

Southwest Hemerocallis Society

March 2009 Newsletter

Meet Bobbie Hogancamp

One of the most friendly and colorful members you will meet in our society is Bobbie Hogancamp. We all appreciate the daylilies she brings monthly from her garden to auction. I was able to find out some unique details about Bobbie this month. Photo and interview by editor, Sharlyn Rocha



You won several classes at the 2008 SWHS show including most blue ribbons. Tell us a little about your show history.

I started showing 3 years ago and have been fortunate to take Best of Show with Wild Horses and sweepstakes with Igor, Mt. Mystic, Cathy Cute Legs and King Kahuna.

Do you amend your soil and what do you use to fertilize your garden?

I fertilize with organic liquid or Dr. Earth Rose food, plus worm castings, oak leaves, coffee grounds and homemade compost.

Can you tell us about your family, background and work experience?

I am a semi-retired dental hygienist, mother of 5 grown girls and grandma of 7. I love the retirement years filling the time with gardening, travel and community service. My favorite pastime besides gardening is traveling with my love of 38 yrs, Frank, and snorkeling.

How did you get introduced to the daylily society?

I was first introduced in 2004 to daylilies by Hermaen Ultrich (who passed away at 96). He invited me to the Orange Co. Daylily and Iris Club where I met many wonderful people including Nancy Webb. It was she who introduced me to the fancy spiders, unusual forms, eyes and ruffles.

Do you have a favorite variety of daylily?

My favorites are Tar and Feather, Igor, Velvet Ribbons, Capture the Magic and Crazy Ivan

How many varieties do you grow and what other types of plants do you enjoy growing?

I grow over 300 varieties at my home, cabin in Arrowhead, mission church and family homes. They grow in my home among the waterfall pond, pool and raised vegetable garden (Frank's). Interspersed are Louisianas, perennials, roses and climbing vines.

My recent project is helping to develop the first public AHS Display garden at the Arcadia Botanical Garden. Along with Bill Wilks, Frank and several great daylily donors, we now have 900plus cultivars. I have met wonderful people through gardening and look forward to many years of enjoyment. It is my therapy.

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Many thanks to Shari and Steve Matteson of Buena Creek Gardens. Shari was our guest speaker for the February meeting and shared a great PowerPoint presentation on the commercial garden. She informed us that Buena Creek will soon have a daylily and iris display garden. They sell many potted daylily varieties including white, yellow, apricot, red, pink, black and purple cultivars. They have spiders and all class sizes from miniature to large. Shari and Steve took over the garden in May of 2008 and have made many changes since then. Their coming daylily display garden will be a great local exhibit and we encourage all our members to visit often. For more information call 760-744-2810.



"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul."

Quote from Luther Burbank

February Meeting Notes, February 7, 2009, 10:00 AM

Hans Hemkes VP discussed upcoming 2009 scheduled meetings and events planned.

Shari Matteson from Buena Creek Gardens was a guest speaker. She and Steve Matteson purchased Buena Creek Gardens in May of 2008 from Steve Brigham. Steve Brigham had purchased the Gardens from Bob Brooks in 1996. Shari & Steve Matteson have wonderfully renovated "El Shackito", the office space that they have converted to a gift shop. Shari went over many of the diverse plantings in the gardens. They are planning to replant a daylily field with many daylilies, irises and alstrameria. Bamboo had almost taken over the field so they had to cut it back to its original size. Best time to visit Buena Creek Gardens for overall bloom is April and the best time for blooming daylilies is June. Valentine's weekend is "Sweetheart Sale" 20% off everything. Gary Colby held a procurement sale and a raffle followed.

Secretary, Beth Hemkes

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Coming Events for 2009

March 7 –

230 Quail Gardens in Ecke Building, 10:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker, Hybridizer Bill Waldorp.

April 10 & 11-

Spring 2009 Region 7 Meeting at Days Hotel, San Diego
Members will enjoy Balboa Park Gardens and Zoo
See article to follow.

May 2-

Potluck at Steve and Sharlyn Rocha's Home, 9249 Ruffin Road, Santee
10:00 Meeting will feature show preparation demonstration by Gary Colby

June 13-

38th Annual Daylily Show, Quail Garden in Ecke Building 1:00 – 4:00

August 1 –

Potluck at Betsy and Cal Masee's garden, 10:00 A.M.
1840 Circo Del Cielo, El Cajon

September-

No meeting or event scheduled this month.

October 3-

230 Quail Gardens in Ecke Building 10:00 A.M.
Regular meeting and Fall Plant Procurement Sale

November 7-

230 Quail Gardens in Ecke Building 10:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker, Owner and Hybridizer Bill Maryott of Maryott's Iris Gardens

December 5-

230 Quail Gardens in Ecke Building 10:00 A.M.
Annual Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange

Our Club Officers 2009

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Renew Your Membership Dues Now

Dues are \$10 for one year and \$25 for 3 years. The cost is the same for family or single. Memberships are due in January. If someone joins in Oct or after, their membership is good through the following year. Many of us need to send renewals to:

Treasurer Sue Marchetti
4230 Tacoma St.
San Diego, CA 92117

For questions you can reach Sue at 858-273-6486 or email her at msuemarch@sbcglobal.net

YOU'RE INVITED!

Region 7 would like to invite you to the spring 2009 Regional meeting. This year the meeting will be held in beautiful San Diego near the stunning Balboa Park Gardens and Zoo. The meeting dates are **April 10-11th, 2009**. Our featured speakers for this event will be **Jeff and Elizabeth Salter**.

Balboa Park is renowned for the lush landscaping and lovely gardens on its 1,200 acres, offering a magnificent backdrop for the cultural attractions. The Park was ranked among the Best Parks in the World by the Project for Public Places for its mixture of horticulture and art and culture. There are more than eight gardens in the Park, which include the lovely **Alcazar Garden**, the award-winning **rose garden**, the **Japanese Friendship Garden**, the **desert garden** and the historic **Botanical Building**.

In addition is the fabulous San Diego Zoo; home to more than 4,000 rare and endangered animals representing more than 800 species and subspecies, the San Diego Zoo is a world famous conservation organization where visitors view exotic animals in habitat environments. Zoo guests may view rare giant pandas, cuddly looking koalas, reptiles of various shapes and sizes and many more interesting species.

We got a great deal on hotel rooms (Rooms are \$99.00 per night) but were only able to book reservations for 20 rooms. If we fill those rooms they will release more, so make your reservations early.

Great speakers, Fabulous Gardens, Daylily auction, and enjoying our daylily friends, what more can you ask?

I hope to see you there!

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Spring 2009 Region 7 Meeting
REGISTRATION FORM
April 10-11, 2009

Name: _____
Name 2: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
E-mail address: _____

Enclosed is registration for ___ people at \$95 per person
Registration includes: Friday social, Saturday tours, lunch, dinner

Send check or money order to:
Make check payable to: AHS Region 7
Curtis Montgomery, Registrar
1711 Phantom Ave.
San Jose, Ca. 95125
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Hotel Information:

Days Hotel
543 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, Ca. 92108
(619) 297-8800

The rate is \$99 per night. Book hotel directly and early.
Mention you are booking for the AHS Regional Meeting.

Banquet Only Option:

If you do not want to attend the zoo part of the AHS Regional Meeting, you can come to the banquet dinner for \$40 dollars. This total covers the cost of the dinner and helps cover the cost of our banquet guest speakers, the Salters.

If anyone wants this option, send back the registration and write in "*Dinner Only*".