



# Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta Newsletter

Spring Issue – March 2013

## **PRESIDENT'S NOTE**

Patty Franklin

Dear DSGA Club Members and Families,

Happy Spring!! We've had a few days of warm, beautiful weather and now a reminder that winter isn't quite over yet.

Our first club event of 2013 was an entertaining meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Bellmere. We learned a little more about 4 of our Board Members, reviewed how to prepare plants for our DSGA plant sales and we thoroughly enjoyed our guest speakers that day, Charles and Heidi Douglas from Browns Ferry Gardens, in Georgetown, South Carolina. Charles and Heidi shared their passion for daylilies with a great slide show of some of their latest introductions and then Heidi led us in a fast paced auction of many of their plants. Many club members went home with new additions to their gardens at bargain prices. After all that excitement, we enjoyed a delicious lunch under the direction of Dorothy Warren, Palmer and Pam Haffner, Barbara Metz and Martha Carpenter, along with all our wonderful cooks. If you weren't there, we missed you!!

As we look ahead to warmer, sunny days, please take a moment to check your calendars and be sure you have the following DSGA club activities noted and make plans to join us:

- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 at Bellmere **DSGA "Homecoming" and Founder's Day** program, along with MAP's auction and lunch
- April 27<sup>th</sup>, plant sale in Roswell
- May 10-11<sup>th</sup>, Region 5 Meeting in Valdosta
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 at Angie & Jeff Tatum's home **"Grooming and Design Clinic"** to prepare for our daylily show

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## **COMING UP**

**April 6, 2013**

General Membership  
Meeting

Bellmere Garden House

10777 Bell Road, Duluth

10:00 AM

**Homecoming and  
Founder's Day  
PLUS  
Annual MAP Auction**



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Harold McDonell is leading us in our “**Homecoming and Founder’s Day**” celebration on April 6<sup>th</sup> and he has quite a history of our club to share with all of us. We’ve reached out to our founding members and hope that many of them will be able to join us as we review how DSGA got started back in the 1960’s and review how far we’ve come in 50+ years. This is a very special meeting for our club and we hope you’ll make that extra special effort to be there. Remember that we’ll have our MAP’s auction and lunch that day, so bring some money to buy some plants and a covered dish for everyone to enjoy.

Please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join us - - sometimes, all you have to do is ask.

Gardening Graces!!

Patty Franklin  
DSGA President

### Looking for a Treasurer’s Report?

No .... We didn’t forget Angie’s report.

Since this newsletter is being published prior to the close of the first quarter, there is no quarterly Treasurer’s Report in this issue.

### Check it out ..... [www.atlantadaylily.org](http://www.atlantadaylily.org)

If you haven’t visited the DSGA website lately, you haven’t seen the updates and changes that Sue Calbreath has made to the site.

Thank you Sue for improving the site and updating the information it contains.

### Important Reminder

The proper use of our Member’s personal contact information is very important to the Club.

Any personal information obtained thru Club publications or communications (i.e. annual yearbook/directory) such as email address, home address, or phone numbers are to be used for Club business only. Under no circumstances is this information to be given or sold to a third party or used for commercial purposes.

Please respect your fellow members and guard their personal information as you would your own.

## **DSGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 10, 2013**

Karen Mowry

Attendees: Shirley Lesiuk, Mark Franklin, Patty Franklin, Carolyn Herndon, Virgil Herndon, Bobbie Higginbotham, Karen Mowry, Jack Rigsby, Palmer Haffner, Angie Tatum, Felicity O'Neal, David Healy, Claude Carpenter

The Board Meeting convened at 2 p.m. at the Lesiuk home. We all thank Shirley for the warm hospitality.

President Patty Franklin reviewed the agenda and then asked Karen to review the previous Minutes. The Secretary announced that the Constitution and Bylaws were now on the website and Jack Rigsby, who is handling the incorporation process for CCDS, told us that it would need to be replaced with a revised copy of the "Incorporation" Constitution and Bylaws after incorporation is completed. The Minutes were then accepted by the Board. The Secretary asked if we had a record of AHS memberships for DSGA and Claude reported that he had a spreadsheet and would mail it to Board members so that we can determine the percentage of our members with AHS memberships. A discussion about deadlines for member's dues and status developed into a motion by Patty that unpaid members should be deleted from our list and would not receive any further DSGA communications. The motion passed. Angie will be updating her membership list and will send to Board members.

Angie gave Karen the seed money for the Forsyth Master Gardener's sale and Karen will take to the sale, pick up at the end of the day and take to the sale on Saturday morning. Set-up will be on Thursday afternoon. Virgil will send an email for sale volunteers and plants.

Angie proposed adding some Honorary Members which the Board approved. They are: Walter Reeves, Lindy White and Lillian and Erling Grovenstein. Angie suggested some MAP point ideas for the National Convention and said the points earned should be separate from either DSGA or CCDS totals, respectively. The guidelines she suggested will be reviewed by the 2015 National Convention committee. Mark will ask said Committee for reports that he can present to each Board meeting as to their progress.

We hope to have a good turnout for Homecoming at our April MAP auction. It was decided that Karen would mail invitations to our Honorary Members, asking them to expect a member's call to see if they will come and if they need help with transportation. Patty will try to arrange for it to be videotaped for posterity. Harold McDonell will present a program detailing the history of DSGA. Patty will be sending a "Save the Date" email to the membership about Homecoming that will also include some information about ordering a DSGA shirt for \$28 since there have been several inquiries from members who do not currently own one.

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**DSGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES****March 10, 2013**

Karen Mowry

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The Board passed a motion for DSGA to have a person accountable for MAP points as this is a full-time job in itself and is over and above the job description for the Treasurer. This position will earn MAP points as should the Hospitality person and the person or persons setting up and taking down equipment for plant sales. Jack Rigsby informed us that no member can profit from DSGA once our tax exempt status is finalized and that the IRS is very clear about it. A motion was made and passed that we no longer pay members for storage of club materials. Patty and Mark Franklin have generously offered the use of their basement (during her term as Pres.) for no charge.

Claude announced that there will be a Fall Symposium that will be in conjunction with the AHS meeting at the Waverly Hotel. The agenda will include speakers and auctions; more to come later.

Felicity accepted the responsibility of newsletter submittal information for The Georgia Daylily.

Shirley suggested that all future Directories have an “unsolicited mail” disclaimer so that member’s information will be protected. This statement will also be printed on membership renewal forms as well. Membership communications for non-email members will only include the newsletter.

Bruce Kovach and Harold McDonell will canvas membership as to their interest in an Exhibition I and Exhibition II Judges Clinic. Clinic 1 takes approximately 4 hours, Clinic 2 takes approximately 2.5 hours, and the cost is \$5 per clinic.

Bruce Kovach, joint Show Chairman, was not in attendance at the Board meeting. The Board had some questions as to when the show schedule would be ready and when the entry forms would be ready. The Board would like to know the current status of the Show.

Claude reported that there is a “glitch” with our projector, for which he has spent hours to try to determine the reason. We will have Palmer’s system as a backup for the April meeting as Claude will continue to attempt to solve this mystery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mowry  
Secretary

## The Hybridizing Arts of Members of The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

By Felicity O'Neal



Photo courtesy of Diana Waldrop

The art of hybridizing is truly amazing to me, what else amazes me are the results that come from simple and yet sometimes complicated steps in the process which hybridizers take to reap such beautiful designs in the plant world.

Here in Atlanta we have had, and still have today, some pretty prolific hybridizers.

I took on the job of gathering up and recording every possible introduction by the Charter Members and Members of the Club since its inception in 1962, and I am amazed at what I found.



Photo courtesy of Diana Waldrop

One of our Charter Members **Mrs. Hugh Lester (Mary)** hybridized and introduced at least 122 plants over a 23-year period. One of her introductions was a Yellow Spider named 'Fairy Wings' (1953), which went on to win the prestigious Stout Medal Award in 1960. **Mildred Owen** another Charter Member introduced 'Shady Lady' in 1961, a beautiful Yellow with a Red eyezone, which is still an eye-catcher today. **Clyde Anderson** an early member introduced at least 41 plants from 1969 – 1998. **Frank Childs**, a very well known hybridizer produced plants between 1951 and 1982 with such notables as 'Stoplight' (1953) - a wonderful Orange Red Spider, 'Catherine Woodbury' (1967), 'Ice Carnival' (1967). 'Jessica Lillian' (1970), and my favorite, 'Trahlyta' in 1982 – a beautiful Grey Violet with a dark Purple eyezone.

**Martha Wheeler** lived on La Vista Road in Decatur, one of her introductions was called La Vista Road (1983) I am of the mind that La Vista Road was a bit quieter in 1983 than it is today. When I hear the traffic reports on the radio about back-ups on I-285 around La Vista Road I shudder, and give thanks that I am north of all that mess.

A number of our hybridizers used their hometown names for their introductions. **Clyde Davidson** used Decatur, as in 'Decatur Spectator' (1974) and 'Decatur Fortune Teller' (1985) still a well known daylily today, which he co-introduced with **Fred W. Kloman** another club member and hybridizer. **Lillian and Erling Grovenstein** use 'Briarmoor' indicative of the road they live on – 'Briarmoor Enchantment' (2009), is a lovely Salmon Pink with a Cream Edge DBL. **Joe Hulsey**, a member and Show Judge introduced a series of daylilies beginning with 'Possum Hollow', notably 'Possum Hollow Sweetie Memaw' in 2003. **Virginia Johnson** who lives on Hawthorn Drive used Hawthorn, as in 'Hawthorn Beauty' (1989) a Dark Velvety Red. All of these names are very distinctive. Where **Earnest Lunsford** came up with 'Smokerise' I do not know. **Mrs. Lavern "Trudi" Petree** introduced an impressive series beginning with 'Atlanta'. Many of which are still well loved today – 'Atlanta Moonlight' (1982), 'Atlanta Orchid Mist' (1984) and 'Atlanta Superstar' (1985) being just a couple of drops in the bucket.

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Just to name a few more, because the list goes on. **Patricia Seaman’s** series begins with ‘Pinegarden’, for example - ‘Pinegarden Heavyweight’, ‘Pinegarden Two Squared’ and another of my favorite daylilies ‘Pinegarden Raggedy Ann’. (2000), a Coral Self with a big Yellow Throat. **Bill Waldrop** lives up around Kennesaw Mountain and his hometown is Marietta, hence some of his introductions reflect those names - ‘Kennesaw Mountain Hayride’ in 2007 and Marietta Full House’, (2008), a pretty Yellow ruffled flower.



**Kennesaw Mountain Hayride**  
Photo courtesy of Diana Waldrop

Some hybridizers introduce daylilies named after children, grandchildren and friends, which is a lovely way to fondly remember some special person in our lives.



**Mary’s Gold**  
Photo courtesy of Harold McDonell

Our own **Harold McDonell** hybridized ‘Mary’s Gold’ (1984) for Mary Howard, a neighbor, good friend and also a fellow club member. That introduction is still one of the most popular plants almost 20 years later. **Bruce Kovach** named one of his very attractive Bright Yellow Doubles after his granddaughter – ‘Sydney My Sunshine”, (2007).



**Sydney My Sunshine**  
Photo courtesy of Bruce Kovach



**Miracle of St Jude**  
Photo courtesy of Claude Carpenter

We also have our ‘quiet’ hybridizers who may only introduce a few daylilies, like **Harold Verner**, who has made an impact with ‘Miracle of St. Jude’ (2007) A lovely Dark Pink and Rose blend with a darker Pink eye, which he will generously give away if the recipient sends a donation to St. Jude’s Hospital for Children in Memphis.

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Another quiet hybridizer is our own **Ron McClure** who has introduced 3 daylilies. One is named after his mother, 'Carrie Turberville' (2005), a Raspberry Rose blend with a Burgundy eye. Every time I think of it, it reminds me of Tess of the d'Urbervilles, by the English writer Thomas Hardy, do not ask me why, I guess it is an English thing, or is it a Felicity thing!



**Carrie Turberville**  
Photo courtesy of Ron McClure

Over the years we have had, that I know of, at least 35 hybridizers in the club, we also have some up and coming ones, namely Mark Franklin who has some introductions in the works. I am wondering what he will be naming these plants. My thoughts are, that as he is an avid golfer, he will call them Golf Links, or Tee Time or The Nineteenth Hole, who knows, I am sure he will surprise us. Ms. Karen Mowry, our illustrious Secretary is experimenting for the fun of it. I'm thinking that as she is a mad Corgi dog lover, and in good company with Queen Elizabeth II, another mad Corgi dog lover, she would start her names with 'Corgi' this or 'Corgi' that, time will tell.

All In all, I believe that our club hybridizers have produced some fabulous specimens over the years, and I know they will continue to surprise and delight everyone.

Felicity O'Neal, 2013.

**Editor's Note:** I would like to thank Felicity for a "smashing" article. It took a lot of time and research on her part to pull together all this information on the hybridizers amongst us. This is a keeper article for the archives.

In addition, I would like to thank all of you who provided photos for this article. I asked many of you at the last minute for pictures and you came through for me.

THANK YOU

## Incorporation of DSGA

Members of the Board agreed there was a need to officially incorporate DSGA and register as a non-profit organization. This process requires investigation, time and diligence. The Cobb County Daylily Society is also going thru the same process.

Thank you to Claude Carpenter, Angie Tatum and Jack Rigsby for taking the lead and getting our Club thru this process. Their efforts will benefit all of us.

One of the requirements is publishing a legal notice in the local paper. The first notice was published in The Gwinnett Daily Post on 3/21/13 and is shown below for your information.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION Notice is given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta, Inc. Have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 2415 Ashton Ridge Dr., Dacula, GA 30019, and its initial registered agent at such address is Angela Tatum, Treasurer. 907-119569, 3/21,28

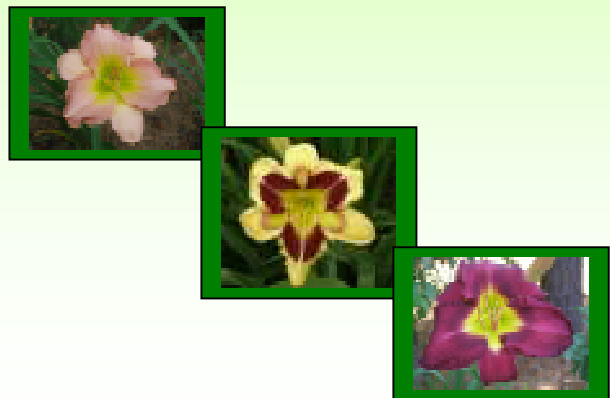
**Do you have a DSGA shirt?  
or  
Do you want a second one?**



If you want a shirt, Claude Carpenter is taking orders. He will place the order soon in order to receive the shirts before the DSGA/CCDS Daylily Show in June. Please contact Claude or see him at our next meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> to place your order. The cost of the shirt is \$28.00

**If you are not already a member  
of AHS, consider joining now.**

Visit the AHS website ([www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org)) and enter the Membership Information page for benefits of membership and other details.







**Remaining Events for 2013**



March 22-23	Friday/Saturday	Forsyth Master Gardeners Plant Sale – Cumming
April 6	Saturday	General Meeting w/Lunch – Bellmere 10:00am “HOMECOMING”/MAP Sale/Auction
April 27	Saturday	N. Fulton Master Gardeners Plant Sale – Roswell
May 10-11	Friday/Saturday	Region 5 Spring Meeting – Valdosta
May 18	Saturday	Design/Grooming Clinic – Tatum’s 10:00am
June 8	Saturday	Combined DSGA /Cobb Daylily Show – Galleria
June 15	Saturday	Garden Judges II Training – Kovach Garden
June 20	Thursday	2013 Daylily Show “Debriefing” Meeting for all Show Committee Chairs – Franklin’s 7:00pm
July 14	Sunday	Board Meeting – Kovach’s 2:00pm
July 24-27	Wed.- Sat.	2013 AHS National Convention – Minnesota
August 17	Saturday	General Mtg. – Popularity Poll voting – location/time TBD
September 7	Saturday	General Meeting w/Lunch – Bellmere 10:00am
September 28-29	Sat./Sun.	Duluth Days Plant Sale – Duluth
October 11-12	Fri/Sat	Region 5 Fall “Fling”/Meetings
October 20	Sunday	Board Meeting – Haffner’s 2:00pm
November 9	Saturday	General Meeting w/Lunch – Bellmere 10:00am
December 14	Saturday	Christmas Party – Bellmere - noon

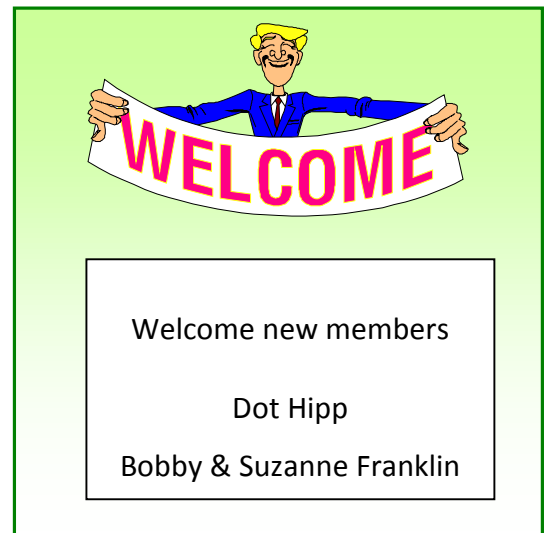
### DSGA EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### OFFICERS

President	Patty Franklin
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Claude Carpenter
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Felicity O’Neal
Secretary	Karen Mowry
Treasurer	Angie Tatum
Parliamentarian	Dennis Calbreath
Newsletter Editor	Shirley Lesiuk
Youth Coordinator	Bobbie Higginbotham
Website Administrator	Sue Calbreath

#### DIRECTORS

Ron McClure  
Palmer Haffner  
Bruce Kovach  
Carolyn Herndon  
Jack Rigsby  
David Healy  
Mark Franklin



**DAYLILY SOCIETY OF GREATER ATLANTA  
Membership Renewal**

Membership in the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta is on an annual basis (January 1 – December 31).

Family \$20.00 (two persons same address), Single \$15.00, Youth (under 18) \$10.00

Dues paid by NEW MEMBERS on July 1 or later secures membership through the next year.

**Please Print:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

- Family (\$20)    \_\_\_
- Single (\$15)   \_\_\_
- Youth (\$10)    \_\_\_

American Hemerocallis Society Member? Circle one.       Yes            No

Are you willing to receive the DSGA Newsletter by email?   Yes            No

Is this: New Member \_\_\_\_, Renewal \_\_\_\_, or Information Update Only \_\_\_\_

Members who joined after July 1 and Honorary Members are paid through next year.

Please send in updated info if any changes in your contact information since your last renewal.

We would really love to have your email address to enable us to send out announcements and updates throughout the year. We will not use your email address for any other reason.

Please complete this form, enclose your check made payable to DSGA, and mail to:

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2415 Ashton Ridge Drive  
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