



# THE COASTAL NC DAYLILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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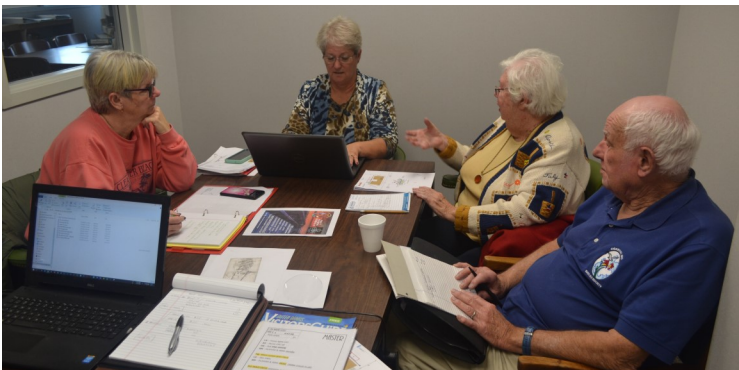
## PRESIDENT'S CORNER - Literally, IN THE CORNER

OK . . . I screwed up.

The CNCDS has not had a Newsletter – a real Newsletter – since I took over as President. I tried once and it was an epic disaster. Obviously, this is not my forte! When you are not good at something, you just have to admit it and ask for help. To that end, I have asked Ken Ferguson, our Publicity Chairman, if he would revive the Newsletter and work his magic to restore communications that are vital to our club in making sure all are informed of the opportunities for involvement in events and of timely issues that we face in our gardens. Being well informed is especially important with the upcoming OBX Regional 2020 that our club is hosting. So, we are going forward with a new look and a goal of publishing the first week of every month.

## THE UPCOMING CNCDS MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 10



Our next meeting will be March 10 at the NC Cooperative Extension Office in Pasquotank County at 10 am. The office is located at 1209 McPherson St., Elizabeth City, NC.

Grace Manzer, Extension Agent, Agriculture – Commercial and Consumer Horticulture will present a program on Soil Amendments.



We welcomed visitors at our last meeting and **two** have decided to become members.

*Whooo Hoooo!*



Teresa Brown Byrum



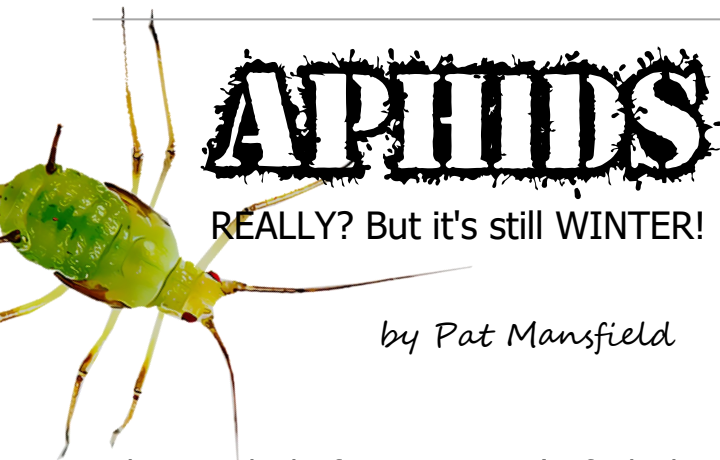
Madonna Witte

Teresa Brown Byrum from Edenton and Madonna Witte from Hertford. Welcome aboard ladies. We look forward to getting to know you! Fair warning – Daylilies ARE addictive and being in a Daylily Society only heightens symptoms! We will do everything in our power to make sure you get totally infected.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### APRIL 18

Our first plant sale of the year will be at the NC Cooperative Extension Office Auditorium. It's the Master Gardener HOME, FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW. More details will follow at the next business meeting.



## APHIDS

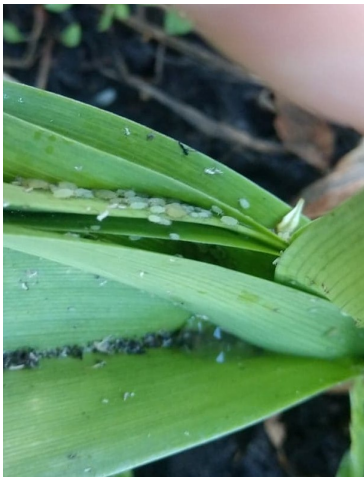
REALLY? But it's still WINTER!

*by Pat Mansfield*

I know it's winter time, but aphids are active 365 days a year around here. And, aphids love Daylilies. I bet if you go out and look deep into the throat of your plants, you will find some. That is unless you subscribe to the advice in a gardening book I have, Copyright 1940, which says, "Allow your poultry to run free in your gardens and you will be aphid free." Of course, you might be daylily free too!

What to look for. You won't find them walking up and down your plant leaves. Aphids have buried deep down inside the throat of your plants, as far down as they can get to protect themselves from the cold. So you have to go looking for them. The tale-tale sign is the white skins they leave behind when molting. Those you may find up above the throat, stuck to the leaves.

Once you find the skins, pull a few leaves back and look down inside the throat of your plant. That's where you will find the tiny greenish bodied insects.



Aphids up close



Skeletons on leaves



In the plant throat

*ed note :*

*These photos were shot on FEB 27, 2020.*

Aphids have piercing-sucking mouthparts. and they are literally sucking the life out of your plants. In high numbers, they can do some serious damage. And they reproduce asexually (don't need a boy and a girl to make babies), and they do it quite well. They give birth to up to 12 live nymphs at the time who come out ready to eat!

Lady Bugs absolutely LOVE to eat Aphids. You can actually buy them and release near the Aphids and they will think they'd gone to a Thanksgiving feast! But weather warm enough for the Lady Bugs is still a couple of months away.



A method of control is to spread the leaves to expose the aphids and hit them with a sharp blast of water from your hose to dislodge them from the plant. Once on the ground, they are unprotected and will die - either from exposure or from some critter who has found a free lunch!

If the water method is not appealing when it is cold outside, you can avoid getting soaking wet by mixing a tablespoon of liquid dish detergent in a quart of water and spraying the aphids. The soap works by dissolving the cuticle on their skin resulting in desiccation of their bodies. Repeat this method every 2 days until you find no more aphids on your plant.

And if spraying every two days isn't practical for you, there other organic insecticidal means to control aphids such as the use of Neem Oil, Insecticidal Soaps, Horticultural Oils, and a host of other organic products. Most of these will recommend spraying every 7-14 days.

But if you are like me and you have a vast garden and not enough time to spray so often, I resort to a chemical insecticide to control aphids. I have two "go-tos" **Talstar** (Bifenthrin) and **Orthene** (Acephate). Talstar is a "contact" insecticide, meaning you must get it ON the bug to kill it, while Orthene is a systemic, meaning it will both kill on contact AND the plant will absorb the product so that any remaining insects will die after feeding on a treated plant.

Regardless of HOW you decide to combat Aphids, be sure to DO it. Untreated plants will suffer and with the advent of warmer weather, aphids will only increase in number. Just remember, with any spray, be it organic or a chemical compound, always **READ AND FOLLOW** the label directions.

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# RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW



We've booked a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn On the Ocean, Kill Devil Hills, NC. Please note rooms need to be booked by the cutoff date of Friday, Sep 11, 2020 or they'll be released to the general public. Reserve your room online or call the hotel directly.

Group Name: American Daylily Society Region 15

Group Code: WD87H3

Check In: Friday, Oct 9, 2020 (4:00 PM)

Comfort Inn On the Ocean, 1601 S. Virginia Dare Trail

Kill Devil Hills, NC, US, 27948 252.441.6333



*Her Majesty the  
Queen requests  
your attention.*

**CALLING ALL** new members, current members, significant others, sisters or brothers, cousins, neighbors, and fellow church goers! Our club is hosting this year's AHS Region 15 Fall Meeting and **WE NEED** everyone in the Society to pitch in, one way or another, to pull **OBX AUTUMN 2020** off!

We have accomplished a lot so far. Kudos to the chairs for all their work. Preparations for the event are far from complete. If you haven't had an opportunity to help yet, don't worry, you haven't been overlooked or left out. Now is the time for **YOU** to step up and share your talents.

Keep reading to see what opportunities await you! We aren't mind readers, so if you have a particular area where you'd like to give a hand to make this meeting a success, please be **PROACTIVE** and **CONTACT** one of our chairs to volunteer.



**VENUES** – Dotti Wahlers. Dotti has secured our wonderful venue and our hotel – The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo and Comfort Inn On The Ocean in Kill Devil Hills. At the event, she is in charge of table set-up, decorations and helping with “day-of” problem solving. Let Dotti know if you’d like to assist her with gathering supplies, set up and after event take down: [dorothywahlers@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothywahlers@yahoo.com)

**REGISTRATION** – Carol Kemp. Most of her tasks will happen before the event as she will receive and record registrations as they come in on-line and in the mail. At the event, Carol will man the Registration Table checking in guests both days. We plan to have light refreshments for our guests on Friday.

Let Carol know if you’d like to assist her in greeting guests, handing out Name Tags, Goodie Bags, keeping the refreshments going, giving directions as to where the various activities are located, as well as set-up and take down: [cekemp@embarqmail.com](mailto:cekemp@embarqmail.com)

**FINANCES** – Ernie Wahlers. Ernie has the daunting responsibility of holding and distributing funds for the event within budgeted constraints and monitoring all purchases to make sure we do not go “in-the-hole” on **ANY** facet of the event. He will work closely with Carol, to receive and promptly deposit registration funds and monitor and transfer funds in our PayPal account to our bank on a regular basis. He will make a detailed report at each meeting so all members are well informed on our financial status throughout the event process, from start to finish.

**HOSPITALITY** – Janet Hong. Every attendee will receive a “Goodie Bag”. We will stuff these ahead of time with all sorts of things like hand made note cards, paper, pencils, Auction bid form, a flash drive – preloaded with the speaker’s programs, great daylily information as well as catalog lists from the hybridizers who donate plants to our auction.

If you would be willing to help Janet stuff the bags and hand them out at the Registration Table, let her know: [prpdaylily@cox.net](mailto:prpdaylily@cox.net)

**PLANT COORDINATION (AUCTION AND PLANT SALE)** – Pat Mansfield & Carlette Pruden. A lot of their tasks will happen before the event, soliciting, receiving & potting plants for the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Door Prizes from hybridizers, AND from club members for the Plant Sale, tending them and then transporting them to the event. Pat & Carlette will provide Ken with the list of Auction plants, pictures and information so he can make the visuals for the auction and with a list of Plant Sale plants. This information will be shared on-line so that our guests can make early choices on plants they’d like to bid on at the Auctions or buy at the Plant Sale.

If you can help by donating plants for the Plant Sale, potting up the Auction, Door Prize & Plant Sale plants, loading plants for transport, set up & take down the sales areas, let them know: Pat [mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com) and Carlette [cjpruden@gmail.com](mailto:cjpruden@gmail.com)

**PHOTO BOOTH** – Ken Ferguson. We may have a photo booth – details are being finalized. Will need one person to assist our guests in getting their photo & printing it out as a free gift. No tech skills needed, just a BIG smile. Does this appeal to you? Let Ken know: [kferguson@mchsi.com](mailto:kferguson@mchsi.com)

**SALES COORDINATION** – Beverly Ambrose. A lot of her work will also take place prior to the event. Inviting clubs to bring a Raffle Basket, putting together our club's Raffle Basket, making picture plant tags for Silent Auction, Door Prize & Plant Sales plants. Is responsible for setting up & take down of all the above, monitoring the Silent Auction, selling Raffle Tickets and monitoring the Raffle Baskets. During the Auction, direct Runners to take prizes and Auction Plants to the winners. Runners can double as Stagehands

If you can help with our Raffle Basket, Sales & monitoring, or would like to be a Runner/Stagehand, let her know: [bkambrose812@gmail.com](mailto:bkambrose812@gmail.com)

**PRODUCTION STAFF** – Ken Ferguson – A lot of this work is taking place ahead of time, producing scripts for all key players. Responsible for coordination of set up when the gates open Friday morning so that all systems can be tested prior to guests arriving, a Stage Manager who will move people in and out of staging areas & be in contact (ear-bud) with House Director, 3 Stage Hands/Runners who will move props in and out and Run plants to Auction winners, and possibly perform (more on that later), and after the event, take down.

If you'd like to be the Stage Manager or a Stage Hand/Runner, let Ken know: [kferguson@mchsi.com](mailto:kferguson@mchsi.com)

**THE ELIZABETHIAN THESPIAN TROUPE** – Ken Ferguson – If you are someone who loves the smell of greasepaint and the roar of the crowd, we have some un-cast parts that need a name. Specifically, we need 2 more men who have a tux and one more female to "lip-sync" to Goodnight Sweetheart for a bit that will happen at the end of the auction on Friday night.

If you'd like to get dressed up and make our finale something our guests will remember for years to come, let Ken know: [kferguson@mchsi.com](mailto:kferguson@mchsi.com)

**WARDROBE** – Janet Hong. Coordination of the making of 3 women's 1890's bathing suites and 3 prom dresses.

If you know which end of a needle to hold and would like to help this sewing circle, let her know: [prpdaylily@cox.net](mailto:prpdaylily@cox.net)

**ROADIES & WRANGLER** – As you can see from above, there are decorations, plants, and equipment that has to be loaded and trucked to the Elizabethan Gardens and once there, these same items need to be loaded in and set up. That's what Roadies do. Now a Wrangler is just what it sounds like. The Gardens has a one lane road leading in so the Wrangler will be in charge of getting vehicles in and out in an orderly fashion without creating a traffic jam.

If you can help on either end as a Roadie or think you can be the Wrangler, let Ken know: [kferguson@mchsi.com](mailto:kferguson@mchsi.com)

As you can see, there are still a **LOT** of jobs open. If you and/or a family member or friend can spare a few or a lot of hours, don't be SHY, pick your job and let us hear from you!

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## And on a lighter note...

May 2, 2020 WNGD or World Naked Gardening Day

This is how the Society celebrated this event in the past. Even with the blacked out eyes, you may recognize some of our current members that did their part.



While many gardeners worldwide opted to cover their goodies with some form of foliage, others were more creative. And it made me think about some of the things I would definitely **NOT** do on WNGD.



1. **PLANT ROSES** — *Instead choose something more appropriate... like plant a daylily or two.*
2. **RE-POT YOUR CACTI** — *You could easily get yourself into a sticky situation!*
3. **GO TO A COMMUNITY GARDEN** — *And for the sake of your neighbors, perhaps avoid trimming the low hedges in your front yard.*
4. **FIRE UP THE WEED WACKER**— *In fact, I would think twice about using any power tools.*
5. **FORGET TO PUT ON SUNBLOCK**— *And you don't want to be asking just any random person to help you with your back.*



Well, what do **YOU** think?

Please let Pat [mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com](mailto:mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com)

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know your opinion on **YOUR** new NEWSLETTER.