



The Seed Pod



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April Meeting

Make plans to attend the April 14 meeting and club auction at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (23rd and Gladys St.) in Beaumont. Many fine daylily cultivars will be available for bidding.

Bring a covered dish and come join the fun!

President's Message

THANKS, OFFICIALLY

I want to thank each and every one of you for making the first meeting of 2007 a success. I am looking forward to a productive year, and the attitudes I saw Saturday are exactly what we need to strengthen us for upcoming tasks.

Sometimes we get so bogged down in the drudgery of a thing, we forget the joy that first attracted us, but I do believe that Saturday the joy was resurrected, thanks to all of you. You are indeed a wonderful group that pulls together as a family; you showed that by helping out those in need. The gift can truly be in the giving.

Thank you for the words of support and encouragement I received after the meeting and into the days following. I want you to know that none of this would be possible without each of you, those that have offered their time and numerous phone conversations helping to answer my seemingly endless questions, the hours of work done on the web site, the eagerness to volunteer for programs, the offers to help in any way needed, and of course your attending the meeting with exuberance and a willingness to participate in a positive manner. There are not enough thanks I could offer to my Officers and Chairmen. They have gone above and beyond what is required of them. This is a team effort and what a team to be on.

Our year is just beginning; we still need volunteers to round out programs. Each of you has something to offer, if you're not sure what it is, we can figure it out together. We can't forget our most important event; the May flower show. I'm sure Margie Dumesnil and Dr. Orgeron would appreciate help from any of our members. This event really represents our club to the public and helps draw public interest to the daylily. Together we can do a spectacular job. Please contact them and let them know you are there to help, just as I did.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a spectacular group; I only hope I can do you justice.

CLUB WEB SITE

Be sure to keep an eye out for the latest news and new information by checking into our new club website regularly.

<http://gulfcoastdaylily.org>

Spreading The Good Word About Daylilies

Dr. Gene Orgeron

One of the primary interests of our daylily club is to stimulate the public interest in daylilies. We need to encourage the use of daylilies in gardens and in flower arrangements. This can be done showing the advancements in color, form and size of daylilies, by encouraging youth to grow and show daylilies, and by encouraging the public to visit daylily gardens.

Daylily shows afford an opportunity to see newer registrations, to encourage upgrading of collections, and to see some of the old and new favorites.

The educational committee at the show displays AHS literature, and shows examples of *The Daylily Journal* and of Region 6 newsletter and other publications.

Every member of our Gulf Coast Daylily Society should be present to assist in one way or another at the show, to work or to merely be present to speak to and welcome visitors.

Member Profile

GETTING TO KNOW ALBERT "BOBO" FAGGARD

Deane Spradley

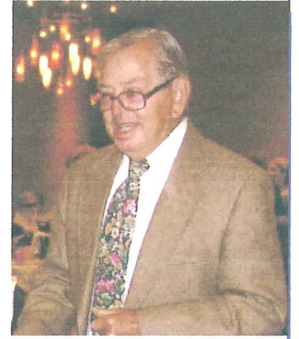
Mr. Faggard or "BoBo" as he is affectionately known, has enjoyed quite a daylily career. He has managed to somehow incorporate a career of 39 years with Gulf States and raising eight children with a love of daylilies.

BoBo told me he drove a van of members to a convention in the 70's and that sparked his interest in the Gulf Coast club. BoBo brought his financial experience to the club and the dues went from \$1.00 to \$2.00 under his tutelage.

BoBo is not only a collector of quality daylilies, but also a hybridizer of fine daylilies. Some of his first introductions include: Captain Chris, Captain Joe, Captain Eddy, and Commander Bud all named for his dear friends. He has registered 63 plants to date. One of his more recent efforts *Double Souffle Magic*, a miniature double, adorns the cover of our yearbook. Bobo also spent several years working with Edgar Brown, also a hybridizer of quality plants. His hybridizing program is currently focusing on the miniature doubles and large tetraploids. We are all looking forward to what he may produce.

BoBo's plants have won several awards, but he said his most distinct honor came when he was awarded the Region 6 Service Award because he was then recognized nationally.

BoBo has held offices and performed many jobs for our club with his charming wife Anne by his side. They have both left an enduring legacy of family, friends, and beautiful plants which we can all aspire to.



"The club is about promoting, encouraging, and educating the public on the daylily," BoBo said. He invites you all to come and join a meeting.



Raised Beds

Lanny Brown

Daylilies like dry feet, they don't thrive well and are subject to crown rot if grown in wet soil with poor drainage. One of the best ways to eliminate this problem is to grow them in raised bed. There are various methods in constructing raised beds. Cross ties, cinder blocks, bricks, edge stones, various edging material, treated lumber and landscape timbers are but a few of many materials used to edge your raised bed. My favorite is treated landscape timbers. By crisscrossing the edges, drilling holes at each end anchored with 3/8" or 1/2" rebar cut 2' or longer, you can build your bed as high as needed.

Fill with fertile composted sandy loam soil, plant, mulch and then set back and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Caution; because of good drainage, raised beds will dry out faster requiring some extra watering in dry conditions.

Good Times For GCDS

Exciting times are coming for Gulf Coast Daylily Society members. The daylilies are getting ready to bloom and our garden hosts are working feverishly getting their gardens ready for guests and looking forward to a bumper crop of brightly colored daylily flowers!

May garden tours will include the Hoyal's, Houseman's and Brown's gardens in Vidor; and the Faggard's, Marriam's and Broussand's gardens in Beaumont. There will be plenty of snacks, good fellowship and gardening information to exchange.

The Flower Show and Plant Sale on May 19 will be held at Central Mall in front of the Target Store starting at 9 A.M. Hopefully, flower show schedules will be ready to hand out at our April meeting.

The Region 6 meeting for 2007 will be in Nacogdoches May 24-26. Make your plans to attend if possible.

A bus trip is planned to tour Jack Carpenter's, The Lily Farm, on June 2. Information on this trip will be announced at a later date.



Growing Tips

Margie Dumesnil: The time to fertilize daylilies is as soon as they start to green up after winter weather is over and then again as soon as you see the first scape.

Margie Brown: If you can't pull all the weeds be sure and pull any that have seeds (before they scatter) and dispose of them in the trash, not the compost.