



THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Greetings! I hope you have your Christmas lists filled with daylilies, and your calendar openwe are going to have some wonderful meetings in 1997! A quick update on the officers for 1997.....Gene Dewey is the new President, Evelyn Thompson is the VP, Phyllis Sanner is the Secretary, and Lloyd Ravet is the Treasurer. The new board, consisting of Gene Dewey, Gene Woehler, Jean Bawden, Ruth Horall, Phyllis Sanner, Jane Percy, Evelyn Thompson, and Lloyd Ravet, are hoping to put on a series of meetings that will surprise and delight you.

Check out the President's Corner on page 2 for a welcoming note from our new President, Gene Dewey. Gene has some major surprises and delights in his opening message. Hopefully, all of you will join us on January 9th (Thursday) for the Beginner's Program and slide show from the AHS. Bring your pencil and notebook to write down the new beauties that you see in the slide show. We will have treats, thanks to Jane Percy.

Another thing you may want to do for this first meeting is to bring all your catalogues, so we can all compare catalogues, drool at photos of the latest introductions, and point out the sources that have given each of us the best quality plants and/or the best prices. In fact, one of the things that the "experts" can talk about is what to look for when using a catalogue to help get the best deal....(and the best deal is not always the cheapest price!) One of the hand-outs will be a list of growers and their addresses, so you can order by mail with a little more confidence! Bring your pencils and paper to jot down any piece of new information that you hear.

Wisconsin Daylily Society Officers

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Gene Dewey 608-255-0858	Ev. Thompson 608-274-1415	Phyllis Sanner 608-882-5211	Lloyd Ravet 608-249-7223

96-97 Calendar

- *Jan. 9- Thursday meeting -Beginner's Panel of "Experts" -7pm
- *Feb. 9-Sunday meeting-1pm
- *Feb. 15/16- Garden Expo-DC Expo Center
- *Feb. 28-Mar2 -Region 2 Symposium- Indianapolis
- *Mar. 13-Thursday meeting-7pm
- *Apr. 13- Sunday meeting-1pm
- *May 8- Thursday meeting-7pm
- *July 11-13 -Region 2 Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio
- *July 19-20 - Open Gardens in Madison/Milwaukee Area
- *July 26-27- WDS Garden Tours in LaCrosse
- *July 27-Sunday- Wis. Daylily Soc. Show
- *Aug. 16-17-Daylily Society Sale (Sat/Sun)
- *Oct. 19- Annual meeting-Speaker - Steve Moldovan

Region 2 Symposium

The Region 2 Symposium will take place on February 28th, March 1st, and March 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The symposium includes talks by Steve Moldovan, Dan Bachman, Judith Weston, Bill Potter, Pat Henley, Gus Guzinski, Lee De Jongh, and Jean Bawden. If you are interested in going and would like to be part of a van rental, please contact Jane Percy as soon as possible. Registration is \$70 per person, and the registration blank can be found in this Region 2 Newsletter. That's not the only goody in the Newsletter.....see Judy Ferreri's garden on the front cover, and descriptions of the gardens on tour inside.





THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope those of you who attended our annual meeting have pleasant memories of Sarah Sikes' gracious presentation on growing and hybridizing daylilies and her beautiful slides to sustain you at least until the 1997 daylily catalogs start appearing in your mailboxes. For others, it may be remembrance of your favorite daylilies or the thrill of seeing a new hybrid in your own garden that will help you get through the long non-gardening part of our Wisconsin winter.

Once the new year arrives, WDS hopes to provide you information which will be helpful to you in growing daylilies and slides of new introductions to entice you to make additions to your garden. At our January 9 meeting we will provide you with the opportunity to get answers from some of our own experts to those daylily questions which you have wondered about. Some of our members are fairly new to daylily growing and would like to know more about these flowers many of us are so crazy about. Everyone can pick up some useful tips in such a program. Wally Porterfield has agreed to moderate this panel discussion. If you have questions for the panel, call Wally at 837-8123, drop them in the mail to him at 328 E. MacArthur St., Sun Prairie WI 53590, or bring them to the meeting. Slides will also be shown at our January meeting. Place Thurs. January 9, 7 p.m. at Olbrich on your

calendar now. Record the other dates on the WDS calendar included elsewhere in this issue so you won't miss our meetings.

The Board and I are looking forward to working with all of you to make this a productive and interesting year for the Wisconsin Daylily Society. We had a good organizational meeting in early November. We will be seeking your help representing WDS at the Garden Expo, our summer garden tours, the WDS show, the daylily sale, and the annual meeting. I am very pleased to report that Steve Moldovan of Avon, Ohio has agreed to speak at our annual meeting. He comes highly recommended by members of Region 4's annual meeting.

1997 may be the year that a display garden of daylilies in Madison will become a reality. A number of people indicated their willingness to help on such a project at the annual meeting.

If you have an idea for program or project, a question about the Society, information to pass along or a tip on a garden too good to miss, please give me a call at 255-0858.

LaCrosse in 97

Get your traveling shoes on...we're going West next summer! The LaCrosse area gardens are going to be on display on July 26th and 27th of 1997, thanks to the organizing efforts of Jerry Benzer. There will be 6 gardens on tour, along with Rod Lysne's wonderful daylily business. Put that weekend on your calendar.....gardens will be open both days.....and we'll give you all the particulars, including motels/restaurants, in the June newsletter.

Annual Meeting Is A Grand Success

The annual meeting started off in high gear with more than 50 people in attendance to enjoy the food, the lovely Sarah Sikes, and each other. Sarah was absolutely charming in small conversations before the meeting started, and enchanted the crowd when she began her presentation. The destruction of last summer's hurricane became an opportunity to change the face of her yard; the beauty of her daylilies in slides wove her stories together. The little kid in me comes out in that situation.....I feel like I should get an autographthe adult in me says that I'm too old for such things. But I was awed.....names of famous daylilies that she has hybridized kept falling out of the catalogues I read when trying to organize my introduction.....this woman has done it all.....the Stout Medal, the Bertrand Farr Award, an HM here, and an AM there. What a wonderful way to start out the new year of programs.

Several of our local organization won great honors in Region 2 this year, and were recognized for their accomplishments. Hiram Percy was awarded the Region 2 Service Award for all his efforts on behalf of the WDS and Region 2....he has done outstanding things in the original organization of our club....he has served as the RVP of Region 2....he has generously donated plants to our sale and opened his garden to introduce more people to the beauty of daylilies.

Another award-winner this year was Arthur Blodgett, who won the Englerth Award for the most outstanding seedling at the Regional Meeting. Arthur has been hybridizing for many years, and has several lovely introductions.

Robert Griesbach was awarded the Region 2 Hybridizer's Award this year. Dr. Griesbach is known nationwide for his Bird-Series of daylily introductions, including Mallard, Baltimore Oriole, Starling, and Screech Owl. Dr. Griesbach was a pioneer in tetraploid daylilies, and is now involved with exciting new cultivars in tetraploid true lilies.

The food, provided by The Blue Plate, was very good, and the business meeting was short

and to the point. We elected new board members, drew names for door prizes, and had a whole new committee volunteer to work on placing the WDS daylily display garden in the near future.

Volunteers for that committee include: Jim Fitzpatrick, Linda Ball, Carole Maahs, Fred Liss, Howard Steen, Wally Porterfield, Tom Woitjeh, Paul Meske, Lloyd Ravet, Stan Duke, and Cynthia Henson.

Derek Nedveck (8 years old) was the youngest person at the meeting, so he came up and drew names for daylilies.....including his own.

Garden Expo in February

It's almost time for the Garden Expo again....and we will need some volunteers to help out at our booth again this year. The Expo is scheduled for February 15th and 16th at the Dane County Expo Building, so we will need help on both days. The Expo is going to have garden display competition this year, as I understand it, and it will take over the whole building if their projections of growth are correct.

Please contact Gene Dewey at 255-0858 if you are able to help us out this year. We had a number of comments in the evaluations of attendees last year that were extremely positive. Let's make this year even more spectacular!

Change in Duties

As you probably noticed, Gene D is the new President, but Jean B is still writing the newsletter. We are in the process of dividing up duties to put less stress on the President. (Jean B got gray hair last year trying to work three jobs and write the newsletter besides.) Asking for volunteers for the Display Garden Committee was another way of dividing up some of the responsibilities, having a Show Chair and a Sale Director who are not on the board are other ways. On the next page are some of the people our organization counts on, and what their duties are. We thought we would let you in on it so if you have a question, you know who to contact.

Who's in Charge?

This year, we have a few changes in the responsibilities of various individuals, so we wanted to let you know who to contact for different questions. If you would like to volunteer for any job, please contact the person involved.

President-Gene Dewey (255-0858)...any questions or ideas that you want to get to the board agenda should go to Gene. Any question that no one else seems responsible for goes to Gene. :)

Vice-President-Evelyn Thompson (274-1415)...the liason with Olbrich Garden, responsible for setting up the annual meeting luncheon, responsible for news coverage of the WDS, runs the meetings when the President isn't there.

Secretary-Phyllis Sanner (882-5211)....takes minutes of any business meeting for both the board and the full membership. Presents the minutes to the board at the next board meeting; presents the minutes to the full membership at the annual meeting.

Treasurer-Lloyd Ravet (249-7223) ...keeps the books for the organization; handles all money, dues. Gives an annual report to the membership at the annual meeting. Must sign all checks along with the President.

Newsletter Editor-Jean Bawden (274-3449)....writes the newsletter at least 3 times a year.....accepts articles for the newsletter from the membership.....receives newsletters from other Regions/organizations.

Program Chairman-Gene Dewey (255-0878)...Plans the programs for the meetings. Contacts speakers or obtains slide shows.

Garden Expo-Gene Woehler (238-8672) Plans for the Garden Expo, organizes workers, obtains hand-outs, organizes decorations of booth.

Tours-97-Jerry Benser (1-608-782-4417)

Organizes the summer garden tours and provides info to the newsletter editor about the gardens.

WDS Sale Chair-Rick Ivik (249-0641) ...Organizes the August sale of daylilies to the public. Orders the daylilies, organizes the volunteer workers, advertizes the sale, obtains the equipment needed for the sale, maintains the database of plants.

Annual Meeting Arrangements- Evelyn Thompson and Phyllis Sanner.

Show Chair- To be announced (if you are interested, contact Gene Dewey)

Treats-Jane Percy (845-9249) Provide the snacks for meetings. (If you would like to make some appetizers or sweets, please contact Jane.)

Winter Mulch

I have given credit for the idea of mulching evergreen daylilies with dirt to Jerry Benser for the winter. Jerry has told me that he wasn't the person who suggested it, so don't blame Jerry if it doesn't work. I have mulched my evergreen daylilies with dirt for the past 5 years and to this point, have not lost an evergreen to winter weather. I use somewhere between 6 and 10 inches of dirt over the crown....usually applied in late October or early November and removed in late April, depending on the weather. This year will be an experiment due to my surgeries and subsequent inability to shovel dirt over the daylilies. (the daylilies only got a heavy mulch of leaves) In the spring, you will see new foliage starting up right through the dirt.....don't be overanxious about removing the dirt. If you take it off too soon, you run the risk of a heavy late freeze turning the foliage to mush, and allowing rot to gain a foothold. When you finally do remove the dirt, some cultivars will look better than others.....things like CABBAGE FLOWER look really awful in the spring.

The Wisconsin Daylily Society

1997 Membership Application/Renewal

Please enroll me as a member of the **Wisconsin Daylily Society** for the year 1997
(January 1 to December 31)

Name (Please Print or Type) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of membership: (Please check one)

☐ Individual \$5.00

☐ Family \$7.50

☐ Business \$15.00

I enclose \$ _____ payable to **The Wisconsin Daylily Society**.

Mail entire sheet to: Lloyd Ravet, 4518 Turquoise Lane, Madison, WI 53714

Member Questionnaire

Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you be willing to serve on a committee?

Would you be interested in being on tour in 1997?

Describe and name your 3 favorite daylilies.

If you haven't already sent your money in, it's time for you to renew your membership for 1997! Wait till you find out all the neat stuff we have planned for the new year!

Steve Moldovan

Club Sale

Auction

Garden Expo

LaCrosse Tours

Daylily Exhibitions

Beginner's Meeting



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