Most outstanding clump)

Walt Lowry (Holmes, 2011)

GEORGIA DOUBLES APPRECIATION AWARD (Most outstanding clump)



Judi Romano

(Kirchhoff, 2011)



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10 a.m.

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send a check with your name,
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SAVE THESE DATES



November 5, 2016
Celebrate the Arts Festival
JN Long Cultural Arts Complex 9-4 Free
Admission



November 12, 2016
United Cooperative Services Community
Room, Speaker-John Turrentine, Pro-
gram-Polymerous Daylilies



December 10, 2016
United Cooperative Services Community
Room, Noon Potluck Lunch & Christmas
Exchange



January 14, 2017
United Cooperative Services Community
Room, Highlights from the 2016 AIS Con-
vention in Newark, NJ



February 11, 2017
United Cooperative Services Community
Room, Speaker-Bonnie Parks, Program-
McGregor Park

Check out our website:

[http://
johnsoncountyirisandday-
lilysociety.org/](http://johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety.org/)

JCI&DS Puzzle of the Month by Peggy Cathey



Featured Puzzle

Everyone who at-
tended the AHS Re-
gion 6 Fall Symposium in
Dallas Oct. 8th received a
double fan of **Dallas Sweet
Sisteen**, 2016 introduc-
tion by Dan Hansen.

Ht. 40", 6.5",M, Re, EV, **8
branches, 30 buds.** Wine
with thick white to gold
edge, watermark, triangular
lemon throat, flat with over-
lapping petals.

Here is the link to the puz-
zle:

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=278fd7ffb7e2>

