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Hemerocallis

Weeds on Parade!



Jerry Doll will be here on **April 21** to talk about the note the change in date to the some shifting around this year. changed to the West Side Ag Research Station, located on Mineral Point Road. For those of you who are not familiar with the station, take the Beltline to Mineral Point Road exit and turn left at the stoplight at the bottom of the ramp onto Mineral Point going west. Stay on Mineral Point past the stoplight at Hwy M, and within a block you will see the Ag Research Station on the right.

weeds that drive us crazy. Please 21st of April, as we had to do Also note that the place is

Jerry Doll is a Professor in the Dept. of Agronomy who has written four books and many articles on weeds and management. He is primarily a researcher in weed management, so he can tell us what will kill the stubborn ones. His list of honors is extensive, including an Excellence in Teaching award, an Excellence in Research Award, Chairman of International Affairs Committee of the Weed Science Society of America, elected a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America in 2002, and coauthored a book on weeds of the world that was "best science book on the year" (continued at right)

2002 Calendar

- April 21 (Sunday) -1pm – Jerry Doll - Weeds You Know and Grow-West Side Research Station
- May 16 (Thursday)-7pm Olbrich– Doug Maxwell-Biotechnology
- June 13-Brown Bag Supper-TBA
- July 18-July 20 National Convention in Troy, Michigan
- July 14 (Sunday)- Daylily Show in Olbrich Atrium
- July 28-(Sunday) -Daylily Garden Tour
- August 4 (Sunday) - Picnic Potluck at West Agri-Research Building
- Aug. 10-11 –Daylily Sale-Olbrich Gardens
- Oct. 13-Annual Meeting with Gary Schaben

(Jerry Doll continued)

Jerry was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Columbia, and served with the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical as a research specialist in weed management in a number of tropical crops. He teaches a six-week short course on weed identification and management.

If you've been digging dandelions, harassing henbit, punishing poison ivy, or crushing crabgrass, come hear Jerry talk about methods you might not have thought of.

If the weeds are winning, come hear how to turn the tide. After all, who was it that said, "A weed is merely a flower in the wrong place." **Bring weeds you want identified.**

There will also be a drawing for gift certificates to another nursery, so wear your lucky shoes!

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Annual Meeting Announcement

Gary Schaben of Northwind Daylilies will be the speaker at our annual meeting on Oct. 13 at the Fitchburg Community Center. There will be more on Gary later, but his daylily NORTH-WIND DANCER is the hottest thing going in spiders.

Business Members' Annual Shopping Guide

Well, it's almost time to start thinking of spring!!!! So with that in mind, here are the business descriptions written by the nursery itself. All the businesses advertising here were rust-free in 2001, as you will see by their rust statements below.

The Flower Factory

The Flower Factory has 404 daylilies, 33 new for this year. In addition to daylilies, we have 3596 varieties of perennials including hostas, peonies, grasses, wildflowers, rock garden and water plants. We have 15 display gardens to show mature plants, demonstrating spacing, flower color, and plant combinations. We have 13 greenhouses and an acre of sales area and also a sandpile for young children.

We will be open for the season April 27 and close Sep. 30. Our hours will be Monday-Friday from 10-7 and Saturday and Sunday 10-6. We are located at 4062 Cty Hwy A, 1.5 miles east of Hwy 14 south of Oregon. To get a catalog, call 1-608-873-8329. We don't have a website or e-mail. We don't ship; you have to come out and visit us. We were inspected by the Dept. of Ag in 2001 and declared rust-free. Nancy and David Nedveck

Earthspirit Farm

Earthspirit Farm is Jean's plantaholic dream come true. When you come to Earthspirit, you will find 630 named varieties of daylilies (with 307 of those for sale), about 5000 daylily seedlings, 75 varieties of hosta, a number of small ornamental shrubs, peony seedlings, Lloyd Ravet's iris cultivars, and limited numbers of around 60 other perennials for sale. There are over 20 display gardens including a rock garden and a woodland garden with several thousand perennials of all sorts inhabiting them.

Earthspirit Farm will open May 16th on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am-4pm or by appointment. It will close in mid-September. It is located about 10 miles south of the Madison Beltline. Take Hwy 14 past the 138 exit, and one mile further down Hwy 14, you will come to Oak Hill Road. Go left on Oak Hill for 1/2 mile. ES is on the right-hand side of the road. If you aren't already on the mailing list, you can get a catalog by calling (608)835-8907 or e-mailing me at bdn7458@mailbag.com. I was declared rust-free by the Dept. of Ag in 2001. Jean

Enchanted Valley Gardens

Enchanted Valley Gardens is located on the northern edge of Evansville, just off Hwy 14. The nursery grows a wide range of perennials, annuals, herbs, roses, water plants, and trees. They grow many acres of daylilies. They do mail order for daylilies, and a catalog can be obtained by calling 608-882-4200 or e-mailing them at evgdaylily@aol.com. Their address is 9123 N. Territorial Rd., Evansville, WI 53536. From Madison, go south on Hwy 14 to Bullard. Take Bullard to Territorial, and turn right. Their hours are: M-F 8:30 am -7pm; Saturday and Sunday 9-4. They open for the season on April 19th and close November 30th. Owners are Al Dahmen and Steve Evers. They were declared rust-free by the Dept. of Ag in 2001.

Epiphany Farm

Epiphany Farm will be open from the first of June until mid August. Of course, most bloom will be in July but we will be open for sales from June onward (catalogue/mail order anytime). We have several hundred named varieties, though we list about 200 in our brochure we have others for sale-they are the introductions of others and, this year, we are adding several of our own new introductions. We also bloom thousands of seedlings every year and there should be a substantial crop of new ones this year. In June and July and early August we will be open 9-4 on Fridays through Sundays and other times by appointment (262) 593-8010. I don't have any sign of rust on anything as of this date.

Our address is N2508 Frommader Rd. Ft. Atkinson, WI 53538. Address: go about 9 miles east of Ft. Atkinson on Hwy 106 just past the tiny village of Hebron, WI and we're the first house after you turn south on Frommader Rd. It's a blue house on the top of a hill. catalogues are free, just write, phone, or email for one mbpowell@execpc.com. Bill and Mary Powell

Plant Sale

The Westside Garden Club is having their annual plant sale on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11 from 8 am to 2 pm. The sale will take place at 3918 Nakoma Road in Madison. It is near the junction between Nakoma Road and Seminole Highway. The Club sells mostly perennials, many of which come out of their own gardens.

Native Plant Sale

The Friends of the Arboretum Society is holding a native plant sale on May 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be over 100 varieties of native plant species for sale, including woodland flowers, ferns, prairie plants, and native shrubs.

Some Rebloomers in Gail Korn's Garden (p7 article)

ABSOLUTE ZERO	MONICA MARIE
BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS	PORCELAIN RUFFLES
COTTON JENNY	MYNELLE'S STARFISH
DIVA ASSOLUTA	VANILLA CANDY
ELEGANT FINALE	ORNATE RUFFLES
JET SIGNAL	RUFFLED CAROUSEL
CHICAGO APACHE	JOLYENE NICHOLE
HAWAIIAN PARTY DRESS	HAPPY REBEL
PARDON ME	KAREN LYNNE
SCARLET ORBIT	OPEN HEARTH
ADA BEYER	BARBARA MITCHELL
DECATUR CHERRY SMASH	JANICE BROWN
CANDIDE	LATE AGAIN
STRAWBERRY CANDY	PROUD PRINCESS
PINK ATTRACTION	PINK BALLERINA
SWEET SUGAR CANDY	YAZOO JIM TERRY
SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC	EGYPTIAN SPICE
NILE FLOWER	AMETHYST ART
CARROT	ANITRA'S DANCE

Board Brings Issues to Membership



At the January meeting of the WDS, the Board brought a number of issues to the membership to find out the direction the Board should proceed. The following were the results of the voting.

1. The members present voted overwhelmingly not to pay part of the registrations of members going to the National this summer. Members expressed concern about the continuing ramifications of rust on our money-raising activities, the large amount of money in payouts which benefit relatively few members, the possibility that we might endanger our tax-exempt status, and the thought that it should be a personal decision to go. The possibility of revisiting the idea in future years was broached, because the financial issues might not be as 'iffy' when more is known about rust.
2. The members present voted to continue to pay the cost of registration for the Board members as a thank-you for all the extra hours put in.
3. The members voted to cover the cost of the bus with payments from riders on the bus.
4. The members present expressed strong interest in spending society money to obtain nationally-known speakers, particularly on daylilies.

Bus Riders To Michigan— The hand-out sheet for the National in Michigan says that the pick-up in Verona will be at the fire station. The **pick-up will be at the City Hall** which is on Lincoln St. (it's where we got picked up last year) Hiram Percy



Web Updates

The Wisconsin Daylily web site (www.wisdaylilysoc.org) is being updated with pictures and the calendar of events for 2002. Links include: American Hemerocallis Society and Region Two web sites, the WDS web site, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Allen Centennial Gardens, UW - Madison Department of Entomology Insect and Diagnostic Lab. The latest information on daylily rust can also be accessed through a link to Sue Bergeron's web site. If you have trouble viewing the WDS web site because your browser does not support frames use the web address: www.wisdaylilysoc.org/daylilies_content Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski

According to a study examining sudden death in King County, Washington, people who gardened for at least an hour a week had a 66% lower risk of death, compared with sedentary individuals



Garden Expo



The Garden Expo again filled February with green, ponds, brochures, and garden hardware. Cynthia Henson and Jean Bawden acted as co-chairs, which worked out wonderfully because neither one was overwhelmed. A new addition this year was inviting the business members of the society to bring hand-outs. The booth was also set up slightly differently than in previous years, since we had two booth spaces. The new set-up yielded a much more open feeling to the space.

The co-chairs both put in a lot of hours planning, creating posters, and running off copies of brochures as well as being there for delivering the booth, setting up, and taking down. (Cynthia was a dream to work with. She has done a terrific job for several years on the booth).

In addition, there were lots of people who made the whole thing run smoothly. Our pick-up/set-up/take-down crew consisted of Tom Kleinheinz, Tom Yaeger, Gene Dewey, Lloyd Ravet, Martha Maxwell, Vern Lowell, Sally Yaeger, Don Sanner, John Sheehan, Phyllis Sanner, Sylvia Lowell. The people who donated things for the booth or worked at the booth or created the brochures included Richard Berling, Paul Meske, Gene Woehler, Kathi Dwelle, Hiram Percy, Pat O'Connor, Conrad Wrzesinski, Jim Frautschy, Kathleen Marshall, Ruth Horrall, Betty Hansen, Don Hansen, Dan Maahs, Carole Maahs, Bill Powell, Mary Powell, Phyllis Sanner, Don Sanner, Gene Dewey, Vern Lowell, Judy Ravet, and Lloyd Ravet. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my humble apologies; Cynthia and I went through the many volunteers right after the event, so please contribute any lapses in our memories to our ages! We really appreciated the many gifts volunteered!

Want Ads

For Sale: Left-over material for making a trough, along with recipe and how-to.....\$5. Respond to Metje Butler 244-3659

To Buy: I am putting in 3 large new gardens and would like to buy divisions of plants from people's gardens to fill up my new space. I'm interested in just about any perennial. Please call Eileen Schnabel at 835-9549 if you have any plants you want to divide and sell or if you know others who might want to. Thanks!!

Free: Complete set of Daylily Journals from 91-present. Complete set of Region 2 Newsletters.....to give away. Gene Woehler 238-8672

For Sale: Small sailboat-Sunflower -best offer over \$75. Brand new canoe and paddles-\$250 Call Jean Bawden. Ph. 608-835-8907



AHS 2002 Winter Symposium

by John Sheehan

During the first weekend in March the AHS Region 2 Winter Symposium was held in Cleveland, Ohio. This Symposium has been organized for the last three years by Curt Hanson and Juli Hyatt. Among the lucky attendees this year were WDS members Sylvia/Vern Lowell and John Sheehan.

The Winter Symposium provides you with the opportunity to rub elbows with some of the major movers and shakers of the daylily hybridizing world--David Kirchhoff, Mort Morss, Jeff Salter, Curt Hanson, Luddy Lambertson, Ned Roberts, Darrell Apps, Larry Grace, etc.; as well as (and perhaps more important to daylily growers living in Wisconsin) to meet and talk shop with many of the fine hybridizers of Region 2 including Don Jerabek, Greg McMullen, Richard Norris, Leo Sharp, Dan Bachman, Ric Adams, Rick Yost, Gary Schaben, Jamie Gosard, and Karol Emmerich. These folk, some of whom are not on the Daylily Hybridizer's Who's Who Top 20 List, are extremely important to those of us living in the colder regions of the U.S. because they are breeding daylilies that will not only look gorgeous BUT will also thrive in the North. And, even if you are an unknown WDS Member from Fitchburg, there are great opportunities to get together with 4 or 5 of the Region 2 Hybridizers at the Hotel Watering Hole to discuss hybridizing programs. What is really great about these get-togethers is that eventually you actually are asked, "John, what are **you** interested in producing with **your** daylily crosses?" Wow! That does not happen when I am in the hallway trying to make small talk with Jeff Salter or David Kirchhoff!

The Symposium also gives us a chance to view slides of the latest 2002 daylily introductions and seedlings to be introduced in the next year or two as well as to have a chance to bid on some of the most recent daylily Introductions donated by many of the hybridizers in attendance.

Most importantly, however, the Winter Symposium provides us with the chance to **LEARN SOMETHING**. Throughout the weekend presentations were made on a wide range of topics.

Luddy Lambertson discussed his view of daylily hybridizing from an artist's perspective. He was able to show us how his hybridization program blended in with his primary vocation as an artist -- He paints murals and other larger artwork for commercial buildings in the South. Luddy's daylily introductions are absolutely beautiful. (Boy, was he a surprise--I was expecting a frail, elder statesman--he turned out to be younger than I am--complete with pony tail.) Dare I say it? He looked like a hippie from the sixties.

Mort Morss, David Kirchhoff's partner at Daylily World in Florida, spoke on the topic of using one's imagination in designing a hybridization program. One **could** make daylily crosses by randomly pollinating plants throughout the garden--much like the bees accomplish it. However, that process would require great luck to produce daylily progeny that produce the oohs and aahs that we want to hear when guests view our gardens. Random pollination would also fail as a technique if we wanted to enhance already established, desirable, daylily char-

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acteristics. So, Mort's message was that the hybridizer must have the ability to visualize **ahead of time** what progeny might look like if a particular cross is made. This, of course, requires the hybridizer to have in his memory a clear image of what traits he wants to develop; detailed images of what the potential parents look like; and a thorough knowledge of the breeding tendencies of the parents. Mort calls this process having a good imagination. I call it working very hard for years mentally cataloging images of what you want to produce, what your parents look like, and remembering what parents produce what kids. A computer might help with some of this; however, it is, for the most part, a job for the computer between your ears. Having the ability to store and then recall and integrate all of these images is what makes a great hybridizer.

Fred Case came in from Saginaw, Michigan to share his adventures in studying North American Trilliums. Fred may be THE expert on trilliums in the U.S. For 30-40 years Fred and his wife have explored every nook and cranny of the U.S. cataloging the trillium. He is now 75; his wife sadly passed away recently. Fred showed many of the great slides he made in forests, mountain slopes, swamps and fields--many in secret locations. He, of course, took the opportunity on his travels to harvest samples of every trillium he found. As a result, he has amassed the most extensive collection of North American trilliums to be found.

Professor Steve Nameth of Ohio State University discussed the status of rust research taking place in his laboratory. For a discussion of this work, please see the accompanying article in this issue of the WDS Newsletter.

Darrel Apps, Leo Sharp, Steve Moldovan, Ned Roberts, Larry Grace each talked about their hybridizing programs. Some of these folks have been collecting and breeding daylilies for 40-50 years. Their beautiful daylily introductions reflect thousands of hours of effort.

Gerda Brooker, who recently lost her husband, Mal, showed slides of their garden and invited everyone to visit this summer. She was very brave to speak before a group of her peers so soon after her husband's death. Gerda wanted to let everyone know that she and her son, Mal Jr., would be carrying on the hybridizing program that she and Mal Sr. started.

Sharon Fitzpatrick showed slides from daylily gardens throughout Region 2 (There were even photos of Jean Bawden's beautiful plants at her "old" place in Madison!).

The Auction held on Saturday night was amazing. Probably one half of these daylilies being sold were donated from gardens KNOWN to be infected with daylily rust. And yet, bids flew from all over the room. Many, many, of the items sold for higher prices than quoted in the Eureka Price Guide! My wife was proud of me. I was under control--I bought only one plant--a 2002 Introduction from Ned Roberts called **MEDICINE FEATHER**. (and, I got it for 1/2 of the catalog price!).

. If you can fit it into your temporal and financial plans, be sure to attend--you will have a great time AND will learn a great deal!

A Note from Sally



Greetings! Spring is here!

I must warn my fellow gardeners, as I write this piece, that I garden by the seat of my pants—trial and error. I'm always trying to make my gardens better and also more self-sufficient and less needy of my time and presence. Creeping plants need to be circled with edging, reseeding flowers need their pods cut off after bloom, bulb foliage has to be able to die quietly behind something thriving and blooming and most important I vacuum or blow the garden off and on so maple trees, etc. don't sprout.

I put my garden to bed quite differently last fall--- we'll see what spring brings-- but I should have less work the beginning of the 2002 garden season. I put no leaves or mulch on and in fact shop-vacuumed the gardens late fall to get rid of mildewed foliage, dried leaves, and whatever had gone to seed and landed on the dirt. I left Autumn Joy Sedum and a couple of plants for effect but otherwise decided to enjoy my yard year round. I have buried my daylilies in leaves all years past. I usually would take my mulch off those warm days at the end of February so I didn't get yellow foliage. Freezing temps per se won't usually hurt my perennials -- it's really those few very low temperature days.

I planned to fertilize daylilies late fall after Rosemary Kleinheinz told me she does and also put something down for earwigs and slugs hoping it would seep down into their little homes. Did I or didn't I—don't think so—can't remember! (I love aging) I'll try to remember to do it next fall.

I garden with my plants close together so I can have more happening all spring-summer-fall. That makes my window of time to fertilize and put down diazinon, without hitting foliage, really small--it must be early spring. Some years I start broadcasting 10-10-10, sometimes time-release, and some years only do liquid like Miracle-Gro throughout the season. I always try to have some liquid foliage feeding times during the summer no matter what I do early spring.

I have daylilies both in a garden by themselves and mixed in perennial beds. Because my gardens are so crowded with plants, I feel daylilies really look better off by themselves where their foliage doesn't get in the way of something else trying to bloom.

People have occasionally asked me how come I have no weeds in my garden. First off, I shop-vac (blowing or vacuuming) my garden now and again-- when the crab apples, maple tree airplanes, berries, scabby leaves from the Thornless Hawthorn, etc. fall. Then, very early every morning I go out with my cup of coffee and say hello to all my plants, bend over, pick up weeds I spy and squish or drown slugs (in soapy water) that are slithering home after having breakfasted on my hostas! (Slug bait doesn't get all the slugs.) Because I garden close together, after the season gets going only the diligent weeds keep showing their faces.

I always say 'I HAVE NO MORE ROOM' and then I buy another plant, and another plant, and another plant ...and so it goes. Wisconsin Daylily Society Member, Sally Yaeger

New Members

The following people are new members this year. Please join me in welcoming them!

Patricia Dishaw, Sun Prairie
Diane & Tom Doyle, Middleton
Tim Fehr, Eau Claire
Michael Johnson, Madison
Deesa Price, Madison
Lauren & Ed Wysocki, Oregon
Janeen/Robert Wernimont
Winnie & Lowell Grass, Sauk City
Susan Gremmer, Winneconne
Perry Ann & Dennis Herschleb, Marshall
Holly Job, Verona
Suzanne Karcher, Madison
Maureen & Paul Mezera, Campbellsport
Janeen & Robert Wernimont, Blue River
Alice Kemna, Fort Atkinson
Francis/Giovanina(Genn) Kleckner

Excerpts from Gail Korn

I read a very interesting article in the DSSEW Newsletter from Gail Korn on getting rebloom in the north. I spoke to her and am giving you a short synopsis of her findings. Gail runs a nursery in Nebraska. I don't have the space to include the whole article, but will include some highlights.

"I have learned that I get more rebloom than many people in the north. What is different about my place? I think the answer is manure. If I had to start adding manure from scratch, I think I would look for a good source of horse manure. My second choice would be aged cow manure. I know another gardener who has amended his soil with all kinds of things to lighten it. He waters prodigiously. He didn't add manure. Little rebloom."

I used to get some rebloom. Since I started applying Milorganite, I get a lot more. I apply a half a cup of Milorganite in the spring around each new division and a full cup around established clumps. As you might expect (ed.note Milorganite is Milwaukee sludge), Milorganite contains the primary nutrients, ie. nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. It also contains secondary nutrients.

Alfalfa is one of the best things you can add to your soil, whether or not you let a horse or a cow process it first. Not only does it add organic matter, alfalfa is brimming with nutrients. One of these is Triacantanol, a plant growth stimulant. I now mix a couple of handfuls of alfalfa meal in the hole each time I plant a new daylily. I get a 40-pound bag for \$5.55 from the local elevator. If you go to your local garden center, you are likely to hear "Huh?"

I have not mentioned how much I water. I have always believed that one inch a week was adequate. Last summer, I invested in a couple of sprinklers that stand six feet high and spit water out in a 60-foot radius. I set the sprinklers to run all night. I will not begin to give the names of 96 of the daylilies that rebloomed here this season. I will tell you the ones that reliably repeat. I think it takes more than three years to pronounce a cultivar as a reliable rebloomer." Gail Korn (A list of some of Gail's rebloomers is given on page 2. If you would like to see the entire article, please see the DSSEW newsletter, or tell me and I will e-mail the entire article to you.