



# Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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## President's Message

Hello CCDS Members:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I begin serving my term as President of this fun, enthusiastic, exciting and motivated group. The next three years promises to test our metal as we prepare for the AHS National. There will be a lot of work and planning to be completed. I'm sure that the Arthurs will do a great job in providing that leadership. I'm also sure that this club will make the 2015 national a huge success.

We still have a fun event for the remainder of this year. Our Annual Christmas Party will be December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 pm at our home. We will send out an email with directions shortly. Please plan on attending. You will see great people, eat great food, and have a great time.

**2013** looks to be a fun and exciting year. We will have two or three guest speakers that will give us some insight into their daylily creations. We have events and activities for all our members to participate in. Our annual daylily show should be bigger and better than ever. Please plan on taking part in as many activities as you can. The more the merrier.

In closing I just want you to know that **YOU** and what you do for **OUR** club is what makes CCDS so special. I look forward to serving this club as best as I can. If you have any ideas, questions, or suggestions please contact me or any other officer with your concerns. I think that we have the best club in the state, maybe even the nation!

See you all at the Christmas party.

**Mark Franklin, CCDS President**

## News, News, News . . .

### *Luke Van de Vate Wins Second Best Youth Article Award*

'Reflection on the Regional' published in a Region 5 Newsletter won Luke the second such award for two years in a row. He was handed his certificate by CCDS Mark Franklin at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Congratulations, Luke!

### *Waldrops Donate a Multitude of Daylilies to Briarwood Park*

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 55% of voters voted to incorporate Brookhaven as DeKalb County's largest city with over 50,000 residents. Chad Boles, a longtime customer of the Waldrop's Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, took on a leadership role with Friends of Briarwood Park within Brookhaven to refurbish the large, old and somewhat deteriorated park. When asked last summer, the Waldrop's agreed to donate over 50 huge clumps of daylilies. The next day Chad's volunteers cleaned up the park, weeded, tilled, divided, replanted and mulched a new daylily area. Everyone is looking forward to seeing these beautiful daylilies bloom next summer and won't they be surprised in June at what they've accomplished!

### *Claude Carpenter Added Another Photography Distinction*

The photo to the right below is worth 1000 words ... and more. Congratulations to you again, Claude!



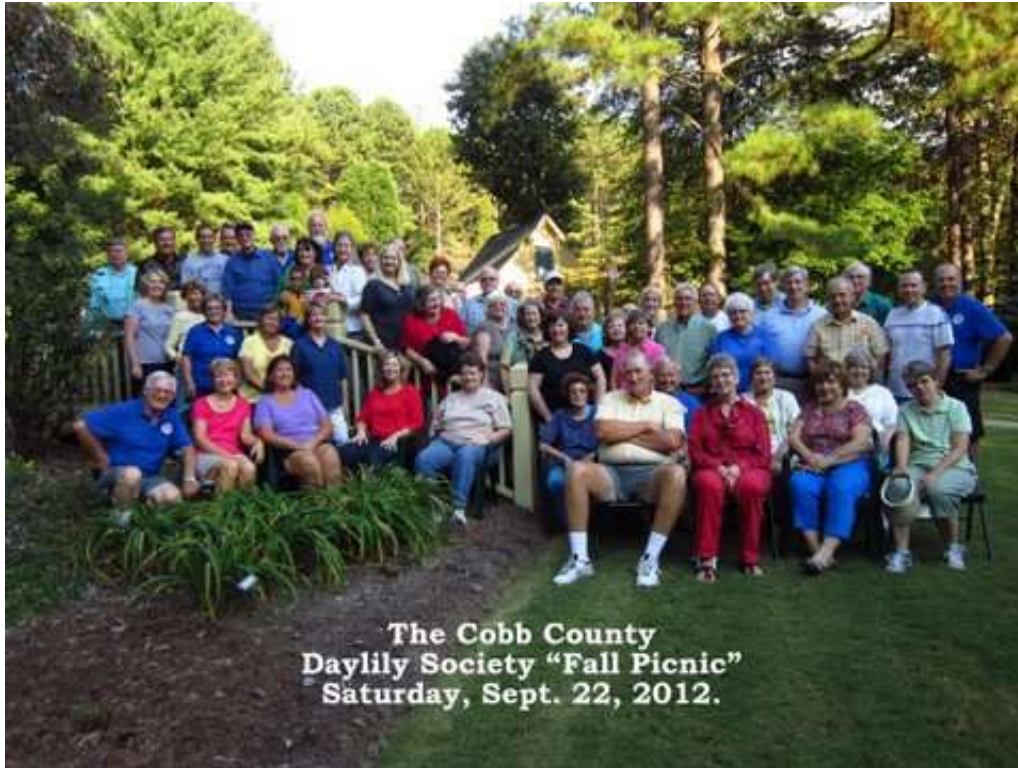
**Chad Boles ready to transform Brookhaven's Briarwood Park with the Waldrop's generous donation**



**Claude Carpenter wins 2012 AHS Multi-Bloom Photography Award for H. 'Long Tall Sally'**

## Annual CCDS Picnic Highlights

You had to be there to really enjoy it . . . as usual !



Can you find David Arthur in the group photo above? Can you guess why he's smiling more broadly than anyone else? The answer's in the photo to the left. The two fingers belong to a person behind Gene's left shoulder. Alfred E. Neuman couldn't have done it better!

Photo above by Bill Waldrop.  
Photo at right by someone else taken moments before the official Waldrop photo-moment.

## More 2012 Picnic Photos



**The first auction bid came from the left !!!**



**Then another from the right !!!**



**Finally, David Bishop, Auctioneer  
Extraordinaire, gave the final bid  
his blessing !!!**

## Gardeners' Night Out at the West Cobb Library

### Speaker: CCDS' Own Fran Sommerville

There's a theory that no one is a born Hemerocallis lover or even a born gardener. A corollary is that a gardener is nurtured by someone older and wiser and who cares enough to share what they feel and know about the natural world. At the October evening session of the Cobb County Master Gardeners' 'Gardeners' Night Out', CCDS's Fran Sommerville gave a great educational overview about daylilies using slides and commentary. And she also mixed in stories about her mother's influences and walked us through her garden starting with the shady area, potting bench, porch displays and ending in the sunlit areas full of daylilies, companion plants and tasteful yard art, each with a story.

Fran's mother, Mary Duggan, nurtured hundreds of daylilies in her garden and registered five of her own hybrids naming them after family members, H. 'Frances Duggan' being one. Mary eventually nudged her daughter to transplant the majority, if not all, of her daylilies into Fran's own garden. The story is moving and is better told in Fran's smooth Southern voice. Ask her to fill in the details.

In a nutshell, after Mary died, Fran was looking at Mary's garden. Mary 'spoke' to her daughter unusually late in the daylily season through a purple, lightly sculpted and unregistered rebloomer, the only daylily blooming at the time. It was obvious to Fran that she was being asked to move and take care of her mother's daylily collection. Most, maybe all, the cultivars ended up in Fran's own garden and are there today to remind her of her mother.

A visit to Fran's garden proves it is one that is interesting in all seasons as she cultivates many other species including rescued native Georgia plants. Hers is a garden that needs to be visited monthly to see all it has to offer and especially in October to see 'Mary's Hello', that one last beautiful purple rebloomer that's so special to her.



**Fran with her special, though unregistered, rebloomer which she's named 'Mary's Hello'. The daylily was reblooming in October 2012 as shown above!**

# Popularity Poll Party - An 'Alliterative' Event



“Alliteration is the repetition of a particular sound . . . in the stressed syllables of a series of words or phrases” (Wikipedia). **Con**-cocted by **Ca**-milla (another alliteration!) Arthur and held on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, that’s exactly what the **Pop**-ularity **Poll Par**-ty (including **p**lump **p**ieces of **p**op-corn) was – an alliterative showing of a **p**lethora of **P**opularity **P**oll nominees with the membership **p**resent voting afterwards for ten of their **p**articularly **p**retty favorites. And if you know the group that **p**articipated at the **p**opular **p**opcorn **p**arty, you’d know they **p**robably **p**ulled off one of the most **p**resciently fun meetings we’ve ever had. What could be better than viewing great photos of up and coming **p**ossible award winners?

## 2012 Popularity Poll Results

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Dorothy and Toto</b>          | <b>79 votes</b> |
| <b>Orange Velvet</b>             | <b>59</b>       |
| <b>Amanda’s Little Red Shoes</b> | <b>56</b>       |
| <b>Sebastian the Crab</b>        | <b>55</b>       |
| <b>Everybody Loves Earnest</b>   | <b>50</b>       |
| <b>Firefly Frenzy</b>            | <b>46</b>       |
| <b>Mary’s Gold</b>               | <b>46</b>       |
| <b>Primal Scream</b>             | <b>45</b>       |
| <b>Lavender Blue Baby</b>        | <b>44</b>       |
| <b>Moonlit Masquerade</b>        | <b>42</b>       |

## Very Important Dates !

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Dec 16, 2012<br/>4-6 PM</b> | Christmas Party at MP Flowers, home of Patty and Mark Franklin<br>15230 Birmingham Highway, Alpharetta GA 30004 |
| <b>January 1, 2013</b>         | CCDS and AHS dues are due   |
| <b>January 18-20</b>           | Mid-winter Symposium, Nashville TN  |
| <b>February 10 - 2PM</b>       | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>February 23</b>             | Region 5 Meeting, Macon GA  |
| <b>March 24 – 2 PM</b>         | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>April 21 – 2 PM</b>         | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>May 10-12</b>               | Region 5 Spring Regional, Valdosta GA   |
| <b>May 18 – 9 AM</b>           | Breakfast and Grooming / Design Clinics – Location to be Determined   |
| <b>June 7<br/>June 8</b>       | Daylily Show 'set-up' at Galleria<br>Joint CCDS and DSGA Daylily Show and Plant Sale                            |
| <b>July 25-28</b>              | AHS National Convention, Minnesota  |
| <b>August 4 – 2 PM</b>         | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>September 8 – 2 PM</b>      | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>September 28 – 4 PM</b>     | Fall Picnic and ARMS Plant Auction – Waldrop's  |
| <b>November 17 – 2 PM</b>      | CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church. Speaker: TBA*  |
| <b>December 8, 2013</b>        | Christmas Party   |

\*Speakers for 2013 will be announced at a later date. They're going to be good!

## 2012 CCDS Officers

David Arthur, President

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Nancy Green, Secretary

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## Websites

[www.cobbdaylily.com](http://www.cobbdaylily.com) - Cobb County Daylily Society (CCDS) new, official and updated website

[www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org) – American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) website



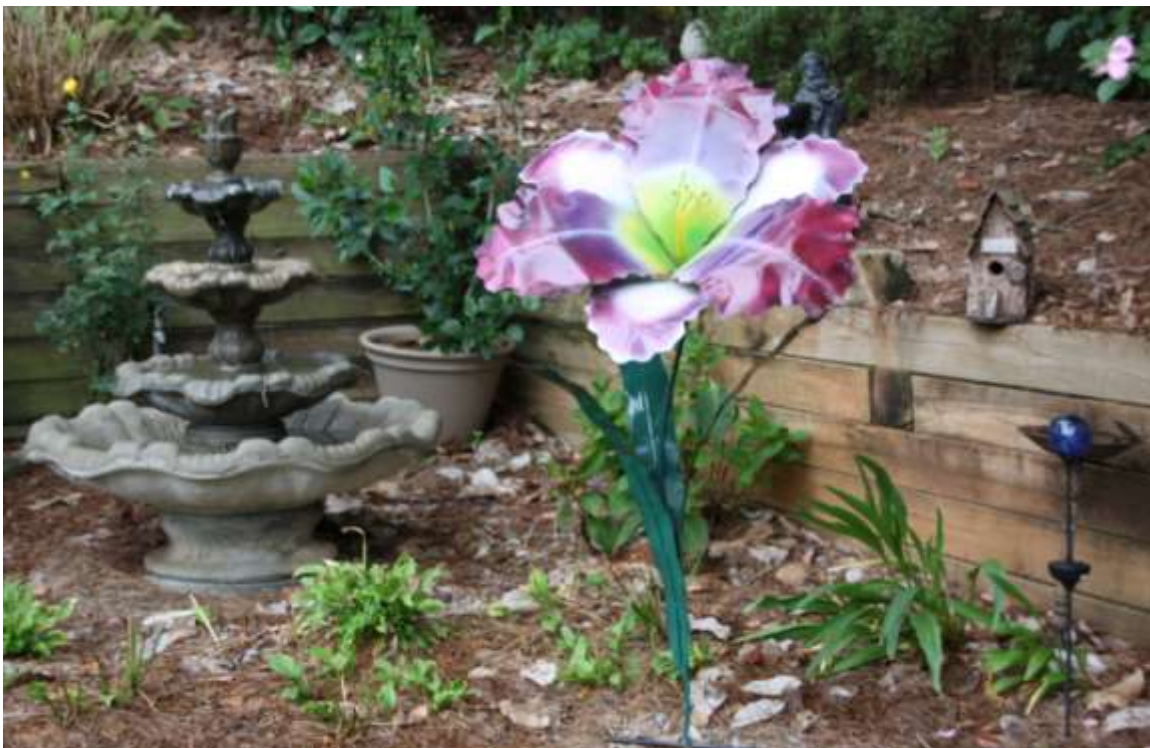
**Jack and Cynthia Rigsby's grandson – a future CCDS member??? – calling out a raffle winner at a Sunday afternoon meeting. He's a great photographer, too!**



**Diana Waldrop teaching a slug 'n snail short education class at a meeting. A snail is a slug with a shell – it's that simple! But neither is simple to control once they've tasted a daylily leaf.**



**Our youngest member**



**The Franklins were the highest bidder for the metal flower at the 2012 National Convention's Silent Auction. Word is that the bidding was fierce!**



Tim Herrington's presentation was a delight, especially to those who've never had the opportunity to hear him speak. He mixed loads of humor with homespun philosophy and wonderful daylily introductions, including his strategy for hybridizing miniature and small flowers. He stated he was so glad to be presenting to "the best daylily club in the nation." Of course, we were, too ... (Tim with Nancy Green and Diana Waldrop)



Bill's sage advice is to be sure what's in your backpack sprayer before you spray anything on a \$500 daylily – he sprayed glyphosate (Roundup) on his! Glyphosate, as we all know, is a broad spectrum systemic herbicide that kills most vegetation in its path. Oops! Not everybody shares their mistakes, so thanks, Bill, for raising our awareness.