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President's Minute

by Rhonda Veroeven

Holy moly, what an incredibly busy summer and bloom season we have had! I cannot even believe that we, as a club, accomplished as much as we did this summer bloom season...although I shouldn't be surprised! Our national convention was an incredible success, and I continue to receive cards of praise and thanks from people throughout the nation! Our gardens were fantastic (even though we were not at peak bloom), the boutique and plant sale were amazing, and attendees had a great time. It was not without an amazing amount of work by all of our club and its volunteers. WE DID IT!!! Thankfully we held off on our adoption/auction program, because those of us that were so engrossed in the national are STILL recovering, and it was a needed break. I do look forward to it this month, though! Our members really stepped up only weeks after the convention to have another spectacular WDS plant sale. With the new location, there were interesting challenges that came up, but they were handled with grace...and in the end, we had a great sale in a great new location! It was a win, in my book! I was also amazed by this year's bloom! Mother nature, really assisted in having the perfect temperatures and precipitation for an absolutely stunning year of bloom...while later than usual, it was soooo worth the wait!

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Upcoming WDS Events

September 21 WDS Adoption Auction

Program 12:00 PM, Savannah Oaks Middle
School, Fitchburg

October 26, WDS Annual Meeting featuring guest speaker, Barry Matthie of Bonibrae Daylilies Bloomfield, ON Canada

Website: www.Bonibraedayliliesandhosta.com
Meeting to be held at Buck and Honey's 800 W.
Broadway, Monona at Noon! Appetizer's from
11:30-12:00 Advanced registration is required to
attend. See registration sheet at the back of this
newsletter for more details!

**Also, please note that there will be a national
convention wrap-up meeting immediately
following the annual meeting. All chairs are
highly encouraged to attend!**



H. Condilla Photo by Rhonda Veroeven

Learning about Accredited Daylily Exhibition Shows

By: Rhonda Veroeven



A bouquet of the exhibits after the show

Our club offers an amazing off-scape flower show, and it is always well attended. Something that I have been curious about has been how ADS Accredited Exhibition shows differ from what we already do with our off-scape

shows. This curiosity began four years ago for me, when Monique Warnke and I attended the AHS National Convention in Louisville, KY. We enrolled in the Exhibition I course. Neither of us were prepared for what we were about to learn. We had been busy planning our national convention, so the interest was placed on the metaphorical back burner.

Since beginning my interviews for the Humble Hemerohollic Podcast, one topic kept coming up...exhibition shows. I decided that I needed to know more. I talked with a few people that love exhibition shows and was encouraged to attend the First Annual Daylily Show & Display in Worden, IL.

I worked with the Show Chairman, Nikki Schmith, with learning the behind-the-scenes work and came in early to help with the set up. I learned so much the day before the actual show. After we were all set up, we went to Nikki's fantastic home and tour her

spectacular garden and quaint town. My wishlist increased exponentially just by walking through her garden. She has an impeccable collection beautifully displayed!

The day of the show, Nikki and I got up early

and walked her garden choosing scapes for the show. We got there early for the preparation of the plants. I learned a lot about that process and how to groom a scape well for a show (basically it is cleaning it and making sure that it is pristine). I was asked to be an assistant clerk. So when the judging began, I was able to walk with the three very knowledgeable judges (Marilyn Greenlee, Scott Elliott, and David Williams). I learned so much just listening to the conversation. I couldn't speak or give my opinion...so that was a challenge as

you know I do like to chat, but it really forced me to learn.

The inaugural show was a great success.

There were 129 entries, a HUGE amount of public attendees, and a beautiful head table with so many worthy specimens. The head table received these beautiful entries:

Best In Show: *O'Bannon Orchid* - Nikki

Schmith, Extra Large Flower: *Buttercream*,

Large Flower: *Bill Norris*, Small Flower: *Broadway Charmer*, Miniature flower: *Little Zinger*, Double/Poly: *Siloam Stinnett's Delight*, Spider: *Wild Wookie*, Unusual Form: *O'Bannon Orchid*.

In all honesty, I expected the accredited shows to be a stuffy, highly competitive, and stressful event. That could not be farther from the truth. It was a very positive, collaborative, and supportive event. I was encouraged and amazed. It actually has me thinking that we could easily host an accredited show. But I do warn you, your wish lists will grow!!!

You may also get hooked on exhibition shows.



Nikki with her entries



*H. O'Bannon Orchid
Best in show*



Jacob Braun with his entries



The judges going through all of the entries

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success

By: Rhonda Veroeven

Without a doubt, the greatest accomplishment of our club this year was hosting the amazing 2019 American Daylily Society's National Convention. After almost four years of planning and coordinating, we pulled off an amazing event. We could not have had such an amazing convention without the help of all of our vibrant and capable members. A huge thank you goes out to the Executive Committee Board of Directors-Rhonda Veroeven (Co-Chair), Monique Warnke (Co-Chair), Genni Kleckner, Francis Kleckner, Sharon Lonergan, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig (Secretary), Sue Hill (Treasurer), and Kris Henning (Registrar). The incredible hours of work of the entire board should be commended.

We also had many chairs that worked tirelessly to make sure that their areas of focus were not only just completed, but done impeccably well! First up was Genni Kleckner. She was in charge of the auction and obtaining auction plants. She did her job so well, we had the "problem" of having too many plants to auction. So a game-time decision had to be made to have a silent auction. This ended up being a huge success financially. The bids were incredibly high on all of the cultivars. There was a lot of feedback regarding this, and we took it as constructive feedback and learning.

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and Monique Warnke set up an incredible auxiliary tour to Taliesin. There was not an attendee that went on this tour that was not happy they went. They were so incredibly excited and felt it was very worthwhile and enjoyable. Thank you also to the bus navigators of the Taliesin tours, Pat Sturdevant and Carol Shiller. It was an important job to have a liaison if questions came up.

Sharon Lonergan pulled together a boutique that was more fantastic than any I had ever seen at any other national convention I have ever attended. It was classy. While I did not have time to shop during the convention, I was able to go through quickly and noticed a wide variety of vendors. Several people commented on how lovely they thought the boutique was.

Sue Hill was in charge of finances. In a function this large, that was no small task. It became especially challenging immediately following and during the convention. Having such a huge budget is a wonderful problem. Just a little heads up...while I do not want to ruin the surprise for you to receive at the annual meeting, we did VERY well financially. She also had to ensure that we were insured with special event insurance.

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and I worked in tandem with organizing buses and the tour schedule. If you have ever tried to organize a tour or a bus trip of any kind, you know the incredible undertaking that such an endeavor takes. Add to that 450 passengers, lunch schedules, seven gardens, eight busses, and six different routes...you can imagine the number of hours, preparation, and minutiae that went into the planning. I know I will always go out of my way to thank those that make tours possible. It is an incredible amount of work.



John and Diane Goodman Garden



*Wilma Brouwer-Herwig's Heartbreak Hill
Photos by Rita Thomas*



The Kleckner's Work in Progress Garden

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success-Continued

I was in charge of obtaining bus captains and navigators. Our incredible bus captains were “stars” of the convention. Mandy McMahon, Dianna Gossard, Mike Grossmann, Kathleen Nordstrom, Barb Buikema, Brenda Macy, David Jewell, Eric Simpson, Scott Elliott, Nikki Schmith, Jacob Braun, Jim Cruise, Dan Bachman, Bob Faulkner, Sandy Holmes, and Adele Keohan went above and beyond to make the attendees have an incredible time on their tours and to ensure that the buses stayed on schedule and that everything was taken care of while on tour. We had several members that also assisted as navigators that helped make sure that the buses went to where they needed to go, helped the captains with any problems and communicate with the co-chairs as needed. Thank you to Lane Revenal, Sally Yaeger, Carole Hunter, Lloyd Ravet, Judy Ravet, and Bob Buikema for doing a stellar job getting your buses where you needed to go (no thanks to construction), and assisted as needed!

I was in charge of the invitational video, which we showed to you at the annual meeting two years ago. We went all over the country and even into Canada to share our video and to promote attendance to the convention.

Kris Henning along with the help of Sharon Lonergan set up the registration area. Kris worked tirelessly as our registrar and maintained the records and excel sheets filled with more information than I thought would ever be necessary (which all proved to be incredibly necessary). Her expertise was a saving grace for the entire planning committee! We were truly blessed to have her experience! Sharon helped by stuffing and creating the badges and neck wallets and having the bags all stuffed. The stuffing committee made a very large task get done extremely quickly! It was quite impressive!

Becky Robinson was in charge of the clinics, and with the help of both co-chairs had a very nice comprehensive list of clinics for people to attend! There were many attendees that filled the rooms, often with standing room only, to learn various topics including scientific topics by Gus Guzinski and David Jewell, and take garden judging and exhibition judging classes. I became an accredited exhibition judge at our convention, so I can speak first hand to how wonderfully attended and professionally done the clinics were!

Ruth Horrall put together amazing floral displays that filled the lobby with some of the most beautiful floral designs I have ever seen. So many attendees went out of their way to go look at the beautiful creations...they all commented on how incredibly talented Ruth is...I couldn't agree more.

Monique Warnke and Jeanne Murphy worked together to coordinate donations. There was donation stuffing letters meetings, obtaining the donations, and using those donations in the best way possible for the convention. There were some pretty amazing donations that we received- food, wine, experiences, and even a signed Packer football. Their work is still not completely done as they are working on the thank you letters. The job was a big one!



*H. Fire in the Kitchen with the
Badger Bus behind it.
Photo by Jennifer Allen*



*Rick and Barb Kaja's Hidden
Gardens- Photo by Rita
Thomas*



*Karen-Watson-Newlin's
Windswept Garden- Photo by
Rita Thomas*



*Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz's
Garden- Photo by Rita Thomas*



*Mary and Conrad Wrzesinski's
Garden Photo by Rita Thomas*

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success--Continued



*Organizing Volunteers and Youth (Marilyn and Lane)
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven*



*Plant sale prep
(Scott, Diana, and Nancy)
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven*



*Labeling registration packets
(Dina, Monique, Kristie, and Sue) Photo by Rhonda Veroeven*



*Stuffing neck wallets
(Sharon and Lane)
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven*



*The super efficient tote bag
stuffing crew- Photo by
Rhonda Veroeven*

Sharon Lonergan headed up the task of organizing the gift bags and was assisted by Marilyn Leccese. The actual totes and the design was agreed upon by the Executive Board, and Sharon took to the task of finding the best prices and in the end, an incredible bag that will be able to be used for years to come. There are a few leftovers, so if you were not able to attend, there are a few for sale. Details will be made at meetings.

Genni Kleckner was in charge of obtaining guest plants. Guest plants were not only obtained but distributed and organized. The plants needed to get to the appropriate gardens and records needed to be taken care of. Her job is not done either, as we will be having an auction of the guest plants in the spring. Those that hosted guest plants can choose to keep a double fan of their guest plants should they choose, all of the rest will be brought to a special meeting next June. We will be offering those amazing guest plants to all of our members at an auction. I am blessed to have a few of those plants and cannot even tell you how amazing they are! I will be bidding for sure. You WILL want to grow many of those very generous donations!

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig had the challenging task of publicity. She eloquently presented our amazing gardens, information about our wonderful club, and made sure that this was located in as many publications as possible. The co-chairs assisted with spreading the word on social media...but Wilma helped create a lot of the content.

Monique Warnke had the thankless job of working with the hotel. While that is a challenging job at any event, the fact that the hotel underwent a major construction project during our convention, made it an almost impossible task. She was the go-to person for all of the trouble-shooting during the convention, and finding out as we were setting up early in the week that the lobby was going to be under construction was something we couldn't have predicted. There were simply things out of our control, and the hotel was a big thing out of our control.

Monique handled it with as much calmness and grace as possible. Jeanne Murphy assisted with the AV needs, but luckily, the hotel comped us with all of the AV needs due to our "inconvenience" of the construction.

Carole Hunter was in charge of the Hybridizer's Forum. While I wasn't able to attend this meeting due to having to take care of other convention business, I was told this was a full house and the presenters were fantastic. She arranged for Mike Grossmann, Kathleen Nordstrom, Phil Korth, Ginny Pearce, John Kulpa, and Darrel Apps to be on the panel. I wish I could have attended!

Rita Thomas was our photographer, and she took amazing photos in all of the tour gardens both before the national for our promotional materials and during the national. We need to have all of these amazing photos in an archive for sure. A small selection of her photos can be found in this issue!

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success-Continued

Sue Hill was in charge of the plant sale at the convention. It was very much a mini version of our large club plant sale. It was set up similarly, except the cultivars were laid out in alphabetical order. We had a great variety of cultivars that had been babied and grown by Lisa Imhoff, Sue Hill, and Terry Conklin. It was a great sale and very profitable.

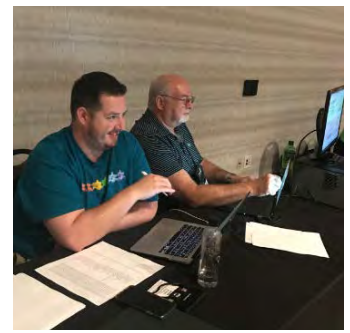
I was in charge of the program and protocol. It simply means that I had to work with officers of ADS to make sure that the program went as needed following their policies and procedures. Also, the awards and honors program and detailed agenda were worked on in collaboration with many people to make sure the evening programs went smoothly.

Rosemary Kleinheinz was in charge of the tour garden selection. It was one of the very first tasks that needed to be completed. She had a team of club members that went to all of the tour gardens that were interested in being on tour. It took a lot of time to give all of the gardens the thought and consideration deserved. An incredible combination of gardens was chosen. It was a fantastic showing of what we can do with our gardens in Wisconsin. I was so proud of all of the gardens on tour. The committee did a fantastic job on the selection. The attendees were all very happy with the gardens on tour!

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and I worked on creating a handbook with all of the details necessary for attendees. Wilma created much of the content while I just added a few pages worth. I worked with her to ensure that her vision was put together with editing and formatting as best as I could. We were both pleased with how the convention handbooks turned out.

Diane Goodman was in charge of hosting and organizing the Region 2 Englerth Bed. This is the Region 2 award for hybridizing excellence. Any Region 2 hybridizer can submit seedlings to the bed and then the attendees of the summer regional meeting (which our convention was our regional summer meeting) votes. The plant with the most votes wins the Englerth Award. Our own Genni Kleckner won the award this year! I didn't get to see the bloom, but I did see the picture, and it was very worthy from the picture!

Genni Kleckner was in charge of the registration/bus/gift plants. It was actually a very fun job as she arranged a trip to visit with Roy Klehm and walk all of his select seedlings and was able to choose two seedlings. Her team (Francis, Monique and I) unanimously agreed on the amazing seedlings. Badgerland Mango Tango and Wisconsin Royalty were the amazing results of this team, headed by Genni and with the incredible donation of Roy Klehm. We decided to have two registration plants in lieu of bus plants. Digging, growing, dividing, and processing these plants was a lot more work than the fun of choosing the plants. This wouldn't have happened without the help of many volunteers (see the insert regarding the plant digs and preparation for more details).



Our technology gurus, Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise working at the auction- Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Youth member, Andrew, and auctioneer extraordinaire, Paul Owen, getting ready to auction naming rights for Andrew's seedling. Can you believe the winning bid was \$520? Wow! -Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



The auction was wonderfully attended, and the bids were high. In the picture on the right, you can see youth member, Avilyn, running plants during the auction! Photo by Rhonda Veroeven

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success-Continued



Youth attendees that volunteered to work the auction are in queue for running auction plants (two of our youth members, Andrew, and Avilyn, are pictured),
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



New member, David Jewell, wins a plant in the auction, Andrew brings it to him, and David gifts it to me! Yup, I might have cried.
H. Gift of Life
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Pat Sturdevant, and Barb Buikema at Taliesin

Becky Robinson was in charge of the silent auction and the raffle at the national. The donations were numerous, amazing, and varied. Other groups, daylily clubs, and individuals donated many baskets to make this so successful. Becky reached out and acquired an amazing array of baskets for the raffle. It was an incredible financial success. There was also a fun competition between buses to see which bus could sell the most raffle tickets. It was a grand competition! Bus 6 won, so the bus captains (Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise) received a double fan of Badgerland Purple Dancer which was all donated to the national convention by Sandy Holmes. Through a random draw (the USDA Phyto Agent chose) Robin Hamilton from that bus also won a double fan.

Genni Kleckner and I were in charge of the logo/theme/motto early on. Blooms in Badgerland was the motto submitted by Rhonda Veroeven that was chosen and very well received. The fun logo contest had our cute badger peaking out from of a pile of daylilies. Jeanne Murphy's daughter designed the logo. It was happily displayed on all convention materials.

Marla Robinson and Peggy Lemon were in charge of the tour garden refreshments. This was quite an undertaking. They needed to coordinate all water and snacks for all gardens on tour. There was such a great variety of snacks. There was something for everyone at each garden. They also had to provide snacks for the volunteers during the opening days of the convention. Coordinating food for that many people each day is a large task, and we appreciate their efforts!

Sharon Lonergan coordinated amazing lunch locations and wonderful food selections for four days; The Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie, and the East Side Businessmen's Club in Madison. There were many options that she looked at and price compared at...it was not an easy task, but she made it seem flawless and easy.

Lane Revenal worked on getting t-shirts made for not only the convention attendees but also for the tour garden hosts and the volunteers. There were a lot of options, vendors, and price points. After a lot of price and quality comparisons, she was able to arrange for shirts to be made. I think they turned out great.

Marilyn Leccese and Katie Harriman teamed up for a HUGE job. They were in charge of tour garden prep as well as volunteer coordination. While those jobs go hand in hand, it was a lot of moving parts. As I have mentioned over and over again, we could not have pulled off a national convention of the magnitude and at such a high level that we did without all of our volunteers. Marilyn and Katie made sure that all volunteer spots were filled and that all of the jobs completed. It was a major undertaking and one that I know I couldn't have done nearly as well and as organized as they did. They also made sure that any help needed in getting the tour gardens ready for the national was completed. I know the garden hosts appreciated it, and the attendees were impressed with our gardens.

Lane Revenal worked with the ADS Youth Coordinator, Kathy D'Alessandro, to ensure that all of the youth attendees had a fun and full experience. There were games and prizes, and even a special raffle for the youth that took place. I had never realized all of these special functions happened until we learned through the planning process. It has always just been something done behind the scenes. Well, I saw several of our youth members there fully enjoying all of the planning, prep, plants, and prizes that were made available for our youth, and this parent of a youth member really appreciates all of the work that was done to make it a memorable experience for the youth.

Mission Accomplished---Blooms in Badgerland A Smashing Success-Continued

Jacob Braun headed up the job of the webmaster. In the beginning, we were not sure what we were going to do or how we were going to make it work, but Jacob swooped in and volunteered to help us by making our convention website usable and so that registrations could take place online. He was a lifesaver. He and Jim Cruise also jumped in to help Genni with the auction software and ran the program for keeping track of the bids, costs, and auction winners...where would we be without these guys?

Lastly, a huge thank you goes out to the members for volunteering in so many different capacities. Some were spotters at the auction, helped in gardens during the tour, some took their time and helped at registration, writing letters, addressing envelopes, stuffing bags, and working different shifts in a variety of areas. Also, so many people just stepped up to help even when not signed up to do so. This convention could not have happened without the help of everyone-no matter how big or small your job was. Every task was important and appreciated. Thank you so very much!

While it is not news to us, the Wisconsin Badgers have a tradition of celebrating the 5th quarter after the game is done to celebrate a job well done. Monique Warnke and I had a special line item in the budget that simply said, "Monique and Rhonda Surprise." The Executive Board was a bit leery of it, but agreed...so we organized our own 5th quarter! This included the actual UW Bucky Badger mascot to come celebrate with us! It was so much fun to see Bucky being obnoxious to all of the attendees!!! WE DID IT!



ADS President, Judie Branson, Rhonda Veroeven, ADS Vice President, Scott Elliott, Region 2 Director, Nikki Schmith, Monique Warnke, and Bucky Badger celebrating the 5th quarter, Wisconsin style!



Monique, Pat, Marilyn, Katie, and Dina all dividing in the rain

Plants Were Needed for the National Convention

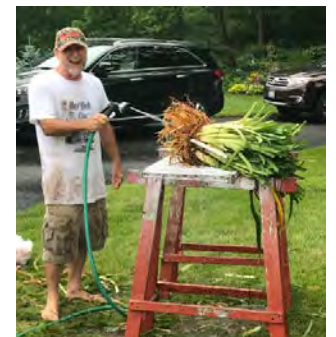
By: Marilyn Leccese

It all started the day after July 4th. Yes – we had plants to dig and prep for the National Convention. No – we couldn't cancel because rain was predicted for the weekend. And, no – we couldn't cancel the convention because the daylilies weren't blooming.

On that Friday, a group gathered at Lisa Imhoff's to dig and prep plants for the convention's plant sale, knowing we had many more to dig and prep the following days at Sue Hill's. A great crew arrived and started to dig, totally impressing Lisa's husband with our "get 'er done" approach.

The group at Sue's on Saturday had the same approach though the weather didn't cooperate. It had rained overnight and more rain was coming. What choice did we have? Dig in the mud and deal with the rain or...?

The rain started falling shortly after we started working. "Okay, let's wait it out in the garage." Realizing that it wasn't going to stop any time soon and knowing what we had to get done on Saturday and Sunday (dig and divide hundreds of guest plants for the convention attendees as well as sale plants), we had to get to work. Okay, so it was raining, we were washing all the plants anyway, what difference would it make if we got wet? And, we did.



Scott Elliott, newest member from GA, came in a week early to help with convention preparations.

Plants Were Needed for the National Convention- Continued

By: Marilyn Leccese



The guest plants had been growing at Sue's for a few years and we went to work washing (with a spray hose – would Sue's lawn ever recover?), cleaning, dividing, and banding two fans together. Okay, our work with “Badgerland Mango Tango” was done, let's move on to “Wisconsin Royalty.” Wait...what??? Those writing the labels for the plants had written “BMT” on 460-some labels and some of the labels were still on the table! Can't be – we don't have any more of those!

Great (not) ... now, what do we do? “Sue – where are the other BMT's?” To which Sue responds, “They were all in that bed.” So the plant hadn't multiplied as fast as expected ... let's hope that we have enough to give one fan to each guest! On to “Plan B” -- Genni and Rhonda took to the task of separating all the double fans, tagging, and hoping all the “BMT” tags are gone when they are finished. Yes! Success... they were-barely!

We finished Saturday – thankful that we hadn't gotten rained on more than we did, thankful that we had enough plants (and that we didn't have to go to a “Plan C”) and getting ourselves ready for another workday on Sunday. And “No – you can't take Sue's Kabota, Frank, home!”

Sunday's work went on without any problems – the weather was great, we had plenty of plants, and we even got to see a baby bunny that was about ten days old.

Many thanks to all who helped with the convention digs – digging, washing, separating, labeling, serving lunch, clean-up, etc.

Thus began the week of National Convention activities.



*It took so many volunteers! Thank you to everyone for making the job less overwhelming!
We processed thousands of fans...I think we all needed a lift from Frank the tractor!*

And Then There Were the National Tour Gardens

By: Rhonda Veroeven and Contributing Authors

Admittedly, a national convention cannot go on without the hard work of the aforementioned volunteers and tasks completed; however, those that truly need to be recognized are the tour garden hosts that made the convention a masterpiece. The hours, patience, money, sacrifice, and labor was unprecedented. They are our true heroes of this convention. I was pulled aside after the national convention tours were completed by someone that I look up to very much. This person told me how incredibly impressed they were by our choice of gardens and the great variety. Everyone's garden shone and was truly the highlight of the convention. I know that oftentimes, I write up blurbs about gardens, but for this special edition of the newsletter, I asked a few of the attendees to share their impressions of the gardens. For me, getting different perspectives is paramount in a newsletter...and in this case, I think you will agree that I made an excellent decision and chose the perfect contributors. The following are their perspectives on the national tour gardens. Each is beautiful and perfectly describes our seven amazing gardens on tour!

The Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski Garden by *Cynthia Wadsworth, Ph.D.*

To visit Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski's garden is to enter a world where love and caring have been cultivated for many years. Their garden is located within the reach of the cooling breezes of Lake Mendota in Middleton, WI. This beautiful garden contains over 150 varieties of daylilies planted on all sides of the house. The daylilies run out to greet you when you arrive.

The garden contains a wide range of colors and forms. In an urban garden where space is more limited, the arrangement is very important and Conrad's placement is perfection. There are islands of flowers and pathways that allow you to get up close. There is also whimsy in the garden, with a section devoted to Star Trek and a special section with plants containing the name Mary. Sections with less sun contain different kinds of colorful coral bells. Beautiful hosta are planted in the shade.

The enthusiasm and joy that Conrad clearly had for his flowers were extended to welcome all of his guests. We were lucky to be there. He described with glee a plant as tall and lanky as himself, *H. Chew Mailpouch Tobacco*, that was already in bloom in the early garden and that will bloom until the first frost, usually sometime in mid-October. *H. Comic Strip* was true to its name with at least two poly-numerous blooms. Conrad said that that was not typical, clearly, the plant was happy to see us. *H. Casper Snow* was gleaming as a slightly pinkish white with heavy thick blooms. *H. Glory on High* literally glowed. *H. Forever in Love* seemed to be made for this garden and a perfect last plant with which to describe this garden experience.



Photo by Barb Buikema



Mary and Conrad Wrzesinski
Photo by Barb Buikema



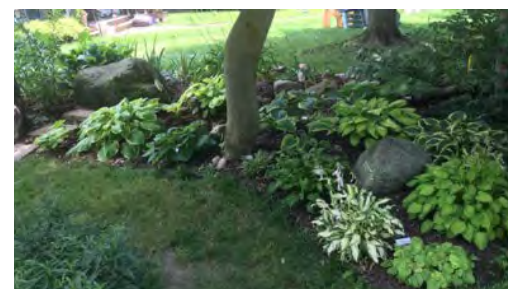
Beautiful Sundial
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Beautiful plant groupings
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Amazing sculptural components
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Peaceful shady spots
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven

And Then There Were the National Tour Gardens Continued

Jim and Wilma Brower-Herwig's Heartbreak Hill by Pat Sturdevant

Oh my, what a whirlwind the past three years have been! Being asked to host the 2019 National Daylily Convention, our members saying “yes” to the task, selecting the gardens to be on tour, and choosing the open gardens. And, lots and lots of planning, hard work, and more planning, and more hard work, etc., etc., etc. You know what I mean! Right? And, here we are. It has come and gone. But, the ripple of excitement still lingers and the feeling of accomplishment within is still bursting through us with pride. We did it! We put on a fabulous National. And Heartbreak Hill did not disappoint! Many comments were heard... “There’s not enough time to see everything,” “How do you find the time to do all of this?” “Who helps you maintain all of this?” “Where did you learn to landscape?” and simply, “Breathtaking!” “Tears of joy!” “Magical!” But, on more than one occasion Wilma asked me why I talked her into submitting her garden to be on tour. It had to be seen and shared! That’s why.

With Wilma and her husband, Jim, both having personal challenges over the last two years, garden work was put on hold more than a few times. Mother Nature also added to the load by dishing out blistering heat and strength-sapping humidity, endless monsoon rains, and a horrendous polar vortex. But our club stepped up and pitched in to help get things back on track. A small crew of gals volunteered long hours of their time and energy to make Heartbreak Hill shine. With all of our tour gardens being diversified and unique, Wilma’s yard stood out with an abundance of seating areas, unique garden art, gazing balls, bottle trees, and twisted/contorted trees and shrubs. Numerous beds lined with stones, boulders and landscape blocks meander through the yard, with stunning garden vistas at many turns. Her heart and soul have been poured into the landscape, showing us the depth of her imagination in bursts of endless color, textures and tantalizing views.

Wilma wants to thank the wonderful WDS members who helped this year to get her garden spit and polished for the National. Sue Hill for her help weeding and the “surprise” on the hill she cleared of weeds. Katie Harriman and Jeanne Murphy for the countless hours in horrible heat weeding, mulching and cleaning up. Also, Pat Trapp for traveling to Deerfield and the hours she helped in the garden. Thanks so very much ladies!! Skipper Hake made the additional flower beds possible by manning his chain saw and taking out all the shrubs and trees that had succumbed to the extreme winter weather. And, last but not least, yours truly, Pat S., for weeding, mulching, final cleanup, and coordinating Wilma's helpers. I had to, I got her into this, didn't I? It takes an entire club to put on a National.



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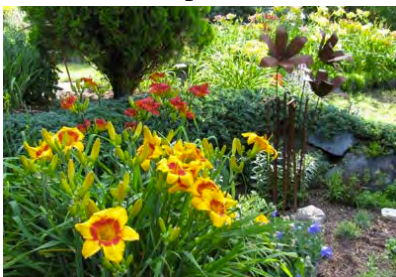
Jim Herwig and Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
Photo by Barb Buikema



The garden welcoming crew
Photo provided by Pat Sturdevant



Becky Robinson with one of her creations
Photo provided by Pat Sturdevant



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Jim and Wilma Brower-Herwig's Heartbreak Hill-Cont.

A special thank you to Sharon Prochaska and me, the refreshment staff, for keeping the treats coming and fully stocked. An extra special thanks to Sammie - bus driver extraordinaire (and dear friend), who stepped in and helped when two buses arrived together and consumed everything. Sammie held down the fort while we got restocked. You rock Sammie! And where were the other two food crew volunteers during all this you might ask?

Jim and Doug Prochaska were in their secret outdoor alcove behind the garage with their oscillating fan and cold beverages! They were greeting and chatting with all the hybridizers as they passed by their lair! To be fair, these two naughty boys did do most of the live heading, with assistance from Sharon, Wilma, and myself. And they provided a huge and unexpected service with the removal of a very destructive critter that had been living behind a boulder wall. Thanks, big-time for that, guys! And lastly, Becky Robinson also needs a special thanks for painting all the beautiful, exquisite rocks for each tour garden and the little extra gifts she left behind, tucked in here and there. You are



Photo by Barb Buikema



Photo by Pat Sturdevant



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From the Outside Looking In (Rick and Barb Kaja's Hidden Gardens)

By Doe T. Deer

It started about 14 months ago – I remember it being a Saturday. A big bus drove down the driveway and a lot of people started touring the garden. Hmmm....what is going on?

The next few months were non-eventful other than the guy who is always around digging in the plants, pulling some of them out and planting others. Oh, and big truck dumped a pile of what looked like chewed up trees on the lawn. What is that stuff and what's going to happen to it?

Shortly after that, a few more people started showing up every now and then, pulling weeds. They were blazing a trail through the back yard and some of that tree stuff (is that what they call mulch?) was carted to areas and left on the ground. I couldn't figure out where this interest in the garden was coming from. This went on for a few weeks. I kept watching and no one noticed me....though I had other things to worry about as hunting season was coming (whew ... I missed that bullet!)... then winter.

Spring finally arrived, and with it, a lot of rain. Soon enough, the interest in the garden started again. A variety of people started showing up and working in the garden.



Photo by Barb Buikema



*Barb and Rick Kaja
Photo by Barb Buikema*

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From the Outside Looking In -Continued

Once the pile of mulch on the lawn was gone, a big truck arrived and dumped more. Not only was the mulch in my space, but wheelbarrows of weeds were also carted and dumped on a big pile. I keep telling myself that one of these days I'm going to get inside that fence and take a look around.

Over the course of days and weeks, it really looks like the gardeners, with the help of others, are making this place look special. Some days I can see them working in the open and some days behind the house. The mulch pile is getting smaller and the weeds are getting larger.

I wonder why I am not getting any attention – I think I'll take care of that! I see a fox in the yard and they are taking pictures of it! And, nearly every day that more people are working, they take time to sit on the porch and look at the fish. I think there might be some frogs in the water too. I finally make my way into the yard, unnoticed, and enjoy some of the plants! One day, I hear the man talking to some of the other people that are working .

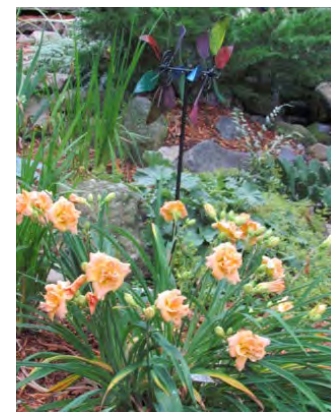
I enjoy watching the people as they work. One day they were sitting on the front porch when the winds starting blowing really hard and all of a sudden it felt almost cold and pounding rain started coming down. Soon after that the people got in their car and left. I guess they don't like being in the rain like I do.

Some flowers are starting to bloom. Every day more work is done – they put a path through the back yard with bricks that have been laying by the fence. Then one day a bunch of people come and they are decorating the yard. A big tree branch has a bunch of colored bottles on it, a sign is hung on the back fence, a horseshoe cactus, a cross made out of railroad stakes, and some goats moved in!

Then, something really big happens. It's pretty early in the morning, and all of a sudden I hear a loud roaring noise. What do I see but a big bus coming down the driveway, driving straight through the gate, and right into the yard! A lot of people get off and start walking through the yard. Everyone is commenting on how pretty things are. That driver should have known that if he hadn't driven into the yard he wouldn't have to back the bus all the way out. The day passes and about mid-afternoon more buses arrive. I don't know how all these people are going to find their way around the gardens though they do. Everyone seems to be having a good time .

The next day the same thing happens. It must be a special event to have all these people coming to look at the flowers and now I understand why all the work had been going on the past few months. Things are beautiful and still, no one has noticed me!

After that, things really quieted down. In the next few days, not much is going on and no one is spending much time in the yard. Then, a few evenings later, a lady arrives and starts walking around the yard with the lady who lives in the house. They are not in a rush to get anything done (though I do see both of them pulling some weeds) and are commenting on how pretty the flowers are. Soon it looks like the lady who came in the car is going to leave. I decide it's time for me to be noticed. I stand just outside the gate waiting again to come in for a visit.



*All photos on this page
taken by Rhonda Veroeven*

And Then There Were the National Tour Gardens Continued

Rob Newlin and Karen Watson-Newlin's Windswept Gardens

by Bobbi Johnson

Getting up early in the morning to meet the National tour bus before it departs is exciting and energizing at the same time. However, once on the bus on the way to the first daylily garden of the day is even more exciting. Winding through the roads and neighborhoods of Middleton to get to the first garden of the day can be unspeakable and breathtaking. Especially for me when it was announced that the Watson-Newlin garden would be our first stop.

I've heard how beautiful Karen's garden is and have read the article in Better Homes and Gardens. With my expectations high and the tour bus winding slowly through the roads, it was hard to see which house we were looking for until we crossed the final street and came to a stop in front of a gorgeous landscaped house, and at that moment it when the stories I had heard were coming true. Finally getting off the bus, we were greeted by Karen and her husband.

As I made my way around the front of the house, I had a rare few minutes to speak with Karen before everyone settled in to have some great conversations with this very talented lady. Karen talked about doing all of the landscaping and design with just her husband, except for the bigger trees. She has arranged the plants so they compliment each other and the area of the landscaping.

After making my way through the tall trees, a beautiful blue outdoor pool added an even more feeling of calm and relaxation to the back yard. Tall pine trees of different species lined the outside parameter to block out the sound and sight of neighbors. The balcony posts were covered with large dark purple clematis in full bloom. Everyone loved the bright blue Allium that was, as we all found out, dried and spray painted. The pop of blue color amongst the green foliage was a perfect complement to each other.

The pond was wonderful to sit by under the arbor and just take in the sound of the fountain running. The numerous areas to sit in were not lost on any of the convention guests. Looking around the garden you could see many people have wonderful discussions filled with thought. Cameras clicked and saved the memories for folks to share later on.

While the daylilies were a bit limited, the ones that were in bloom were showing off with such gusto it couldn't be helped to not be drawn to the large clumps of blooms. Many noticed the large clumps with huge fans, huge scapes and number of buds that were to open in the next few days.

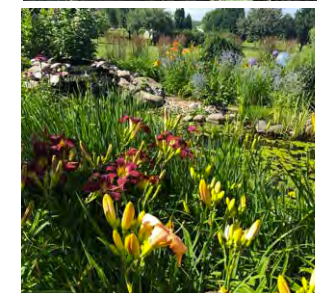
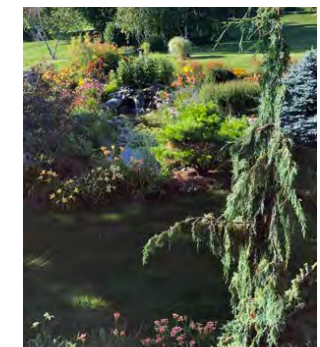
The placement and which perennials were used where, in the design, were not lost on any of the guests. Many took down names and complemented Karen on her creative designs and inquired where she had found so many unique plants. With their newfound insight of how amazing perennials complement the daylilies many of the convention guests went back to the boutique to the perennial booths and picked up their favorites that were seen that day. Everyone that visited had something to take home in some form, whether it be memories, a painting or a new plant thanks to Karen's unique outlook and perspective.



Photo by Barb Buikema



Photo by Barb Buikema



Bottom three photos acquired from Karen Watson-Newlin's FB Page- She has such a fantastic eye, I couldn't resist

And Then There Were the National Tour Gardens Continued

John and Diane Goodman's Gem on Lake Wisconsin *by Lane Revenal*

Wending our way through the verdant Wisconsin landscape we arrived at our first stop situated on the high cliffs flanking Lake Wisconsin. John and Diane's gardens greeted us with a sweeping lawn leading up to the first of many areas dedicated to our favorite *Hemerocallis* species complemented by select perennials, shrubs, and trees.

Our first encounter was the Region 2 Englerth Bed which is a collection of seedlings from numerous hybridizers sent to the Goodmans over the last three years to grow for viewing at the Region 2 meeting, coinciding with the National Convention. We were greeted with many scapes and a few flowers since the weather delayed our bloom season by about two weeks. That didn't deter our conventioners from evaluating the 51 entries on more than pretty faces. Listening to the buzz there was more than one mention of the branching on #26. All attendees were invited to vote on their favorite before boarding the bus for our next garden visit.

The next area we came upon was John's four raised vegetable garden beds where he was growing asparagus, tomatoes, garlic, onions, and squash. This was enough to make you hungry despite having just had breakfast.

To the left was a garden area tucked into the side of a 4-foot drop. There were daylilies complemented with perennials and shrubs including Black-Eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower, varieties of *Lilium*, *Dianthus*, *Phlox*, Tiger Eye Sumac, Butterfly Milkweed, *Vinca* and a hard-to-find annual called Brazilian Vervain. The full scope of the area could not be enjoyed unless you viewed it from above and below.

Moving toward the house there was another area with shade-loving hostas in the sun. The sun? Why would a knowledgeable gardener like Diane plant hostas in the sun? If you surveyed the area carefully you would find a stump with a sundial on it which clues you that this was a shade area. Seems the fierce Wisconsin winter took out a tree this spring. Just three weeks before the tours, John took down the dead tree without harming a single leaf on the hostas. He must have a very delicate hand with the chain saw. Walking on to the driveway we were greeted with the smiling WDS volunteer work crew serving water, snacks and the forever popular Wisconsin Cheese Curds. This regional snack was an unusual treat for people who never tasted them before, especially when they squeaked.

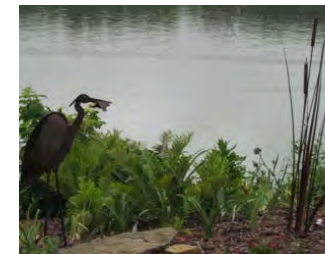
Moving to the right of the driveway we walked through a pine-shaded area planted with hostas and ferns. Arriving in the back you could see why this area is so popular. The view through the trees opened onto Lake Wisconsin down below the gardens. Diane didn't stop her garden at the top of the steep incline but proceeded to plant it with the ever hardy *hemerocallis*. The switchback pathway to the boathouse is partially shaded so she has included hostas, *cimicifuga* trilliums, and Jack in the Pulpit along with a special plant called *Astelboides* which has leaves as big as rhubarb and blooms with a stalk of tiny white flowers. Upon reaching the boathouse many a guest rested taking in the glorious view. It is a favorite place for Diane and John to sit in the evening with a cup of tea or a glass of wine to watch the sunset. It's no wonder that a fellow on the tour offered to buy the house but then counter-offered asking if Diane would adopt him instead.



Photo by Barb Buikema



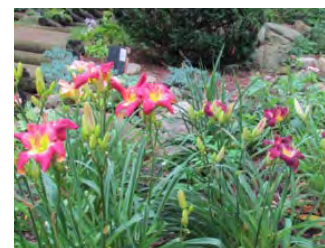
Photo by Barb Buikema



Perfectly placed sculptural components



A calm shade area



*A beautiful clump
I did not mark the name down*



*A Beautiful front garden bed
Bottom five photos by Rhonda Veroeven*

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John and Diane Goodman's Gem on Lake Wisconsin- Continued

Heading back up the incline you could take the stepped area with the daylilies to the right and step off onto the hill to view them more closely, that is, if you felt like a mountain goat and are sure of foot. Approaching the relatively flat back lawn you see Diane's seedling bed in front of the expertly landscaped yard behind the house. They share the area with two types of lilacs, a tri-colored willow, spirea, yews, blue rug juniper, and coral bells. In the morning Diane often has her tea in the living room looking down upon her seedlings, checking out which ones are opening and planning her day. At one end of the seedling bed are two cranes that remind Diane of her mother.

Coming around the other side of the house is a Zen garden of hosta and ferns, that flows into a Memory garden behind the garage. Each piece of garden art including a floral plate flower, ceramic Wellington boots, a topiary frame of a dog painted white to look like a West Highland Terrier, a ladybug and a pink flamingo on the deck, was chosen to remind Diane of a special person (or dog) in her life.

Coming back around to the driveway people were talking about the 500 plus daylilies they had seen and Diane's vision with all her hard work to put it all together. Soon the bus captains blew the whistle to remind us we had to turn in our Englerth ballots and return to the bus to be on our way to the next garden.



Another perfect vignette



Entrance to the Zen garden



*Amazing view of
Lake Wisconsin*

The Garden of Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz *by Barb Buikema*

As we drove up to this charming home on a quiet tree-lined street in Madison, Wisconsin, our host and hostess, Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz, were there to greet us. As we got off the bus our eyes immediately were drawn to the left as this lovely garden was packed with beautiful guest daylilies. Rosemary instructed us to follow the side path which had several varieties of beautiful hostas that would bring us to the stunning backyard.

We were also told to look for several beautiful pieces of art and sculptures that the Kleinheinz had acquired on many of their trips.

I stopped abruptly at the top of the path to see a beautiful array of daylilies of which there are over 250 different varieties as well as 200 various hostas that grace this half acre lot. With the billowy clouds, the azure blue sky, and the sun shining brightly, the view was just amazing. The beautiful daylily beds were an array of colors, textures and sizes all in meticulous, manicured beds.

Each daylily was clearly marked which I so appreciated.

There were several places nestled in both the daylily beds and hosta beds that you could just sit, relax and admire the beauty!



*Since their garden sign
wasn't visible, Barb
Buikema made this
creative "sign"*



*Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz
Photo by Barb Buikema*

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The Garden of Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz -Continued

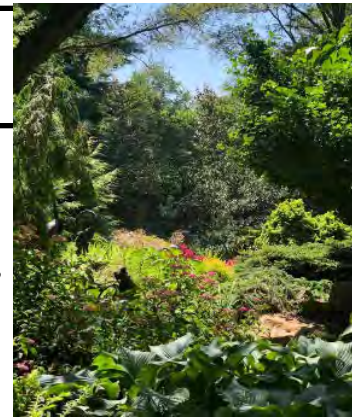
From the far reaches of the garden looking back up towards the house, a waterfall cascaded down toward a Koi pond that was surrounded by several different daylilies, hosta, and conifers. It was truly a serene sound.

I traveled up the far left side of the house and looked down at our attendees enjoying every inch of this incredible garden.

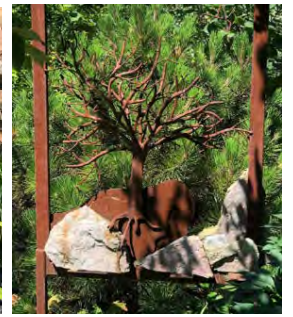
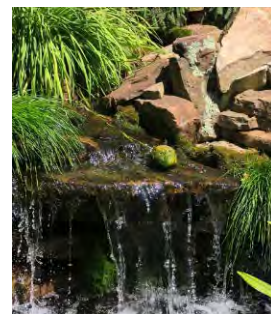
When I reached the top there was a lovely metal tree framed in wood one of my favorite pieces! Each piece of art that the Kleinheinz have in their garden was placed perfectly to enhance the daylilies, companion flowers, and hostas around it.

I so enjoyed going up to the balcony to overlook this very impressive garden. I was glad that Rosemary and Tom had a before picture of what the garden used to look like and what it is today it is truly a magnificent garden and a true labor of love.

Thank you so very much for allowing us to share and enjoy the beauty of your garden.



*All Kleinheinz photos by
Barb Buikema*



Francis and Genni Kleckner's Work in Progress Gardens

by Mary Duggan

Friday, July 12, off we went to our second garden to tour. Paul Owen “pops” on to our bus and welcomes us to “The Kleckner’s Garden,” in his next breath, he explains about the Wisconsin weather, what a challenge it has been, an experience for him to stay, help this past week prepping the garden for the National, that their gardens truly live up to their garden's name, ‘Work in Progress Gardens,’ and that we will enjoy today’s visit! Whohoo!

I was first amazed at the size of land Genni & Francis’ garden sat on. Right away it showed a lot of time, dedication, love for gardening and each other. As I walked through, my eyes just were trying to capture all the kaleidoscope of color from the blossoms that were in bloom, which was wonderful seeing so many since bloom time was so far behind.



Photos by Barb Buikema



*Francis and Genni Kleckner
photo by Barb Buikema*

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Francis and Genni Kleckner's Work in Progress Gardens- Continued

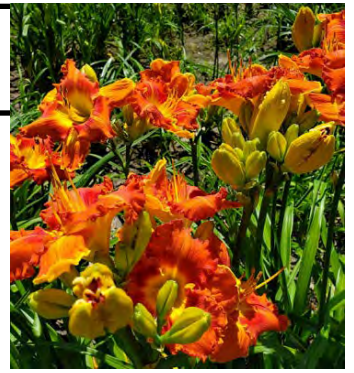
I noticed that their garden had a wide variety of miniature daylilies. There was a number planted by the Stamiles. These made me stop and say, "Aren't you the sweetest, prettiest little face." Some of the collection included *Little Menehume*, *Little Raven*, *Madeline Nettles Eye*, *Magic Elf*, and *Small Gesture*. This was an exquisite mixture of colors showing lavenders with blues and pinks, oranges with purples, creams and orchid, melon pink with rose, and deep black red. The miniatures may be tiny but they are BEAUTIFUL and MIGHTY!!!

As I traveled through other areas of the Kleckner's Garden, I noticed ALL of the seedling beds in various stages of development. I realize all of the detailed work that takes just to do THAT part of gardening let alone all the other areas they have going on..which brings me to their 2012 introduction, *H. Flaming Pumpkins*. It was in bloom for us. A whole big patch of it, for our visit in all its glory: bright orange, bright orange eye, ruffled burnt orange edge that had an outer edge of gold, yellow throat...It was SPECTACULAR!

I stumbled upon two other daylilies that made me stop...well one made me chuckle laugh out loud and the other stopped me in my tracks. The chuckler was a daylily named *H. Speedo Wardrobe Malfunction* by David Jewell, standing there in all his big bloom glory of orange and yellow, two of my favorite colors, and the more I looked at it, the more I chuckled!!! There was a gentleman next to me laughing also with a few comments-a true classic 'National Moment.' Needless to say, I really liked Mr. Speedo! The "Stop Me In My Tracks" daylily" was *H. Scarlet Pimpernel* by Nan Ripley. It is an unusual form, royal garnet red above a yellow, green throat. It was in bloom with over 15 or so blooms and just absolutely GORGEOUS. I would also like to someday add this to my UF garden.

At this point I knew our time was short, so I ventured on up the hill to the front of their home to view all of the beautiful gardens to welcome guests to their home. In the back, I found a three to four high tiered garden, the length of their yard, full of daylilies that have been transplanted at various times from the front for various reasons. It was another sea of beautiful color in bloom, all different sizes & varieties. It was very obvious to me at that point that their gardens truly live up to their name of "Work in Progress Gardens." I had a brief moment to talk to them that day, I so enjoyed to share a bit of time with them.

In closing, I found that each garden I visited had its own unique, special quality which makes each garden so precious, near and dear to the owner's hearts. Thank you to all who opened their BEAUTIFUL GARDENS and shared them with us.



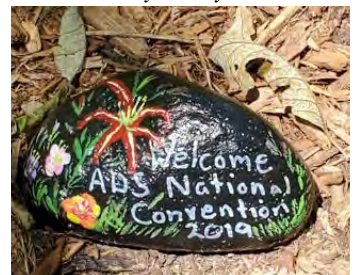
H. Flaming Pumpkins
Photo by Becky Robinson



Beautiful Metal Art
Photo by Rhonda Veroeven



Unknown daylily clump
Photo by Becky Robinson



Painted Rock
Photo by Becky Robinson



Attendees enjoying the view
Photo by Becky Robinson



THREE BUSES Oh My!
Photo by Becky Robinson

And We Even Had Award Winners!

By: Rhonda Verreven



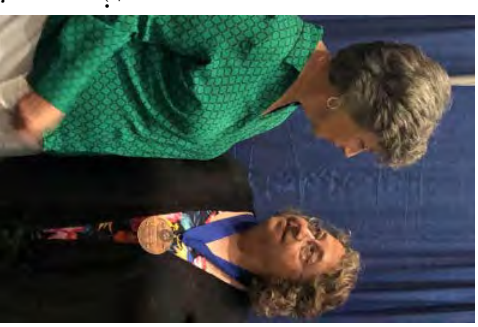
H. Fun Fling
Photo by Conrad

Our first award winner was our very own Conrad Wrzesinski. He won the Multi Bloom Photography Award with his amazing photo of two perfect booms of *H. Fun Fling* which is a 1981 Childs' introduction. This just goes to prove that some of the more vintage daylilies really can stand up against the new hybrids. Did you know that Conrad also has photos that appear in these three books published through ADS? Landscaping with Daylilies by Oliver Billingslea, The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies by Oliver Billingslea, and The Open Form Daylily by Oliver Billingslea. Congratulations on being such a fantastic photographer, Conrad. Your photos are simply breathtaking!



Winning Seedling
Photo Provided by Genni

Our second winner was one of our most shy members. Genni Kleckner won the Region 2 Hybridizing Excellence Award, The Englerth Award. Since 1987, Region 2 hybridizers have entered their seedlings in this annual competition. Its purpose is to encourage and promote Region 2 hybridizers – both amateurs and professionals alike. It is named in memory of Michiganders, Lawrence and Winifred Englerth, who were hybridizers, growers, and promoters of daylilies. The bed was located in the front garden at the Goodmans along with the sign and ballot chest. All conventioners voted, ballots were counted, and Genni came out victorious! It was about time for her to earn some national recognition, and it was at the perfect convention for it to happen as well!



*Gail Braunstein awarding
Genni the Englerth Award.*
Photo from Region 2 FB page

Our Sale was Another Success

By: Monique Warrnke

The Wisconsin daylily sale was held at a new venue: Olbrich Park. The board and the plant sale crew knew that the move to Olbrich Park might have some challenges to our normal routine. Yes, there was about 2 hours of unsteadiness, but the well-oiled machine kicked into gear and we where OFF! The processing of the plants went as smooth as silk, we where ready for Saturday's big sale by 5 p.m. on Friday! Our lovely member from Michigan, Barb Buikema, came and helped

us again this year with our sale, she is a lovely asset to the club. We missed Adele Keohan this year at the sale, she was busy with the AHS journal covering the National convention that was held here this year! She has promised me that she will return next year no matter what! The hospitality tent rocked the sale again this year. The ladies that run the hospitality tent are top notch and deserve to take a bow. Genni Kleckner would like to extend a huge thank you to Barb



Plant Prep
Photo by Monique Warrnke



Jeanne, Judy, and June are ready for customers
Photo by Monique Warrnke



Can't beat the view
Photo by Monique Warrnke

Our Sale was Another Success- Continued



Rhonda, Jacob, Jim, and Monique



Rosemary working hard



Deb and Katie

Kaja, Carol Alvin, Peggy Lemon, and Marla Robinson for all of their help in the hospitality tent. We would like to thank Genni too!

On Saturday morning the line to the sale was the largest I had ever seen, since I have been active in the sale. There were shoppers from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana! Everyone was extremely excited to get first dibs at the plants that were for sale. We had many curious people from the park and the Bier Garden, our knowledgeable group talked many into purchasing plants and some to even join the club! At the end of the day they ended up being some of our best customers!

Sunday Morning when the sale began it was a little cloudy and cool, this however did not dampen the buying spirit of shoppers. Plants were donated to Habitat for Humanity, the Bier Garden and the Madison Parks department, the left over plants

(which were only a large garbage bag of plants) were donated to the Madison Police department. Our new members Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise came up from Illinois to visit and of course purchase plants. They ended up helping us shut down and clean up after our VERY successful sale.

We had a beautiful view of Lake Monona, at times it was just breath taking to see such a wonderful sight. Many people commented on how their feet didn't hurt like they use to at the old venue. This year's sale was a huge success, every one of our club members should be proud of this event. We have been told that we can claim this sale as the largest daylily sale in the United States!

I would like to tip my hat to all of the volunteers, without you there wouldn't be a sale. THANK YOU!



The tent was regularly filled with shoppers!



Look at that line just to get started!!!

Looking for Nominations

By: Rhonda Veroeven

While we veered from traditional donations the last two years to donate to the Region 2 Newsletter Fund, it is time to again think of how we would like to donate our 5% of our net sales of our annual daylily sale. Tradition states that it should be a non-profit organization with a horticultural mission. Please consider nominating an organization. To do this, you simply need to send an email to Rhonda Veroeven at purpleirises1@yahoo.com with a small blurb about the organization and why it would be a good fit for our donation. We will vote on this at the annual meeting in October, so please send the nominations sooner than later.

WDS Motion to Change Membership Bylaws Notice

By WDS Board of Directors

A Reminder from the Summer Newsletter---WDS Motion to change Membership Bylaws:

Item 1-While updating our current members list it was noted in recent years, when new members signed up at the yearly sale, the membership was extended through the following year. According to our bylaws, the new membership should only extend through December 31st of the current year. To resolve this problem we are making a motion as a board to revise our bylaws.

A motion has been approved by our board to read, "New Memberships shall extend through the following calendar year when purchased on or after the official sale dates for the current year. Any new memberships paid before the sale dates shall be for the current calendar year. Renewals paid anytime during the current calendar year shall be only for the current calendar year."

Item Number 2-Regarding Adding a Wisconsin Daylily Society Lifetime Membership. The Board would like to extend the opportunity of voluntarily purchasing a lifetime membership to its members. The cost of an Individual Lifetime Membership would be \$120. A Family Lifetime Membership would be \$150. We will also be voting on this item at the annual meeting in October.

Board of Directors' Vacancies

By: Rhonda Veroeven

After a long wait due to putting a hold on elections to keep continuity through the national convention, we now have the need to hold an election for four seats on the Board of Directors. Three members have been long-time board members and are not eligible to run again according to our bylaws. Members that are not able to run and will be vacating their positions include; President-Rhonda Veroeven, Secretary-Lane Revenal, and Member-At-Large-Sharon Lonergan. Wilma Brouwer-Herwig also has a term ending and can run again should she choose.

At the time of writing this newsletter, there were no accepted nominations by completing a write-up for the newsletter for the members to make an informed decision prior to voting. Due to this, there will be only write-in candidates for the board. If you are willing to step into helping the board run, please consider letting the attendees know that you are interested in filling one of the open spots. I will be giving time during the voting session so that interested parties can share their interests and give a little blurb about themselves so that the members can make an informed decision.

It is important to note that the board has a meeting approximately once per month and makes fiscal decisions that directly impact the membership. Having a voice in that process is wonderful. The board strives to work collaboratively, efficiently, and effectively; and always has the best interest in the present and future of the club in mind while always respecting its amazing history.



Membership News

By WDS Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has been working in tandem with our new Registrar, Laima Rozkains, to refresh and update our membership roster. We also gained MANY new members at the plant sale. We will get those updates in the upcoming issue of our newsletter, but there are four new members to note that we gained at our national convention. The board of directors unanimously agreed that there were four individuals that went above and beyond the call of duty to help our club with the national and has gifted them each with a three-year family membership. Our new members are:

David Jewell-99 Russell St W Lindsay, ON Canada K9V 2X5, 1-715-340-8373

Jacob Braun (Jim Cruise)- 2066 Township Rd 1700 E, Wyoming, IL 61491

Paul Owen 2810 Hollis Rd, Shelby, NC 28150 (704) 477-9939

Scott and Dominique Elliott-658 Edward Smith Rd.Ellabell, GA 31308 912-596-7252



Photo Contest Change Proposal

By WDS Board of Directors

The Board of Directors received several requests to please consider making a change in the photo contest categories. The contest currently features three categories. Category 1 - Close up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background. Category 2 - Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background. 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. The Board of Directors would like to propose that Category 3 be split into two separate categories. So the new categories would be: Category 1 - Close up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background. Category 2 - Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background. 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. We will vote on these changes at the October board meeting.

New WDS Legacy Award?

By WDS Board of Directors

After the financial success of our national convention, we will be making some decisions on how to best utilize the funds. We will be determining where the donations will be made and the amounts of the donations. The board has determined that we will be making our usual donations, and add more to the Region 2 Newsletter Fund (amount to be determined), and to ADS. We will be earmarking the donation for a specific need and amount which will be determined by the board. In addition to this, the board would like to start a legacy. We would like to propose that WDS sponsor an Individual Cultivar Award to be voted on annually by the Garden Judges through ADS. In working with ADS, we would like to propose that we sponsor the "Wisconsin Multiform Award" in which garden judges would 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. According to ADS: This term is used where the daylily in question has been registered correctly as exhibiting two or more of the forms spider, unusual form, polyanthus, or double.

Examples of a multiform daylily would be one that is both a spider and an unusual form, or a polyanthus double.



**MEAL RESERVATION FOR WDS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING,
SATURDAY, October 26th at 12:00 P.M.
Buck & Honey's 800 W Broadway Suite 300, Monona, WI 53713**

**Registrations must be received by October 11th
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED**

**There will be appetizers provided during the social portion
before the meeting from 11:30-12:00.**

- The board decided on a wonderful buffet so you will have choice in your meal. The buffet will include salad, rolls & butter, stuffed chicken, beef medallions with marsala wine sauce, roasted pork loin, seasonal vegetables, and roasted red potatoes. Water will be provided, other beverages will be at your cost. We will have a variety of cakes for dessert. In lieu of the buffet, a vegetarian meal can be chosen. It will be rainbow tortellini pasta.
 - Buck and Honey's has limited seating, so registration is limited to the first 110 people. If you register after that point, you will be placed on a wait list.
 - Please do not register until after the September 21st Adoption/Auction meeting as Certificates of Appreciation will be handed out to those in attendance. If you are not able to attend, your certificate will be mailed, so please wait for that.
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Name (Please print clearly): _____

_____ Lunch Buffett _____ Vegetarian

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_____ Lunch Buffett _____ Vegetarian

of Meals @ \$26 _____ Total Cost of meals _____

Less _____ Certificates of Appreciation Enclosed Ck Amt _____

(NO WDS \$ are accepted as payment for the Annual Meeting)

Mail this form & payment to Rhonda Veroeven 6674 Windsor Ridge Lane, Windsor, WI 53598 Any Questions? Call Rhonda @ 1-608-345-0395 or email @ purpleirises1@yahoo.com



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