

# MoKanOk Daylily, Spring 2010

## **Flint Hills Hemerocallis Society**

*By Ruby Zabel*

Our first meeting for 2010, February 1, featured Rita Arnold from Arnold's Greenhouse and Garden Center near LeRoy, Kansas. Rita shared a PowerPoint presentation of Sun Loving Perennials offered at Arnold's Greenhouse as well as some helpful tips on plant care.

2010 business included:

Recommended guidelines for payment of travel expenses and/or honorariums for Guest Speakers and a new line item in our budget.

Discussion of Bylaws regarding Daylily Drawings resulted in a change in practice for 2010. ALL (dues paid) members will be individually eligible to win in daylily drawings at meetings, regardless of whether another member in their family membership has already won a daylily at that meeting. A proposed amendment to our Bylaws for 2011 would offer Single memberships only (no Family).

Future discussion may include the benefits of a Flint Hills Daylily Society website to archive minutes, yearbooks, etc and allow access by all members or the general public.

2010 meeting dates include (Monday) February 1, April 19, June 7 and August 2. Other planned events include a Members' Gardens Tour in July, Daylily Bloom display at the Manhattan Town Center Mall in July, our money-maker Daylily Sale at the Farmers' Market in the Fall (with a pre-sale potluck for members only), and a Fall Banquet typically held in September or October. Plus Daylily Drawings at each and every meeting! Prospective members are always welcome.

FHDS meets on the campus of Kansas State University in Throckmorton Hall, Room 2002. in Manhattan, KS. Throckmorton Hall is located on the northeast corner of Claflin Road and Denison Avenue. Parking is available 1/2 block south. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. with 6:30 to 7:00 set aside as social/sharing time. For more information you may contact me at [flinthillsdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:flinthillsdaylily@gmail.com)

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### **LAND OF AHS!** Flint Hills Daylily Blossom Display

*Dorothy and Toto, Entwined on the Vine, Wild and Wonderful, Get Jiggy, True to Whim, When Bears Fly. Red Volunteer, Trickster, Smoke Scream, Speedo, Glory in Red., Zuni Thunderbird, Celestial Eyes, Stack the Deck, Chang Dynasty, Harem House?* These were just a few of MY personal favorites, in the Land of Ahs!

The Flint Hills Daylily Society held their annual Blossom Display at the Manhattan Town Center Mall on Saturday, July 3. With table after table of beautiful daylily blossoms displayed for viewing, FHDS members shared information with interested browsers about the history and evolution of the daylily, and the blossoms on display. Some were interested in membership and the activities of our club, some in our upcoming Fall Sale at the Farmer's Market in downtown Manhattan, and some just wanted to browse and enjoy the beauty and diversity of the blossoms on display.

Over 200 ballots were collected from browsers who were asked to vote for their favorite blossom, with the day's best deemed *Chang Dynasty*. *Glory in Red* and *Walking on Coals* placed second and third. Honorable mention included *Northern Giant, Imperial Lemon, Spacecoast Devil's Eye*, and *All American Chief*.

The day was fun-- perhaps the most fun was seeing the children, some no more than pre-schoolers, so enthralled with the beauty of blossoms. I see a future gardener, here in the Land of Ahs.... Take a look for yourself!

# MoKanOk Daylily, Fall 2010

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### **Flint Hills Daylily Society - Can We Draw(ing) You In?**

For just \$10 in FHDS Dues you can enjoy a whole lot of fellowship, access to some pretty neat gardens, and lots of chances to win lots of daylilies!

For each regular meeting (February, April, June and August) and for the Fall Banquet meeting \$400 worth of daylilies are purchased from a grower for distribution to FHDS Club members by drawing. Members may purchase their daylily drawing prize for one half the Club's purchase price. And because of the generosity of most growers we get exceptional pricing-- this in turn is passed on to the members in discounted pricing. Plus, there's always one of those nice daylilies given free at each meeting!

The FHDS foster program, to some of us also referred to as "Babysitter Club," is for members who meet the criteria for the Club Participation Program Daylily Drawings and/or the Hybridizer Program Daylily Drawings. In these drawings the "babysitter" daylilies are free. Any fan increases in the "Babysitter" daylily beyond three (grown over three years), are returned to FHDS and further distributed to members in free drawings.

Eligibility criteria for the Club Participation Program includes holding an FHDS office, chairing or co-chairing a committee, and/or contributing in some manner to the Fall moneymaker sale. Eligibility criteria for the Hybridizer Program requires AHS regional or national involvement, and promoting FHDS and AHS in several manners.

In a "give one-get one" drawing at the Fall Banquet, members can bring a favorite daylily plant for sharing. And, if you are willing to serve as FHDS President, you can choose a "Presidential Daylily" costing up to \$100 that's paid for by the Club. After growing the daylily for three seasons, half the fans are returned for distribution back to Club members.

Interested in joining FHDS? Contact me [flinthillsdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:flinthillsdaylily@gmail.com). We'd like to draw(ing) you in!