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gARY WITH A SMALL G IS COMING APRIL 26TH!

You don't want to miss our next meeting on April 26th at 1:00 pm at Savannah Oaks Middle School on Lacy Rd in Fitchburg. Gary Schaben's Garden With A Northern Exposure located in Monticello, MN, is dedicated to producing hardy daylilies of distinction and vigor. That's what we want!!

Gary's first introduction came out in 2000. By 2001 he had introduced H. 'Northwind Dancer' which went on to earn the Lambert Webster Award for the best unusual daylily at the 2007 National Convention. In 2011 Gary was awarded the Stout Silver Medal for 'Northwind Dancer'. The Stout is AHS's highest award.

H. 'Northwind County Fair', introduced in 2011, certainly must carry some of the same genes as the Stout winner. It has very similar color and the same cascading form. I am especially enamored with his 2013 introduction, H. 'Misbehavin'. Here's hoping he brings these to the meeting for us to bid on. To see more of Gary's daylilies, check out his website at frozendaylily.com.

Yes, he really does spell his first name with a small 'g'!

After the meeting all members are invited to a pot luck reception from 5 to 8 PM at the Best Western West Town Suites, 650 Grand Canyon Dr, Madison.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CHANGE

The WDS Board has decided that beginning with the June, 2014 edition of the newsletter all members with email will no longer have the option of receiving a paper copy delivered to them by the USPS. This is a cost saving measure. This makes it very important that everyone keep their email address up to date with WDS and Conrad Wrzesinski conradw@charter.net

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Above: H. 'Misbehavin'

Right: H. 'Northwind
County Fair'



Photos from gary's website

CARPENTER AND WALDROP AUCTION PLANTS

By Francis Kleckner

The plants that members won at the Carpenter and Waldrop auctions will be available for pick-up at the April 26th WDS meeting. If you will be unavailable to attend please make arrangements to have some pick up your plants for you. NONE of these plants will be potted and held for pickup at a later date.

If you have concerns regarding this please call or e-mail me. 608-739-9160 f.g.kleckner@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

- April 26th, Saturday 1:00 pm. Savannah Oaks School, Speaker: **gary Schaben, Gardens with A Northern Exposure**, Monticello MN
- May 17th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School, Speaker: **Eric Simpson, Cavalier Daylily Garden**, Elwood, IN
- June 15th **Garden Party**, West Madison Ag Station-
- June 25-28, **AHS 2014 National Convention**, Asheville, NC
- July 19th **Annual Garden Tour by bus**
- July 25-27th, **Region 2 Summer Meeting**, Green Bay, WI
- August 2nd, Saturday, Savannah Oaks School, **Adoption/Auction Program**,
- August 16-17th, **WDS Plant Sale**, Olbrich Gardens
- Oct. 18th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Cherokee Country Club, **Annual Meeting**, Speaker: **Curt Hanson, Crintonic Gardens**, Gates Mills, OH

Be sure to check our website for updates.

OUR MAY SPEAKER WILL BE ERIC SIMPSON FROM ELWOOD, IN.

By Francis Kleckner

On May 17th our speaker will be Eric Simpson of Cavalier Daylily Gardens. Although relatively new to the business of hybridizing and selling daylilies his introductions have become very popular. His program concentrates on breeding for northern hardiness with eyed and edged tetraploid plants. You can view his intros on his website, www.simpsondaylily.net.

The meeting will be held at the Savannah Oaks School starting at 1:00 PM. After the meeting all members are invited to a pot luck reception for Eric from 5 to 8 PM at the Best Western West Town Suites, 650 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison.



H. Defying Gravity



H. Alien Garden Party

Photos from Eric's website



WINNERS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski,
Contest Chair*

Photo by Rita Thomas

During the February general meeting, members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society voted for their favorite daylily photos in the Eighth Annual WDS Photo Contest. A total of 57 members cast their votes among the 52 entries in the contest. Photos could be a named cultivar or seedling featuring an individual daylily flower, a daylily clump or daylilies with companion plants in a garden setting. Each WDS member could submit a maximum of two photos. Photos had to be taken by the member submitting the photo, but did not need to be taken in the member's garden.

Congratulations to the four photo contest winners, who are listed below in alphabetical order.

Wendy Benz – with a close up of 'Marked by Lydia' framed by a garden setting.

Diane Goodman – with a close up of 'Truly Angelic' accented by a background of phlox.

Barry Rowe – with a close up bloom bouquet photo of 'Blue-Eyed Butterfly'.

Rhonda Veroeven – with a low angle photo of showing the branching and flower of 'Amish Patch Quilt' in a garden setting.

Each photo contest winner received their choice of a personalized mug or tile with a picture of their photo - something new this year. Each photo contest winner also received a certificate for a daylily of their choice at the annual Wisconsin Daylily Society Sale held on August 16th and 17th at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. All four of the winning photos can be viewed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org/>).

WDS Members are reminded to photograph their favorite daylilies this summer for entry in the Ninth Annual WDS Photo Contest, which will be held in February of 2015. Thanks to all who made the 2014 WDS Photo Contest an eye candy event' with their entries and a challenge to members when voting for their favorites.

RETHINKING OUR GARDENING HABITS

By Lane Revenal

Why would we want to do this? If we could reduce the cost in time and money that we spend on our garden landscape so we can spend more time enjoying it, wouldn't that catch your interest? It did mine. On January 25th we had the pleasure of welcoming Roy Diblik, plantsman, author, educator and co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm to speak to our club.

As a young man growing up in Berwyn Illinois, he spent many hours outdoors playing baseball in the small turf covered yards. He knew he didn't want to work indoors and started his college career with that in mind. He is not a landscape designer or a horticulturist, but received his college degree in outdoor education from Western Illinois University in Macomb. He first worked with plants after he found a job as groundskeeper at the St. Charles, Illinois Park District where he learned "it's all about care, nurturing and maintenance," which has remained central to Diblik's views in landscape planning. In 1979 he made a career move to The Natural Garden, a small low-tech perennial nursery in St. Charles, founded by the late Walter Stevens in 1953. Though the nursery had been sold, Mr. Stevens was still there, mentoring young people. Roy fondly remembers him telling stories about each plant.

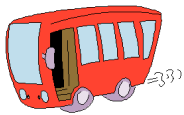
In 1991 Roy teamed up with landscape designer Steve Coster and Colleen Garrigan, moving to an old ten acre dairy farm in Burlington WI, which became Northwind Perennial Farm. It is now the destination for interesting perennials, native plants, wonderful landscaping and special events. Here the plants in the landscape at the farm are carefully selected for similar cultural requirements and habitat which allows them to live in harmony with each other. This results in little watering and less maintenance.

"Know Maintenance Gardening" was the theme of Roy's presentation, showing us that when you "come to know" each plant you select for your landscape, they can live many years together contributing to their own health and success. He told us that it isn't natural for plants to live two feet from each other separated by a thick layer of wood mulch. Wood chips restrict the lateral growth of plants. Natural plant communities live in their own debris, so the best mulch to use is leaves. He showed many examples of landscaping with mixed plant communities that work well together and take care of themselves 70 to 80 percent of the time. He is very fond of using Prairie Dropseed for filling in between other plants and also recommends sedges to use as a living mulch under trees and shrubs. Specie bulbs also play a role, scattered throughout the landscape for early interest in Spring before the perennials fill in and create their own show.

If you are interested in planning a lower maintenance garden, follow Roy's advice, which can be found in his new book, The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden published by Timber Press. We could all use a little more time to kick back and enjoy our gardens rather than spending too much time and money trying to keep up with the weeds and watering.



*Prairie Dropseed
growing among perennials
Photo from the Web*



HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Chair

Yee Haw!! Consider this y'all's official WANTED POSTER. Lasso the date on yer calendar right now 'cause I'll be back in the saddle again wrangling another busload of WDS cowpokes (yous guys) on our annual garden tour. Yaaaaahooooo, we're heading west so dadgummit, be dern sure to grab yer spot early if ya know what's good for ya. We'll be riding the range in a Badger Bus to the bountiful daylily spreads of: Genni and Francis Kleckner near Muscoda, Paul Pratt in Lone Rock, Barb and Rick Kaja in the countryside west of Lodi, and Diane Goodman on the banks of the Wisconsin River outside of Prairie Du Sac.

If yer a bus trip greenhorn, just ask a seasoned hemorocallis ranch hand about the previous drives I've shepherded "Up Nort" and "Out East". Their reports should pass muster and leave ya rarin' to saddle up for this newest overland adventure. So come on pardner and belly up to the daylily bar for a daylong drink of delightful daylily vistas. Let's all hit the trail in one of them thar fully loaded new-fangled motor coaches!

Details are just being developed but here is what I can parley to yous all so far: Saturday July 19th, rain or shine, ya must be a current WDS member, no WDS dollars can be used, grub will be included as well as a cool drink of water to settle the dust. The cost should be less than last year. Signup begins at the April 26th meeting where the price should be finalized. More information will be posted on the website as plans progress. A payment and lunch choice form will be included in the next newsletter as well as be on our club site.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A GARDEN PARTY!

For lack of a member's garden in which to hold it, we've scheduled a Garden Party for Sunday, June 15th, at 1:00 pm at West Madison Ag Station on Mineral Pt Rd. One thing is for sure, they have plenty of garden for us to enjoy!

We will still have a big tent set up to protect us from inclement weather, and there will be plenty of food to eat if each of you will bring a delicious dish to pass. Judging from the great snacks appearing at the monthly meetings, I doubt that will be a problem. WDS will provide beverages and table service.

This location can always be changed if one of you, our members, would like to have us visit your gardens to see the results of your labors. Just get in touch with me, Rosemary Kleinheinz, and we will get the word out to everyone else. Remember, you don't have to have a lot of daylilies in bloom to have a lovely garden that we would enjoy!

Membership News

We welcome 22 new individuals and 6 couples to our membership as a result of memberships purchased at the Garden Expo plus two persons who joined at other times!!

They are: in Geneva, IL: Deb & Rich Hall-Reppen; in Lena, IL: Lynne Lake; in Argyle, WI: Karen Johnson; in Beloit, Dick Andre; in Dodgeville: Mary Mayo; in Eagle River: Lynn Sorgatz; in Fitchburg: Katie Harriman; in Janesville: Karen & John Bielas, Phyllis & Mike Gackstatter, & Pamela Millard; in Madison: Colleen Burke, Marge Hallenbeck, Bill Jolin, Steven King, Julie McRoberts, Joan Pahl, & Mary Beth Plane; in Middleton: Margaret Buchholz; in Mineral Point: Colleen Watters; in Monona: Deb & Bill Noltner; in Monroe: Joanne Inda and Deb & Bill Noltner; in Mt. Horeb: Dorothy Droster & Denise Runyan; in Mukwonago: Linda Shields; in Oregon: Cindy Bertalen; in Orfordville: Karl Schmidt; in Pardeeville: April & Dan Rockhill; in Prairie du Sac: Charlie Lemm; and in Sun Prairie: Bill Schloemer, Craig Kvalo & Nancy Trammell.

Barbara Kasper has changed her membership to a family membership, including another generation, her granddaughter, Kendra Kasper, who lives in Jefferson. Welcome, Kendra!

We look forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming meetings this spring & summer!

Please note that Chris Zeltner's phone number is now 608-873-5676.

NOTE: You will receive the 2014 Roster this month by the same method as you do the newsletter. However, the roster will not be posted to the website; it will be attached to the email from Conrad.

I believe that WDS is one of the largest, if not the largest daylily club in the U.S. We now have 325 members (183 single, 137 through family memberships, and 5 through business members. GO WDS!!

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

STAYING IN THE LOOP

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Meeting reminders, schedules of daylily events, and information on timely garden opportunities are all sent to members by email. If you change your email address, it is important to let me know, so you can stay in the loop. To notify me of the change, just send me an email at: conradw@charter.net.

If you don't have email, be sure to coordinate with a friend who will see to it that you get such information.

Your email address is not shared with any other group.

Mount Horeb Area Arts Association
8th Annual SPRING ART TOUR
 June 6, 7, 8 2014 Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 - 5

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Journey to the village of Mount Horeb and surrounding countryside to visit professional artists in their studios. Artists will be available for conversation and many will be demonstrating in their studios. The event is free and family friendly.

WDS member and artist, Marjorie King, in studio

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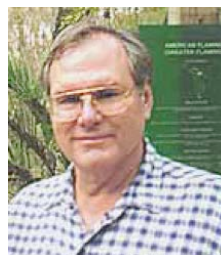
By Barry Rowe



Lucille Williamson

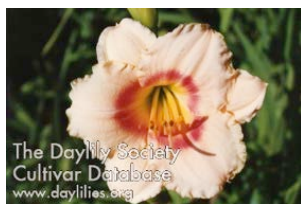


Pauline Henry



Pat Stamile

The gardens of Karen Watson-Newlin were recently featured in *Better Homes & Gardens* (July 2012). Many of her daylily beds have themes. In particular, there is a “Candy” bed in the front yard. Pat Stamile’s hybrids predominate with their bold, bright eyes and edges. Where did all his candy come from?



Siloam Virginia Henson (diploid)

CANDY RECIPE

1. Cook up small eyed diploid daylilies way down south in Texas.
2. Mix well with dormant cultivars from the Arkansas Ozarks.
3. Select one particular eyed daylily and soak in colchicine.
4. Blend the resulting tetraploid with Long Island daylilies in New York.
5. If the crosses develop wide edges and eyes in distinctive color combinations, you’ve made Candy.

The story begins in the 1960s with Lucille Williamson, a Texas hybridizer. She specialized in new colors for miniature and small daylilies, and is credited as the first to develop eyes on them. She won the Donn Fischer (miniature) award for bringing the color purple into the miniature world with *Little Grapette*. This award was also given for *Little Celena*. *Green Flutter* won her the Stout Silver Medal (highest award for an individual cultivar) and the Annie T. Giles (small) award. Lucille received the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in 1978 for outstanding results in daylily hybridizing.

The story shifts to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on the Ozark Plateau. “Ralph! Bring the shovel and some tags!” This was a common refrain at the Henry yard, where Ralph Henry was the muscle behind the “Siloam” series of daylilies and his wife Pauline was the brains. They gardened on their 125 by 125 foot city lot, but many lucky neighbors accepted the overflow from their hybridizing efforts.

Pauline had always been interested in antique dolls, collecting them and sewing authentic period clothes for them. She later became interested in daylilies, and started collecting them, too. One day in the 1960s she had an epiphany. Could she make very small, colorful daylilies like the tiny dresses she sewed? Pauline bought all of Lucille’s stock and crossed it with everything she had on hand. Her first registration was in 1963, and the Siloam series was born. As her registrations continued over the next 47 years, the blossoms steadily decreased in size.

Pauline Henry was the Grandma Moses of daylily hybridization. She was in her fifties when she had her epiphany, yet registered over 400 daylilies in her lifetime. Growing only diploids, she is best known for her eye patterns and doubles. According to Dr. Arthur M. Kroll, “Mrs. Henry has introduced a new series of minis and small flowers, many with either subtle halos or shockingly pronounced eyes and strong green throats, that has set a new standard.”

Perhaps her age drove her to work as fast and long as possible. When she decided she wanted to acquire a particular variety, she would call up several retailers and buy from the one who promised to deliver soonest. She gave much thought to her breeding strategies, but would only admit to “crossing pretty on pretty.” Vigilance was a key: “I threw away so many. And I’m sure I’ve thrown away a lot of good ones. But I try not to keep any that I don’t think are pretty fine.” And she never kept records. When asked if a clump was in a particular lineage, she would reply, “I don’t know, could be,” with a twinkle in her eye.

Pauline won the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in 1985. *S Double Classic* won the Stout Silver Medal and the Ida Munson (double) award, but her doubles program is another story. Several others also won in two categories: *S Tee Tiny* won the James E Marsh (purple/lavender) award and the Donn Fischer award, *S Bertie Ferris* won the Donn Fischer award and the Don C. Stevens (eye) award, and *S Virginia Henson* won the Annie T. Giles award and the Donn Fischer award. *S June Bug*, *S Red Toy* and *S Grace Stamile* also won Donn Fischer awards, and *S Jim Cooper* and *S Merle Kent* both won the Annie T. Giles award. Pauline received more Junior Citation awards than anyone, ever. In their memory, the city of Siloam Springs created the Ralph and Pauline Henry Memorial Garden, featuring 125 Siloam daylilies.

The story ends in Long Island, New York. Pat and Grace Stamile became involved in the Long Island Daylily Society in 1974, but Grace is yet another story. They began hybridizing in 1980, before moving to Florida to start Floyd Cove Nursery. Pat was bitten by the tetraploid bug in the 1980s, and carefully chose some diploids to shock into tetraploidy. He was intrigued by the Siloam diploids with eyes, and had his greatest success with *S Virginia Henson*. Crosses produced new and startling permutations in petal edges and patterns. The Candy series was born, with registrations starting in 1989.

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Grace Stamile in 1991: “Dip Siloam Virginia Henson didn’t show contrasting picotee edgings. But every tet seedling does. So in doubling the chromosomes, the color seems to have intensified and settled into the edgings. With the Virginia Henson kids, we selected so many that we started wondering whether we were losing our objectivity. But there really were so many good ones. Plum Candy and Strawberry Candy – from the same pod! One is peach with purple picotee and a plum eye, the other one is pink with a red eye and red picotee – sister seedlings. ”That’s just a dynamite parent, and the breadth of what Siloam Virginia Henson is going to do for the tet world has not even been imagined. More than half of the tet hybridizers in the country are still crossing it... from California to Minnesota to Long Island south to Miami and west to Texas.”

In all, twelve Candy daylilies were registered with S Virginia Henson as a parent (see list below). Pat also registered five grandkids and two great-grandkids. Candies won back-to-back Stout Silver Medals – Strawberry Candy in 1998 and Custard Candy in 1999. The Annie T. Giles award was also won by them, as well as Elegant Candy and Awesome Candy. Strawberry Candy won a third time with the Don C. Stevens award. Seven Candy daylilies were available at the 2013 WDS Plant Sale.

Pat’s breeding program has produced a dizzying array of winners from other parents as well. Wedding Band was another Stout Silver Medal winner, and Ruby Spider won the Lennington All American award (wide geographical region). He has won awards for small and extra-large, early and late, eyes and patterns, spiders and UFOs, and doubles. Award-winning names include Web of Intrigue, Judy Farquhar, El Desperado, Night Embers, Almond Puff, Lime Frost, Free Wheelin’, Wild Wookie, Velvet Ribbons, Bali Watercolor, Long Stocking, Last Picture Show, Uptown Girl, Last Snowflake, Regal Finale, and Mystical Rainbow. Pat himself won the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in 1997.

Pat eventually stopped using tet S Virginia Henson, and advanced the Candy brand with other stock. But wait! He recently started using tet Siloam Ralph Henry, and in 2011 registered a kid, Very Berry Candy. Is this the beginning of a new line of Candy from one of Pauline Henry’s Siloams?

HYBRIDIZERS’ SHOWCASE

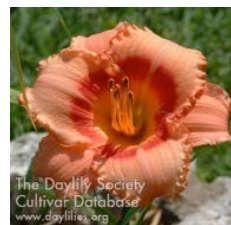
By Paul Pratt

On February 15th, the Madison area hybridizers presented the annual photo display of their seedlings at the West Ag Station.

After the holidays, the hybridizers were busy picking out their photos. A month before the meeting, the hybridizers had a potluck and presentation prep meeting. Everyone brought their photos or presentations to the meeting. We ate, socialized, and assembled photos. At the end of the meeting, we had very little extra work to finish for the Showcase presentation. What you saw at the Showcase took the organization and commitment of each and every hybridizer. You will experience beginners, veterans, many different plant goals, and tons of beautiful flowers. Please join us next year to melt away the winter blues!

HYBRIDIZERS SPRING TRIP

Also, the dates of our hybridizers’ spring trip to Karol Emm-erich’s is May 9th and May 10th. We will be visiting her heated greenhouse, which will be in full bloom at that time. Karol will be going over her entire program and we will have lunch catered in her garden. Hope all hybridizers can make it!



Strawberry Candy



Custard Candy

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

In January WDS lost one of its very special members. Florence Steen passed from this world very suddenly. Florence was a very special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Harold as you work your way through the coming days without your loving companion. A memorial has been sent to Region 2 in Florence’s name.

On February 12th long-time WDS member Sally Yaeger’s daughter, Keely, lost her 2 year battle with breast cancer. We extend our sympathies to you Sally,

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JUST SO YOU UNDERSTAND

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

It's been a loooooooong winter. However, it surely has been extremely conducive for spending quality time with WDS friends at our educational and entertaining programs. But wait, what's that buzzing I've been hearing from some of you??? What is that you say.....our meetings are too lengthy?? Huh?? Really?? Truly, I do not understand. What better way to spend an otherwise bleak winter's afternoon than attending one of our great WDS events? Isn't that much more soul-satisfying than watching the perpetually white and frozen landscape or staring bleary-eyed at yet another inane re-run on TV?

I ask you all to think about this for a moment. A lot of time, effort, and expense are invested into delivering one of our fabulous showcases. Believe me that it is not worth doing this for a mere single short hour; it's a ton of work to pull these things together. The process starts with contacting the speaker for availability and continues on with the following: coordinating calendars, lining up the meeting room, updating the website, sending out the meeting notices, writing a preview for the newsletter, arranging flights and accommodations for the speaker, ferrying them to and fro, setting up the seating, readying the projector/screen/sound system, providing the beverages and tableware for the treats, laying out the goodies, providing door prizes, cleaning everything up, hauling stuff (and the speaker!) back out to our cars, providing before and after meals/gatherings for the speaker, paying the bills, keeping the books straight, cashiering if there is an auction, and composing a summary for the newsletter. Whew. You're getting tired just reading about it, right?? Well, I deliberately delineated these tasks (and I'm sure there are even some I forgot) just so you understand. It takes Herculean effort from a bunch of dedicated individuals to make these wonderful programs happen. All this is then repeated for each and every meeting. Wow. And you get this kind of stellar programming for a mere \$5 per year. Amazing.

I know (because I had no clue before I got really involved, either).....you thought that one of us cutely twitched our nose or clicked together the heels of our WDS issued ruby slippers (can't you just imagine Francis doing that!!!), and VOILA.....instant meeting!! Unfortunately, it's not that easy. Now that you understand -- sit back, relax, and let yourself get lost on a two and a half, occasionally three, hour adventure. Approach each meeting as a leisurely stroll, not a sprint. It's all about the journey, not getting it over with. Let the WDS magic-makers transport you to new and dizzyingly different daylily and gardening worlds every four to six weeks. We promise, that for a relatively brief time, you won't think for a moment that you're stuck back in wintry Wisconsin anymore.



KUDOS FROM KENNETH COBB, AHS ARCHIVIST

By Gene Dewey

I recently sent electronic copies of all-available WDS Newsletters to the AHS Archivist along with the link to the website archive for our Newsletter. I received the following response.—Gene Dewey

It [is] so nice to have the CD as a permanent record. I have bookmarked [the WDS] website in my Garden Favorites. It is a wonderful site and beautifully designed. I enjoyed a quick look at your latest newsletter vs. the first on the site. There has been a great deal of advancement. Amazing you can put out 4 per year. My club cannot even keep our web site up to date. You would think some [clubs] in AHS could do even 1 or 2 newsletters. Sadly, we had 4 this year that did zero or just a letter, nothing like even one of your club issues. Your club is very fortunate for all the support you get.

Many times club newsletters can shed light on programs, individuals, etc. that are not available other ways. Very valuable! I will be posting to the email Robin today suggesting others do as you are doing for the Archives.

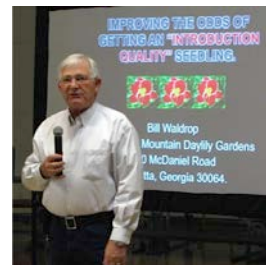
By the way, earlier I obtained the last of your 2014 calendars, the sample model I think. I hope I will be kept informed next summer when the 2015 version comes out. The archives likes to retain things of that sort as well.

KUDOS TO ROSEMARY KLEINHEINZ from Gene Dewey:

We all owe Rosemary a huge thank you for her long, faithful, and continuing editorship of the WDS Newsletter. Please give Rosemary your in-person thank you when you see her next.

IN MARCH BILL WALDROP DROPPED IN

By Rhonda Veroeven



Members of WDS were treated to an incredible presentation at our March meeting by Bill Waldrop and his wife Diana from Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens out of Marietta, GA.

The Waldrops' presentation informed us how to improve our odds of getting "an introduction quality seedling" when hybridizing. Bill, a retired lawyer, shared that his passion was to try to make something different-and boy, he did not disappoint! The pictures of his seedlings and new introductions had the membership inhaling and making audible gasps reminiscent of a Fourth of July fireworks celebration. Whether it was teeth, huge flowers, big green edges, doubles, or even conversions, there was something for every member in attendance (as evidenced by the competitive bidding in the auction of several of his newer introductions at the conclusion of the meeting).

They also shared strategies and techniques for hybridizing. Simple techniques such as using a matchbox for drying pollen to add longevity to the pollen when stored in the freezer, or even the manner in which they use wood chips during their soil preparation process were all techniques even a beginner could employ.

In the future I hope to see some of his amazing visions come into introductions...splatters, stripes, and green teeth??? Oh my, won't that be spectacular???

For more of the Waldrops' work and to visit Bill's blog, be sure to visit:

<http://www.kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/>

MY NEW WINTER ESCAPE

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Well, if you missed it (and many of you did), it certainly was your loss. The Winter Meeting, for years a staple of Region 2 and long held in Ohio, was rolled out in its new digs right here in our own back yard. The WISCONSIN WINTER WONDERLAND SYMPOSIUM was launched on a blustery but bright February Friday and ended on an equally bright but slightly less breezy Sunday at noon. Daylily nuts, weary of this exceptionally long and dreary frozen season, drove or flew to the Milwaukee area and congregated in the toasty amenities of the Brookfield Suites Hotel directly off of I94 at the Moorland Road exit. Eighty-six hardy folks, tired of being dormant, gathered for a GREAT two and a half day meeting.

The suites were large; the food was tasty; the speakers were diverse and informative. Ten hybridizers were on the official schedule and presented topics ranging from general gardening, to vermiculture (using worms to turn table scraps and recyclables into compost in your own home), to photography, to peonies, to the limitations of the USDA Hardiness Zones system (are we zone 4, are we zone 5??), and to all aspects of our dear daylilies, naturally. I spotted more than 15 additional well-known hybridizers in the audience. There was plenty of friendly elbow rubbing and we were able to share tips, laughs and a libation or two with them throughout the event. There were two workshops for judges, a slide show of future intros, a photo contest with three categories, a silent auction of premium seeds and daylilies (I won one), two 250 dollar door prizes, a raffle (I won a pink flamingo that looked mighty darned cold in the snow bank I plopped him in back home), an over-the-top hospitality room replete with a chocolate fountain, and a delicious banquet. The gilding on this daylily gathering was an auction that included peonies, more premium seeds, a one-of-a-kind quilted daylily wall hanging, and several items of garden art, all in addition to over 130 (130!!!) predominantly 2013 and 2014 cultivars (to which I'll confess winning 3 bids). Now, if all that weren't enough to get you out of the doldrums, I would have to surmise that this relentlessly brutal winter finally wore you out and froze your stalwart daylily heart rock solid.

Folks, trust me, you have to put this on your calendar for next year 'cause you lost out on one fine weekend of celebrating our favorite flower. I have to admit that I was a bit reluctant to sign up (I was #83 out of 86, if that tells you something), but boy oh boy, was I ever glad I did! I went to support my daylily friend, Ed Krause, DDSEW and WDS member and long-time Region 2 Treasurer, in his efforts to get this event off the cold hard Wisconsin ground. I figured I'd show up this first year, help at the auction, and that would be that – I'd done my part. However, the joke was on me --- by mid-morning Saturday, I was already planning to attend the next one! That's how good it was!! Yes, lots of attendees were hybridizers, but this is not an event dedicated to just that aspect of our mutual addiction. Every topic was educational and attention holding. Even the worm presentation overcame my "yuck" factor and got me seriously pondering taking on this very ecologically beneficial project. Now that's a persuasive speaker!

We ventured forth from varied points of the compass; all battled high winds and some also grappled with delayed or canceled flights. Poor Richard Norris gave up after two failed attempts to catch a plane bound for Milwaukee. Successful arrivals came from Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Kentucky, and amazingly four daylily wizards from far-flung Ontario, Canada, too. All five Region 2 states were represented, but to my puzzlement, the Wisconsin Daylily Society's participation was less than I expected. Even Green Bay had more members attend than us, and we are the biggest club in the state. So I have to ask --- where were you?? At home, cold and alone, when all the while you could have been enjoying the warm camaraderie of kindred spirits just a stone's throw away. Happily I went. I returned to my reality re-energized and relaxed and with my spirit full of gardening vim and vigor, prepared for spring when it finally wrestles free of winter's icy grasp. For that, thank you Ed for a stellar job and for a weekend vacation I sorely needed! I'll be back next February with bells on (probably left over from Christmas revelries) and hopefully with a passel of WDS-ers in tow that will join me in making this their new winter escape, too. Besides, I really need to snag a mate for my frosty flamingo that's still sunk knee deep in an endless pile of snow next to the garage!

Note: To read symposium speaker and Iowa hybridizer Nan Ripley's perspective about the Winter Symposium, go to the Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin's website www.DSSEW.org and click on Newsletter.

WDS 25TH ANNIVERSARY-THE FLOWER

By Francis Kleckner

As part of the upcoming celebration honoring the 25th anniversary of the WDS, the Board has selected a daylily to be named for this special occasion. The WDS Hybridizers Group members were asked to submit seedlings to be considered for this. A select seedling from Genni Kleckner was chosen and registered in 2014. The plant will be divided and potted this summer, to be auctioned at the Annual Meeting on October 18. This is the registration information:

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Photo by Genni Kleckner

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