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President's Minute

by Rhonda Veroeven

As the days get shorter, I snuggle under my blankets and reminisce on the glorious days spent in my garden. Winter is truly a time of reflection for me, and I have much to reflect upon with this amazing and vibrant society. As always, I am humbled by the overwhelming support and generosity that flows from its membership. This month, my family unexpectedly experienced a loss, and the support and love that we received was genuine and humbling. Several WDS friends are experiencing challenging times, and the spirit of love, compassion, and support has been unparalleled! It is only through lifting each other up and carrying some of the burden that we continue to thrive. While sometimes I feel overwhelmed, and it would be much easier to pass the baton of leadership off to our next president, I look to the amazing people to which I have been elected to serve, and with pride in my heart and an unwavering sense of duty, I take the reigns for another year! Thank you for trusting in me for another year, and may you find love, light, and rejuvenation during this period of rest! Happy Holidays!!!

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Upcoming WDS Events

January 27- 1:00 pm

Hybridizers' Showcase Part 1-West Ag

February 9-11 Garden Expo

Alliant Energy Center

Fri 12-8 pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm

Feb 17- 1:00 pm

**Photo Contest, and Hybridizers' Showcase
Part 2- West Ag**

Feb 23-25- Region2 Midwinter Symposium

Embassy Suites, 3912 Vincennes Rd,

Indianapolis, IN



American Hemerocallis Society's Board of Directors' Fall Meeting a Smashing Success!

By: Rhonda Veroeven

The 2019 Executive Committee has been working tirelessly on preparations for our upcoming National Convention in 2019. One of the traditions is that the hosts of the national convention invites the AHS Board of Directors and special chairs to visit the location and get a feel for the planing committee approximately 18 months out from the national. This typically lands during the board's Fall Board Meeting. We hosted the meeting at the Marriott in Middleton.

I decided to take the day on October 28th to join the board for their meeting...I mean how bad would it be. A few hours, a few motions, and an adjournment, right? Wrong!!! To say that my learning curve was steep is a clear understatement. I knew that the whole "Robert's Rules of Order" thing was going to be followed, but big deal...we do that at all of our board meetings we hold monthly. My jaw figuratively hit the table when I saw the "agenda" of over 150 pages.

Let me start by stating that I was welcomed by the board with open arms. They were all very kind and accommodating. If I had a look of confusion, someone would whisper to me to let me know what was going on or maybe a little background. Jacob Braun was exceptionally helpful. Nikki Schmith, the current President, called the meeting to order and made the expectations of the meeting crystal clear. Wow...such a huge duty they all carry. I had NO IDEA at the enormity that came with being an AHS Director. They shared reports, made motions, had cordial discourse...all with a common goal of ensuring the current and future success of the AHS.

Page after page of "agenda" was turned. Literally every page was "touched" and discussed. When we were about halfway through the Iliad, I mean agenda, Nikki called for a lunch break. We were

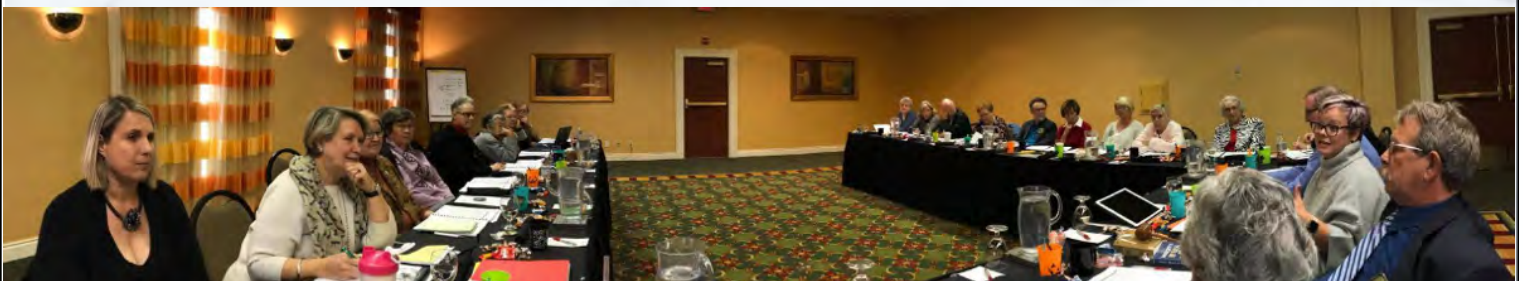
treated to an amazing plated lunch with scrumptious sandwiches, fruit, and salad. The board was craving "brown soda" so I ran to the nearest gas station and obliged. Lunch was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and discussion-but no business! It was refreshing!

When the meeting was called back to order, I admit that my full-belly coma started and I found myself drifting off from time to time. Then I would get pulled back by people asking my opinion on a topic. This was the only time I was allowed to speak is if I was asked a general question or if I raised my hand and was called upon.

My two favorite parts were when we were discussing past and future conventions (because I felt like I had something to contribute), and the fundraising discussion. During the fundraising discussion, the floor was open to completely open brainstorming and it was so refreshing to hear such dedicated people passionately share ideas. I genuinely enjoyed that part.

Eight hours after I had arrived, the board was moving to having a short closed session. I was invited to stay to return afterward, but declined as I had to go get set up for the dinner which we were providing the board across the street in jsut a few hours time.

I came away from the board meeting with a newfound respect for our directors and the incredible dedication they show to the society! I learned how our large organization runs, and feel confident that the Directors have our best interests in mind what they put forth motions or make changes. Trust me, I know about being in a position of leadership and how much work it entails...but I had absolutely no way of even comprehending the amount of work they volunteer for annually!



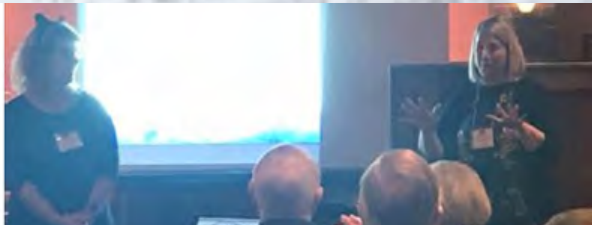
Board meeting at the Marriott. Photo by Jacob Braun

American Hemerocallis Society's Board of Directors' Fall Meeting a Smashing Success! Continued

by Rhonda Veroeven

After a mentally exhausting day in meetings, I was looking forward to putting on my socializing hat and just couldn't wait to get to know the board members on an even more personal level. I also couldn't wait to show them all of the hard work that we had done in preparation for the dinner.

I arrived at Sprecher's in Middleton just across the street from the Marriott. We had a German buffet ready for them as well as name tags and a little treat for them. (They all received a small Cow Pie candy as a gift from the planning team) They all loved it! Several of the board members thanked us for not serving steak and having a fancy sit-down meal. They liked that we were not trying to impress them, and rather we were showing them a taste of fun!



Co-Chairs, Monique Warnke and Rhonda Veroeven, welcoming everyone to the meal

We opened the meeting with a greeting from Monique Warnke and me. To get their attention, of course we had to ring the COWBELL!!! That literally set the tone that we were ready to have fun! The AHS Board and special chairs, our own EXCOM Board, and all of the garden hosts were invited to join in the festivities. We had an incredible turnout!

We dismissed for dinner, which the board raved about. It was lovely getting to know everyone! After dinner, it was time for Melodye Campbell (Awards Chair) to announce the Stout Silver Medal winner, Awards of Merit, and Honorable Mention awards. A huge congratulations to our own Region 2 member, Jamie Gossard's, Heavenly United We Stand for winning the Stout. I grow this and truly it is worthy of the honor!!!



H. Heavenly United We Stand
AHS Photo

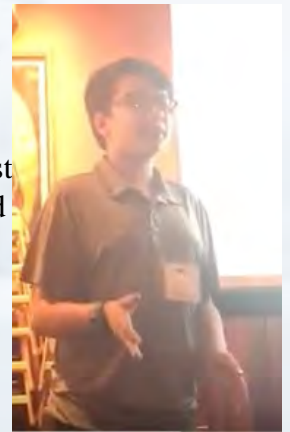
I was up next and was able to share our welcome video that was shared at the annual meeting. It was met with a huge round of applause and people were genuinely excited about coming!



Wilma Brouwer-Herwig with her cowbell ready for the auction

The fun certainly didn't stop there though...next up was the amazing teamwork of Wilma and Conrad to put together an amazing auction of Wisconsin hybridizers! A huge thank you to Doug and Sharon Prochaska, Barb and Duane Nickel, Darrel Apps, Francis and Genni Kleckner, Phil and Luella Korth, Bob Kietzman, Rod Lysne, and even our youth hybridizer, Andrew Veroeven, who made his introduction debut, for their donations! The auction was so successful that it paid for the entire evening meal! Such a great way to offset some of the costs of putting together a national convention!

The planning team left with a huge sense of satisfaction, and an even bigger sense of relief! A huge thank you to everyone that helped in even the smallest of ways! We really showcased Wisconsin Daylily Society, and I can't wait to show them how wonderful the WDS group is and how absolutely amazing the tours will be!!! Here's to 2019!



Andrew Veroeven Introducing his first introduction, H. Fasnarus to the attendees



Conrad has his hands full with all of the bids during a very lively auction!!!

WDS 2017 Annual Meeting Michigan Style?

by Rhonda Veroeven



Mandy McMahon

What do you get when you cross the Wisconsin Daylily Society with a Michigan hybridizer? Hours of entertainment, that's what!!! The Wisconsin Daylily Society had its annual meeting October 21st at the Crowne Plaza in Madison. Before the festivities, the hybridizer's group was fortunate enough to spend a yummy breakfast at Cracker Barrel with our super amazing guest speaker, Mandy McMahon. There was a small, but hungry crew that enjoyed breakfast delights and fantastic conversation with Mandy. I have "known" her for several years, but really enjoyed this opportunity to get to know her on a deeper, more personal level.



Fun festive centerpieces

After we enjoyed breakfast and were fully fueled, we headed our separate ways. I went directly over to the Crowne Plaza for set up which generally takes a few hours. To my surprise, Sharon Lonergan and a few assistants had all of the door prizes, center pieces and tables all set up. All that was left for me to do was get the name tags in order and set up the projector. What an incredible treat! Thank you ladies for making my day a little less stress-filled!

I opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We enjoyed a delicious meal. It is my sincere hope that people were pleased with the menu that the board chose for the meal. I found it delicious! The conversation was even better!

After we ate, I brought the business meeting to order, and as always, I try not to have the business meeting be the long part of the day's events. People are there for socialization, and the speaker...oh, and the food...but certainly not to listen to me drone on and on. But the business meeting is an important time to give information as well as to get information from the membership! I do not take that lightly. We started with a moment of reflection at the passing of our dear member, Jean Coshun. Barb Nickel shared a beautiful moment with us all. We then transitioned to passing both the secretary and treasurers reports. We voted in our newest member to our board, Carolyn Zilinski, we voted for our donation of the plant sale to go to our Region 2 newsletter fund, and voted on our popularity poll. We have a quick update on our upcoming Fall Board Meeting with the AHS Board of Directors, announced the addition of Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski's garden on tour and then closed the business meeting. Members then were treated to the first-ever sneak preview of the 2019 National Convention welcome video. It was greeted with huge applause...it seemed to be a hit!



Members enjoying Mandy's presentation

After a quick break, we welcomed Mandy McMahon from Silver Creek Daylilies in Hamilton, MI as our keynote speaker. Mandy is an amazing hybridizer specializing in round lilies with ruffles and amazing colors watermarks and substance like no other. She was a chair for the 2017 Summer meeting and I was blessed to tour her amazing gardens and play in her seedling beds first hand! While she is a fantastic hybridizer, her family always comes first! With an amazing and supportive husband and five children, she is never at a loss for things to do!

After Mandy, we were spoiled with Sharon's amazing selection of door prizes! No one left empty handed! Thank you to everyone for making it such a stupendous event!





Now is time to revisit your photos to select your daylily favorites to enter the WDS 2018 Photo Contest! This marks the 12th anniversary of the WDS Photo Contest. The contest rules are listed below.

Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo. For your reference, the winners in each category from last year's photo contest are posted on the WDS web site (<http://wisdaylilysoc.org>).

Email your entries to: Conrad Wrzesinski at conradw@charter.net. The deadline to enter is Thursday, February 1, 2018.

2018 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.
- Photos may be submitted in the following three categories:



H. Andy Candy

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



H. Hometown Strong

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



H. Sugar Plum Jam

Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape – 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

- Each entrant may submit a maximum of three photos distributed among the categories of their choice. With a family membership, each family member may submit three photos for the contest.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form in high resolution.
- If an entrant submits three 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, and 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.

WDS Members Pick Their Top Ten Favorites

by Conrad Wrzesinski

The votes have been counted. 'Primal Scream' retained the top spot with a winning margin of eight votes over its nearest rival in the Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Poll. Seventy-five ballots were cast in the poll, which was taken at the WDS annual meeting.

After almost a quarter century since its registration in 1994, Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' continues to be popular among WDS Members. Fifty-six percent of the WDS members selected 'Primal Scream' among their top ten in the poll. Two other of Curt Hanson's cultivars also placed in WDS Top Ten Poll, which made him the most popular hybridizer in the poll. I purchased 'Primal Scream' in 2001 for \$51.00, which at the time I thought was quite expensive for a daylily. The daylily still graces our garden.

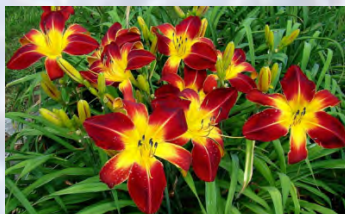
Jammie Gossard's cultivar, 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' made its first appearance placing eighth in the poll. After missing the top ten by one vote last year, George Doorakian's Stout Medal winner for 2016, 'Rose F. Kennedy' placed fifth in the 2017 poll. Voting resulted in ties, for 6th, 9th and a three way tie for 10th place.

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2016 Top Ten favorites.

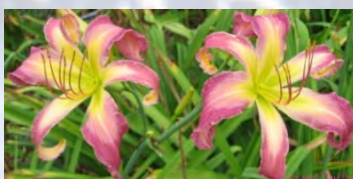
1. 'Primal Scream'
Hanson, Curt– 1994



2. 'Ruby Spider'
Stamile – 1991



3. 'Webster's Pink Wonder'
Webster-Cobb – 2003



4. 'Heavenly Angel Ice'
Gossard – 2004
5. 'Rose F. Kennedy'
Doorakian, George – 2007
6. 'All American Chief'
Sellers – 1994
6. 'Bella Lugosi'
Hanson, Curt– 1995
7. 'Moonlit Masquerade'
Salter – 1992
8. 'White Eyes Pink Dragon'
Gossard – 2006

9. 'Jerry Hyatt' Hanson,
Curt – 2004
9. 'North Wind Dancer'
Schaben, Gary – 2001
10. 'Condilla' –
Grooms, Albert – 1977
10. 'Destined to See'
Grace, Larry – 1986
10. 'Lavender Blue Baby'
Carpenter, Jack – 1996

Seventy-nine different cultivars received write-in votes in the WDS Top Ten Poll. This compares with 51 cultivars receiving write-in votes last year. Receiving the most write-in votes was Sandy Holmes' 2011 cultivar 'I Lava You' with four votes. Placing second with three votes each were Ginni Kleckner's 'Flaming Pumpkins' (2012), Pat Stamile's 'Rock Solid' (2002), Eric Simpson's 'Rocky Mountain Sunrise' (2011) and Dan Trimmer's 'Wild Horses' (1999).

In the 2017 Region 2 Pop Poll 234 Members cast their ballots, which represented 19% of the Region 2 membership. Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' also came in first place in Region 2 poll. Rounding out the Region 2 top five were 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' in 2nd, 'Webster's Pink Dragon' in 3rd, Ruby Spider' in 4th and 'All American Chief' in 5th. Though not in the same order, the cultivars that placed in the top five in Region 2 Pop Poll for 2017, also placed in the top ten of the WDS poll.

In Memoriam

Jean Coshun by *Barbara Nickel*



I met then DSSEW President Don Coshun, before I met Jean, at one of the first daylily club meetings. We talked and found we both liked gardening and lived only a few miles from one another. Later, I received a telephone call from Don asking me to serve on the

DSSEW Board. I often joked by blaming Don for getting me so involved in club activities. Don would frequently call and invite me to come to see a particular daylily in flower. While Don and I were viewing his garden, Duane (my husband) and Jean would sit and enjoy a cup of coffee. Jean often remarked that Don was in his glory showing Barbara his flowers.

Don, Jean, Duane, and I would often go out for coffee or lunch in downtown Waukesha. This led to trips together to Ohio to attend Regional

Summer and Winter meetings. With Don's passing, we continued activities with Jean leading to a special friendship. She came to many of our family gatherings and we considered her to be a family member. When our club needed a spacious place to wash, sort and bag plants for DSSEW's annual sale, Don and Jean volunteered the grounds around their home. As the club Board moved towards a potluck supper and early sale to members, Don and Jean offered their home to hold these activities, also. Jean created all the labels needed for the daylily sale and offered space in their buildings to hold sale supplies and other inventory.

And, during this past year when no one volunteered to be club President, Jean agreed to serve. She thought of it as a way to honor Don and his love of daylily flowers. Jean will be missed by the many friends she made at the daylily club and I have lost one of my best friends. I have such an empty feeling in my heart. Recalling is flowers.

Nancy Hogan by *Lois Ann Anderson*



Nancy Hogan, longtime member of the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, Wisconsin Daylily Society, and the WI-IL Rock Garden Society, passed away in October 2017.

I met Nancy on a WHPS garden tour bus.

She invited me to sit with her. That was the beginning of many daily and extended WHPS garden tours with her. She taught me how to prepare daylilies for the annual Wisconsin Daylily Society sale.



Nancy had many wonderful gardens at their house, including a large rock garden at the front driveway, a garden of cacti, many daylilies, and other perennials, shrubs, and trees throughout the property. She and her husband Joe worked tirelessly on their gardens. Their garden was one of the featured gardens on an Olbrich garden tour. One of Nancy's many activities included having an annual spring plant sale at their house. All of the proceeds went to her grandchildren.

*While Nancy was not an active member of WDS at the time of her passing, she was a long-time member!



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"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, 'Go to sleep darlings, till the summer comes again.'" ~Lewis Carroll

