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# THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY



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## 1996 AHS Regional Meeting

by Paul Meske

The American Hemerocallis Society has divided the United States into 15 regions. Wisconsin, along with Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, make up Region 2, one of the largest regions in terms of size. Every year there is a meeting during the bloom season when members get together, conduct a little bit of business, tour daylily gardens, and eat, live, and breathe daylilies for three days. Never in the history of the AHS has this meeting been held in Wisconsin...until 1996!

In 1993, Wisconsin Daylily Society President Hiram Percy decided to change history, and extended an invitation to the Region 2 leadership and volunteered Wisconsin to host the 1996 Annual Meeting. The WDS Board unanimously approved the proposal. A little later, Hiram was appointed to be chair of the preparations.

We know that many Wisconsin Daylily Society members are not members of AHS, and have never been to a Regional Meeting, and may not understand the significance of our hosting this activity. It is both an honor as well as a large responsibility.

Since the beginning of the WDS, we have seen a growth of interest in daylilies in Wisconsin, to the point where it was felt that we had the gardens, financial and human resources needed to host a regional meeting. The fact that this will be the 50th anniversary of AHS lends a bit more significance to the whole thing. (cont.p2)

### Wisconsin Daylily Society Officers

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## Wisconsin Daylily 1996 Schedule

(tentative)

- Jan. 11- Spiders and spider variants
- Feb. 4-Highlights of the 1990 AHS convention and double daylilies
- Feb.17,18-AHS Region 2 Symposium- Indianapolis
- Feb.17,18 - 3rd Annual Garden Expo- Dane County Expo Center
- Mar. 3- Highlights of the 89 Convention and Daylilies for the 90's
- April 4 - Daylilies of the 80's
- May 2 - Modern moderately-priced daylilies and Bryant Millikan's daylilies.
- July 18,19,20 -AHS National Convention-Denver,Co.
- July 26, 27,28 - Region 2 Convention-Madison, Wi.
- Aug. 10, 11 - WDS Daylily Sale
- Oct. 20 -Annual Meeting
- ( No local show or tour except for the region 2 tour )

## New Board Members- by Paul Meske

At the October 15th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Daylily Society, four people were elected to serve two-year terms. Being elected for a second term were Gene Woehler, Gene Dewey, and Jean Bawden. New to the present board is Ruth Horrall. In addition, Wally Porterfield, Phyllis Sanner, Jane Percy, and Rick Ivik will serve the second year of their terms.

Following the roast turkey lunch, guest speaker Richard Ford gave a slide presentation illustrating late and very late daylilies. It was illustrated with slides of the cultivars mentioned. Hybridizing for late-blooming daylilies is a rather difficult job.

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(Regional tour-cont. from p1)

A regional meeting is primarily made up of garden tours, and a banquet/business meeting/plant auction. It sounds deceptively simple, but expectations are high and tradition dictates that things take place in certain ways, and there are from 130 to 200 people to prepare for and welcome.

There have to be an adequate number of recent introductions as well as the currently "hot" daylilies in view. Motor coaches have to be rented and routes laid out for the garden tours. It is not reasonable to expect all 200 people to descend on a single garden, so the route has to be planned, timed, and coordinated so that the gardens can be enjoyed by all. Tradition dictates that "bus" plants are given to each rider.

The Saturday banquet follows certain procedures, with a short business meeting, awards and recognitions, a guest speaker, and an auction of recent cultivars.

You will have the opportunity to meet people and hybridizers you only read about in the Daylily Journal. It is considered perfectly normal to talk about nothing but daylilies. There is a saying that "daylily people are different." Not only do we seem to be more than a little brain-washed on the subject of daylilies, you will be hard-pressed to find a friendlier bunch of people.

I would like to invite all WDS members to plan to take part in the Region 2 meeting. Like the Surgeon General of the US, I have to give you a warning: Caution, attending one AHS regional meeting may be addicting.

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According to Mr. Ford, there are not many such cultivars available, and crossing two late-blooming daylilies often does not yield new late-bloomers.

Mr. Ford is a life member of the AHS, an AHS exhibition judge and instructor, flight leader of the Very Late Round Robin, hybridizer, co-founder of the South Central Illinois Daylily Society, and has an AHS Display Garden.

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## Bargain Plant Table

*Jerry and Caroline Benser-LaCrosse*

Touring gardens, a banquet, and a plant auction are some of the traditions of Region 2 meetings.

The auction normally has recent cultivars listed from \$20 and up. A new feature of the 1996 Meeting will be a Bargain Plant Table of lower-priced daylilies for individuals who can't see the wisdom of paying \$20 and more for daylilies.

Anyone who grows daylilies in Region 2 (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio) should consider donating his/her surplus cultivars to the Bargain Plant Table which will be set up during registration at next summer's tour hosted by the Wisconsin Daylily Society in Madison. This table gives each of us the chance to share with fellow members our favorite cultivars that have overgrown their clumps and need new homes. If each member attending the Madison meeting brings a half-dozen cultivars, the table will be a big success!

How to share? Dig up your clumps, separate and wash them, label them with at least the cultivar name, and hybridizer(should you choose), and put your **PRICE** on each division or double division. Bring your plants in the condition that you yourself would like to purchase plants. We suggest cultivar prices to be in the \$3 to \$10 (maximum) range.

The WDS will have someone manning the table during registration. Finally....come early to see what cultivars your fellow members have donated, and to make your own choices. You never know; you may finally obtain that classic cultivar that has always eluded you! All proceeds from the Bargain Plant Table go to support Region 2.

Join the American Hemerocallis Society  
\$18 individual or \$22 family

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## American Hemerocallis Society

### Region 2 Symposium -1996

Growing Daylilies in Louisiana-Clarence and Beth

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Sat/Sun-Feb 17/18 Mariott Hotel, Indianapolis

Cost-\$70 Info: Dan/Jackie Bachman 513-984-0124

## Last Chance

by Paul Meske- Outgoing President

One of the perks of being not only the President, but also the newsletter editor, is that I have a "bully pulpit" from which to speak. At our annual meeting on October 15, you elected new members to the WDS Board of Directors. They, in turn, will select a president from their ranks. Our constitution limits any board member to serve only two consecutive terms and then must drop off. That is my situation.

I want to take the time to say how proud I am to have served on the WDS Board of Directors. It has given me the opportunity to work with as fine a group of individuals as you will find, and see our organization grow along with interest in daylilies in Wisconsin. I confess that my reasons for being active in the WDS are selfish ones. There is not a day that I don't pick up the Daylily Journal, a daylily catalog, or walk around my daylily beds, even in the depths of winter, anticipating the season of bloom to come. I figure that the more I can help get other people equally brain-washed and addicted as I, the more kindred souls there will be to trade plants with, talk with, and share information.

I predict that we are seeing just the beginning of a daylily revolution in Wisconsin. In the not-too-far-off future, we will have gardens with collections of all the "hot" daylilies, and Wisconsin hybridizers will be introducing new cultivars to the daylily world earning at least regional, if not national attention.

Each year, our society sells thousands of

daylilies at our sale in August. I believe we are starting to see the effect of this in our members' gardens. Some members have succumbed to the lure of hybridizing and are growing their own seedlings in their gardens.

The next time that the AHS Regional Meeting comes to Wisconsin, it will be hosted by the Milwaukee Area Daylily Society, then by the West-Central Society of LaCrosse, etc.

We have a ways to go, but it will happen. Until then, make plans to come to Madison next July 26-28 and take part in the first-ever Region 2 Meeting to be held in Wisconsin.

## 1996 Daylily Calendar

Sandstone Gardens is again selling a Daylily Calendar with growing tips, photos, important dates, and more photos. 1-2 calendars are \$12 each, 3-9 are \$11 each, 10-19 are \$10 each, and 20 or more are \$9 each. (add sales tax)

Make checks payable to: Sandstone Garden

1323 Sandstone Place  
Green Bay, WI 54313  
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## Mid-lates to Very Lates- by Jean Bawden

In his talk, Richard Ford mentioned a number of cultivars that are considered to be lates as far as their bloom times. The following cultivars are some that he mentioned.

Thornbird, Porcelain Pleasure, Aspen, Apollodorus, Kazuq, Firestorm, Grand Masterpiece, Golden Corduroy, Lahaina, Lovely Lucia, Morning Dawn, Frandean, Real Wind, Illini Ruffles, Cloverdale, Zella Virginia, Double Gardenia, Classic Rose, Pride of Massachusetts, Scape Stopper, Sultan's Ruby, Tender Shepherd, Angels Delight, My Sunshine, Grapeade, Autumn Snow, Dinah Rose, Blood Spot, East Hampton, Alvin Lebeque Memorial, Quaking Aspen, Tuscan, Autumn Shadows, Vendetta, Late Arrival, Canary Late, Country Melody, Caballero, Jolly Dimples, Betty Benz, My Hope, Swelling Anthem, Union Station, Late Affair, Augusta Lombard, Rahotep, Elegant Finale, Fiery



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**Messenger, Pal Alice, Brookwood Impeccable, Snowline, Understated Poise, Golden Tycoon, Yabba Dabba Doo, Techny Peach Lace, Late Again, By the Riverside, Bermuda Coral, Sandra Elizabeth, Lady Aylene, Harly Briscoe, and Brookwood S303-90.**

The next newsletter will come out in June. If you are looking for an opportunity to be an author, please send articles by May 15 to Jean Bawden, 2806 Warner St., Madison, Wis. 53713. She is editor, chief bottle-washer, etc.

### **Election Results**

At the recent board meeting, election of officers took place. Jean Bawden is president, Ruth Horall is vice-president, Gene Woehler is secretary, and Gene Dewey is treasurer. The new board is looking to put together an interesting array of meetings for the new year, starting with the January 11th meeting, which is a Thursday night. In addition to officers, Rick Ivik will continue his excellent leadership as WHS Sale Chairman, Jean Bawden will attempt to follow in Paul Meske's footsteps as Editor of the newsletter, Phyllis Sanner will be the librarian and historian, Ruth Horall will be the publicity chairperson, Paul Meske will be the Education chairperson, and Hiram Percy will continue his formidable job of organizing the Region II tour.

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**Rebloomers** - Some daylilies that rebloom (send up additional scapes at a different time) for me are: **May May, Quaking Aspen, Happy Returns, Golden Scroll, Camden Gold Dollar, Raindrop.** Any really nice ones that rebloom for you??? (jb)  
**Camden Gold Dollar** is really a nice small-flowered daylily that blooms its little head off in mid-July and then sends up a whole bunch more scapes in Sept. **May May** sends up more scapes constantly, so there are new scapes all the time. It is sort of a creamy near-white and also small-flowered. **Golden Scroll** is a larger flower that is a gold-tangerine blend with good substance and a green throat, and it sends up a few later scapes (one year in Oct.) p4

## **Garden Expo in February!!!**

On February 17th and 18th, the Dane County Expo Center will join WHA in hosting the 3rd Annual Garden Expo for all of us who are tired of white and brown and long for the thousands of colors of summer. In the past, the garden expo was held on approximately 2500 square feet, and last year, it was almost impossible to move because of the throngs of people. For those of you who didn't go, the expo is filled with landscapers, garden centers, gardening societies, and people who have something special to offer gardeners. The expo was filled with information, plants, slides, and hardware. There were thousands of people that fought off the cold to pick up brochures, see the latest "stuff", and talk about plants.

This year, the Garden Expo will take place on 25,000 square feet and will last for two days. Our society will join in the fun by having a booth in the hope of gaining new enthusiasts in our club, making more people aware of what daylilies look like and what they offer everyone who gardens. We need help covering the booth for both Saturday and Sunday. If you can help, please call Jean at 274-3449 or Ruth at 238-0502.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

Greetings!! I hope you'll bear with me as I learn how to set up the newsletter, and struggle with columns, headlines, etc. Paul Meske is my mentor as I try to learn to make Pagemaker do what I want it to!!!!!! He very kindly wrote a portion of this first newsletter.

I'm hoping this will be a great year for the WHS... because of the camaraderie, a tour that will hopefully come off without a hitch, and the new things that we learn. Since I've joined this society, I've been impressed with the friendliness, the amount of knowledge about daylilies, and the varied interests of our members. I'm going to need a ton of help this year with all the things that need doing and my lack of experience. One thing that we will continue doing at each meeting is a drawing for one of the daylilies that several of us planted at Phyllis Sanner's farm after last year's



sale. She and Don very kindly donated the space and the sweat to give us a spot to plant out the leftover hems, so we can get increase from all of them - and so we can give door prizes!! Another thing that we intend to do is to have slides rented from the AHS or from different hybridizers at each of the meetings so we can all see new cultivars we have to have but can't afford. One other thing that I would like to do is to use the newsletter as a venue for you to tell us about one or more of your favorite daylilies and what makes it special (ie. rapid increase, good branching, great color, height, etc.). If you will send me a description, I will use some in every newsletter. We are also going to try to send a notice of our meetings to area garden societies to encourage them to come and perhaps join us in our madness! Please think about bringing a friend of yours that isn't a member to one of our meetings. Every organization is only as strong as the commitment of the members, so please volunteer for some task so that we have a strong, fun organization that keeps on growing. We have members all over the state, so not everyone can get to every meeting, especially during the wicked winter weather. One possibility for the Green Bay, La Crosse, or Milwaukee members to think about would be a possibility of a non-Madison tour before the Region II tour (that tour takes place on the weekend of July 26/27) for people who aren't able to do the Region II tour. If anyone is interested in organizing a tour, please let me know and I will put something in the June newsletter. We are going to need a great deal of help with the tour - from tour guides to cookie bakers! How about doing a couple of hours at the garden expo - that is if you aren't going to the Symposium, which is the same weekend. Here are some other brainstorming as possibilities for the society: a photo contest in conjunction with the sale, in-garden workshops on hybridizing or dividing clumps, posters introducing our society to the public, joint meetings/tours with other societies. I'm excited, scared, and awed at how many things there are to do. Let's make this a year to savor for our society. Jean

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## 'Florida Sunshine' Coming to Wisconsin *News flash!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

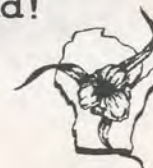


David Kirchhoff, the master hybridizer, whose introductions include **Cabbage Flower**, **Leonard Bernstein**, **Forty-Second Street**, **Betty Woods**, **Bird's Eye**, **Chorus Line**, **Ming Porcelin**, and **Study in Scarlet**, is coming to Madison to speak at the Region 2 convention. Mr. Kirchhoff, who owns Daylily World, will speak at the banquet on Saturday night. Daylily World is located in Sanford, Florida, and carries more than 1400 cultivars, including over 300 award winners. Daylily World has won the coveted Bertrand Farr Award for excellence in hybridizing. David Kirchhoff gave up a career in music and joined his father, Ed Kirchhoff in the daylily business in 1971. The latest hybridizing Mr. Kirchhoff has been doing is double tetraploid cultivars, some of which have ornate edges. Daylily World had over 18,000 new seedlings in 1994, and in addition to Mr. Kirchhoff, Daylily World also has the hybridizing expertise of Mort Morss. Some other Kirchhoff cultivars are **Florida Sunshine**, **Far Niente**, **Kent's Favorite Two**, **Carlee Longman**, **Homer Howard Glidden**, **After the Fall**, **Vino Di Notte**, **Chardonnay**, **Bed of Clouds**, **Bette Davis Eyes**, **Amadeus**, and **Obsession in Red**. One of the things that I notice in Mr. Kirchhoff's cultivars is that I have grown many of his evergreens successfully in our climate. jb

\*\*\*\*January 11\*\*\*\*

Please join us on January 11 for our first program of 1996. Our tentative topic is spiders and spider variants. We will talk about what makes a spider a spider, see slides of spiders and variants, and mention spiders that you can see on the tour this summer.

Bring a friend!





## WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY 1996 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please enroll me as a member of the **Wisconsin Daylily Society** for 1996 (Jan.1-Dec.31).

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Type of membership-please check one.

Individual \$5.00

Family \$7.50

Business \$15.00

**Questionnaire**-( I'm trying to conserve space in the newsletter-please feel free to add more thoughts.)Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? \_\_\_\_\_ Which of your daylilies bloom for longer than 5 weeks or rebloom? \_\_\_\_\_ Which of your daylilies are really early? \_\_\_\_\_ late? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ordered by mail? from whom? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you happy with them? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a favorite miniature? \_\_\_\_\_ double? \_\_\_\_\_ spider? \_\_\_\_\_ What's your most fragrant? \_\_\_\_\_ What would you like to read/hear more about? \_\_\_\_\_ On the back, would you write a description of one of your favorites and why it is. (you can describe more than one)

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