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A not-for-profit organization promoting the enjoyment, awareness, and propagation of the genus *Hemerocallis*.



Make Your New Year's Resolution Now!

Bring your comfortable clothes and your questions about preparing your body for the new gardening season to January's meeting as Kris Jensen, Manager of Sports Medicine Physical Therapy at UW Hospitals, comes to talk. Ms. Jensen will talk about how to get these aging bodies into the gardening swing without injuring ourselves in 2001. If you want to know how to hoe without back pain, weed without knee aches, or what exercises may prevent shoulder twinges, join us for the January 14th meeting at Olbrich Gardens (1pm).

Kris Jensen has been at UW-Madison in physical therapy for 23 years, and also has a Sports Specialist Certification. She is a runner and cyclist. Kris said, "I know how frustrating it is when an injury prevents you from doing something that you really enjoy doing. We'll hope to do a little preventive medicine in January."

The meeting will include some exercises for those who care to join in, as well as some ideas for caring for any injuries that do occur.

2000 Calendar

- January 14th (Sunday) - 1pm, Olbrich-Kris Jensen "Get Your Body Ready for Gardening"
- Feb. 9-11 - Garden Expo
- February 18 (Sunday) - 1pm West Madison Agri-Research Building-Phil Pellitteri
- Mar. 2-4 - Reg. 2 Symposium
- March. 15 (Thursday) - 7pm Olbrich - To Be Announced
- April 8 (Sunday) - 1pm Olbrich - To Be Announced
- May 27 (Sunday) - 1pm Olbrich - Doug Maxwell
- June 14 - Brown Bag Supper-TBA
- June 29-July 1 Region 2 Meeting in Cincinnati
- July 14 (Saturday) - Daylily Show in Olbrich Atrium
- July 21 - (Saturday) - Daylily Garden Tour
- July 29 (Sunday) - Picnic Potluck at West Agri-Research Building
- Aug. 18-19 - Daylily Sale
- Oct. 14 (Sunday) - Annual Meeting-Curt Hanson

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Region 2 Symposium

If you haven't registered for the Region 2 Symposium in Cleveland, you'd better hurry! Attendance is limited, and the cast of characters includes: Margo Reed, Jean Duncan, our own Stan Duke, David Kirchhoff, Jeff Salter, Dan Hansen, John Peat, and several other people. Registration is \$80. Send yours to: Julie Hyatt, 1617 Sportsman's Club Road, Newark, OH 43055. See your Reg. 2 Newsletter for more info, and talk to Gene Dewey for more info on flights

New Officers Elected



On November 26, new officers were elected at the first board meeting, which included both the new board members and the outgoing board members. Rosemary Kleinheinz was elected President, Cynthia Henson was elected Vice-President, John Sheehan was elected Treasurer, and the Secretary position was left open. Karen Watson-Newlin tendered her resignation to the board because of too many other commitments this school year. Karen will be sorely missed, as she has done a magnificent job of organizing and promoting the WDS garden tour the last two years.

Other duties were also taken on by members. Jean Bawden will continue to do the newsletter. Hiram Percy will continue to do the New Cultivar Acquisition Program. Hiram Percy and Stan Duke will be in charge of programs and guest speakers, Stan Duke will continue to make arrangements for the summer Picnic, Gene Dewey will chair the sale and will also mail out the newsletters. Ellen Christiansen and Pat O'Connor will head up the Hospitality treats, and Conrad Wrzesinski will work on the WDS website. Janet Gordon will chair the WDS Show, Cynthia Henson will be the newspaper liason and do the Expo. Rosemary Kleinheinz and Phyllis Sanner will arrange the Mail-In Auction, Richard Berling will organize the Annual Meeting, and Sally Yaeger will run the WDS Garden Tour. Evelyn Thompson is the historian.

Encyclopedias Are In!!!!!!!



If you ordered a Color Encyclopedia of Daylilies, your books are here! Call the new treasurer, John Sheehan to arrange for a time to pick yours up; if you'd like it mailed, you must send him mailing costs before it goes in the mail. If you can stand waiting till the January meeting, he will bring them to the meeting. (It's filled with fantastic photos of newer daylilies). His phone and e-mail are: 274-4921, sheehanj@oncology.wisc.edu. Mailing costs are: \$5.15 for one copy and \$8.50 for two copies.

President's Corner-Rosemary Kleinheinz

Looking at the calendar, I can't help but remember a year ago when everyone was so hyped up about the coming of the new millennium. Now that great year is almost over, and it really was no different than any other - except perhaps more hectic. But then, to look at it another way, the faster the year goes by, the sooner we will see spring bulbs come upand then there are the daylilies!! We can't wait to see what all our new ones will look like.

Your Board of Directors is working hard to put together a calendar of events for the coming year that will only enhance your enthusiasm and love of our favorite flowers. As new members only three years ago, Tom and I quickly found that once we became involved in the Society's activities, our enjoyment grew by leaps and bounds. I encourage all of you to spend some time in the booth at the Expo, help weed the plants at the Sanner's farm, hop on the bus to the Region 2 conference in Cincinnati, and by all means help in any way you can at the Sale. I guarantee you will make new friends and have a ball.

God's peace and joy to you and yours during this coming Holiday Season. *Rosemary*

Bus to Cincinnati!

For those of you who enjoyed the trip to Chicago for the Region 2 Meeting, the WDS is hoping to get a bus again this year to make the long road trip to Cincinnati. Region 2 takes place June 29-July 1, so make your plans now, and let Rosemary know if you are willing to make a commitment to riding the bus. The Chicagoland Daylily Society would like to go in on the bus with us, so hopefully, we can fill it up for the trip. We need to reserve a bus rather soon to make sure we have one. If you didn't go last year, talk to the 30+ members who did go to see what a great time you can have on the way!



Doug Maxwell Back For Biotechnology Talk in May



Doug Maxwell gave an excellent talk last year on disease, and he will follow it up this year with a talk on biotechnology and how it affects those of us who grow plants. We've all read about gene manipulation, tissue culture, and changing ploidy in one genus or another.....May will be your chance to find out a little about what lies beyond the headlines.

The May meeting is a Sunday meeting at Olbrich, and will begin at 1 pm.

Milwaukee Area Programs



Harold Steen sent the programs that are scheduled so far for the Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin. Most programs take place at Boerner Botanic Gardens, but you may want to check with Harold for specifics.

On January 21st, they will be showing slides and using the script Bob Roycroft developed for a program he gave in November in Kansas City. The content of the program is mostly on Roycroft's plants. They also do a lot with the potting of daylilies. Harold is a big fan of his catalog because it shows a summary of USDA zones for hardiness. (this catalog is the first catalog that has polled customers to try and develop a rough estimate of growing range for particular daylilies)

March 11th, Phil Korth, daylily photographer, will show slides from his May 2000 trip to "Mecca." ("Mecca" refers to the early May tour of the hybridizers that are all clustered in north central Florida.) Some of his slides are pictures on his lovely 2001 calendar. Phil Korth and Leo Bordeleau put out the Sandstone Gardens daylily catalog, and are located in Suamico, Wisconsin. (these are the beautiful catalogs that the WDS just ordered for members who sent in their money) If you don't mind taking a little drive on a Sunday afternoon, you'll get to see a great slide program and meet more daylily fanatics from the "east coast!"

Allen Gardens' Daylily Display

The Allen Gardens, located centrally on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, has a wide variety of lovely plantings to help both landscapers and the general public see newer and more unusual plants in the garden setting. The WDS and Allen Gardens have entered into an agreement by which the WDS will provide newer and more unusual varieties of daylilies in the garden, and then will get the plants back the following year for the sale. After the sale, new plants will be placed in the garden, so the display will be ever-changing.

Karen Watson-Newlin created a design and Cynthia Henson and Stan Duke picked out the plants that would go into the garden this year. So if you're wondering where to take your relatives next summer, you can take them to Allen Gardens. If you haven't been there, not only do they have the daylily area; they also have a lovely rock garden and some spectacular plantings of grasses and massed perennials.



Garden Expo Feb. 9-11!!



If there are any of you that have never been to the Garden Expo, please make plans to attend this year.....you'll love it! Just imagine hundreds of gardening booths selling books, tools, and equipment.....and giving away gardening information. Every plant society in the Madison area, all sorts of small gardening businesses, and all the big businesses as well, will descend on the Alliant Expo Center next to the Coliseum for three days to tempt you with all sorts of goodies.

Cynthia Henson is in charge of the WDS booth, and she will need help from all of us. If you can help set up, tear down, or take a turn in the booth on one of those days, please call her at 837-6467. You don't have to grow hundreds of daylilies to help at the booth; you just have to share your enjoyment of daylilies and explain our society when you work. After working, you can enjoy the other 249 booths!

Enjoying the Unusual Daylilies

by Conrad Wrzesinski

My fascination with spider daylilies, spider variants and unusual forms began with Brother Charles Rekamp's, 'TECHNY SPIDER'. Though not a true spider by definition, I was struck by the simple elegance of this form, combined with the pink and yellow color blend of the flower. A pleasing fragrance was an added bonus. Bechtold's 'SHIRLEY WILD' was my first true spider. Last summer the dandelion yellow flowers of this classic spider graced the yard from the end of June to the end of July.

Another interesting spider variant is 'GRANITE CITY TOWHEAD'. Last summer this tall rust and yellow bitone flowered from the beginning of July to the beginning of August. Not long ago I spoke with Agnes Miller, who introduced 'GRANITE CITY TOWHEAD'. Agnes indicated she didn't particularly like this cultivar, but others found it attractive, which prompted its introduction. On the phone you would never guess Agnes is 87 years old.

From this beginning I have continued to add other spider, spider variants and unusual forms to the collections. These include: 'LADY NEVA', 'TENNESSEE FLY CATCHER', 'SPIDER MAN' and 'SPIRAL CHARMER', 'MYNELLE'S STARFISH', 'MICO', and 'FERRIS WHEEL'. One of my favorites is Stamile's 'RUBY SPIDER'. Starting with two fans, 'RUBY SPIDER' has now formed a nice clump. The large red flowers are focal point in the garden.

This fall I have added to the collections more spider, spider variants and unusual forms from hybridizing efforts of Clayton Burkey (Hickory Hill Gardens) and Jerry Dickerson (Dickerson Daylily Garden). I await with much anticipation the summer bloom of these new plantings. Daylily catalogs for 2001 and updated web sites abound with other possibilities. The fascination with daylily spiders, and spider variants and unusual forms continues.



Bring Your Slides, Photos, or Unwanted Catalogs to the Meeting!

If you have slides you'd like to share, or photos of your garden that you'd like to show off, please bring them to the January meeting. We'll have a slide projector there for the speaker, so we can easily slip your slides in for some daylily enjoyment. In addition, if you received some daylily catalogs that you don't want to keep, please bring those along.....there might be someone there who would like to take it home for ordering.

Sally Yaeger wants lists of what people have in their gardens, so if you would like your plants listed on a 'master' list, you can bring a list along as well.

What's Bugging You??



What bug is that? Ewww! A wormy thing! Phil Pellitteri will answer your questions on the things that go "chomp," "slime," and "nibble" on your plants. Phil is an entomologist who will give us the latest info on which pesticides are safe for us and the animals, birds, and bees. He'll also tell us which pesticides are going off the market (a notable one is Diazanone), what's on the horizon for pest control, some info on Integrated Pest Management, and what precautions to take when using pesticides. Some of the "wormy" things are larval stages of moths or butterflies, so it's important to know what the beastie is before you poison it. Many poisons affect all the pollinators in your garden, so you may contribute to the extinction of the honeybee if you are using pesticides incorrectly. "Natural" pesticides can be as dangerous to you and the living things around you as "synthetic" pesticides if you use them indiscriminately. Find out about natural predators that can help you clean out the "bad" bugs.....things like praying mantis, beneficial nematodes, and lady bug larvae.

Loving the earth means taking care of it as if it is the most precious gem. Come and find out how to treat it gently.

Help!! Are you going to Boston????

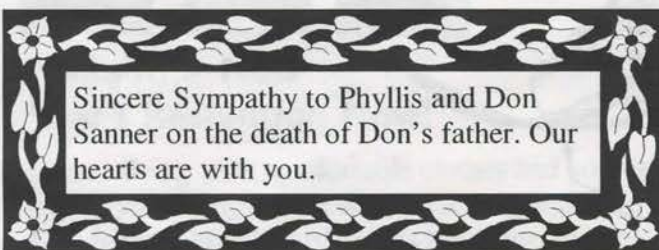
John Sheehan is wondering if there is any guy that's willing to share a room at the National Meeting in Boston next summer. Please contact him at: 274-4921, sheehan@oncology.wisc.edu

Curt Hanson at the Annual Meeting

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Curt Hanson, hybridizer of Northern beauties like PRIMAL SCREAM, OCEAN RAIN, NOSFERATU, TUXEDO MOON, and SUPREME EMPIRE will be our guest for the annual meeting that takes place October 14, 2001. Curt's major influences have been Steve Moldovan and Bill Munson, as well as his training in sculpture and



Please check your mailing label to see if you're paid up! If it's highlighted, please send your 2001 dues to: John Sheehan, 5656 Barbara Dr., Madison, WI 53711 (the new treasurer)

Rebloom Characteristics— a quote by Patrick Stamile in the E-Mail Robin

"Length of bloom may be more important than bud count per se. I am not talking rebloom because consistent rebloom is so rare in the North, with the exception of the 'little yellow varmits' while fairly common in the South. Indeterminate bloomers ('budbuilders') have a long bloom season even when initially they have a modest bud count. Daylilies like IMPERIAL GUARD, FROSTED PINK ICE, CAROLYN CRISWELL and REGAL FINALE all make additional buds at the terminals of branches and bloom a long time. The scapes may get downright ugly with all the daylily bloom scars but can often give us late bloom when everything else is finished.

Determinate bloomers fall into three main types. Multiflora types can have six buds or sixty buds but generally favor daylilies with high bud counts. Daylilies like ELEGANT FINALE can have up to 40 buds per scape but barely go two weeks since it throws five flowers a day per scape. You can imagine what a clump looks like. Oh it make an incredible show when it is in the garden but somewhat like azaleas which act they same way they wow you and then are quickly gone. If you want INTENSE COLOR in the garden they are not bad but they are generally not for the collector.

The second type of determinate bloomer is the progressive bloomer. Daylilies that have JANET GAYLE in their background such as BARBARA MITCHELL, SEMINOLE WIND, DARLINTON COUNTY have this characteristic. Basically they ripen one bud at a time. They will bloom one day and if the weather is cool may take two days to ripen a second bloom. The result is a very long bloom season but the intensity of bloom is

Treasury Report-

Books were reviewed and corrected by Lloyd Ravet as of 12/17/00

Income

Checkbook Balance 10/17/99	\$13,682.35
CD Balance 10/17/99	4,298.74
total 10/17/99	17,981.09
Income 2000	21,656.50
total	39,637.59
Expenses 2000	21,237.14
- Remainder	\$18,400.45

Checkbook Balance 10/19/00	13,868.79
Money Market Interest	232.00
Money Market 10/19/00	4,531.66
total	\$18,400.45

Income

Interest	\$ 232.00
Sale	13,260.25
Auction	1,493.71
Book order	2,714.08
Eureka-00	246.54
Büs-Reg. 2	2,242.55
Meal/Ann.Mtg.	546.45
Memberships	920.00
total	21,656.50

Expenses

Annual Mtg-00	1231.00
Ann. Mtg.-99	2121.83
Auction	879.63
Contributions	1100.00
Educat. Material	1485.80
Garden Expo	1023.06
Meeting Expense	1601.70
Newsletter/Print	665.39
Region 2 tour	3905.45
Sale-00	6030.34
Sale-01	176.08
Society Business	443.00
Local Tour	426.43
Misc.	147.43
total	\$21,237.14



much more moderate than the multiflora bloom. Collectors favor this type even if we always seem to be saying "Oh you should have been here yesterday." Occasionally you get a variation of this where the scape will mature several flowers one day and then none the next. Flowers such as YESTERDAYS MEMORIES and DARK WONDER will do this.

The third type of determinate bloom is the kind of daylily that starts out progressive blooming one daylily a day but then at the end becomes multiflora. DANCE BALLERINA DANCE was famous for this. It would bloom progressively for a week or so and you would notice that it would have 10 buds left. Good I have two more weeks of bloom left. Wrong! It then proceeds to have two days with 5 blooms per day and is bloomed out in two days.

I personally like daylilies with high bud count and branching that have progressive bloom but also rebloom." Patrick Stamile

