

# 2017 AHS Region 11 Winter Gathering

February 10-12, 2017 - Hilton Garden Inn - Independence, Missouri

AHS Region 11 cordially invites all people interested in growing daylilies to attend our annual Winter Gathering in Independence, Missouri at the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn, conveniently located on Interstate 70, with easy access to a variety of restaurants, shopping areas, and the National Frontier Trails Museum or the Harry S Truman Presidential Library. Genealogy buffs will want to arrive early and visit the new Midwest Genealogy Center just minutes away from the hotel, part of the Midcontinent Public Library system. Additional points of interest in the Kansas City area include the Nelson-Atkins Museum, the Kemper Museum, the Arabia Steamboat Museum, and the National World War I Museum, a modern exhibition that meets world-class standards.

In other words, come early or stay late and treat yourself to some of the extra benefits of a winter getaway to the KC Metro area!

Our Winter Gathering is filled with programs of broad interest to gardeners. Since most registrants arrive before dinner time on Friday night, we have scheduled a fascinating program after the dinner hour on "Who Was Arlo Stout and Why Should we Care?" by Gil Stelter.

AHS members who want to train as Garden or Exhibition Judges can take advantage of beginners' classes late Friday afternoon. **Note:** many people take Exhibition Judge Clinic I just for the wealth of knowledge about daylilies. It's a wonderful learning opportunity, even if there is no intention of going on to become an Exhibition Judge. Likewise, Garden Judge training is about developing powers of observation and the ability to take in the merits of the total plant.

Our principal speakers on daylilies are hybridizer Gil Stelter of Gryphon Gardens in Guelph, Ontario; hybridizer Nan Ripley of Walkabout Gardens in Nevada, Iowa; and daffodil expert, Jason Delaney, horticulturalist with Bellfontaine Arboretum in St. Louis. Our auction will include choice plants from Sandy Holmes, Gil Stelter, Nan Ripley, Kathy Krattli, Patti Waterman, Michael Bouman, and many others.

Our Sunday morning activities include presentations of new work by Region 11 hybridizers. Rick Pearce, our Regional Publicity Director, will coordinate the slide presentations, and Sherryl Fitzpatrick will moderate.

## **Photo Contest**

The local MoKan Daylily Club is helping organize and mount the Region 11 photo contest open to any member of a Region 11 daylily club. Attendance at Winter Gathering is not required. Contest rules will be posted in a separate sheet on the AHS Region 11 Web Site and on the AHS Membership Portal in November. The contest judges are Dennis Calbreath and Laura Hood.

## **Registration Prizes**

We will set aside three choice daylilies from among those donated for our auctions to give a prizes in drawings for early registration. One drawing will include the first 25 registrants. Another will be for the first 50 (excluding the winner from the first 25), and a third will be for everybody else! The "Braggin' Bell" prize will be awarded to the daylily club with the highest percentage of membership attending. Do plan to join us for a wonderful weekend getaway. Make it a Valentine's Day present for someone special!

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>Friday (Feb 10)</b>	3:00 - 8:00 PM (Dinner on your own)	Registration in lobby	Ron Azzanni	Lobby
	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Garden Judge Workshop 1	Michael Bouman	Independence B
	3:30 - 6:30 PM	Exhibition Clinic 1	Eileen Garrison	Independence C
	8:00 - 9:00 PM	"Who was Arlow Stout and Why Should We Care?"	Gil Stelter	Independence A
<b>Saturday (Feb 11)</b>	7:00 - 8:00 AM (Breakfast with registration)	Registration in Lobby	Ron Azzanni	Lobby
	7:30 - 9:00 AM	Region and Club Officers' Meeting	Ann Redmon	Santa Fe
	9:30 - 10:30 AM	My Adventures in Hybridizing	Nan Ripley	Santa Fe
	11:00- Noon	Revisiting the Daffodil: Still the Perfect Bulb for Your Springtime Garden	Jason Delaney	Santa Fe
	12:00 - 2:00 LUNCH (Lunch On Your Own)			
	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Growing and Displaying Daylilies at Gryphon Gardens	Gil Stelter	Independence C
	3:30 - 5:00 PM	Hybridizer Panel: Ripley, Stelter	Ann Redmon, Sherryl Fitzpatrick	Santa Fe A
	5:30 - 6:00 PM	Social Gathering Cash Bar in Dinning Room		California Room
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Dinner		California Room
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	TBA		California Room
	8:30 - 10:00	AUCTION		California Room
<b>SUNDAY (FEB 12)</b>	7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast (Included in Registration)		
	8:30 - 10:30	Hybridizers' Introductions	Sherryl Fitzpatrick	Santa Fe
	11:00 - 12:00 Noon	Membership Meeting: Prizes, awards, Invitation to Region 11 Meeting	Ann Redmon	Santa Fe
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