



# COBB COUNTY DAYLILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message:

As the coordinator of the youth, Serena had to take charge of the youth since the Youth Coordinator for National fell ill and couldn't attend at the last minute. I helped, as did others who accompanied the young people. All but one were middle school age or older. What a great group of kids! We rode bus # 2 which was designated as the "Youth bus". Even navigating and being bus captain of the notorious # 2 bus was fun with these guys. Instead of being blasé about the whole thing they got into the games and competitions and seemed to have a great time. We were worried about how cooperative they might be, but they did fine, and were better behaved when it came time to leave the gardens than some of the older folks who pushed the envelope of our patience by not returning to the bus promptly. Several of the kids were fascinated by Bill Waldrop's explanation of daylily hybridizing. A few even have daylily businesses. We had some young entrepreneurs who are buying, selling and working on hybridizing daylilies of their own. In their sessions, they decorated t-shirts, among other things and had a daylily auction with plants that were donated from a bunch of growers. There were some fine daylilies in their auction, too. Several of the youth acted as runners during the daylily auctions on the two nights of daylily sales following the banquets. They were up late and then up early the next day, ready to go, fresh as a morning daylily.

\*\*Don't forget, our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 2, at Marietta First United Methodist Church, in room 252. Pick your favorite daylilies and be ready to vote on our "Popularity Poll". Looking forward to seeing everyone

Steven Verner, President CCDS



Serena and Diana put together the Georgia Hospitality Basket for our club to donate to the National Convention. The basket we selected was a Longaberger Basket, homemade in Ohio. It was filled with many good items (some, but not all the items are in the above 2 photos). I especially want to thank Glenn and Yvonne for donating the Magnolia items (how southern is that?), Rita Buehner for donating her homemade honey and the CD from the Deadwood Revival, Debbie Overstreet for her “Decorative tools made by Pretty Useful, and Bill Waldrop for donating Irish Royalty. The value of the basket was over \$450.00. Mr. Bill Wurster from Latham, NY, was the lucky winner. This was his first convention and he wrote to us and said, “Thanks it was a beautiful convention well done.”



### Important Events: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| July 28      | Board Meeting at Buehner’s Home, 7:00 p.m.             |
| August 2     | General Meeting at 2:00 p.m. <b>Popularity Poll</b>    |
| September 1  | Board Meeting at Verner’s Home, 7:00 p.m.              |
| September 1  | Deadline for voting in the 2015 Awards & Honors Ballot |
| September 13 | General Meeting, 2:00 p.m.                             |
| September 19 | Annual Picnic at the Waldrop’s Garden, 4:00 p.m.       |
| October 10   | Regional Meeting in Macon, 8:30 a.m.                   |
| November 10  | Board Meeting at Waldrop’s Home, 7:00 p.m.             |
| December 6   | Christmas Party  |



### Jonquil Festival in Smyrna, Georgia

We have been busy this year! On April 23<sup>rd</sup> eight of our members drove to the home of KatieLou Greene to help dig, clean, cut and label daylilies that were donated by John Kirkland in Augusta. John donated over 70 varieties of daylilies which we ultimately sold at the “Jonquil Festival in Smyrna, Georgia.” Many thanks to Yvonne and Glenn McKenney, Cynthia and Jack Rigsby, Gene McCord, Bill and Diana Waldrop, Bob Overstreet and most of all our host, KatieLou. After digging the flowers in Augusta, KatieLou planted them



in her garden. She had most of them ready to be divided, cleaned and cut. We finished about 1:00 p.m. and then we enjoyed a delicious lunch and great fellowship. Special thanks to KatieLou, Gene and Bob for driving to Augusta and digging the daylilies. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!



On Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and April 26<sup>th</sup>, many of our club members participated in selling our daylilies at the Smyrna Jonquil Festival. This year the weather was much better. We had lots of customers and with Gene's leadership, we sold over \$1,000 worth of daylilies. We also gave away CCDS Brochures and perhaps we will benefit from some new members. (Photo is Diana and Gene) Many thanks to Gene for organizing this sale by picking up daylilies, preparing the crates for sale and posting pictures of the daylilies so it was easy for people to purchase them. We also want to thank everyone who participated in the preparation and sale at the Jonquil Festival.



We also continued to “get ready” for our AHS National Convention. In April of 2014, we received many named cultivars from Erling and Lillian Grovenstein. There were originally about 389 fans planted at the Waldrop Garden, but over the course of a year and a half these multiplied to over 2,000 fans. I am proud to say that we had 20 CCDS members, and one AHS member from North Carolina, to help with the work on Monday before the Convention. We started at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and finished about 3:00 p.m. Everyone worked extremely hard to get these plants ready because they would be used as bus plants, gift plants and boutique plants. I was so proud of our club members who donated their Monday to helping prepare these ‘gifts’ for convention attendees. **A special thank you to everyone who helped!**

#### **Highlights from our May Meeting: (Thanks Debby)**

1. We currently have 35 paid memberships (still time to get your membership in)
2. Our speaker was Kathy Nguyen, Senior Project Manager with Cobb County Water System
3. Cynthia asked for more volunteers for the 2015 National Convention
4. Gene McCord said we earned \$1,004 from our sales at the Jonquil Festival
5. Discussions ensued about a potential Swap Plant Party



At our May meeting, we thoroughly enjoyed listening to **Ms. Kathy Nguyen**, who works for the Cobb County Water Authority. Kathy gave us an update about the ongoing “water wars” between Georgia, Alabama,

Florida and Tennessee. Indeed, she shared many interesting facts that we do not necessarily hear on the TV or read about in the Newspapers.

### **2015 AHS National Convention News:**

**From Diana:** “It was fabulous!” “Best Convention Ever” “Loved the Gardens” “Loved the schedule” These are just a few of the comments I heard from our attendees. We welcomed almost 600 people who came to Atlanta for 4 wonderful days! From the beginning people were impressed. They didn’t have to wait very long to register for the convention, the hotel was wonderful, rooms terrific and the food was very good. Thursday evening the Hotel provided all of the guests with free *hors d’oeuvres* and free alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as live entertainment! I heard that people really enjoyed the Seminars and there were a lot of classes to chose from. David and Doris did an outstanding job organizing the Seminars. The plant auction gave many people an opportunity to purchase some very interesting daylilies. Since our garden was on tour we thoroughly enjoyed having people from all over the world (including 2 men from China) visit with us. I especially want to thank Shirley Dobbins, KatieLou Greene, Mitch and Rita Harmon, Marlee Price and my non daylily friends, Trudy Green, her sister in law, Kathy, Betsy Doepkin, Linda Boone, Virginia Nicholson and Susan Plaster. We had great food and lots to drink. One of the interesting foods we served was the Official State of Georgia food – Grits. My daughter, Kelley, made the cheese grits which was served with appetizer silverware. I was so pleased when our friends from South Georgia declared that they were very very good!!!! Kelley did a great job in helping me. We also had baskets of individually packaged “Georgia Peanuts” which everyone enjoyed.

**From Shirley Dobbins:** “I enjoyed being at your beautiful gardens and getting to know and be with the others who were assisting. I enjoyed talking to the people and was amazed that two people came from China to enjoy the gardens.”

We are so proud of **David and Camilla Arthur** for leading us as **National Convention Directors** for the last three years. Their team included members from both daylily clubs and they all worked extremely hard so that we could have the Best Convention Ever!!!

**Congratulations to Bill Waldrop for  
winning the President’s Cup with Blazing  
Cannons!**

**Doris & David Bishop looking good  
posing as daylilies!!!!**





## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE COBB COUNTY DAYLILY SOCIETY**

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Daylily Sale. We are so pleased to add to our membership list twelve new members. We are looking forward to them attending our next meeting and also our Picnic on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome Claudia Berkhan, Margaret Butler, Jeff Glauser, Jeff and Wendy Knighton, Kathy Phillips, Janelle Arnett, Howard and Judene Reese, Ric Swafford, Marge Ignarto and Pat Weaver.

## **2015 ANNUAL DAYLILY PICNIC**

**On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** we will have our annual Picnic at Bill and Diana's Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. This is also where we use our (MAPS) points to purchase daylilies. We will have a live auction as well as a silent auction and it is your opportunity to purchase or use your points to get daylilies! We will also have a great dinner with the club providing the chicken and everyone bringing a side dish. We will pass around a sign up sheet at our August Meeting.

## **2015 – 2016 CCDS Officers**

President – Steven Verner 770-262-8911  
Vice-President – Glenn McKenney - 770-235-3076  
Secretary – Debby Overstreet  
Treasurer – Rita Buehner  
Parliamentarian – Bill Waldrop  
2016 Show Chair – Patty Franklin

2016 Co-Show Chair - KatieLou Greene  
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