



# THE COASTAL NC DAYLILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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*This is our Holiday Extravaganza &  
"Pat ourselves on our backs" issue*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all of you.

I was beginning to think that the growing season was going to last forever, but since our November meeting, frosts have turned my garden brown. But it's that time of year isn't it?

On behalf of myself and the Society, I would like to offer a huge thank you to both Dotti and Ernie Wahlers, our outgoing Secretary and Treasurer for their dedication to the Society for many years. Dotti's excellent skills in conducting a proper meeting and her keeping of the minutes will serve the Society well beyond her tenure, as a history record of the Society's business. Ernie has kept our treasury funds safe and well managed. You have served us well and we thank you.

The next meeting of the Society will be in January. We will be installing returning and new officers.



**PRESIDENT**  
Pat Mansfield



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Beverly Ambrose



**TREASURER**  
Marsha Jackson



**SECRETARY**  
Sarah Burket

Please mark your calendars for **January 10th at 2:00**, Location to be determined.

(more)

In follow-up to our vote to Spend \$500 towards Plants for Members, Beverly has been in contact with Paul Owens, owner of "A Slightly Different Nursery" to see if he was interested in working with our society. He was most happy to work with us. Paul will choose nice plants for us and promises to send double our money's worth in plants. We can expect the plants in the Spring.

Our seedlings from Janet are settled into the pots and are growing well. Recent heavy frost has dinged them up a bit, but they are doing well.

Be sure to check the January Newsletter for the location of our next meeting. January 10th, 2PM. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Pat

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*Ed note - The youth members of Coastal NC Daylily Society have dubbed themselves "the Lily Scouts". The following column will be theirs in our Newsletters and will be their opportunity to keep us informed of their activities.*

*Already they are working on perfecting cookies they will be making for the Fall Regional. Here's their first submission for the "Lily Scout Shout"!*

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*Rebecca Chappell*

## LILY SCOUT SHOUT

For our November meeting, Grandma (Pat Mansfield), Abbie (my sister) and I made frosted sugar cookies. We made everything by hand, from the cookie cutter that we bent from metal into the shape of a daylily, to the cookie dough made from the recipe Dotti Wahlers gave us.

*See - recipe at the end of the Newsletter*

After baking them and letting them cool, we used icing to "Paint" daylilies on each cookie. Abbie said she was going to do one to look like All American Chief, but in the end, she left off the red and made one that looked more like Buttered Popcorn.

It was a lot of fun and great practice for when we will be making the cookies for the Fall Regional next October.







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## EAT YOUR HEART OUT

Kudos to members Janet Hong and Carole Kemp for their efforts to make our upcoming Fall Meeting something really special for our guests. For months, these two ladies have been making cards that will be packaged to go in the goodie bags that registrants will pickup when they sign in. Janet is the head of our HOSPITALIY team and Carole is the lead REGISTRAR. These cards are just one of the unexpected treats that attendees will be talking about for quite a while. Thank you ladies!

## THE HERMAN PRUITT MENTORING AWARD



The Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award was established in 2010 by the Central Daylily Club in memory of its founder, Herman Pruitt, and to honor and perpetuate his mentoring efforts in Region 15. Generous with both his time and personal resources, Herman Pruitt exemplified the term "role model" for others. The award is open to any Region 15 member who has made outstanding efforts in mentoring others regarding daylilies. This may include mentoring youth, new hybridizers, or a new daylily club.

This year the honor goes to our own, Pat Mansfield.

## IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, YOU CAN'T HAVE OPINIONS ABOUT TRUTH



Please DON'T DRINK AND PRIME



You can tell the age of an artificial Christmas tree by counting the rings of duct tape on the box

# 2020 DAYLILY GIFT GIVING IDEAS

For friends that you feel obligated to get some sort gift, but you are not really sure of how good of a friend they are, and how much is the minimum you can spend and not look like a bupkes? Well here are some non-starters:

## FOR Him



\$45+

How much do you really have to hate a person that you would buy this for them? Really??? This sweater will NEVER see the light of day.

## FOR Them



\$35+

Did ever wonder why the intended recipients never served sausages and cheese at their parties? Could it be they are both vegans and lactose intolerant?

## FOR Her



\$20+

What a waste of fine wine this would be. Chances are she was born well after 1965, and has no clue of the heritage of this classic band or the brand.

## A BETTER IDEA

Give a gift that will give for a full year. For only \$10 or \$15 (for a family,) they can enjoy all of the privileges and fun that are part of belonging to our fine group. Just print this page, cut the certificate off, and give away! How easy? But, **YOU do owe** the Society the cost of that membership. Enjoy!



DAYLILY SOCIETY

The Coastal NC Daylily Society would like to welcome you as our newest member!  
This is a one-year membership gift from



# Are you a cutter or not?

Do you cut back your daylilies in the fall? It is not entirely necessary to do so. Daylilies are extremely tough plants and do not have to be pampered and fussed over.

But is there reason for cutting them back? I can think of a few reasons. Aesthetics, critter control and an opportunity for an accurate inventory.



*Pat Mansfield*



Certainly, a matter of opinion, but I happen to think my beds look better once the foliage is cut back and cleaned away.

By cutting away and removing the foliage, you can expose and remove overwintering critters like aphids and leaf miners, not to mention removal of cover for four legged furry creatures. Examine the cut fans for aphids that may be burrowed deep inside. You can spread the foliage apart and treat any you find.

*Leaf Miner*



As for Leaf miners, you may find 3/16" orangey-yellow pupae that are overwintering just under the leaf cuticle. These can be easily scraped out.

When cutting back, you can get a good idea of how many fans you have. This may be useful in helping you in deciding what needs thinning and dividing come spring. Daylilies benefit from this process. Once your plants have formed sizeable clumps, you may find they will bloom more vigorously.

If you do decide to cut your plants back, the proper timing is just after you have had a good killing frost. So late November and early December is prime time to do your cutting.

Why wait this late? If you cut them earlier, your plants will try to grow new foliage to replace what you have cut away. By waiting, they will be less vigorous in their regrowth. Yes, Evergreen plants will try to grow every time there are a few warm days, and some Semi-Evergreen ones will grow some during the winter too, while the Dormants will practically disappear during cold weather. But, overall, your plants will behave and stay put.

As I said in the beginning, Daylilies are tough and even if you do not cut them back, they will be fine. Weigh your thoughts about the benefits of cutting against the work, and you decide. Will you be a cutter or not?



# PAT NOW HAS HER OWN *Hemalina* COLUMN

## Membership Chair

Does your daylily group have a newsletter? It is a great way to inform and engage your membership. A newsletter that is filled with interesting and timely articles and provides members with updates of what is going on can be a lifeline for your group. A monthly or even bi-monthly newsletter can convey a lot of information. Some of your members may not be able to come to all your meetings. A newsletter in their inbox not only keeps them up to date but also keeps them connected and interested.



So, whose job is it to put a newsletter together? You will not be responsible for compiling the articles or reports – the editor – preferably not a group officer. The editor should come from your membership and do not have to be a novelist. They should be concise and convey interesting information. The editor should never be the one to have to write every article. They should contact members about writing articles and they should compile it all. There is software available that can create a newsletter your members will look forward to. Putting together a newsletter can be something like a puzzle. There are some things that would always be in it, and other “ingredients” to spice it up, keep things lively and interesting.

Create a header that will become your newsletter. Two or three things that will always be in your newsletter – assign the appropriate member to be responsible for contributions. Examples would be “Notice of Meeting,” “President’s Corner,” “Project Updates,” etc. Include at least one personal gardening experience. **WITH PICTURES!** Pictures really do speak a thousand words. About an educational article? These could be written by group members, focusing on their area of expertise. A little bit of humor is always good. The internet is full of internet memes that you can use to fill your newsletter.

Set a deadline for each issue and stick to it. If you know it is coming, they will be looking for it. A newsletter will be something that you refer to time and again!

## Daylily Grandchildren

by Nancy Womack

No, this is not the same article that appeared in the Spring 2020 *Hemalina*. With apologies to Raymond Quinn, it is an off-handed sequel inspired by his article, “How to Be a Good Daylily Grandparent” – a sequel with an entirely different approach. While Raymond used the grandparent metaphor as a reference to hybridizers and the seedlings they create from pod parents and pollen parents, this article will focus on literal Region 15 grandchildren and how their grandparents are sharing their knowledge and love of daylilies as they nurture a new generation who just may be our future club and regional officers, our hybridizers, our ADS leaders.

Based on my own experience as a grandparent combined with those of the people I interviewed, the consensus is that it is never too early to get children into the garden. There’s always something to intrigue them.

Pat and Bill Mansfield, members of the Coastal NC Daylily Society, have two sets of grandchildren: **Rebecca (13) and Abbie Chappell (8) and Benjamin (9) and Lovie Mansfield (3)**. Rebecca and Abbie live close by and enjoy helping in the garden and going to club meetings. Rebecca even takes minutes for meetings



when their secretary is unable to attend, and both girls enjoy going on club outings. Rebecca and Abbie are developing an interest in hybridizing. Abbie made her first crosses this year. She also likes to dig plants and help get them ready for shipping. While Benjamin and Lovie do not live close enough to be actively involved in the garden, they are very aware of Mansfield Daylilies. Their mother, Samantha, does all the computer work for the business and lets the children draw names for lucky winners of free daylilies each week during daylily shipping season. They have also gone on daylily club outings with their grandparents and cousins. Pat is a firm believer in encouraging children to LOVE plants. “Nothing makes me any happier,” she says.



First column, lower right, then clockwise from top: Abbie Chappell shows off her seeds; (l-r) Benjamin and Lovie Mansfield and Abbie Chappell enjoy a tractor ride with their grandfather Bill Mansfield; Abbie works in the dirt; Lovie checks the water situation; Rebecca Chappell in the Mansfield daylily garden photos Pat Mansfield

Starting with the current edition of the *Hemalina*, Pat, as Regional Membership chair will have a regular column.

In that same issue, Pat, Bill, and grandkids Rebecca and Abbie (our two Juniors) were part of a feature article on passing the love and knowledge of daylilies on to successive generations.



# CLUB NEWS COLUMN INCHES... ALMOST A FULL PAGE!

We were so blessed in this issue of the *Hemalina*. Most clubs get a half page... at the most. In this issue we practically have a full page.

PLUS 5 pictures of our group. Thanks to all for not being camera shy!

## Club News

### Charleston Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Charleston Daylily Club has not met since earlier this year. Mike Denson arranged for club members to visit his gorgeous garden in small, timed groups during peak bloom (sorry, no photos!). Visitors were glad to not only see beautiful blooms but to also socialize with folks they hadn't seen in months.

Right: Members post photos of daylilies grown throughout their own gardens to the Charleston Daylily Club Facebook page for all to enjoy photo Jan H.



### Coastal NC Daylily Society by Pat Mansfield

Greetings from Coastal NC Daylily Society! We are excited to be moving forward with plans for hosting the 2021 Fall Regional Meeting, OBX Autumn MMXXI (if you are a little rusty on Roman Numerals, that's 2021!). We invite you all to save the date for October 8 & 9, 2021, and join us in the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, NC. Our host venue is a living memorial to a time when fanciful and elaborate gardens were kept to entertain Queen Elizabeth I during her reign and to the time when Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colonists lived on Roanoke Island over 400 years ago.

We will be working with our youth members to encourage them to grow daylilies in their own gardens and in a proposed community project. Stay tuned for more information in the future.



Despite public facilities not being available for society meetings, we have been able to get together a few times, meeting in our members' homes and out in their gardens.

In mid-September, we met at the home of Janet & John Hong for our annual Plants for Members auction, after which we were treated to a tour of their beautiful gardens.

Clockwise from lower left: All of these photos were taken at the Coastal NC Daylily Society's annual Plants for Members auction; (l-r) Pat Mansfield, Dottie Wahler, and Barbara Ambrose pot up daylilies; (l-r) Marsha Jackson talks with Pat Mansfield about certain cultivars; (l-r) Ernie Wahler, Janet Hong, and Marsha Jackson help out; Beverly



A long-time hybridizer, Janet has filled her garden with her own introductions and other outstanding daylilies. She gifted the society with several seedlings that, though beautiful, are not something she planned to register.

Members dug in, divided and potted over 75 pots of extremely nice double fans to be used at our plant sales next season. It was indeed a fun day of "talking daylily!"

Recently, we welcomed two new members, Marsha Jackson from Gates and Sarah Burket from Hertford. Both Marsha and Sarah have little ones, so our Youth membership also grew by three! Whooooo Hoooooo!

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Ambrose makes quick work of dividing a large clump; (l-4) Beverly Ambrose and Pat Mansfield load up plants photos Ken Ferguson



Many, many thanks to the clubs that have stepped up to host upcoming meetings:

- Summer 2021 Foothills Daylily Society
- Fall 2021 Coastal NC Daylily Society
- Summer 2022 Western North Carolina (National)
- Fall 2022 Sandhills Daylily Club



# THIS FULL PAGE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Written by the editor of the *Hemalina*, this article heaps some good words on our Society for having an awesome Newsletter. Thanks to all of you that contribute for making us one of the best!

## Club Newsletters Improving Communication and Connectedness



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER - by Pat Mansfield

WOW, what a bloom season this has been. Aren't the colors brilliant this year? In our garden, the Lates and the Rebloomers are still going strong.

We had a great time at our June Picnic. Good food, and great fellowship and plenty of social distancing!

Being under the tent for our picnic helped us visualize what it will be like for the OBX 2020 Autumn Regional meeting in October. It helped us solidify our thoughts on using a larger tent and I am happy to report that Dotti has worked with Carl Cumutte to secure that tent for us! She also lined up our meeting at the Gardens on July 14 so each member can see firsthand where everything will be set up.

We are anxiously waiting to hear what the Governor's decree will be on July 17 concerning COVID-19 restrictions and their effect on large gatherings. In the meantime, we are moving full steam ahead with background preparations as if nothing is looming on the horizon.



Carol and Janet have been working on the cards for the goodie bags and they are absolutely the most wonderful cards I've ever seen! These ladies have put a lot of time and energy into filling our bags with a treasure trove of wonderful goodies! We are also adding hand sanitizer and a mask to the bags.

We have secured the website and Madonna Witte, our computer guru, has made sure all the security issues for on-line payments have been addressed. Our web address is [coastalncdaylily.org](http://coastalncdaylily.org). We are finishing up a few details and when it has gone "live", we will send you all an email so you can check it out!

There's a lot going on, and a lot left to get done. Thank you to all who have been working on the upcoming Regional; especially to Ken Ferguson, our cheerleading Chairman, for his tireless efforts to make this the absolute BEST Regional meeting ever! His creativity and energy are the combination we needed.



Carl will welcome us and give a brief tour of each member can "scope" out the area of the particular responsibilities will be associated with any logistics for doing so. Facial coverings anywhere outside where you are unable to so please bring and wear yours where req

### HOLD YOUR EMAILS... We have a winner!

DAYLILY TRIVIA duex was answered in a flash. Beverly Ambrose is Shari Dee.

question Why is the name DAYLILIES incorrect?  
answer A Daylily is not a true Lily. Lilies grow from bulbs.

Maybe that was too easy? So let's try this one more time. The first email to me ([kferguson@mchsi.com](mailto:kferguson@mchsi.com)) with the correct answer to the question below will win one of my newest daylilies, Spud's Kindergarten.

question What do the words: watermark, band, and halo have in common?

50-16=  
You do the math.

Our rooms at the hotel are filling. When we go online with the registration form in 10 days, they will fill fast. Reserve your room now online or call the hotel directly.

Comfort Inn On the Ocean Group Name: American Daylily Society Region 15  
Group Code: WD87H3 252.441.6333



The Coastal NC Daylily Society has implemented a newsletter to keep its members connected and in touch, and has it ever been effective.

An active club still planning to host the 2021 Fall Meeting, Coastal NC needs to be able to accurately keep members updated in a time when face-to-face meetings are limited. Ken Ferguson and Pat Mansfield have established a process to produce upbeat, fact-filled, and complete 4-8 page newsletters that are emailed to members and interested parties each month. Here are a few snapshots from recent issues.

### THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO... Hummmmmmmmm...?

If you have ever cracked open a daylily seed pod, you probably found beautifully rounded, shiny black seeds in 3 distinct chambers.



BUT, have you ever come across a daylily seed pod with 4 or more segments?

To understand how this happens, we need to go back to the anatomy of a daylily flower.

SINGLE flowers consist of 2 whorls or layers of perianth segments. Translated that means 3 sepals and 3 petals. It also has 6 stamens and 1 pistil. The end of the pistil is the stigma which has 3 segments [pic at left]. The stigma sits on the style, which has 3 tubes that descend into a 3 chambered ovary [pic at right, cross section] at the bottom of the flower.



DOUBLE flowers consist of 2 whorls or layers of PETALS. Most doubles express 6 stamens and 1 pistil that are easy to identify.



If you would like more information on how they got started, the software they use, and how they put each issue together please contact Pat or Ken at [coastalncdaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:coastalncdaylilies@gmail.com)



# SO IT'S A FILLER PIECE

This was actually sent to the editor in the summer. I asked that she hold it for the Winter edition.

And now, here it is. Nothing really special, but just having fun with some of the members of Region 15!

## A Region 15 Riddle to Wile Away the Winter

*Ken Ferguson*

Sharpen your pencils and get your thinking caps on. Your objective: determine the name of each garden owner and the names of the four cultivars they grow based on these rules:



- Five Region 15 daylily growers (**Bill, Becky, Michael, Mitchell, and Eric**) have their gardens next to one another, where they grow three FORMS of daylilies:
  - DOUBLES** (**Siloam Double Classic, Siloam Double Duty, and Siloam Double Good**)
  - SINGLES** (**Killer, Lunacy, Merlot, and Nosferatu**)
  - UFOs** (**Heavenly Red Streaker, Heavenly Starfire, Heavenly Twisted, and Heavenly Velocirapter**).
- They grow the 12 different cultivars listed above.
- Everybody grows exactly four different cultivars.
- Each cultivar is in at least one garden.
- Only one cultivar is in four gardens.
- Only in one garden are all three forms of daylilies.
- Siloam Double Duty is only in the two border gardens.
- Michael's garden is in the middle with no Heavenly Velocirapter.
- Heavenly Red Streaker's grower doesn't grow singles.
- Siloam Double Fancy's grower also has Merlot and Lunacy.
- In the first garden are Siloam Double Classic and Siloam Double Good.
- Siloam Double Good is only in two gardens.
- Becky has Nosferatu and Siloam Double Good.
- Eric grows exactly two forms of doubles.
- Heavenly Twisted is only in two gardens.
- Siloam Double Classic is in a single garden.
- Lunacy is only in one garden next to the Mitchell's.
- Becky's garden is not on the border.
- Bill grows neither singles nor Heavenly Red Streaker.
- Michael has exactly three forms of singles.

What daylilies did Bill, Becky, Michael, Mitchell, and Eric plant, and where?



Clockwise from near right: 'Merlot' (Stamile 2009) photo Kate with [daylilyandirisobsession.com](http://daylilyandirisobsession.com); 'Siloam Double Classic' (Henry-P., 1985) photo Kathy Dolge; 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001) photo Jamie Gossard; artwork, middle, Ron Leishman

Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Owner:	Owner:	Owner:	Owner:	Owner:
Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.

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# 2020 DAYLILY GIFT GIVING IDEAS FOR SELF

2020 was an ugly year. So to put some polish and a shine on the end of the year, the staff of this Newsletter did some comparison shopping, when shopping for SELF. A good magazine helps pass the time when it is really impossible to work outside in the garden. Our findings even surprised us.



Newsstand prices per issue

**\$ 4.99**

No daylily stories here.



**\$ 4.99**

Has never had a daylily recipe.



**\$ 3.99**

Some articles that use the word "daylily," but that's about it.



**\$ 3.50**

## The best deal!

For **one** payment of \$25, you can become a member of the American Daylily Society. This includes 3 issues of the *Hemalina*, the NC/SC regional magazine, and 4 issues of *The Daylily Journal*, the national magazine. What a deal! But wait, that's not all. Included with your ADS membership, you will receive

a \$25 voucher redeemable at select growers around the country. That alone covers the ENTIRE cost of your membership. So what you waiting for? With a credit card you can join online at [daylilies.org](http://daylilies.org) right now! That is as soon as you finish THIS newsletter.



## Mary's Sugar Cookies

1-1/2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
1 cup butter  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 tsp. almond flavoring  
2-1/2 cups Gold Medal Flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. Cream of Tartar



Cream sugar and butter. Mix in egg and flavorings. Blend dry ingredients; stir in. Refrigerate 2 to 3 hr. Heat oven to 375°. Divide dough in half and roll out on lightly floured pastry cloth to 3/16" thick. Roll lightly, small amount dough at a time...keeping the rest chilled. Roll very thin for crisp cookies. Cut as many cookies from each rolling as possible. Dip each cookie cutter in flour, then shake it and cut. Sprinkle with sugar. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until delicately golden. Makes 5 dozen, 2 to 2-1/2 "cookies.

### **PAINTBRUSH COOKIES**

Make Mary's Sugar Cookies except before baking paint designs on cookies with egg yolk Paint.

### **EGG YOLK PAINT**

Blend 1 egg yolk and 1/4 tsp. water. Divide among several small custard cups, depending on how many different colors you wish to use. Add food coloring to each cup for desired color. Paint designs on cookies with small paintbrushes. Use separate brush for each color.