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June NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO SUMMER!

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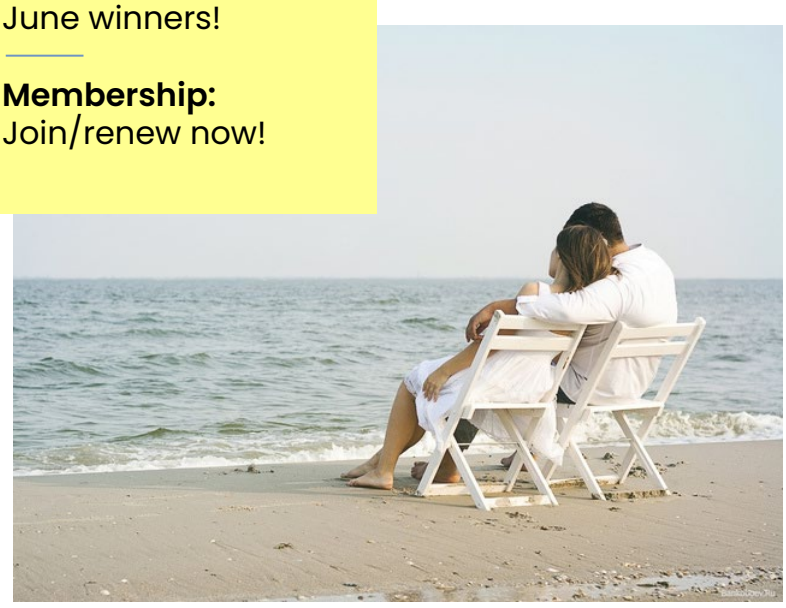



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Upcoming Events

Next PBCA Meeting

When: 08/03/2026 @ 6 PM
Where: TBD
What: Members are welcome to attend our monthly meeting

Candidate's Night

When: 08/06/2026 @ 6:30 PM
Where: Bob Hope Village
What: 2026 Election Candidate's will speak and answer questions.

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Gardener's Corner

JUNE: DAYLILIES

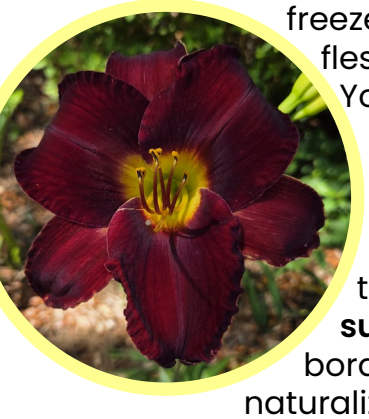
By: Nancy Ellison (edited by Grok)



Daylilies (genus Hemerocallis) are among the most popular and easy-to-grow perennial flowers in gardens worldwide. Despite their common name, they are not true lilies (which belong to the genus Lilium). They are members of the Asphodelaceae family and are native to Asia. Daylilies get their name because each individual flower blooms for just one day—opening in the morning and withering by evening. A single plant, however, produces many flower buds on tall stems called scapes so one plant's display can last for weeks. Incorporating early bloomers, mid bloomers and late bloomers in the garden can extend the daylily blooming season from mid spring to late fall.



The blooms come in nearly every color except true blue and pure white, ranging from lemon **yellow**, vibrant **orange**, and deep **red** to sophisticated shades of **pink**, **purple**, and **bicolor**. The blooms can be large or small and have single, double, triple, ruffled, or spider petals to name a few. Many are **fragrant**. The plants form clumps of arching, grass-like leaves that stay attractive even when not in bloom. In our climate, they typically will survive our milder winter temperatures, but with a hard freeze, the leaves will die back and return the following year. They grow from fleshy, tuberous roots and are remarkably hardy, thriving in USDA zones 3–9. You can easily divide the clumps every 3–5 years in early spring or fall to maintain vigor and increase your stock or share with a friend.



Daylilies are **famously low-maintenance** and **drought tolerant** once established but perform best with regular watering during dry spells. They tolerate a wide range of soil types and conditions. They bloom best in **full sun** (at least 6 hours) and well-drained soil. Daylilies work beautifully in borders, mass plantings, slopes, and near water features. Their ability to naturalize makes them excellent for low-maintenance landscapes. They also attract pollinators like **bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.** Daylilies are beautiful, long-lived perennials that reward gardeners with months of color for minimal effort. So, whether you're a beginner or experienced, they're a fantastic addition to almost any garden.











Yard of the Month

JUNE WINNERS!



The Yard of the Month isn't just about aesthetics; it's a symbol of **community pride** and neighborly **appreciation**. It's a nod to the weekend warriors and the lovers of nature who transform ordinary yards into **extraordinary landscapes**.

The Yard of the Month **uplifts** the entire neighborhood, **inspiring** others to take pride in their own outdoor spaces and **beautify** their surroundings. It fosters a sense of belonging and connection, strengthening the fabric of our communities one yard at a time.

Let's celebrate the dedication and care our neighbors invest in their outdoor spaces!



Judging Schedule

July:
Poplar Ave &
Walnut Ave

August:
Maple Ave
& Birch Ave

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Join or Renew
PBCA MEMBERSHIP

Anyone in the Poquito Bayou OR Longwood neighborhoods can join the PBCA!

Thank you for being an integral part of the PBCA Community!

Here is your reminder that it's time to renew your membership. It is only **$20 per family** for the year, and you can also donate more toward our vibrant and welcoming community events.

We can't make all these events happen without your support! Please renew your membership **TODAY** to help us achieve even more in 2026.

How to Renew:

- Fill out the form on our website HERE
- Pay dues via Venmo @PoquitoBayou-CommunityAssociat or PayPal – Poquito Bayou
- OR drop off at the PBCA mailbox: 17 Magnolia Ave. *(Make checks payable to PBCA)*

We appreciate your continued support. Together, we can make our neighborhood an even better place to live!

Membership Chair: Pam Martin



- Easter Egg Hunt
- Crawfish Boil
- Trunk-or-Treat
- FriendsGiving
- Christmas Caravan
- Community Yard Sales
- Fall Candidates' Forum





Candidate's Night

You won't want to miss this informative event where the 2026 election candidates will be speaking, and answering your questions.

- Thursday, August 6, 2026
- 6:30 pm/ Speakers begin at 7 pm
- Bob Hope Enlisted Village
- Light refreshments provided

Everyone is invited!

Financial Report
MAY 2026

Balance Forward from April 30, 2026 $10,468.64

	May 2026	Year to Date 2026
Income		
Membership Dues	$210.00	$1,744.62
Donations	$50.00	$627.31
Veteran's Memorial	$50.00	$250.00
Halloween Event/Fall Festival	$0.00	$0.00
Easter Event/Bake Sale	$0.00	$199.00
Annual Meeting Bake Sale/Raffle	$0.00	$0.00
Annual Meeting Donations	$0.00	$0.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$1,110.00	$1,125.00
New Sign Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Advertising	$50.00	$150.00
Donut Fundraiser	$0.00	$0.00
Garage Sale	$70.00	$166.64
Total Income	$1,540.00	$4,262.57
Expenses		
Gulf Power	$48.15	$273.26
Bank Service Fee	$0.00	$0.00
Postage/P.O. Box	$0.00	$0.00
Veteran's Memorial	$0.00	$89.88
Garage Sale	$103.25	$103.25
Annual Membership Meeting	$0.00	$0.00
Tribute Garden	$0.00	$58.12
Childrens Christmas Party	$0.00	$0.00
Friendsgiving Event	$0.00	$0.00
Annual State Registration	$61.25	$61.25
Website Expense	$0.00	$219.00
Crawfish & Shrimp Boil	$735.97	$735.97
Easter Event	$0.00	$251.04
Candidates Night	$0.00	$165.00
Halloween/Fall Festival Event	$0.00	$0.00
Project/Repairs/Shed	$208.83	$1,229.48
Leo Norred Mowing	$0.00	$0.00
Total Expenses	$1,157.45	$3,186.25

Regions Bank Reconciled Balance May 31, 2026	$1,207.52
Venmo Balance as of 05/31/2026	$7,378.88
Paypal Balance as of 05/31/2026	$2,264.79
Total Funds	$10,851.19
Obligated Funds	$0.00
Reserved for Veteran's Memorial	-$446.48
Available Funds May 31, 2026	$10,404.71

Meeting Minutes
JUNE 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 18:01 (by Felicia Murphy)
Present: Felicia Murphy, David Boyd, Pam Martin, Nance Wendel, Carla Hunt & Mr. Hunt, Ken & Mary Ann Leone, Kelly & Chelsea (56 Poquito), and Nancy & Steve Ellison.

Minutes of the May meeting had been distributed. A motion to approve was made by Carla and a second by Nance, they were approved without dissent.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for May was distributed by email. Income was $1,540.00, expenses were $1,157.45. Total funds are $10,851.19 and available funds (not obligated) are $10,404.71. A motion to approve was made by Carla, seconded by Mary Ann, and approved without dissent. The crawfish boil was quite a success, with a net gain of $387.

Committee Reports: Pam reported 95 memberships. Ken plans to send photos to the county showing the pavement damage at the edges of the road from the recent infrastructure improvement project. There is a bumper loose at the boat ramp, and a resident plans to repair it in the near future. Nance reported nothing new regarding abandoned homes in the neighborhood. Mary Ann has some pot holders to give out to new residents. No reports from the BHEV committee.

Old Business: Pam reported that the Yard of Month (YOM) signs would be placed tomorrow. Pam reported that the top portion of the Leo Norred Park sign did not turn out as expected due to color recognition errors by the sign maker, so Tommy Norred is making a sign for the top. Flags and bunting were placed in the park by the Leones, and Nancy placed the flower pots (with red, white, and blue flowers) by the Veterans Monument.

New Business: Candidates night will be held 06 August at Bob Hope Village (BHEV). The room is reserved for1700-2100, and it will start at 1830, with speaking at 1900. Nancy will issue invitations after 12 June (qualification deadline). Felicia, Mary Ann, and Carla will work on refreshments, and there will be an additional meeting in July for event planning with those three plus Tricia, Ken, Nancy and Steve, and myself (David). Regarding park maintenance, Felicia is getting an estimate for landscaping (mowing) once per month during the active growing season.

Announcements: Newsletter articles for next newsletter due to Emily Granfield by 10 June. Next PBCA board meeting scheduled for 1800, Monday, 03 August, location TBD.
Meeting adjourned approximately 19:00 pm.



Recording Secretary:
David Boyd