

Hemerocallis 'Hat's Off To Sue'

Bright clear colors ♦ Long blooming period ♦ Tolerant of most soils ♦ Very distinctive



'Hat's Off To Sue' is named for Sue Calbreath. I am blessed to have many great daylily friends in our society. Two of the best folks I have known are Sue and her late husband Dennis. We shared many activities growing and promoting daylilies in Georgia. Sue and Dennis accomplished monumental undertakings while serving the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta and Region 5. I had the pleasure to work with Sue while she published 3 editions each year of *The Georgia Daylily*. She presently holds the record as the longest serving editor in our region with approximately 20 years. She focused on improving reader satisfaction through

continuous and incremental improvements in articles and also adding more color pictures for readers to enjoy. She won several awards in this position. One of my fondest and innovative memories was when Sue and I sponsored the annual Region 5 Birdhouse contest for members to enter at our spring conferences. Sue now is living in Missouri and serving Region 11 with the same enthusiasm she demonstrated in Georgia. 'Hat's Off To Sue' was registered in 2008 and has a 25" scape and is a semi-evergreen which has super reblooming traits. This 4" very unique bloom has 5 colors; red, pink, yellow, green and a hint of white including them on the midribs, stamens, and pistil. This flower commands attention wherever planted and has the largest red eye for any small flower I have ever hybridized. The eye is so huge that the overall color can sometimes best be described as red with a pink edge above a green throat. It averages 30 buds and can bloom until frost depending on growing conditions. Claude Carpenter has told me it is one of my best daylilies I have ever done. Thanks Claude! It has won Best In Show a few times in Georgia and last year Paula Payne won a Best In Show with it in Texas. It has won numerous Best Small Flower awards in shows but its greatest attribute is how it performs and makes its presence in a daylily garden. Kind of like how Secretariat performed and made his presence in horse races as I was told by a daylily friend. When I first saw this flower as a seedling, I knew its beauty had God's handwriting on it.



Tim Herrington



(L-R) 'Hat's Off To Sue' in full sun, as a single bloom, and Paula Payne's 2018 Best In Show entry in Texas.