

# The CVIDS Newsletter

From the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## TRIPPING TO TEXAS

by Betty Miller

What else but a daylily trip can make ones eyelids pop open at 4:00 a.m. long before the alarm goes off? So it was at 4:20 a.m. on May 30th I was on the road to my sister's house in Arlington, Texas. Since I was going through Joplin, Missouri on I-44 I stopped at Sandstone Gardens, the store that was written about in the *May Midwest Living* magazine.

They have an extensive selection of neat garden stuff—statues, fountains, old world planters and decorations that made the stop well worth it. Road weary, I arrived in Arlington after 783 miles and 14 hours.

My Texas daylily friend Doris Harts joined her club eight years ago. It was a slide show given by Kay Day that sparked her interest in daylilies. Until then she thought they were all yellow or orange. She took me out to fellow club member Janice Green's garden. A younger garden, it is brim full with the newer introductions of her favorite hybridizers. Included on the two rolls of film I took in her garden is SAMUEL BELL which is just a pretty as its picture on page 51 of *Eureka*. LIGHTNING STRIKE is a double cream with an unusual light purple eye from Stamile. MIDNIGHT IN MARAKESH is a luscious purple. ODDLY MAGNIFICENT is a wonderful pink/yellow/lime double, a



*A peripatetic club member takes us to the Lone Star state.*

2000 introduction of John Shooter. Judith Weston's 8" FINGER PAINTING has an unusual combination of lavender/purple/yellow colors. Shooter's 2000 introduction FROSTED WINDOWS looks like a good white.

The next morning I helped Doris take a display of blooms to their local mall where her club was putting up their annual display. There I saw CREEPY CRAWLER, an older spidery one of Hites'; WILD ABOUT SHERRY, with its sharks teeth; and WISPY RAYS, a three-tone red 7.5" spidery one of Joiners'. There's a wonderful green throat on the purple HAWAIIAN NIGHTS. I enjoyed seeing LEE PICKLES (the flower), TOTALLY AWESOME and SPIDER WALK. I thought the six tables full of blooms in water-

picks were a wonderful way to introduce the public to the many varieties available. In the afternoon I attended my first official flower show at the Ft. Worth Botanical Center, which I really enjoyed. Judged Best in Show was a perfect specimen of CASTLE DOUBLE FRAGRANCE by Aileen Castlebury. Other winners were SPOTTED FEVER and INDIGO MOON. It's always fun to spot an older daylily you have never seen before and just fall in love with. This happened to me with KHAN from Adamgrove. I spotted it clear across the room with its UF lavender color, big green eye and bigger white watermark. I also admired BRENT GABRIEL, a purple double with a white watermark registered in 1981 by Guidry.

On Sunday, four daylily addicts headed for Nacogdoches, Texas in a big Lincoln that we knew would never hold all the daylilies on the return trip. The first stop was at hybridizer Jean Barnhart's. I bought two oldies I liked and Doris bought her NACOGDOCHES BING CHERRY for her souvenir. Jean has lots of nice seedlings (*TRIPPING, continued on page two*)

**Upcoming Events:**

**8 Gardens in the East River Drive Area**, Sunday, July 1st, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Davenport, Iowa. This is a drive yourself event. Lunch and many garden activities will be held at Lindsay Park. Tickets are \$10; call 326-7894 to use MC or Visa. For more information call Carol Bedford at #326-4500.

**AHS Region 1 Summer Meeting**, July 13-15, 2001, Marshalltown, Iowa, Best Western Regency Inn, #1-800-241-2974. The registration fee is \$70 by June 15th, \$80 after and includes tours, food, an auction, a garden judges clinic and Dave Kirchhoff as speaker and instructor. Contact Duane Manzey for more information at #614-753-7064.

**AHS National Convention**, July 19-21, 2001, Boston, MA. Headquarters: Boston/Newton Marriot.

*Corrections*

We are sorry that in our last issue we neglected to mention that Ken and Betty Capps not only furnished daylilies for our spring sale but they dug, cleaned and relabeled the leftover plants from the fall sale. Betty is also recovering from knee surgery and we wish her a very speedy recovery.

If you have not already told Lynn which club daylilies you will have available this fall for the auction (and how many fans), *please do so!!* Lynn's phone number is (319)946-3471 and her e-mail address is walnuthl@netins.net


*It's great fun to hear about the gardens you've visited. Let's hear from some more of you! Just write up a summary of a garden-related trip you've taken and send it to Kim Edge at 2633 Walden Rd., Iowa City, IA, 52246 (or you can e-mail it to her at eviltwin@compuserve.com) and we will gladly print it!*

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that she sells for \$5.

Next morning we were up early for the trip out to the Lily Farm of Jack Carpenter's. What a marvelous place. I was worse than a kid in a candy store. Since the garden closes at 1:30 p. m. each day we had a lot of ground to cover. I bought TROPICANA TREAT which I liked when I was there three years ago and his introduction ETHEREAL BEAUTY, plus two new introductions and a few seedlings. Jack and Jocie were both very busy waiting on people, but I got him to pause long enough to autograph my picture in the Eureka of LOVELY BLESSING. My reward for being the last one to load up was that I got to hold my purchases on my lap and enjoy the blooms on the four hour trip home. I hated to leave and wished these kinds of gardens were not so far from Iowa.

My last stop on the way back to Iowa was Castlebury's near Brookston, Texas. Their garden was featured on the Summer 1998 covers of the *Journal* and it is just as pretty as shown. I came away with four on her introductions to add some variety to my garden. From a Texas Lowe's store I brought home two bags of rice hull compost to try and also a bag of Cedar Cide, which looks like a finely ground cedar siding. It is supposed to be a natural bug repellent. It can even be soaked in water to make a liquid. I thought it might be worth a try.

As with every daylily trip this one was great. I left Iowa in dreary 50 degree furnace weather and arrived in Texas to 95 degrees and blooming daylilies. Ask if you would like to see my photos, or better yet come visit my garden to see a little bit of Texas.

*Betty Miller*