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Greetings! Hopefully, you've had a wonderful bloom season with flowers on all the new plants that you bought for this year, and you also were some of the hundreds of people who purchased plants at the VERY successful WDS sale, and you were an award-winner at the fantastic show this summer, and you joined about 400 other people to tour the great WDS gardens, and you came to the 3rd annual picnic. We are so very fortunate to have people who are willing to take on all the responsibilities that go with putting on a class act.

A giant THANK YOU goes out to: Gene Dewey for the wonderful job he did on the sale, Janet Gordon for the great job she did on the first accredited show for the WDS, Stan Duke and Hiram Percy for organizing the wonderful picnic and speakers, and Karen Watson-Newlin for a fantastically-orchestrated tour.

That's not to take away from the many members who helped these chairpeople. There were 25 people who helped bag/tag daylilies on Friday for the sale, with other people who helped dig plants, help customers, etc. There were lots of people who groomed their entries/judged/or assisted for the show. An organization is only as strong as its members, and the WDS looks like it's in great shape.....and working with all these great people is so darn much fun besides. For those of you who are new members, you will find it's a great way to get to know people on a deeper level. The next big event is the Annual Meeting.

Forward in Time to LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH!

Ted Petit and John Peat will share the stage at this year's annual meeting which will take place October 17th. Ted Petit has been hybridizing for 12 years while teaching at the University of Toronto in Psychology.....his daylilies are in Florida. Some of them are literally IN Florida, because a giant sinkhole opened up and swallowed some of his latest creations. His introductions include: IMPETUOUS FIRE (red double), GAIL FOX (large tangerine dormant), GLADYS CAMPBELL (baby pink double with a yellow watermark), ROMEO IS BLEEDING (dark red with a gold edge), EAST OF EDEN (purple black with gold edge), LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH (royal purple), and FERENGI GOLD.

John Peat is a computer consultant in Toronto, who is somewhat newer at the hybridizing game, having only hybridized for the past 8 years, but has co-authored the *Pictorial History of Daylilies*, which is a CD. He is also a co-author (with Ted Petit) of the book Color Encyclopedia of Daylilies, which has a release date from Timber Press of the fall of 2000.

Their presentation will be preceded by the Annual Dinner, which will be a feast served up by Queen Anne's Catering, and a short business meeting which will include the election of new board members. The board members who have finished their two-year terms are: Ruth (continued on page 2)

Horral, Stan Duke, and Cynthia Henson, and Karen Watson-Newlin. They have all done a super job, with Cynthia taking on the job of organizing the Expo, Stan being treasurer and organizing the picnic, Karen organizing the tour, and Ruth serving as secretary for the organization. Of the four, Ruth has served two full board terms and is no longer eligible for re-election. If you are interested/willing to serve on the board, please contact Hiram Percy at 845-9249. He will present a slate of candidates at the Annual Meeting to the membership. At the back of the newsletter, you will find two forms.....one is your reservation for the Annual Meeting (see the wonderful menu on the reservation sheet).....the other is your membership renewal. Please note that one of the questions on the membership form is whether or not you are a member of the American Hemerocallis Society. Please consider joining both organizations.....our show can only be accredited if we have more than 50% of our members as members of the national organization as well. Second, you are only eligible to be a foster parent if you are a member of both the local and the national organizations.

Picnic Is a Smashing Success

The WDS again held its picnic at the U. of W. Experimental Station on Madison's west side, thanks to Stan Duke. This year, there were two judges' clinics, a session on grooming for the show by Janet Gordon, tons of wonderful food, and newer daylilies that were adopted for two years by the following members: Janet Gordon, Tom Kleinheinz, Jean Bawden, Diane Quigley, Betty Hansen, Doug Maxwell, Hiram Percy, Gene Dewey, Lloyd Ravet, Donald Hansen, Rosemary Kleinheinz, and Dave Butcher.

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400 Daylily Lovers Tour the Verona Gardens

Due to Karen Watson-Newlin's organization, and the receptiveness of The Capitol Times and The Verona Press to publish great articles and pictures, there were a record number of people who came to Verona to tour the gardens of Diane Quigley, Judy and Jack Ferreri, Doug and Martha Maxwell, Karen Watson-Newlin, and Hiram and Jane Percy. A map created by Sally Yaeger was an additional boost to participation. Karen also delivered fliers to various garden centers and color-coded them to see where the key to success lay. When asked about the tour, Karen said, "Everyone was very gracious and complimentary about the gardens. exclaiming that each garden was so different and lovely."

Thanks to Karen, and to each of you who opened your gardens.....and spent the early morning in panic, wondering if the rain would ruin those beautiful blooms.

Daylily Sale Sets Record

Gene Dewey assembled about 400 cultivars for this year's sale and rounded up about 35 people to help run the sale besides. There was something there for each and every person, from the brand-new aficionado to the collector.....and did they buy!!!! When the leaves cleared, there were only a few things left to plant out for next year's sale. (Phyllis and Don Sanner have volunteered a piece of their farm for planting things out for the last 5 or 6 years.)

Since the sale funds the rest of our programs, it's great to have made a substantial amount to keep those speakers coming.....to keep the guest plants coming.....to continue to help subsidize the cost of the annual meeting.

Late Bloomers in the Madison Area

I thought you might be interested in some plants that will still be blooming in August, so Hiram and Sally and I put together a list.

ALAN ADAIR, ANNIE GO LIGHTLY, ART FESTIVAL, AUGUST CHEER, AUTUMN MINARET, BIG SNOWBIRD, BITTERSWEET HONEY, BRIGHT AND SHOWY, BRONWYN, BROOKWOOD WOW, BURNT AUBURN, CAPTIVE AUDIENCE, CAPULINA, CARLOTTA, CHANTELE, CHERRY ICE CREAM, CLASSIC DELIGHT, COOKIE MONSTER, CRIMSON WIND, DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, DELIGHTSOME, DUNE DUMPLING, ETHEL BARFIELD SMITH, FEATHER BOA, FIFTY SPRINGS, FIRE KING, FLAMEBURST, GINGERBREAD, GOLDEN CORDUROY'S BABY, GRAPES OF WRATH, HARLEM NOCTURNE, HARVEST HUE, HAT DANCE, HEAVEN'S TROPHY, HEMLOCK, HOSANNA, IDEAL AFFAIR, INDONESIA, JANNI, JINGLE SHELL, JOLLY DIMPLES, LADY NEVA, LAVENDER STARDUST, LOLA BRANHAM, MARY FRANCES RAGAIN, MINDANAO DEEP, MONICA MARIE, MY HOPE, ORCHID CORSAGE, PINK SALUTE, PRINCETON SILKY, QUAKING ASPEN, RAHOTEP, RASPBERRY SUNSHINE, REAL WIND, ROYAL OCCASION, RUSSELL SOUTHALL, SCOTTISH FANTASY, SNOWED IN, SOMBRERO WAY, SUN TEMPLE SPIRIT, SUSAN WEBER, VEIN OF RICHES, VIRACocha, WATER SPIRITS, WAYSIDE RED CHIEF, WHISKEY ON ICE, WHITE TEMPTATION, WHITE DISH, WIDE WIDE WORLD, WILD, MUSTANG.

A Note From Gene

by Gene Dewey

THANK YOU!

The spectacular success of our annual plant sale is the result of the generosity of the Society's members who supplied plants and worked on the sale.

I was not diligent about recording everyone who donated plants, so rather than leave anyone out, I will just say a big thank you to those who donated so generously. Your donations help offset the costs of the sale and boost the net proceeds. I would ask that all members keep the sale in mind throughout the year as you evaluate your cultivars. We all see cultivars which we would rather have than something already in our gardens. Voila! We have something to contribute to the plant sale.

Members were very generous of their time and labor--digging plants, dividing clumps, bagging and labeling plants, working at the computer, setting up tables, cashiering, staffing the Information Table, helping buyers, distributing flyers at the Farmer's Market, cleanup, etc. Members who helped are: Linda Ball, Jean Bawden, Richard Berling, Catherine Carothers, Stan Duke, Cynthia Henson, Ruth Horrall, Rick Ivik, Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz, Sylvia and Vern Lowell, Carole Maahs, Martha and Doug Maxwell, Paul Meske, Pat O'Connor, Jane and Hiram Percy, Bill Powell, Judy and Lloyd Ravet, Allan Roost, Barry Rowe, John Sheehan, Evelyn Thompson, Karen Watson-Newlin, Gene Woehler, Conrad Wrzesinski, Sally Yaeger, and Chris Zeltner. You were an outstanding crew. Thank you!

Postscript

Gene Dewey also asked that I remind you to keep your color catalogues during the course of the year in order to have more pictures to help sell daylilies at the sale.

Bargains at the Auction!

The WDS held its second mail-in plant auction this year with Rosemary Kleinheinz doing a great job of obtaining plants and getting information out to the members. Members had to bid half of the Eureka price of a plant in order to be in the running, and the highest bid won. There were some real bargains to be had since not a great many people sent in bids. We will be evaluating the process, so if you have a comment about the auction, please send it to Rosemary or Hiram Percy.....should we continue to have an auction?.....what kinds of plants should we include?.....do we need a date change for the auction?

These were the lucky bidders. Sally Yaeger obtained ELIZABETH'S MAGIC, Eugene Marks won TROPICANA TREAT and TRUE GRIT, Lloyd Ravet got TYLWYTH TEG and VIRGINIA FRANKLIN MILLER, Pat O'Connor had the high bid on two collections....Award Winners and Eyed Ones, Evelyn Thompson obtained BIRD'S EYE and a collection called Wee Ones, Ellen Christanson was the high bidder on SUSAN WEBER and a Doubles Collection, Barry Rowe is the new owner of MARY FRANCES RAGAIN and EL DESPERADO, Karen Watson-Newlin got the winning bid on HOUSE OF ORANGE, and the remaining plants were not bid on, so Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz bid on them. They obtained HARLEM NOCTURNE, WEDDING BAND, YOU ANGEL YOU, a Wee Ones collection, and a Spider Collection.

Send in your membership today for 2000!

Best \$5/7.50 you've ever spent.

Janet Gordon Puts on a Show!!!!

The 1999 Daylily Show was a smashing success due to the hard work of Janet Gordon and her crew of judges, assistants, and the hospitality crew. We finally have a large enough percentage of AHS members to have an accredited show. Awards for flowers are as follows:

Best Large Flower-MASCARA(Moldovan-1983)-Doug and Martha Maxwell

Best Small Flower-SILOAM BO PEEP
(Henry-1978)-Karen Watson-Newlin

Best Mini Flower-SILOAM BABY TALK
(Henry-1982)-Karen Watson-Newlin

Best Double Flower-WALLY(Howard-1991) -Paul Meske

Best Spider/Spider Variant-LADY NEVA
(Alexander-Moody-1970)-Paul Meske

Best Popularity Poll-STRAWBERRY CANDY (Stamile-1989)-Lloyd Ravet

Best in Show-MASCARA-Doug and Martha Maxwell

Sweepstakes in Horticulture-Karen Watson-Newlin

There were 119 entries; no ribbons were given in the seedling division and there were no Youth entries.

A real high point in the day was the luncheon put on for the judges and clerks by Jane Percy and Evelyn Thompson. On the placemats were terra cotta flowerpots in drainage dishes, and a daylily was showing on the top of the flowerpot. Under the daylily was a wrapped sandwich and a container of fruit. The napkins were in garden-related napkin holders. Janet's (for example) had the napkin in the space between the handle and main part of a miniature watering can. Janet said of the luncheon, "It was a truly festive setting!"

Region 2 Gardens Gorgeous!!

Gene Dewey, Lloyd and Judy Ravet, Ruth Horrall, Hiram Percy, and June Johnson travelled to Columbus, Ohio to take part in the Region 2 Summer Meeting, and raved about the wonderful private gardens and professional growers that they visited. Ruth was awestruck at the Johannes/McMurray combination gardens.....two lots side by side with all sorts of daylilies in a relatively small space. A second garden that Ruth couldn't stop talking about was the garden of Sharon Fitzpatrick, who grows well over 1000 cultivars. One additional perk was that the bus captains told their bus riders what each gardener did for fertilization.

The Regional Summer Meeting is held in a different place each year. The 2000 meeting will be held in Chicago and hosted by the Chicagoland Daylily Society. Tradition has it that each person on the bus will receive a 'bus' plant. In addition, there are often bargain tables for older cultivars and the Auction which has newer cultivars and raises money for the work of Region 2. There is usually a nationally known speaker, and the garden tours.

This year's tour gardens struggled with a terrible drought that has killed numerous trees, drained water tables, and made watering very difficult.

Sundae in the Gardens

The WDS was again represented at the annual benefit for Olbrich Gardens by Hiram Percy, and Judy and Lloyd Ravet. Because of the butterfly release, the booths were not as highly sought out by patrons.....everyone wanted to see the butterflies!!

Daylily Companions

Karen Watson-Newlin has been bugging me to put some of the plants that I talked about as daylily companions in the newsletter. I had divided them into 'befores' and 'afters'.....things that bloom before daylilies and those that bloom afterwards. I'll print the befores this time.

Footwarmers.....things that can be planted in front of daylilies to hide their feet include: Cerastium, Aquilegia, Lamium, Ajuga, Phlox subulata or divaricata (subulata in the sun and divaricata in a more shaded spot), Geraniums, Heuchera, Campanula, Dianthus, Lamiastrum, Arabis, Stachys byzantina, Gypsophila 'Bodgeri' or Pink Festival, Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' or 'Zagreb', Alchemilla, Lavender, Salvia 'Blue Queen' or 'Rose Queen', lower-growing Sedum ('Vera Jameson' is very nice), shorter Veronicas like 'Red Fox' or 'Blue Fox' or 'Goodness Grows', Oenothera speciosa alba..

Fillers-plants that fill spaces between daylilies or give a different flower shape or foliar interest include: Gypsophila ('Perfecta'), Coreopsis 'Golden Showers', Achillea, Geraniums (himalayense or some of the sylvaticums), Oenothera tetragona, Thalictrum, Centaurea montana or m. alba, Chrysanthemum coccineum, Chrysanthemum maxium (Shasta daisies), Baptisia, Peonies, taller Aquilegia (columbines), Siberian or Japanese iris, Amsonia, Euphorbia 'Polychroma', Gaillardia (my favorite is 'Golden Goblin').

Spikes -flowers that give drama to the garden with a different look include: Delphinium, Penstemon, Campanula persicifolia, Lupines, asiatic Lilies, Aconitum 'Ivory', Thermopsis, and Camassia.

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