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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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2007 Events

Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society

March 17
May 19
September 15
October 20
November 17

June 2—Daylily Show
October 20—Plant Sale

NORCAL Daylily Group

March 24
June 2—Joint NORCAL/GBADC
October 6

June 16—Daylily Show

Greater Bay Area Daylily Club

February 3
June 2—Joint GBADC/NOR-CAL
October 27

June 9—Open Gardens
June 16—Daylily Show

Desert Daylily Society

March 17
May 5

May 12—Daylily Show

Southwest Hemerocallis Society

June 9—Daylily Show

Visit the Region 7 Web site at
www.ahsregion7.org
AHS' Web site is
www.daylilies.org

Regional Vice President's Podium

Curtis Montgomery

It's been an interesting winter for the daylily lovers of Region 7. Phoenix is the coldest it's been in 21 years, people are discovering what dormant and semi-evergreen really mean, and California rainfall is nonexistent. The good news out of all of this is we grow daylilies. While a lot of our other plants have frozen or withered, our good old daylilies have just hunkered down and said I may not look good now, but spring is just around the corner.

Speaking of Spring we thought we would try something we have been discussing for several years. This is our attempt to get a regional newsletter out early in the year that focuses on club schedules, events and other interesting AHS stuff so people can mark their calendars early.

Since the region has also had AHS officer changes at the beginning of the year we also thought this was a good way to introduce the new changes with a brief personal bio for each of the new officers.

The first AHS stuff that is rapidly approaching is our annual regional. We decided to do something different and hold it earlier in the year when people are not so busy with other daylily interest. It will be on **April 27-29** at the beautiful Huntington Gardens. For anyone who has not visited this wonderful place in San Marino, Ca. it is not to be missed. Frank Cusenza of the Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society is spearheading the efforts. He has lined up two great speakers in Larry Grace and Dan Bachman. While everyone has probably heard of Larry, Dan Bachman is from the Cin-

cinnati area and grows wonderful spiders and UFO's. Frank has also promised to show everyone their progress on the new historical daylily garden at the Los Angeles Arboretum.

It's looking to be another fun year for Region 7. All the clubs are planning daylily shows and numerous events throughout the year. My goal is to visit all the clubs and get to meet all of you. I hope to see you all at the Regional and **Happy Daylilying**.

P.S. Speaking of the weather - My wife Pat (who has never been to Phoenix) and I recently attended a Desert Daylily Society meeting. Not only were the temperatures down in the 30's, but it rained for two solid days. Needless to say my plans for moving to a much warmer climate have suffered a major setback.

Meet the New 2007 Region 7 Officers Regional Vice President & Editor



Curtis Montgomery
Region 7 RVP & Editor

AHS Membership—15 years

Clubs— NORCAL and Greater Bay Area Daylily Club

Offices Held—Current President of Greater Bay Area Daylily Club

Daylily Collection: Grows mostly newer daylilies of all varieties. All of his 300 daylilies are container grown.

Other interest:—GOLF & GOLF



Neal Richmond
Judges Liaison

AHS Member--Since 1993 (that's 13 years)

Clubs—NORCAL and Greater Bay Area Daylily Club

Offices Held: President of Nor-Cal Daylily Group and AHS Region 7 RVP

Daylily Collection: Grows about 300 of both new and old daylilies, preferably with large flowers and tall scapes.

Other Interests: Boy Scouts of America.

Meet the New 2007 Region 7 Officers

Regional Publicity Director



Kay Day Pricola
Regional Publicity
Director & Co-Editor

AHS Member—20 years

Clubs—None in Region 7 (cause I live in the middle of the desert), Daylily Growers of Dallas, North Texas Daylily Society (charter member)

Offices Held—President of Daylily Growers of Dallas, AHS Board Member 1996-2001, AHS President 2000-2001, Special Chair-Endowment Funds, 2002-2005, Special Project Chair 2006-2007

Daylily Collection—Currently about 75 very hardy Tetraploids, partial to doubles and unusual forms.

Other interest: Supporting Nick's Rotary work

Regional Publicity Director's Prattle

Kay Day Pricola

When Curtis called and asked me about the responsibilities and the time commitment for an RVP, I truly encouraged him to consider the position. What I did not know, was he already was prepared to accept the nomination and was simply seeking an entrée to talk me into the Regional Publicity Director's job. He had already introduced me as the person who as held "every position" in AHS, which is not true. Prior to this I was never a regional officer. The first husband was the Region 6 RDP-1990-91, RVP & Editor-1992-93, and Editor -1995-96. I certainly understand all three roles. Region 6 had at the time about 900 members and "we" published over 1100 regional newsletter three times a year. This should be a piece of cake.

Region 7 has one of the smallest membership, but covers one of the largest and most diverse areas. From the beautiful islands of Hawaii to the deserts of Arizona, common growing conditions do not apply. The cool evenings through the region create a minor challenge for us for the more ornately ruffled day-

lilies. Plus in both California and Hawaii, we who loved daylilies are challenged by those other beautiful — and in some cases easier to grow flowers. The desert is another story of which you will hear more. This issue is a kick-off to the year—come to the Regional in April to join the adventure. The Huntington is wonderful and both of the speakers are truly special people. Some time ago, I was "quoted" for saying that "we come for the daylilies, and stay for the people". Come for the daylily programs, but I am betting you will be enjoy the people just as much. I am looking forward to being a part of this diverse region.

The Director's Chair

Gary Colby, Region 7 Director

I am beginning my fifth year as the Region 7 Director. For the first four years, I have served as the chairs of popularity poll committee, then policy and procedures committee and now for the committee. In each position I have made new friends and learned much about the AHS in the process. I started selling daylilies on the lily auction in the spring of 2000 to pay for the cost of

attending a national convention. My first AHS National convention was in Philadelphia via Long Island, NY where I stayed as a guest in Paul Limmer's home. The second day of the convention it was threatening a huge cloudburst so the group I was with said to go back to bed, there was no way they were going to spend the day in the rain. About 10:00 I went downstairs in the hotel to find some breakfast when one of our group, Mare Miller, said she had talked John Peat and Ted Petit into going to Longwood Garden and did I want to come? So Paul Limmer, Joann Steward, Mare Miller, John Peat, Ted Petit and I spent the day "playing hooky" and attending Longwood. It didn't rain until 4:30 just as we were about to finish seeing Longwood. That was the start of many friendships with daylily people on a national basis. Kevin Walek loaned me his truck so my son and I could see Washington DC while we were there for the fall board meeting. Dan White had his club pay my fare to St. Louis and put my son Michael and me up in their home on an invitation to speak in St. Louis. Laura Berenson who lives in Virginia and I share books, Bengal cats, and flowers, mostly

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Judging Daylilies ?

Neal Richmond

Okay, I'm back. Same name, with a different hat. I'm not quite sure how Curtis talked me into being your Garden & Exhibition Judges Liaisons, but he managed. This does happen to be an area that Region 7 *really, really*, needs to address. We are sorely short of Exhibition Judges. We are losing them far faster than we have gained. The outcome to this is that it is becoming more difficult to get

judges for our shows, without having to export them from other regions. This is at some substantial expense to the hosting club. My goal is to increase our own roster with at least four new judges within the next two years. Don't be surprised if I tap your shoulder, twist your arm, and generally harass you to become an Exhibition Judge. Garden Judges, who needs them? We do. Garden Judges are the ones that vote for the various medal winners every

year. Has anyone ever heard of the Stout Silver Medal? Region 7's vote needs to be heard. The hardest part about being a Garden Judge is that you have to visit gardens and look at daylilies. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it. In this department, I'll be contacting individual clubs to setup the necessary workshops, so that you too can become a Garden Judge.

Remember the children's story, "The Little Engine That Could"? I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.....



More from your RVP

For all of you who have already registered for the Region 7 Conference you can skip this info commercial and go get something to drink or eat. All of you who have not registered or are sitting on the fence – READ ON.

This year's conference is nothing short of *WOW*. We are holding it at the **Huntington Gardens, San Marino, Ca. on April 27 – 29**. which I can only describe as the Disneyland of the botanical world. It not only has some of the most beautiful gardens you have ever seen, but numerous other areas of attraction. It has a fantastic historic library with numerous one of a kind manuscripts, an art gallery with many world famous paintings and a new conservatory that contains thousands of plants.

Not enough - we also have two great speakers. Larry Grace is getting back into introducing daylilies and he promises to bring us information on his latest and greatest. Given his work in the past I for one can't wait to see his new plants. We also have Dan Bachman from "Valley of the Daylilies" in Cincinnati, Ohio. His work in spiders and UFO's is simply

amazing. I had the opportunity to visit his garden and it was filled with awesome daylilies.

Last, but not least Frank Cosenza has promised to show us the new historical daylily garden at the LA Arboretum. His club has been working on this for the past year and it a great opportunity to get a lot of new interest from people outside the daylily world. Special tours of the Huntington Gardens botanical labs promises to get you really inside a daylily. He also promised the best barbeque west of Texas for our dinner on Saturday night.

If there is only room for one event on your daylily calendar this year this should be it. Don't miss what promises to be a great regional conference.

I listed several Websites that you can visit to get more information. The registration form can be found on the back or at the Region 7 Website.

<http://www.huntington.org>

<http://www.valleyofthedaylilies.com/>

The Director's Chair - Continued

online but I got to meet her in Long Island this year. Paul Aucion shared a room with me in Long Island and we have shared books and photos over several years. Every year I see Bill Maryott, Pat and Curtis Montgomery, and many others in Florida looking at daylilies. While judging in Concord, I got to be good friends with Jan and Henry Levario – we ended up sharing a ski chalet at the Lake Tahoe event along with Dennis Cusack and Frank Cosenza where Jan and Henry fixed us all a fabulous N.Y. steak dinner.

Daylilies have paid for many trips and many friendships over the years.

There is truly something special about daylily people. Gardeners in general like to share their gardens and their flowers but daylily people are about as generous as any people you will find anywhere, sharing their homes, their meals, and their flowers with complete strangers.

I urge you to come to the Region 7 event. You will love the speakers, not just for their pretty flowers, but also for their sense of fun and love of people.

Have you registered for the 2007 Region 7 meeting?

Region 7 Conference 2007

Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA

April 27-29, 2007

Hosted by SCHAS & Region 7

Guest Speakers

Larry Grace

His last individual release was in 2001 and he has been hard at work developing a new line of introductions for 2007. Be prepared to be wowed by Larry's latest intros which will premiere at our Spring Conference.

Dan Bachman

Valley of the Daylilies, Lebanon, OH.

A respected hybridizer of spiders and UFO's exhibiting some of the best cultivars the Midwest has to offer.

James P. Folsom, Director

Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens

Come share the inner secrets of Hemerocallis through the hands-on use of high-power microscopes available in the Huntington's botany labs. Identify Diploids/Tetraploids, fused blooms/polytepals, Tetraploid conversions, etc. This is an exceptional opportunity only available at the Region 7 Meeting.

Docent led tours of the Botanical Conservatory

Self led tours of the Art Collections

Docent led tours of the Botanical Gardens

Exhibition Clinic II - Sunday morning

Exhibition Clinic III - Sunday morning

Plant Sale & *Live* Auction

Includes Lunch & Fabulous BBQ Dinner

Tour Daylily Display Garden (Sun 10-12)

Lodging & Continental Breakfast

Saga Motor Hotel

1633 E. Colorado Blvd.

Pasadena, CA 91106

800-793-7242 626-795-0431

\$82.00 single/double room rate plus taxes

Rate good through 4/13/07

Check in/early registration 2:00 pm

Registration Information

\$85.00 per adult \$40.00 per youth

\$95.00 late registration per adult after 4/13/07

Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner

Hemeraholic gathering-Friday, April 27

4:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Acapulco Restaurant (no host bar)

2935 E. Colorado Blvd.

Meet the presenters first hand

Make checks payable to **AHS Region 7**

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Chicken _____

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Attach your list of donations for Plant Sale/Live Auction.

Clinic signup? _____

