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Hey Daylily Friends!

Oh boy, did you guys get snow? Worried about your daylilies? Have no fear, the snow doesn't hurt them. Up north, snow acts as a blanket to protect them from the bitter cold. Down here, even though we only get occasional snow, it will not hurt your beautiful daylilies. As a matter of fact, rain and snow deposits 2 to 12 pounds of nitrogen per acre of soil per year. That may be a tiny smidgen of nutrient, but isn't it neat to know that free fertilizer falls from the sky?



Pat Mansfield

When the weather allows, I love to get outside and do a walk about. I observed a problem last week. I had planted some daylilies very late in the fall. I put my eyes on them last week and lo and behold, I had some heaving! What's that? It's when the plants didn't have enough time to put down new roots before freezing weather and when the soil froze, it pushed the new plants OUT OF THE GROUND! Even in our mild climate, we can get some frost heaving. I sprinkled more soil around the exposed roots to and had to carefully re-plant few of them a bit deeper.

You can avoid heaving by making sure all new planting is done in the fall a good 6 weeks prior to the first frost. That gives your plants time to aggressively grow new roots and get settled in prior to any freezing weather in the winter.

Plans are shaping up for our summer trip to the Greensboro/Charlotte area on June 15 and 16. As in the past, we will visit two or three gardens each day. For those who can't stay overnight, you can return home after the end of the first day. This is a FUN trip and visitors (prospective new members) are welcome to join us!

We will have a work-day, Saturday, March 6, to clean, fertilize and spray our club plants. This will be a great chance for some hands-on training on sprays and fertilizer choices. Our plants are at the home of Bill and Pat Mansfield, 503 W Bear Swamp Rd, Hertford, NC. 252-333-7191. We'll get started at 10 and should be done by noon.

Our next meeting will be April 18 at 2:00, again at the home of Bill and Pat Mansfield. Wear your work clothes as we will do a quick once over of our club plants after our meeting. 😊

Get outside when you can and enjoy your garden!

JANUARY IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



If you happened to miss the January meeting, it was a small but lively group. Station 14, the home of the South Mills Volunteer Fire Department was the host for the event. They have invited us back anytime we need a meeting space in Camden County.



Sarah Pat Beverly

One of the first orders of business was to install the officers of the Society for 2021. Pat will stay on for at least one additional term. Beverly Ambrose will serve another term as our Vice President, and Sarah Burket was installed as our new Secretary. Marsha Jackson, our new Treasurer was unable to attend.

We had two guests, which are our now newest members... sisters Donna Stewart and Elaine Prichard. Both are recent retirees that want to spend some of their new found free time with us.

When our President Pat was working for NCDOT, Donna managed the Dismal Swamp Visitor Center on route 17, which is part of NCDOT. So these two ladies have some history when it comes to flowers and landscape design.

Donna

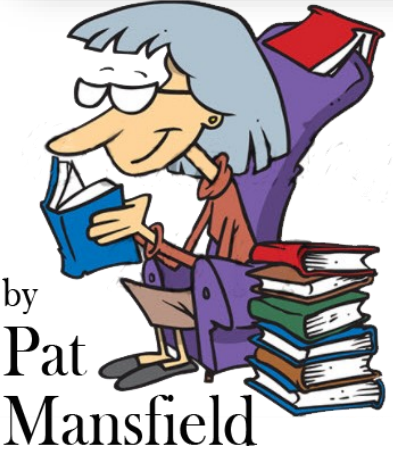
Elaine



Elaine retired from Camden County where she worked in the Clerk of the Court office. We're going to have to pry her away from the grandbabies to get into the garden, or show her how she can include them in our passion for the daylily. Both ladies have really, really, green thumbs. Please make them both feel welcome.

And for our continued learning, Pat gave a great presentation on the difference between evergreen, semi-evergreen and dormant daylilies. For show and tell she brought examples of each from her garden.

It was a great day for everyone and we hope to see you all at the next meeting.



by
**Pat
Mansfield**

Terminology – There are many terms applied to daylilies that may not be in your everyday vocabulary. So how in the world does one learn to understand “daylily speak”? The quickest place to decipher the daylily lingo is the Daylily Dictionary on the AHS webpage.

As the opening statement in the Dictionary states, “There are hundreds of words and phrases which have daylily-specific or botanical explanations” and it goes on to tell you about how the terms included in the dictionary came from AHS members and have been reviewed by the Scientific Studies Committee.

To access the Dictionary directly, go to www.daylilies.org/daylily-dictionary/ [this is a direct link] Across the top of any page in the AHS website are various tabs that hold the keys to everything daylily. Or under the “Resources” tab, you can select the “Dictionary”. Scroll down and you will find a total of 277 words and terms. You can also use the search box to quickly find the specific term you are looking for.

So, let’s look at the term “**Applique**”. In daylily speak, we aren’t talking about sewing or painting. Instead, we are told that an applique on a daylily bloom is an opaque color or pattern that starts at the throat and extends outward onto the middle of the petal surface.



h. Chinese Temple Flower (Munson 1980) Photo: Sue Bergeron

Search Dictionary Terms:

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Alkaloid	Midrib Crested
Allele	Milkweed Bug
American Hemerocallis Society (AHS)	Millipede
Aneuploid	Miniature
Angel Wings	Mitosis

It goes on to explain that it is a "strong contrast with sharp distinct edges of an applied throat that shows no color bleeding into the surrounding petal tissue." Like sewing or painting where you lay a fabric or paint of contrasting color over another so that there is a distinctive pattern, it is the same in a daylily with the distinctive factor being that there is no "bleeding" or "blending" between the petal surface color and the overlay color.

Now, lets take a look at "**Leaf Streak**". Here, you find that Daylily Leaf Streak is a fungal disease of daylily foliage. There are pictures to help you diagnose it in your garden. You will find the name of the specific organism that causes Leaf Streak, and, perhaps the most helpful part is at the bottom of the dictionary definition, are links to more information.

Photo: Sue Bergeron



A quick click and you have access to a scientific publication describing the life cycle of the fungal disease so you can have full understanding of the disease and thereby form ideas of how to prevent it in your garden. Another click will take you to an article on how to control Leaf Streak on daylilies with Fungicides.

It doesn't take long to figure out that the Daylily Dictionary is much more than just a dictionary. It is truly a great resource.

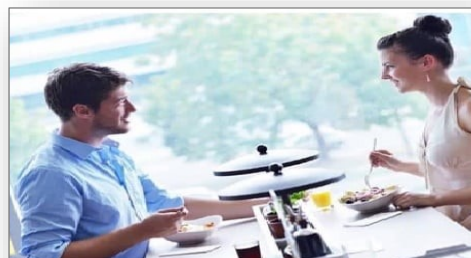
I encourage you to spend some time in the dictionary. Whether you are new to daylilies or have been around for a long time, the Dictionary is a living document, that is constantly evolving to provide you clarification of terms.

February's best flower related photo

HIM: If we have a second date, I'll give you flowers.

HER: Orchids?

HIM: It's a bit soon to have children don't you think?



One of those things that makes you go hmmmmm...?



Women can see more shades of red than men. The gene that allows females to see the color red is on the X chromosome, of which males only have **one**. Because women have **two**, they can see crimson, maroon, cardinal, ruby, and scarlet, while most men may only see light red and dark red.



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WHAT'S UP IN THE GARDEN

What should you be doing in your garden in FEBRUARY? First off, you DO NOT need to social distance from your plants, and a mask is not mandated by the CDC.

So, if you haven't cut your foliage back, you might want to do it by the end of the month. Clean up all dead debris and haul it off.

By mid February, you can sow daylily seed directly in the ground outside. Yep, outside.

At the end of the month, you can start fertilizing. Organic fertilizers are best as they will slowly begin to release their nutrient properties into the soil for your plants. You can also use a slow-release commercial fertilizer, just be sure it is slow release. You don't want to be applying a large dose of nitrogen just yet.

Inspect your plants for aphids – I bet you'll find some. Look deep into the foliage. You can use soapy water and try to blast them off the plants. Dislodged aphids will likely die before crawling back onto your plants. But you may find it hard to get to them when they are buried deep inside the folds of the foliage. What to do. To kill aphids, Neem Oil is an organic product and an insecticide like Bifenthrin (Bifen I/T, or Talstar are two commercial names to look for) will both work. Mix according to label instructions and spray the Neem Oil or Insecticide **into the folds of the foliage** where the aphids are hiding. It's too early for lady bugs so you don't have to worry about killing them at this point.

Just before your daylilies start putting on new growth – perhaps by the end of the month – you might want to consider beginning a preventive spray program – especially if you experienced fungal issues last year. Since fungal pathogens can become resistant if you always spray the same thing, it's a good practice to rotate fungicides. Here are some fungicides you might want to put in your plant medicine cabinet: Thiophanate-methyl (Cleary's 3336 F) to be used as a preventive. Chlorothalonil (Daconil) to be used as a preventive but mostly once you see problems.

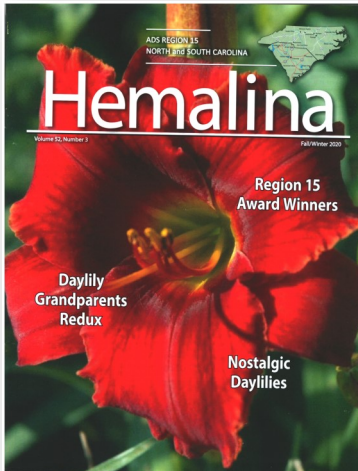
February 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
TRIM BACK FOLIAGE - February comes from Latin meaning "to cleanse."						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PLANT SEEDS IN GROUND - The month was the last added to the Roman calendar						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
INSPECT FOR CRITTERS - and "cleanse them" early in the season						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
"FEED ME!" - and make sure that my roots are fungus free. No athletes feet here.						

The day after marijuana is legalized in North Carolina.



A CRASS UNPAID DAYLILY COMMERCIAL MESSAGE



A little plug for the American Daylily Society... if you are not a member, I cannot tell you how much you are missing! Truly, if you need information on ANYTHING about daylilies, access to the full ADS website is indispensable!

ADS members are great people who are always happy to help a fellow daylily lover. *The Daylily Dictionary* is just one of the benefits the membership is providing you. Additionally, the ADS instructs gardeners on the care, propagation, and appeal of daylilies. It maintains the official registry of daylily cultivars, trains daylily show and garden judges, and awards daylily cultivars for outstanding plant habit and exceptional distinction.

Membership is only \$25 per year. For your money you get both the national "*Daylily Journal*" and our award winning Regional newsletter, the "*Hemalina*"; access to the full AHS treasure trove of information and the opportunity to network with other daylily enthusiasts and experts.

Oh yeah, and new members get a \$25 gift voucher to spend on a daylily from a great list of hybridizers. So, spend \$25 and get \$25. That's a deal in any book!



The TEN COMMANDMENTS of SENIOR DAYLILY GROWERS

- I Talk to yourself often. There are many times you need expert advice.
- II "In style" describes any of your gardening wardrobe that still fits.
- III You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
- IV Despite what people say, your people skills are just fine. It's your intolerance of idiots that needs some work.
- V The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- VI "On time" is when you get there.
- VII It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller.
- VIII "One for the road" means going to the bathroom before going out to the flower beds.
- IX Lately, you've noticed people your age are *so much older* than you. *A whole lot older.*
- X You haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.