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President's Minute

by RhondaVeroeven

Hello from my couch! From the untimely nature of this newsletter, you can deduce that I have been healing, but not healed for sure. I am having unexplained extreme nerve pain from the base of my spinal cord to the tips of my toes...I am now officially off of my pain medication so I feel I can perform my duties as editor...LOL. It is daylily time in the garden. I have loved going out seeing the blooms of the day and appreciating the beauty in each one! I find that the small imperfections are what I like most...reminding me that while nothing is perfect, there is beauty in all things if we take the time to look! Enjoy these next few weeks in the gardens! We have certainly earned them!!!



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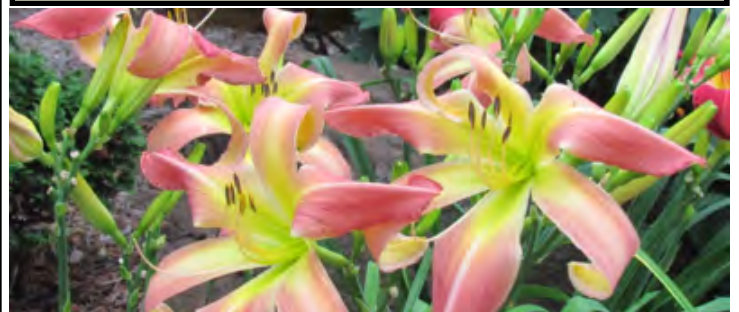
Upcoming WDS Events

July 9 11AM-3PM Dazzling Daylily Show
Olbrich Botanical Gardens 3330 Atwood Ave,
Madison.

August 5 12:30 PM Savannah Oaks School
Adoption And Auction

August 19 10AM-4PM, August 20 11AM-3PM
2017 WDS Annual Plant Sale
Olbrich Botanical Gardens 3330 Atwood Ave,
Madison.

October 21, 2017 Noon- Annual Meeting
Crown Plaza 4402 E Washington Ave., Madison.
Speaker will be announced soon!



H. Webster's Pink Wonder

A Dirty Job, But Someone Has to Do It!

by Sue Hill , Photos by Rhonda Veroeven

Many of you are aware that our Treasurer, Paul Pratt, moved to Michigan to take on a new job opportunity in March. It came up suddenly and he had to jump on it, spending entire days (and sleepless nights) getting things packed and the house ready to be put up for sale. He wasn't alone, however, in being uprooted from his comfortable, familiar country surroundings and driving to a new place to resettle.



Monique taking a quick rest

On the Saturday of this past Memorial Day, while many of you were enjoying a lazy start to your day with a hot cup of coffee, several of your Convention Board members awoke bright and early, threw on old gardening clothes (not that this is unusual in the summer months) and headed to Paul's with shovels in hand.



Sue Hill Driving Frank

Paul had taken on many of our 2019 Convention plants to grow up for attendees that made it to our big event. Since the daylilies were losing their host, they were in need finding a new place to live.



Wilma was in the mud with me!



Diana is spreading mulch while Genni is planting the lilies

Overall, almost 600 plants were given a haircut, dug, cleaned off and sent packing in two vehicles to my home in Verona, where they had a new bed awaiting their arrival.



The lilies all snug in their beds

For days, we all had visions of wallowing in knee deep mud with all the rain we'd had the previous few week. To keep our troops energized, we started with a cookout to help tired bodies gain strength for the task ahead. My husband and I resorted to saving big money at Menards and buying two huge tarps to cover the beds in hopes of keeping some of the rain off the planting site. It worked pretty well but we still had to fight soil saturated with moisture. The plants went in surprisingly fast. The mulch was moved with the help of a Kubota Tractor named Frank and was spread deftly, and, in no time, we stepped back to admire a good days work and to see who was wearing the most dirt. It was a tie between Wilma and Francis. Kudos!



Most of the crew! Wilma, Pat, Monique, Genni, Francis, Sue, and Diana. Muddy Rhonda is behind the camera!

The plants have taken off as if they'd never been disturbed. Matter of fact, there are several good sized scapes peeking through the foliage so within the coming month I'll be able to see what beauty our convention visitors have to look forward to. I'll send pictures in to Rhonda as the plants mature a bit more to include in upcoming newsletters so you all can see what you'll be adding to your own gardens when we host the 2019 Nationals in our great state of Wisconsin!

Oh Yeah, Up in Canada, Eh?

By Rhonda Veroeven

We have heard that Region 4's version of the Midwinter Symposium...AKA Can-Am Classic was the place to go...so a group of us went!

Francis and Genni Kleckner, Monique Warnke and I all piled into the Kleckner's vehicle and the weather was not kind to us. Francis was a champ though, and we made it in one piece...barely!

It is true what they say, Canadians are really nice people! We were instantly scooped up and treated with nothing but kindness...and a bit of curiosity as to why 4 crazy people would venture all of the way to Toronto to learn about daylilies. I cannot reiterate enough how amazing these treks are! I have also not seen crazier auctions or sales! They loved not needing a phyto. We needed one this time though.



The Region 4 Can-Am crew, headed by Dave Mussar and Don Blakely, Sandra Lex, Michael Falconer, Jane Fish, Ross and Gabriele Dettweiler, Kelly Noel, Shannon Howes Jurgens, and Nina Maskulka, really know how to put together a comprehensive weekend of learning!

The presentations were fantastic! Anna Carlson from Jordan, NY started things off. She specialized in superior substance, colorfastness, and sculpted forms. She likes interesting non-colorchanging flowers that look exotic. Me too!

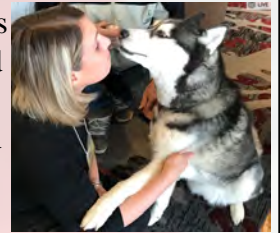
Pat Sayers was up next from Huntington Hills, NY. She showed her amazing cottage-style gardens which were peppered with roses, foxgloves, irises, statuaries, etc. She really reminded me of Bob Ross when describing her "happy little flowers and faries." She went through a long period of illness and is now back to her hybridizing after a 15 year break. She loves polys and doubles.

Margo Reed from North Garden, VA has graced us with her amazing presentation in WDS, and she wowed the participants with her spiders and UFs at the Can-Am as well! Her very tall, excellently

branched, colorfast specimens are award winning, no doubt...and she is so humble...you really can't help but love her!

Janice Kenedy from Falls Church, VA shared a beautiful homage to Pat Cochenour, her mentor. It was a very touching tribute!

Next up was Gil Stelter from Guelph, Ontario. I had the honor of talking with him prior to his presentation as well as after. He is a true historian...and knows all of the history of Arlo Stout and even his WI connections. I learned so much from such a gentle and kind man! He shared his travels, his gardens, and historical varieties. I did get briefly interrupted during his presentation to get full of fur and kisses from the amazing husky, Misha Bond! She is such a good girl! When I returned to the presentation, I was really impressed by his intelligent and scientific comments, but really none of it was over anyone's heads. I really could listen to him for hours...Francis...can we get him for a speaker?



Misha Bond!!!

Lastly, William Marchant from Douglasville, GA presented his amazing program. He is an Elementary Principal...full of humor and amazing daylilies! He likes tets with beautiful saturated colors and mostly works on dormants even though he is in the south. His lilies do great up here. If they are tender in the north, he is sure to share that! Another person to get as a speaker, Francis?



Left-William Marchant and the Kleckners
Right-William Marchant and Rhonda

WDS Board Makes Minor Changes to Plant Sale Compensation

by Sharon Lonergan

WDS dollar payments have changed for our sale. Plant digs will remain at 5 WDS dollars for each hour of the dig as well as travel time to the dig. Digging plants at home also are reimbursed at the 5 WDS dollar rate.

The first two days of the sale preparation which include separating, bagging, and labeling of plants will be paid at the rate of 2 WDS dollars per hour which is an increase in the amount of WDS \$ being paid!!!

Work at the actual sale on Saturday and Sunday will be paid at the rate of 1 WDS dollar an hour. Members must work 5 hours or more to receive the \$10.00 certificate toward the Annual Meeting Dinner.



Evelyn Thompson Update

by Rhonda Veroeven

In our last newsletter, we had a memorial from our long time member Evelyn Thompson who passed away in February. During the Open house at Klehm's Song Sparrow, Monique, Char and I were looking at and purchasing many plants. We were just about done and I had mentioned that I "needed" a new miniature magnolia tree as the deer destroyed mine this winter. So we headed over to the magnolias and were wowed by a non-miniature magnolia with HUGE soft yellow blooms. Soon, Roy Klehm came over and was joined by a very nice woman that we had been talking to in the tree peony greenhouse. They came over to the tree we were looking at and we found out that it was one of his seedlings that was not for sale (insert my sad face). He handed one to the woman and said that he would be naming it after her mother. How sweet! Then he offered us each a smaller pot of them. Of course we said, "YES!!!" I really didn't need a tall one, but this was stunning. As we were loading them into the back of the truck, the woman pulled her car over and said she hoped we could see each other next year to compare notes. Then we told her she should join the WDS...and she said that she probably would and that her mother was a long-time member...when I asked her who it was, she said, "Evelyn Thompson." I stopped in my tracks and tears instantly came into my eyes! We reminisced about what an amazing woman her mother was, and how I felt bad that I wasn't able to be there for her mother's funeral



Evelyn Thompson



One of the parents to Magnolia Evelyn

because of our monthly meeting. She said her mother would have wanted the meeting to go on...and that she felt bad for having the funeral the same time as the meeting...LOL! We both laughed at that. My Evelyn Magnolia is planted and protected from pesky deer...and there is no doubt in my mind that Guardian Garden Angel Evelyn brought us together that day!

The Dazzling Daylily Show Wants YOU!!!

by Barry Rowe

We need YOUR daylily blossoms to make this year's show really dazzle! We will be at Olbrich, a much bigger venue than last time, so it will take a lot of daylilies to fill the place up. Please bring in your best flowers (not scapes) between 8:30 – 10:15 on Sunday, July 9. There will again be a limit of 20 per member, 40 per couple. Based on the public's votes, WDS dollars will be awarded in categories (Photos taken by Rhonda Veroeven and added for examples).:

self (solid color)



H. Black Velvet Baby

Double



H. Double Layer

Spider/Unusual Form



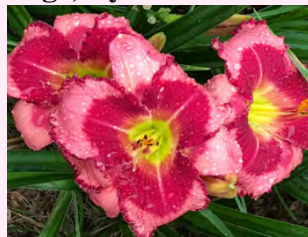
H. Freaky People

Small & Miniature



H. Elfin Reflection

Edge, Eye and Pattern



H. Red Exponential

First place winner receives \$25, second place gets \$10 and third place gets \$5. Best of shows overall wins \$50.

Here are some hints about bringing in your daylilies:

BE GENTLE.

HARVESTING: Most blossoms will simply snap off and easily separate from the scape. If not, use a pair of scissors or nippers. Do not stack flowers on top of each other.

LABELING: DO NOT bother to make a pretty label. Special card stock and pens will be used at Olbrich to make official labels. One way is to use a sticky tape, such as masking tape, for labeling. Leave some space on the tape, then write the name of the daylily with a good pen or magic marker. Wrap the blank part of the tape around the blossom stem.

TRANSPORTING: Place flowers in a flat container, such as a flower basket, egg carton or box lid. If you buy flats of annuals, the empty plastic trays work well. Again, do not stack daylilies on top of one another. Don't worry about water – it will be a quick trip, and they'll get water at Olbrich.

Once you have delivered your dazzlers, please stay and help We need volunteers to guide visitors and help them vote. Stick around for the awards ceremony at the end (3:00), and exchange your pollen with others.

Open Garden Invitations

Karen Wtson-Newlin-Sat., July 22, 3:00 pm -dark.

Address: 7699 Almor Drive, Verona, WI (but please note that we are actually in the Town of Middleton).
For more information, please contact Karen @kwatsonnewlin@tds.net.

Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz,-Sat., July 22nd from 10:00 to 3:00.

Adress: 104 W Lakeview Ave, Madison, will open their garden for your enjoyment on Saturday, The daylilies appear to be on steroids this year - so tall, and so many scapes!! Hope you can come and enjoy it with us.



H. Joshua Cobb



H. Highland Pinched Fingers

DIGGING IN THE DELLS: A GATHERING FOR GARDENERS

The Wisconsin Garden Club Federation's new signature event will be held in Wisconsin Dells on October 6 and 7, 2017 during the peak of Wisconsin's beautiful fall weather.

Program choices range from the full two-day package plus extra tours to Aldo Leopold Foundation, the International Crane Foundation, or a Wisconsin River Boat Tour featuring the geology and flora of the area...or partial day programs! Learn to paint a floral masterpiece or experiment with a new floral design. Find out what you need to know about the dreaded jumping worm and discover the Ice Age Trail, winter interest gardening, veggie gardening, and how to make the most of hostas and native plants in your gardens. Dine with Melinda Meyers as she presents "Creating a Pollinator Garden" and bring a new buzz to your gardens.

Enjoy specially selected vendors, auctions, raffles, lovely accommodations, and dining at The Chula Vista Resort. We're sure you'll agree this is a must-attend event for gardeners, environmentalists and nature lovers of all kinds! Registration is now open. Full event details and registration information plus hotel information is available at <http://www.wisconsinclub.org/blog/digging-in-the-dells-oct-6-7>, or call Susan at 715-248-7870.

Registration for tours and workshops is limited and the deadline is September 1, so be sure to make your reservations early.

Membership News

By Gene Dewey

The following people have joined WDS. Please welcome them and add them to your membership roster!

Jean Palm, a familiar face from Madison has returned after a year's hiatus; welcome back!

From Sun Prairie: Kim and Ken Walker-Daniels

From Madison: Barbara Lee and Laima Rozkalns

From Macheshey Park, IL: Mary Duggan

From: Port Byron: Lauris Rozkalns (a Father's day gift from his daughter Rozkalns!)

And from: Middleton: Nancy Comello

Welcome to all of you; we look forward to seeing you at our future events!

A Gentle Reminder

by Genni Kleckner

Please remember that our Plant adoption/auction meeting is going to be taking place in August. We want the plant list that will be available to be clear and accurate. Please be sure to let Genni Kleckner via email f.g.kleckner@gmail.com know how many fans you will be returning this year, and also if you had any plants that did not survive. Our adoption Auction meeting is always a fun highlight. Let's make the planning go a bit more smoothly for our planning team.

Also, when preparing your plants, make sure that your adoption plants you are returning for the auction, please make sure they are potted in a reasonably sized pot, are CLEARLY and correctly labeled, and that you do not water them just before bringing them to the sale. We do not need wet, heavy, muddy pots! Thank you!

Fun Activities Offered at Allen Centennial Gardens

Best. Fridays. Ever.

July 21: 5-8pm August 18: 5-8pm

2016's popular Final Fridays is back, this year with a spicy new title: Best. Fridays. Ever. Enjoy everything you love about Wisconsin summers, with artisanal food from premier local food cart vendors, family friendly activities, and live music.

Summer Sunday Concerts in the Garden

July 23: 5-6pm

Performance by Dave Larson Jazz Quintet
This classic combo of two horns and rhythm section anchors its repertoire in jazz standards from the 1950-60's, featuring innovative arrangements adapted for the group.

Paint Night:

July 27: 5:30-7:30pm August 10: 5:30-7:30pm

Paint a garden themed masterpiece with the help of Wheelhouse Studios. All skill levels are welcome. Light snacks will be provided and all materials are included.

Register here: [https://](https://julypaintnightatagc.eventbrite.com)

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\$25 for non-members | \$20 for members

Summer Sunday Concerts in the Garden

August 6: 5-6pm

Performance by Will Street Chamber Players
Fun and sassy chamber music by one of Madison's newest groups, bringing a fresh, imaginative take to classical music that appeals equally to classical music fans & newcomers. Expect some serious fun! Free nearby parking | Bring your own chair

Summer Sunday Concerts in the Garden

August 20: 5-6pm (Allen Centennial Garden)

Performance by Quartessence Suave string stylings from one of Madison's favorite society quartets. Jazz standard in music of Ellington, Gershwin, Cole Porter, Dave Brubeck—classical meets cool in sophisticated string quartet jazz! Free nearby parking | Bring your own chair

Faulkner Wows at the May Meeting

by Rhonda Vereeven

Darwin may have had his Theory of Natural Selection, but our May speaker, Bob Faulkner, has Natural Selection Daylilies for the win! Located in Dayton, OH, Natural Selection Daylilies is run by the amazing Bob Faulkner.

Bob had a full schedule from the time he landed. A small, but lively group had dinner with him. I was able to join for a few minutes after having worked late. I was glad that I popped in as I was able to hear that he had wanted to see our Capitol and the Farmer's Market.

Andrew and I picked Bob up before 7AM and we headed to the Farmer's Market. Bob had some fun snacks and even fell in love with a few plants that he just HAD to bring home with him.



Bob at the Capitol

Next up was a quick tour of our state Capitol. Bob appeared in awe by the architecture. The moment we walked up the stairs to the entryway he was like a kid in a candy store.



Bob's H. Killer Clowns From Outerspace

After our fun early morning escapades, we joined the WDS Hybridizer's Group for breakfast at the Pancake Cafe. It was a very nice group of people. We had great food and even better conversation.



Bob and some of the hybridizer's group

After breakfast, we headed to get the meeting set up. Bob helped join in, then he and Andrew disappeared for a bit. When they returned, he had taught Andrew how to play frisbee with a Tupperware container lid. He even had backspin on it. They were like two peas in a pod!!!

When Bob was done goofing around with his new best buddy, Andrew, it was time for his amazing presentation. Bob

specializes in patterned diploid seedlings. His presentation incorporated loads of his introductions, seedlings, and inspirational quotes.



Bob's H. Fang Zhu

His introductions are amazing, and his seedlings have patterns like nothing I have ever seen before. His Orange Turkey Tail is an amazing seedling that made me ooh and aaahhh..

I don't know about you, but those that are some of the best in the hybridizing world are some of the most humble! Bob certainly fits in that category!

After his presentation we had a delicious pot luck dinner together! We sure did pack in the time together! I sincerely hope everyone had plenty of time socializing with him. Such a great day!



Bob wanted a selfie

The WDS Plant Sale At Olbrich Gardens August 19th & 20th, 2016

By Rosemary Kleinheinz Photos by Adele Keohan



Sales day with loads of shoppers

Oh my goodness! Our sale will be here before we know it! Between now and then we all have lots of work to do.

Marilyn Lecesse has agreed to take over the Publicity Chair from June Johnson. She has some very big boots to fill, but has been very busy getting the word out far and wide. It's been interesting to follow her as she brings new ideas to the job. Such is the value of new blood.

The next order of business is to recruit lots of volunteers, and that's where we need YOU! Diane Goodman will once again be coordinating volunteers, and she asks that you call her at 608-643-8021 or email her at jrgoodman@charter.net

A special note to our new members: working at the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow members better and have a very enjoyable time. You also will enjoy perks such as earning WDS\$ to spend on new plants that you can purchase prior to the sale opening. Sometimes the most sought-after ones never make it to the tent.

And, of course, a successful plant sale must have plants to sell. We will be digging plants this year from the large display bed at West Madison Ag Center. Do you need to divide some of the huge clumps in your garden or perhaps get rid of some to make room for new ones? Remember that all donations are tax-deductible.



One step in the process!!!

Would you like help digging your plants? If the job seems overwhelming to you, we have members willing to help. Diane Goodman is scheduling the digging events. She asks that, if you do want help YOU LET HER KNOW SOON. Call her at 608-643-8021 to schedule a time.



Diane Goodman is the "Ringmaster"

As soon as you determine which plants you will be bringing to the sale, please forward the list to Tom & me by snail mail or e-mail trkleinheinz@att.net so we can enter them in the database and be sure we have pictures. We again ask to have your list of donations at least one week before the sale. This has made our lives so much less hectic that last week before the sale.

At last year's Annual Meeting the membership voted to donate 5% of this year's sale proceeds to Community Groundworks, a non-profit in Madison. During the summer please be thinking of a worthy horticultural project you can nominate this fall for next year's donation.

A flyer with more details will be sent to you about the 1st of August.



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“We might think
we are nurturing our
garden, but of course
it's our garden that is
really nurturing us.”

— JENNY DIGLOW