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and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis*

President's Minute

by Mike Stafford

Despite our lack of “official” events, I’m sure our members have had a busy summer in their gardens. With ample rain, abundant sun, and sometimes Florida-like heat, our favorite flower had the perfect opportunity to show us why it is that. In my garden, several cultivars from our friends in Michigan showed their “chops” after some transplant issues, and my current fave “Little Giggles” doubled in size, throwing out multiple scapes with buds, showing deep magenta sunfast flowers for a month—fantastic ! Several of our members had open gardens, Carole Hunter, Lisa Imhoff, Bobbi Raasch & Monique Warnke come to mind. I hope other members were able to partake of their hospitality and enjoy what those gardens had to offer.....social distancing observed of course. As of this writing, “Autumn Minaret” & “Intense Orange Gold” are producing color for my backyard, their soft yellow and deep gold colors providing harbingers of fall and the end of our season. Here’s hoping that our members remain safe and hopefully we’ll be able to enjoy everyone at “official “ events soon. Be well, people.

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Upcoming WDS Events

**October 16, 2020-7:00pm-Practice Zoom training
for Annual Meeting** (Attendees will learn how to
navigate Zoom) See article for details.

**October 17, 2020 1:00 pm WDS Annual Meeting
Virtual on Zoom** See article or details.

January 23, 2021 Hybridizer's Showcase 1 West
Ag, Noon

**February 13, 2021 Hybridizer's Showcase 2 and
Photo Contest** West Ag., Noon

**March 13, 2021-Kirsten Hatfield-Dorsets and
Daylilies**, Zanesville, OH SOMS, Noon.

**April 10, 2021-Scott Elliott-Scott Elliott Daylilies
at Maneki Neko Gardens** Ellabelle, GA SOMS,
Noon.

May- Bobby Scott, Jr.-Topguns Daylilies Yukon,
OK SOMS Noon.

June 12, 2021-National Guest Plants Auction,
Place TBD, Noon.

July 9-11, 2021 -Region 2 Summer Meeting, More
info will be coming

Aug 7, 2021-WDS Annual Adoption-Auction,
SOMS, Noon (Please arrive early with your
previously adopted plants to allow the set up team to
be ready by noon)

Aug 21-2021-WDS Plant Sale
Saturday 10-4, Sunday 11-3 Olbrich Park

**October 2, 2021- WDS Annual Meeting- David
Kirchhoff and Mort Morss Daylily World**,
Lawrenceburg, KY more info coming.

COVID Requires a New Way of Coming Together!

By: Rhonda Veroeven

Well, this has certainly been a year of unprecedance. First, let me share my hopes that every one of our members finds themselves safe and healthy during this pandemic. Be safe and please take all precautions to keep yourselves well. Your board of directors has had to make some very heartbreaking decisions over this past year, and none came easily. Canceling events was not something we took lightly, and ultimately, we came to the conclusion that everyone's safety was our utmost priority.

While we did have to cancel our in-person annual meeting, we are required by our bylaws to hold a meeting. The board decided to have a virtual meeting for this purpose. We do have business items that do need to be addressed and will take place during that meeting as is generally done in-person.

To make this workable for everyone, we are going to have a Zoom training evening on Friday, October 16th at 7:00 pm The following is the link to the zoom meeting (Our president will be sending a reminder to all members through Conrad with this information as well)

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93309659036?pwd=RDg4VjlveTkrVHdRdmxoMzZ6eGkrZz09>

Meeting ID: 933 0965 9036

Passcode: 8675309

This meeting will help any members that have no prior experience with Zoom before, or may be unsure of it. I will be running a training session to give the basics. Also, this gives plenty of time for those without technology to access it so they can attend the event as well. I do not anticipate that this will take more than an hour, but I will be available to answer any questions as late as I need to go!!!

Then, on Saturday, October 17th, at 1:00 pm (what was the normal time of our annual meeting) we will be holding the actual WDS Annual Business Meeting. Your voice is incredibly important to us and we hope you are all able to attend! The link for that meeting is as follows (Our president will be sending a reminder to all members through Conrad with this information as well):

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91584957298?pwd=RWsrM3ovMXZEVVv2a0pHWFdySXkyZz09>

Meeting ID: 915 8495 7298

Passcode: 8675309

As previously mentioned, this has been a challenging year, and it has forced us to look at trying things in new ways! The void that is felt from not seeing each other is felt far and wide. Hopefully seeing each other---albeit through a computer screen---will help with the sense of missing one another so terribly much!

Also, be on the lookout in your email in the near future, for the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, as well as the financial report. They will most likely be coming out separately.



h. Wildman George (Elliott-S)



h. Aaron's Little Whopper (Joiner-A)



h. Indecisive (Kleckner)

Together We Can Do Difficult Things

By: Rhonda Veroeven

As we know, this year we were unable to have our annual plant sale. We want you all to rest assured that due to the finances we pulled in from the 2019 national convention, we are sitting fine financially and even though we didn't have our annual fundraiser, we are confident we can still have a vibrant schedule of events which will include speakers, food, and maybe even offset some travel expenses. All of that will be determined at the next board of director's meeting after the annual meeting to discuss and set the 2021 annual budget.

Not having the sale really had an effect on one of our tour gardens in particular. The Kleckners needed to remove about 60 clumps that they had only kept because of the national convention last year, and had plants all potted up that needed to go in those spaces. There was no way for them to keep them, so the choice was to compost them or move them. A group of volunteers assembled to remove and carefully label each clump. Social distancing occurred as best as we could given the fact that we were digging out some major big clumps and needed to assist one another.

The next day, another group of volunteers assembled to do the job of replanting them. It is important to note that the UW West Agricultural Station, where we hold many of our meetings, volunteered to create a large bed for us to plant the daylilies in. Just so you all are aware, the board of directors approved a donation in appreciation for their efforts and partnership.

The feelings of seeing each other for the first time since lockdown was palpable. To see a handful of other club members brought me so much joy that I didn't care that I was digging daylilies and holes in the heat...being around club members was the highlight of this event.

It is with extreme gratitude that we thank the Kleckners for their amazing donation to next year's plant sale, the group of volunteers that came together to make it happen, and to West Ag for their partnership! Together, we can successfully do difficult things!



Monique Warnke, Steven King, Mike Stafford, and Francis Kleckner lopping, bagging and labeling the plants



Genni Kleckner resting after digging out a MONSTER clump of daylilies!!!



The planting crew makes a plan



All of the new plants are tucked into their new homes and are well-labeled.

WDS Motion to Change Membership Bylaws Notice

By WDS Board of Directors

WDS's Board of Directors are proposing the following Motions to change Membership Bylaws:

Both items deal with the Board of directors:

Item Number 1:

Article VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Item F currently states: Vacancies: Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by action of the remaining Directors with the term of the appointment limited to that of the Director being replaced.

The board would like to make a motion that the wording be changed to the following: Item F Vacancies: Given the nominating committee has completed an exhaustive search, and given that there are not enough interested individuals to fill open positions, those current board members whose positions are ending may continue to hold their positions with a majority vote of the current board members. Terms will be a full two-year term. If vacancies occur outside of the normal voting timeline, the Board of Directors shall be filled by action of the remaining Directors with the term of the appointment limited to that of the Director being replaced.

Item Number 2:

This is also under Article VI Board of Directors, but there is no item currently in existence so this would become Item H if approved.

The board would like to make a motion that the addition of Item H under Article VI be added to state the following: Item H Board Expectations: Board of directors should be located within a reasonable distance so as to allow for regular attendance at board meetings and Wisconsin Daylily Society functions. It is an expectation that board members attend as many functions as possible.

Please be prepared to vote on these proposals at our Annual Meeting in October.



WDS Calendars Available for Purchase

The Wisconsin Daylily Society has once again put together their amazing calendars! If you have seen the calendars from previous years, you know that they are amazing and make fantastic gifts. There are a few additional details that are being planned to make these even better than the previous years'.

In order to get the very best deals, we want to order them in a large enough quantity, but do not want to be left with a huge surplus. For this reason, we are asking that you pre order your calendars. We haven't had to do this in previous years since we had plenty of opportunities in person to meet and distribute them. Since we will not have in-person meetings for sure until after the first of the year, we ask that you consider how many you would like to pre order. You are committing to the number you pre order. The club will only be ordering a limited number after the preorder numbers, so do not delay. When you see how wonderful these are, you will be sad if you didn't order any.

There will be multiple opportunities to have a socially distanced pick up around the Madison area. If you would like to have them shipped to you, there will be a \$10 charge for shipping. Each calendar is \$10. Sorry, WDS\$ are not accepted for calendars.

You must send your order and payment to Mike Stafford. He must RECEIVE the order by October 15th in order to ensure that there is enough time to get them in November so that they can be distributed well in advance of the holidays!!!



**Complete and return this portion of the form to Mike Stafford, 2521 Moland St. Madison, WI 53704
This form MUST BE RECEIVED by October 15th to ensure your order.**

Name (Please print clearly): _____

of calendars @ \$10 each _____

Total Cost of calendars _____

Shipping if applicable \$10

Total amount enclosed via check _____

(NO WDS \$ are accepted as payment for calendars)



Mail this form & payment to Mike Stafford, 2521 Moland St. Madison, WI 53704
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*"Everyone must take time
to sit and watch the
leaves turn."*

-Elizabeth Lawrence