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Daylily Society Recognizes Outstanding Mentoring in the World of Daylilies

Lake Mary, FL – August 3, 2009. The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) is pleased to award the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award for 2009 to the late Enman R. Joiner. His daughter-in-law Jan Joiner and his son Royce accepted the Medal in his honor at the 2009 AHS National Convention in Lake Mary, Florida, on May 23, 2009.

AHS established the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award in 2007 to honor the memory of hybridizer Steve Moldovan for his life-long mentoring activities. Recipients may be recognized for mentoring new hybridizers, mentoring youth, or mentoring a local daylily club. Enman R. Joiner is the first recipient of this award.

E.R. Joiner, or Mr. J—as he was fondly called by his fellow AHS Region 5 members—started Joiner Gardens as a family owned and operated business in 1962. Mr. J shared his interest and enthusiasm for daylilies and hybridizing ever since he became interested in daylilies himself. On a visit to Joiner Gardens, it was not unusual to see him showing a daylily newcomer around his gardens and explaining the basics of daylily growing and how to make daylily crosses. He particularly enjoyed sharing his gardening and hybridizing knowledge with young people. This is best illustrated within his own family. His daughter-in-law Jan Joiner, the 2009 AHS Bertrand Farr Silver Medal winner for outstanding achievements in daylily hybridizing, said of Mr. Joiner, "... he was a wonderful mentor for me, helping me make a life of beautiful flowers. For that, I am so grateful." His grandson Aaron Joiner registered a daylily that won best seedling at a flower show as 'I Finally Did It' in recognition of his grandfather's continuing encouragement. The 2008 Summer/Fall issue of the AHS Region 5 newsletter, *The Georgia Daylily*, reported, "The master's hands are stilled." AHS is pleased to recognize Enman R. Joiner as the master mentor.

About The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS)

The American Hemerocallis Society, Inc., also known as The American Daylily Society, is a non-profit organization organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and especially to promote, encourage, and foster the development and improvement of the genus *Hemerocallis* (commonly known as the daylily) and public interest therein. Visit the AHS website at www.daylilies.org.

An invitation to join...

Interested gardeners and flower enthusiasts are invited to join The American Hemerocallis Society. Members receive *The Daylily Journal*, a full-color quarterly publication featuring the latest information about daylilies, photos of award-winning cultivars, and news of meetings and conventions. Visit the AHS Membership Information page on the AHS website at www.daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html for more information.