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President's Minute

by Rhonda Veroeven

Here I am writing my final President's Minute, and as I reflect on the last three years that I have served as your president, I cannot believe how much we have accomplished as a club. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as the leader of such a vibrant and impressive group! As you know I will be sticking around and very involved in the club as I will be taking over the role of the Speaker Program Chair. I sure am excited to take on that role and am even more excited for our upcoming speakers! I will also continue to be your newsletter editor, which I fully enjoy.

With our daylily beds tucked in for winter, it is time for us to make plans for the next growing season. I have ordered a few new additions for Spring, and I am excited to see all of my recently added new acquisitions blooming for the first time in their new home!

May your holidays be filled with family and friends! Happy holidays from my family to yours!

Your New WDS Board

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Upcoming WDS Events

**January 11-WDS Hybridizer's Showcase-
Part 1- WMAC, Noon.**

**January 25-Mandala Stone Painting Class-
WMAC, 9am-Noon.**

**February 15 -WDS Hybridizer's Showcase
Part 2 & Photo Contest- WMAC, Noon.**

**March 14-Kirsten Hatfield- Dorsets N
Daylilies, Zanesville, OH SOMS, Noon.**

**April 11-Scott Elliott-Scott Elliott Daylilies at
Maneki Neko Gardens Elabelle, GA WMAC,
Noon.**

**May 16-Mary Baker Daylilies, Omaha, NE,
SOMS,, Noon.**

**June 13-National Guest Plants Auction-
SOMS, Noon.**

WMAC-West Madison Ag Center

SOMS-Savannah Oaks Middle School



H. Peace On Earth-

Photo by Rhonda Veroeven in the Kaja's Garden

WDS Annual Meeting Was a Jumping Good Time

By: Rhonda Veroeven

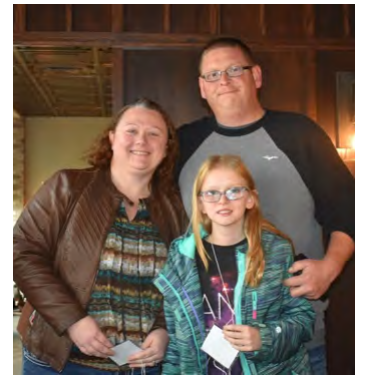
Our 2019 Annual Meeting was a smashing success! The WDS Board chose a beautiful location along the Yahara River in Monona. It was excellently attended as one of our largest number of members in attendance at an annual meeting since the 25th-anniversary meeting. The board took a risk with choosing this location (The team was headed by Pat Sturdevant and Mike Stafford), as it was still under construction when the contract was signed. While the arrangement of the space was not optimal for our meeting needs, the seating was lovely for having great conversations with other members!

Upon arrival, we were wowed with the vast number of excellent door prizes from which we could choose at the end of the meeting. The delicious appetizers were brought out as a special treat from the board for a job well done by our club's hosting of the 2019 ADS National Daylily Convention. The promise that the majority of the proceeds would go to the benefit of the membership was appreciated and so was having extra fancy treats prior to the actual meal. They were all eaten in short order, proof of how delicious they were!

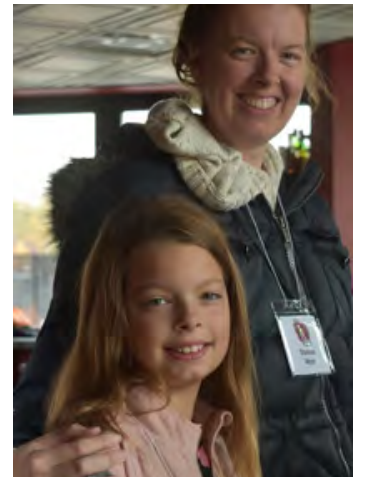
After a quick welcome, it was time for an all-you-care-to-eat buffet. The selections the board made were simply delicious. Pork, chicken, beef, potatoes, veggies...the list could go on and on. It was all fantastic! Then the meal culminated with a delicious variety of cakes; of which I noticed people choosing one of each kind. Our group sure knows how to eat! A huge shout out to the WDS Board for putting together such a fabulous feast!

Once the meal was completed, we brought the annual meeting to order and held the Annual Business Meeting. The required meeting items such as accepting the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports went without issue. A very impressive national financial report was shared. The Board shared that sizable donations would be made to Region 2 earmarked to support the newsletter and to ADS earmarked for the youth program since we did so well financially. In the end, we donated \$5,000 to region 2 and \$10,000 to the ADS youth fund. That is pretty impressive, considering we will continue to make donations to West Madison Agricultural Station, Allen Centennial Gardens, and at the most recent board meeting, it was determined that since we have such an amazing relationship with Rotary Botanical Gardens, that they will also be recipients of an annual donation.

We then voted for the new board members. Genni Kleckner, Bobbi Johnson, Steven King, and Wilma Brouwer-Herwig were unanimously voted in for a two-year term. Thank you to the four new members for their willingness to be in leadership positions and help the society function. A continued thank you to the four members which have terms ending next year- Monique Warnke, Pat Sturdevant, Mike Stafford, and Sue Hill.



Bobbi and Travis Johnson and Gwyn Duray



Avilyn and Shannon Meyer



Rhonda Veroeven and Monique Warnke



Lew and Robin Silva



One of the many delicious cakes we enjoyed



Jim and Sharon Prochaska and Ruth Horrall

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The club went on to vote unanimously for 5% of our plant sale to be donated to Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville. Now that they are on the list of those that the society will regularly donate to, they will no longer be eligible for future 5% donations. Since the choice of them to receive the donation happened prior to the board's decision, they will still receive the 5% donation.

Some new business items were also discussed and determined. The wording was changed to the membership renewal process which makes those that join WDS during/after the WDS Annual Plant Sale will have the remainder of the year and the following year as members. There was a great discussion on the actual wording of the proposal, and after the discussion, it passed. The second new business item was to offer a Wisconsin Daylily Society Lifetime Membership. There was much less discussion regarding this proposal, and it is now an option to purchase a lifetime membership! See our registrar, Laima Rozkalns, for details when it is time to renew your membership!

The third new business item was a change to the WDS Annual Photo Contest categories. After receiving multiple requests, the board wanted to bring it to a vote of the membership to change Category 3 - "A daylily with companion plants or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower or daylilies featured in garden or landscape setting." After a short discussion, it was agreed that Category 3 be split into two separate categories. The membership agreed to the following split: Category 3 - A daylily with a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower Category 4- Daylilies featured in garden or landscape setting. See the photo contest write up in this newsletter for details!

The fourth and final new business item was the approval of a legacy award. The membership unanimously approved without the need of much discussion for WDS to sponsor an Individual Cultivar Award to be voted on annually by the Garden Judges through ADS called the "Wisconsin Multiform Award" in which garden judges will vote. To be considered for this award, a cultivar would need to possess all of the qualities and characteristics as determined by ADS as multiform. Now that WDS has approved it, the next step is to work through the Awards and Honors Committee to accept or deny the proposal (since I am the new Awards and Honors Chair, I do not think passing it through committee should be a problem). If approved by the committee, it would be an action item presented to the ADS Board for them to vote on it. We will know more in the near future, and I will be sure to keep everyone apprised of the situation!



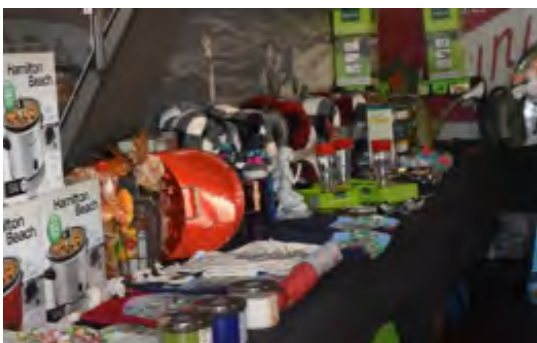
Mary Duggan and
Becky Robinson



Wilma Brouwer Herwig
and Cheryl Solaris



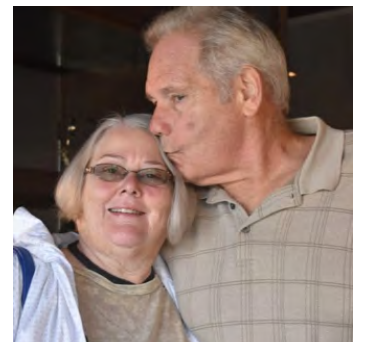
Rick and Marilyn Leccesse



So many amazing door prizes!



Wendy Benz



Awe! Mike Alvin gives his
lovely wife, Carol, a kiss

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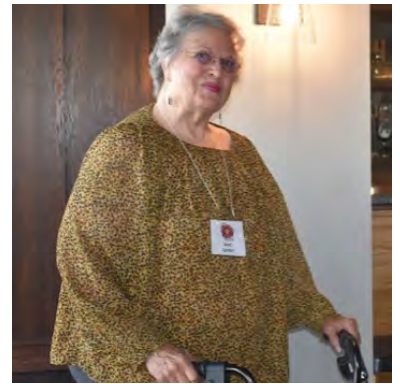
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After adjourning our business meeting, we had the joy of hearing an incredibly informational discussion by Brad Herrick. Brad is an ecologist and serves as the Research Program Manager for the UW Arboretum. He is a plant ecologist and somehow found his way to studying the jumping worm biology and ecology. We were engrossed in a very informative and interesting presentation on these invasive species and everyone was able to ask many questions throughout the presentation. He discussed basic earthworm biology and ecology, the effects of earthworms in general on the environment.

Then he moved to Asian Jumping Worms. He discussed the background, why we should be concerned, impacts on gardens and the ecology, how they were introduced, how to do our best to prevent getting them if we don't already have them, and what to do if you have them in the garden. This was an incredible presentation filled with much-needed knowledge about an invasive species that seemed to be taking over!

To end our amazing meeting, we had our door prize drawing. Everyone walked away with a fantastic door prize! Thank you to Sharon Lonergan for her amazing shopping and procuring of such an incredible variety of prizes for our group. It is a lovely tradition to be sure!

A huge thank you to everyone that had their hands in the planning of the meeting as well as the members who attended that really made the meeting a highlight of the Autumn!



Janet Gordon



Judy and Lloyd Ravet



Our Speaker, Brad Herrick



What's going on here?
Caption this one for me!



Marla Robinson

Mandala Dot Painting Class Offered Again

By: Becky Robinson

Explore your creative side through the meditative, beautiful art of Mandala Dot Painting on decorative rocks. Becky Robinson will be hosting a class teaching techniques to create your own Mandala rocks, starting with basic patterns and increasing to more advanced designs. Finished rocks are great for decorating your garden, home, or as gifts. Cost: \$5 which includes all supplies (paints, dotting tools, and primed rocks) for 3 projects.

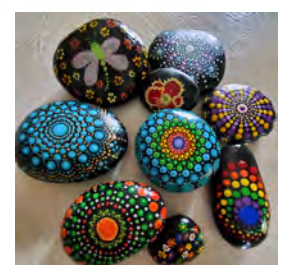
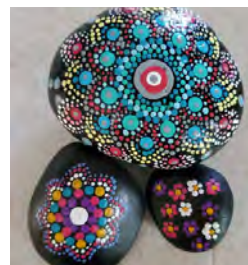
Class Details

Date: January 25th

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00pm

Location: West Ag.

Cost of the room rental is going to be covered by WDS funds as a perk to our members!!!



WDS Popularity Poll

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The WDS Daylily poll this year reminds me of the proverb, ‘Necessity is the mother of invention.’ Perhaps a better rendition of the proverb for our poll situation this year might be ‘Necessity is the mother of doing something different’. After an unforeseen development, the WDS poll was not taken at the Annual Meeting, as in the past.

The poll each year has become a tradition each for the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Out of necessity to continue the tradition a different approach had to be tried for the poll this year. Two venues were selected. Part of the daylily society members were directed to a web site to vote on line. Unfortunately, the web version did not provide a space for write-in votes, was a definite limitation. If a web version is ever in the future, the application must include the ability for write-in votes. Since the web version had a limit of 100 participants, another venue was needed to meet the entire membership. The other daylily society members received an email with the same list of cultivars as the web version and were asked to reply with their selection. Since this was an email, it was easy to include a write-in selection. This also provided the opportunity to compare the two approaches. In the end, I was surprised that the email version had just slightly more respondents than the web version.

After combining the votes from the web and email venues, the first-place winner this year was George Doorakian’s ‘*Rose F. Kennedy*’. Last year George’s cultivar placed 4th in the poll. ‘*Rose F. Kennedy*’ also placed first in Region 4 and tied for first in Region 14. A complete list of poll winners in all regions can be found at: <https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/2018PopPoll>

On a personal note, ‘*Rose F. Kennedy*’ has graced our garden since the fall of 2014 and does not disappoint. This summer the first flower appeared on July 11th, which is a week later than usual.

Though the American Daylily Society now only lists the top five cultivars for each regional poll, the WDS list has 8 cultivars, since there was an uncanny 5-way tie for 4th place. Nan Ripley’s ‘*Scarlet Pimpernel*’, which was awarded the Stout Medal this year, was among the cultivars tied for 4th place. This was the first year ‘*Scarlet Pimpernel*’ placed in the WDS poll. The complete results of the WDS poll are listed below.

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2019 Top Ten favorites.

1. *Rose F. Kennedy*, Doorakian, George – 2007
2. *Webster’s Pink Wonder*, Webster-Cobb – 2003
3. *Jerry Hyatt*, Hanson, Curt – 2004
4. *Primal Scream*, Hanson, Curt – 1994
4. *Entwined in the Vine*, Emmerich, Karol – 2007
4. *White Eyes Pink Dragon*, Gossard, Jammie – 2006
4. *Big Kiss*, Joiner – 1991
4. *Scarlet Pimpernel*, Ripley, Nan, – 2006



H. Rose F. Kennedy taken in
Conrad and Mary’s garden

Some of you may wonder how the cultivars on the ballot were determined. The list was compiled of the cultivars that received votes in the WDS Poll the previous year, cultivars that were among the Region 2 winners and those that receive the most write-in votes. Prochaska’s ‘*Purple Volunteer*’ received the most write-in votes this year.

I want to personally thank all those who voted for their favorites on the web or by email. You made this WDS Poll possible and kept the WDS Poll tradition alive.

Hybridizer Group Meeting

By Peggy Lemon

I attended my first meeting of the WDS hybridizer group in November. It was very interesting, intriguing and FUN! Carole Hunter presented some of her favorite crosses, as well as some of her problems. How to photograph a scape, how to cull your seedling bed, (if only that were my problem!), and various methods to start seeds, were just some of the topics covered. Some hybridizers keep spreadsheets on the parentage of their seedlings, and some just cross what's pretty. So there's a lot of room for different approaches and great outcomes. It made me excited for the next spring and even the upcoming winter months when there is stuff to do to prep for the summer growing season! This group has a wealth of experience and wisdom with daylilies and is happy to share it. It was a fun and educational experience that I would recommend to all.

In Memoriam

By Rosemary Kleinheinz



June Johnson, Ruth Horrall,
& Kitty and Jim Fitzpatrick

WDS lost a long-time member and a very dear friend when Jim Fitzpatrick left this world on November 10th following a long illness.

As his obituary stated, Jim was an avid gardener and daylilies were his passion. There's no doubt that his favorite daylily was the one he hybridized and named *H. Kitty Rose* after his lovely wife Kitty.



H Kitty Rose

When I think of Jim I think of the time he and Kitty graciously accepted my offer to host the WDS Garden Party in his garden. During the course of the afternoon he shared with us his passion for blue birds and the many boxes he had put up each spring to attract those beautiful birds. They brought him such joy. It was our privilege to know Jim; he will be missed. May his soul rest in peace.

Membership News

By Laima Rozkalns

We have had a lot of new members since our annual plant sale! Please welcome our new members!

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WDS 2020 Photo Contest

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski



Through the Looking Glass
Photo by Barry Rowe

To usher in the 14th annual WDS Photo Contest an exciting change is taking place for 2020. Previously Category Three featured a daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower. From the variety of photos that have been submitted in more recent photo contests, it became obvious that focus of Category Three was too broad and needed to be changed. The focus of Category Three has been narrowed to feature a daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting. A Category Four entitled, Creative Artistry, has been added featuring a daylily pictured from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower. Examples of this new Category Four can be readily seen in Barry Rowe's *Through the Looking Glass* photo and Rhonda Veroeven's closeup photo of a little frog peering out from the center of a daylily flower.

With four categories there are now even more chances win. Be one of those winners! Revisit your daylily photo collection to select your photos to enter in the WDS 2020 Photo Contest! Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo. Email your entries to: Conrad Wrzesinski at conradw@charter.net. The deadline to enter is Sunday, February 2, 2020. The contest rules are listed below.

2020 Photo Contest Rules

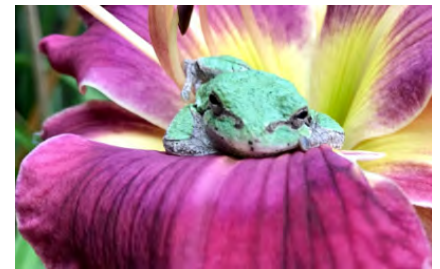
- All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- Photos may be of a named cultivar or a seedling. If you submit a photo of a named cultivar, please include the name of the cultivar.
- Photos may be submitted in the following four categories:

Category 1: Single Flower – Close-up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background.

Category 2: Clump – Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background.

Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape – A daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.

Category 4: Creative Artistry – A daylily viewed from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower.



Peek-a-Boo Frog
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven

- Each entrant may submit a maximum of four photos distributed in any fashion among the categories of their choice. With a family membership, each family member may submit four photos for the contest.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form in high resolution.
- If an entrant submits multiple photos, only one photo may win regardless of the total number of votes each photo receives.
- The person submitting the photo must have taken the picture.
- Photos need not be taken in the member's garden.
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each WDS member may vote for only one photo in each category.
- The Wisconsin Daylily Society reserves the right to display winning photos at WDS functions, including but not limited to the WDS web site, WDS Garden Expo booth, WDS scrap book, WDS Facebook or use in WDS presentations.
- Contest winners will receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August and their choice of a mug or tile imprinted with their winning photo.



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A winter landscape with snow-covered evergreen trees and a mountain peak under a sunset sky.

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