

**WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY, INC**

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Well, like a bad penny, I keep returning! A number of people twisted my arm at the annual meeting about continuing as the editor of the newsletter; they all promised me their first-born seedlings to go on. How could I refuse????

Actually, now that I know a little about Pagemaker, the assembling of the articles is less stressful.....and the writing has always been fun. I don't have to do the part of it that wasn't fun....taking it to the printer, putting labels on, and mailing them out. So, hang onto your hats! We're off and running into a new season of get-togethers! Just a reminder.....some meetings are on THURSDAYS, and some meetings are on SUNDAYS! If you haven't sent your dues in yet, please send them in quickly.....you'd hate to be without your newsletter, a chance at winning a daylily or gift certificate, or your chance at being a foster parent for a new cultivar. While you're at it, why not send in your renewal of your membership to the AHS? That \$18 membership entitles you to the Daylily Journal, the Region 2 Newsletter, the Internet Robin, and the chance to be a foster parent in our local program. (the membership voted overwhelmingly to keep the requirement of being an AHS member to be a foster parent for new cultivars) But NONE of these things are as important as being with the wonderful folks in this organization! What a fun group!!!! My first experience with the people when I joined this organization about 5 years ago was at the plant sale preparation. Everyone was so friendly, and so zany, that the evening of work went by in a flash. In the succeeding years, I wouldn't want to miss that Friday of 'work'.....there's always a great deal of laughter. We have some projects coming up in the next year or so that promise to be another series of good 'work' times. I have met so many really

**Wisconsin Daylily Society Officers** some refreshments, and sharing of

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Lloyd Ravet	Ruth Horral	Phyllis Sanner	Stan Duke
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**WDS Calendar-1998**

Jan. 8(Thurs)-1997 National Convention Video

Feb.8(Sun)-Slides from Stamile

Feb. 14/15 -Garden Expo

Feb. 27/28/Mar1-Region 2 Symposium-  
IndianapolisMar.12(Thurs)-Panel on hybridizing and  
seed-starting techniques *Courtier*April 5(Sunday)- Dennis Anderson (Hite Award  
winner-1997)May 14(Thurs)-slides and possible speaker *Panel*May 21-24 National Convention-Lafayette,  
Louisiana

July 17-19-Region 2 meeting-Grand Rapids

July 25th-Madison Garden tours-gardens to be  
announced at a later date

July 26-1998 Show-Olbrich Gardens

July 30th(tentative)-Summer picnic

August 22,23- 1998 Sale

Oct 18-Annual Meeting- Judith Weston  
(speaker)

(Thursday meetings begin at 7pm; Sunday meetings at 1pm unless otherwise announced)

GOOD people through plant organizations; my life has really been enriched.....won't you join the fun????

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**National Tour Gardens in January!!**

Our opener this year will be a video of the National Convention in 1997. Wait till you see the gardens in this video!!!! Remember, this is daylily heaven.....Florida. The other gardens have guest plants from the latest seedlings of the Florida hybridizers as well as their latest and greatest introductions. There may even be a few 'gators in the video! Join us for great daylilies, catalogues January 8th at 7 pm.!

(We also have that door prize!!!!)



## President's Corner

by Lloyd Ravet

Spectacular!!! How else would you describe the hybridizing program of Steve Moldovan we witnessed at the October annual meeting? Those in attendance most assuredly have added to their wish lists.

A very big thank you is in order to Jean Bawden for agreeing to do the newsletter again this year. **THANK YOU, JEAN, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOU!!!!**

A bit about your new president... I have been a member of WDS for two years. Early in 1996, I had less than 20 cultivars, and now confess to having 200, of which 60 have yet to bloom in my garden. I picked up several new cultivars at the plant sale and even traded the second fan of some with Rick Ivik so we could both increase our variety with no extra cost. Thanks Rick, that was a good idea. At the end of my first year I was recruited to run for the board and served as treasurer for 1997. Prior to joining WDS, I had not been active in a garden club since my youth; my parents were active in a gladiola society.

With our two sons off to college, I wanted to join a garden group, and checked out the iris, hosta, and daylily groups, and am very pleased to be associated with you fine fellow daylily lovers. After attending my first meeting alone, I talked my wife Judy into joining me; although she is not a gardening enthusiast, she has picked up the daylily lingo, has helped me in plant selections, and enjoys the activities and people.

The plant sales, Region 2 meetings, show, picnic and monthly meetings have been a hoot, and the board and committee leaders plan an exciting 1998. Some of the items on our agenda are more slides of top hybridizers, a video of 1997 National Convention tours, a panel of local members who are hybridizing, the show, the picnic, and more speakers. We have commitments from Dennis Anderson and Judith Weston so far and are looking to bring in one or two more speakers. The display garden project is looking to be a reality in 1998, so be prepared to volunteer to get dirty

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and have fun comradeship on these projects.

Hope to see more of you at the monthly meetings....remember we have gift certificate drawings at these meetings, which will help you cross off a couple cultivars from that wish list.

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**Election Results!**

The WDS Board elected new officers for the 1998 year at their last board meeting. Lloyd Ravet was elected to the office of President; Ruth Horrall became the new Vice-President; Phyllis Sanner will be the Secretary; and Stan Duke will take over the Treasurer's job. Each of these positions take extra work, so it's great that these folks have agreed to serve. In addition, the Board decided to spread the workload out a little, and appointed these people to serve in the following capacities: meeting refreshments-Evelyn Thompson, newsletter editor and camera-ready copy-Jean Bawden, newsletter reproduction and mailing-Gene Dewey, Garden Expo-???, Picnic- Karen Watson-Newlin, Tours-????, show-Howard Schwartz???, historian-Evelyn Thompson, sale-Rick Ivik?????. The question marks are because the people listed weren't asked yet if they would do the job, but they did such a terrific job last year that we'd love to have them back again! The question marks without a name are places for you to jump in and volunteer! Both of the jobs are not tons of work...the Garden Expo would include making sure that we have enough handouts for the thousands of people that come through, making sure there are enough workers to take care of the booth during both days (this doesn't mean that you have to be there both days!!!), and making sure that someone is responsible for taking them down and taking them home on Sunday. For the tours, the volunteer would be responsible for contacting people in the Madison area and arranging to have their gardens on tour, then writing up directions to the houses to put in the June newsletter. No one would mind if you and a friend decided to do the job together! Please let Lloyd know if you would like to do one or both jobs.



## **LORD OF RINGS SHOWS HIS MAGIC! - STEVE MOLDOVAN**

Steve Moldovan brought his easy-going manner to Wisconsin for the Annual Meeting, and shared some of his striking new introductions, as well as showing his beginnings. You want to see PURPLE daylilies.....boy, has he got 'em!!!! There are lots of new things that are deep purple with all sorts of edges....white, ruffled, gold. There are things with the tell-tale signs of Munson parentage; there are hot oranges. The people that won the chance to be foster parents this summer at the pot-luck got to see what their babies were going to look like. Steve mentioned that 'pretty flowers' are easy.....to get the pretty flower with good branching and high bud count is very hard. Though he would also like to see rebloom in northern plants, he said that unless things are immediate rebloomers, they may run out of time in our climate, so the way to increase bloom in the north is probably going to be done by increasing bud counts. This is a man that enjoys all sorts of plants, as those people who attended the Region 2 meeting in Akron can attest. His hosta were grand; the bamboo overwhelming; the liliun canadense incredible; and the Japanese maples exquisite. I only wish that the gorgeous flowers that we got to see at the Annual Meeting had been in bloom when we were in Ohio!

The Annual Meeting was well-attended, with about 50 people enjoying the food, the drawings, and the guest speaker. The food was magnificent!!!! And you have to ask Jane Percy about that raspberry dessert she made!!!! Evelyn Thompson, Phyllis Sanner, and Jane had lovely decorations for the tables, and had everything organized so well that the meal went off without a hitch. There were 5 drawings for a gift certificate for Steve Moldovan's garden, two brand-new introductions donated by Rod Lysne, a family membership to Olbrich Gardens, and two passes to the Conservatory at Olbrich.

Elections were held for new board members.....Ruth Horrall was re-elected, and new members of the board are: Stan Duke,

Karen Watson-Newlin, and Cynthia Henson.

Outgoing President, Gene Dewey, outlined some of the possible projects for next year, including daylily beds at the University West research gardens and the Shorewood Hills community garden, and plant or cash donations to Olbrich Gardens for the addition of new and different daylily cultivars. Gene asked for volunteers for a committee to work with Jeff Epping of Olbrich Gardens in choosing cultivars. Ruth Horrall, Jean Bawden, and Hiram Percy all volunteered.

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### **Sale Update**

After looking at the sell-out results of the 1997 sale, and the number of people who had to leave empty-handed, the Board decided to spend more money and buy more spiders, purples, reds, and doubles next year. These cultivars were gone by early Saturday, leaving many people empty-handed. The move toward more expensive cultivars also seemed to go over well, attracting people who are beyond the first stage of 'addiction'. The Board also commented on the great work force on Friday getting ready for the sale, and Rick Ivik's continuing excellence as Sales Chair. (If you haven't helped with the set-up for the sale, you've missed a really fun time!!!)

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### **Other Business**

In other business, the Board decided to look into buying some certificates of deposit with some of our money, while voting to help the members going to the Region 2 with other money. This means that if you decide to go to the Regional Meeting in Michigan next summer, the WDS will pay half of your registration!!! The WDS Board received a certificate from the AHS for its donation to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund. The next Board meeting is January 5, so if you have any request or suggestion, please contact Lloyd at 249-7223.





## **Membership Time!!!!**

If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership for 1998!! We're really trying to get our memberships paid by early January this year, so we can send out our list of members much earlier. Therefore, if you would like to be listed as a member of the WDS for 1998, and have not yet paid your dues, please send them to Stan Duke right away!!! The dues are bargain-basement.....\$5 for single memberships, \$7.50 for family memberships, and \$15 for business memberships; Stan's address is 3713 Festival Dr, DeForest, Wi 53532. Please look for your name in the following list, or look at your mailing label for the 98 after your name. If you see your name below, or you have a 98 after your name, you are a member in good standing!! If you don't see one of those two things, we will shortly miss your smiling face! And you will miss this crazy newsletter!!!! And we don't want either one to happen!!! Give yourself the Christmas present that lasts all year.....a membership in the WDS.

Byron Annis  
Linda Ball  
Jean Bawden  
Richard Berling  
Mark Blank  
Julia Cook  
Jean and Don Coshun  
Zannah Crowe  
Patricia & Michael Daubs  
Dave Butcher & Janet Gordon  
Gene Dewey  
Stan Duke/Cynthia Henson  
Lynne & Andrew Fell  
Judy Ferreri  
George and Joyce Fulford  
Betty Giacomino  
Robin & Allen Gifford  
Frank Greer  
Robert/MaryLou Griesbach  
Anne Guis  
Betty/Donald Hansen  
Ruby Haugaard  
Ruth Horrall  
Delorus Johnson  
Richard Johnson/Theresa Murray-Johnson

Edward Kraus  
Delores Krueger  
Steve Lesch  
Sylvia/Vern Lowell  
Carole Maahs  
Patricia Marfilus  
Doug/Martha Maxwell  
Gregory Meissner  
Paul Meske  
Rose Mary Muller (family)  
David/Nancy Nedveck-The Flower Factory  
Patricia O'Connor  
Patty/Lu Paulson  
Hiram/Jane Percy  
Reynold Peterson  
William Powell  
Dorothy/Raymond Ramsden  
Lloyd/Judy Ravet  
Phyllis/Don Sanner  
Eugene Sawyer  
Mike Shah  
Harold Steen  
Evelyn Thompson  
Karen Watson-Newlin  
Sandra/James Wheat  
Ron Williams  
Conrad Wizesinski  
Eugene Woehler  
Tom Wojtech  
Sally Yaeger  
James Zychowicz/Salvatore Calomino  
Laurel/James Zimmerman

If there's a mistake either in your membership or your name, let Jean Bawden know-274-3449

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### **Digging a fan.....for a friend**

If you want to give a fan of a favorite daylily to a friend, try the following technique. Dig down along one side of the clump very carefully, so as to not damage any roots. Take a large screwdriver or dandelion digger, and insert it from above between the fan you are going to remove and the main clump, and slowly pry it away from the clump. This keeps the main clump untraumatized.



## April Will Be INDY RHAPSODY!

Dennis Anderson, winner of the Howard Hite Award for 1997, is coming to Madison on April 5 (Sunday) to make our April meeting very special! Dennis learned from Bryant Millikan when he first started working with daylilies, and that and his own hard work has paid off in cultivars such as INDY CHARMER, INDY RHAPSODY, and INDY SEDUCTRESS. Dennis works out of his garden in the Indianapolis area; this means his cultivars go through similar weather conditions to our own. There will be a potluck of appetizers and sweets for this meeting. Drinks will be provided.

### KURUMBA!!!! Judith Weston is Coming to Town!

I will have a full write-up on Judith Weston in a later newsletter, but I just wanted to let you know the great news!!!! Judith will be the featured speaker at our Annual Meeting next October 18th. Some of Judith's introductions include: LIGHTS OF DETROIT, KURUMBA, BOLOGONGO, PRINCIPAL WIFE, BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR, BORDERS ON PINK, MAE WEST, IDITAROD, and HOUSE OF ORANGE. Make sure you put the 18th on your calendar now, so you don't double-schedule yourself!! You'd hate to miss Judith.....and there's a bonus.....you get to eat too!! <BG> <BG> stands for BIG GRIN.

### Seed storage/planting....

Seeds keep their viability much better if stored in a zip-loc in the refrigerator. Seeds should only be left out to dry for a few hours before putting them in the fridge. They can remain in the fridge till January or February if planting indoors, and can be stored that way till planting time if planting outdoors.

When ready to plant, soak the seeds for at least 24 hours in a solution of one oz. of bleach to one gallon of water.

## Companion Clippings

For those of you that are always looking for possible combinations, how about some of the following? Cultivars are abbreviated after the first mention of the name.

Hem GRAPE VELVET with Geranium lancastriense (a soft pink geranium that blooms all summer), rose 'A Touch of Class, and Sedum 'Autumn Joy'. ATOC is a true pink rose that blooms well and seems to be disease resistant. SAJ is one of the upright sedum that has garden interest from spring on, turning soft pink as it begins to bloom, then goes to a rusty brown in late October for good autumn interest. GV is a deep purple color, and should be available for under \$10.

Hem VELVET SHADOWS with Hem PATCH-WORK PUZZLE, Coreopsis 'Moonbeam' and Shasta daisy 'White Knight'. VS is a dark purple cultivar and PP is a cream-yellow with a delicately-etched purple eyezone. CM is a soft yellow threadleaf coreopsis that blooms from late June to frost and a lovely frothy look in the garden. SWK is a great mid-sized Shasta daisy that I really like for its uniformity of bloom height. VS hem is under \$10, and PP should be right around \$10.

Hem ROYAL VIKING and Hem WINDFRILLS with Gypsophila 'Bodgeri' or G. 'Pink Festival', Rose 'Pink Peace', and Lilium 'Black Dragon'. RV is another purple daylily, and W is a pink spidery type....both should be available for \$10 or under. GB and GPF are vigorous gypsophilas that are good front of the border plants for daylilies, being only about 12-18" tall...Bodgeri is white (bloomed till late September last year) and PF is pink. RPP is a deep pink rose that doesn't seem affected by blackspot. LBD is a trumpet lily, blooming in mid-July with a white interior and a dark maroon reverse (outside) and a glorious fragrance.



## Region 2 Symposium

February 27-March 1, 1998



*Hybridizing-Curt Hanson*

*Late daylilies-Rich Ford*

*John Lambert's Daylilies-Ned Roberts*

*Daylily Conversions-Dan Trimmer*

*Extraordinary diploids-Dennis Anderson*

*Pt/Counterpoint-Gus Guzinsky/Lee De Jonghe*

*Daylily Tissue Culture-Jamie Gossard*

*Diploid Spiders-Ned Roberts*

Registration-\$70 per person

Check to : AHS Region 2

Mail to Greg McMullen, Registrar  
8753 Westfield Blvd.

Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-1942  
(Limited to 150 attendees)

Lodging information in Region 2 newsletter

Wyndham Garden Hotel

251 Pennsylvania Parkway

Indianapolis, Indiana 46280

Rates-\$64-70 until 1/30/98

As you can see, the information above this pertains to the Region 2 Symposium, which is held in Indianapolis every year at the end of February. What a terrific assortment of speakers we're going to get to hear this year, including our own Lee De Jonghe!!! This symposium is like being out in the garden for 2 1/2 days!!!! Lots of slides, great speakers, tons of information, and terrific people!!!! You are truly missing lots of fun if you aren't going!! The summer tours are great for walking around in the warm sunshine, and hopefully looking at great plants, but this is the meat and potatoes.....or in this case, the caviar and shrimp cocktail. If you truly want to know more about plants, you will get a hundred times more information here than at any other time. If you are tempted, talk to Hiram Percy or Jean Bawden.....and get your party hats on!!!!!!

## AHS Members Note

For those of you that are AHS members, don't forget to make nominations for the Howard Hite Achievement Award for Hybridizing Excellence. Your nomination for a Region 2 Hybridizer should be sent in before December 31.....the form is in the Region 2 Newsletter that you just received.

Also included in that newsletter was the mail-in auction, which supports the activities of Region 2. Two of our members have donated plants to be auctioned off.... Byron Annis, and Nancy W. Boone. Donating or bidding are both great ways to support Region 2. I only found about 15 things that I REALLLLLLLLLLLY should have!!!

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## The Dark Side!

The following cultivars have been suggested as possible candidates for the 'blackest' daylily. I thought that you might be interested in hearing about some really dark cultivars to use for contrast with your brighter, lighter ones.

SERENA DARK HORSE -

NIGHT BEACON

WATERMELON MAN

MIDNIGHT MAGIC

NIGHT WINGS

BLACK AMBROSIA

TUSCAWILLA BLACKOUT

TOTAL ECLIPSE

BAMBOO BLACKIE

DERRICK CANE

OBSIDIAN

AFRICA

PRINCE OF MIDNIGHT

EZEKIAL

STROKE OF MIDNIGHT

TEN TO MIDNIGHT

SMITH BROTHERS

SMOKING GUN

SPADES





# Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc

## 1998 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please enroll me as a member of the **Wisconsin Daylily Society** for 1998 (Jan. 1-Dec. 31).

**MAIL TO: STAN DUKE, 3713 FESTIVAL DR., DEFOREST, WI 53532**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership-please check one.

Individual \$5 \_\_\_\_ Family \$ 7.50 \_\_\_\_ Business \$15.00 \_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Wisconsin Daylily Society

**Questionnaire**-Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to serve in any of the following ways?

Planting and maintaining the display garden \_\_\_\_\_ Show chair \_\_\_\_\_

Preparing for the sale, cleaning and dividing \_\_\_\_\_ Sales chair \_\_\_\_\_

Giving presentations about plants \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Expo chair \_\_\_\_\_

Work at the Garden Expo \_\_\_\_\_ Make refreshments \_\_\_\_\_

Annual meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Picnic - \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter editor \_\_\_\_\_ Tour garden \_\_\_\_\_

Tour chair \_\_\_\_\_ Camera person \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to read/hear more about? \_\_\_\_\_

## Region 2 Symposium

February 27-28, 1993

Hybridizing-Carl Hansen

Late Daylilies-Rich Ford

John Landolt's Daylilies-Ann Landolt

Daylily Conventions-Dan Trimmer

Extraordinary daylilies-Thomas Landolt

Potomac Daylily Society-Gary Gentry

Joseph

Daylily Shows-Christine Gentry

Daylily Shows-Mel Kell

Registration \$75 per person

Check in: AHS Region 2

Mail to: Greg McMillan, Registrar

4753 Westfield Blvd

Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-1941

(Limited to 150 attendees)

Lodging Information in Region

Wyandover Garden Road

251 Pennsylvania Parkway

Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Room \$45.00 until 1/30/93

## AHS Members Note

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Achievement Award for Hybridizing Daylilies

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right away!**



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