

A NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION OF

# THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY



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A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PROMOTING THE ENJOYMENT, AWARENESS AND PROPAGATION OF THE GENUS *HEMEROCALLIS*

## February Update

This is not a newsletter. But there are a few things that have to be taken care of, and I figured I might as well give you some other news, reminders, etc. at the same time.

First, if you have not sent in your membership renewal for 1996, please, please, please send it in. We want to see your smiling faces at our meetings, we want to hear all about your new purchases for 1996, we want to watch slides with you, we want to hear your questions, we want to walk through the gardens with you!!! Besides that, it's a way to get more mail!!!

Second, the Garden Expo is coming up on FEB. 17 & FEB 18. If you could spend a little time sitting in our booth answering questions about daylilies and our society, it would be wonderful. One of the purposes of this organization is to educate people as to the wonderful garden plant the daylily is. We can use all kinds of people, so that each person would only spend an hour or two working and then could walk around and see and "hear" and "smell" all the wonderful colors that we miss so much in February. There will be numerous presentations about a wide range of gardening subjects, and last year there were quite a few plants. So please call Ruth (238-0502) or Jean (274-3449) and say yes to helping us out.

Third, if you planned on going to the winter symposium in Indianapolis, you'd better contact Dan and Jackie Bachman at 513-984-0124 immediately if not yesterday! The symposium is also FEB 17 & 18.

Fourth, if you didn't make the January meeting, we missed you! We looked at a bunch of spider slides, and laughed a lot. More about that meeting in another article. But that's leading into the idea that we'd love to see you at the next

## "SOMEONE SPECIAL" TO MADISON

### FLASH!!! FLASH!!!

Sarah Sikes, hybridizer of 1995 Stout Medal Winner **Neal Berrey** is coming to Madison for our annual meeting on October 20th. Sarah Sikes is known as a premier speaker with all the first-hand knowledge to back up what she says. According to Sydney Eddison, author of **A Passion For Daylilies**, Sarah is a great speaker because of her "presenting, without notes, a cohesive, enlightening, entertaining program illustrated with gorgeous slides." She started hybridizing in 1975; out of the seedlings she raises, she introduces very few. In speaking of her hybridizing in Eddison's book, she says, "but when you walk out in the morning and there's something blooming that has never bloomed before...I don't know...it's a very special feeling. It's a very humbling experience."

Sarah's introductions include: **Someone Special, Someplace Special, Designer Image, Designer Jeans, Delightsome, Antique Rose, Designer Rhythm, Royal Dancer, Southern Love, Southern Charmer, Pink Scenario, June Valentine.**

This has to be one of the most exciting years in the history of the Wisconsin Daylily Society...Sarah Sikes...David Kirchhoff...and the Region 2 Tour.

Please save October 20th(Sunday) on your calendar right now.

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meeting. It's a Sunday, so that may allow some

of you that have a longer drive to join us. Since I'm sending this update out, there won't be a postcard for this meeting, so please put the date on your calendar!!



## Stan Duke in March

Stan Duke will be speaking to the WDS on March 3rd about winter injury and/or death in daylilies. His presentation will include an explanation of some of the causes of winter injury, the physiology of plants which may affect injury (dormancy, semi-evergreens, and evergreens), and cultural practices to reduce the amount of injury to your plants.



This is a Sunday meeting so it will begin at 1pm, and will include slides of daylilies and a drawing for a plant as well as Stan's presentation. We hope to see you at this meeting too.

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### MEMBER LIST-1996

A list of paid up members for 1996 follows this. If you don't see your name, please get on the phone and give Gene Dewey or Jean Bawden a call.

RON WILLIAMS  
RUTH HORRALL  
BOB KOWAL  
DEBBIE TAINTER  
JERRY NELSON  
HAROLD STEEN  
STAN DUKE  
CYNTHIA HENSON  
JANINE GROSS  
EVELYN THOMPSON  
SANDRA KNOTT  
BETSY TROWBRIDGE  
LLOYD RAVET  
MIKE J. SHAH  
JESSIE /ROBERT CRANE  
GENE DEWEY  
MARION PETERSEN  
DAN THRUMAN  
EDWARD KRAUS  
LYLE/RUTH OLSON  
PAT DIEHNELT  
JUDY CHIPMAN  
LAUREN LENZ  
BARBARA JACOBI  
VICKI ECKROTH  
SUE CORCORAN  
PAUL/PAULA MESKE  
JIM/DEONNE FAUTSCHY  
NORTHERN DAYLILY GARDENS  
DOROTHY/RAYMOND RAMSDEN

(members-1996-cont)

JULIA A. COOK  
MARK BLANK  
CAROLINE/JERRY BENSER  
ROYAL JOHNSON  
BYRON ANNIS  
REYNOLD PETERSON  
PATTY/LU PAULSON  
JEAN BAWDEN

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send your money to Gene Dewey, 2125 Fox Ave., Madison, WI 53711 Dues are \$5-individual, \$7.50-family, and \$15-business.

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## Favorite Spiders

As a follow-up to our January meeting on spiders and variants, you might be interested in the following poll of daylily fanciers regarding their favorite spiders. Not all of the things listed are true spiders having a ratio of 5:1 (meaning that the length of the petals are 5 times as long as the petals are wide).

1. KINDLY LIGHT
2. LAKE NORMAN SPIDER
3. WIND FRILLS
4. BLACK PLUSH  
JAN'S TWISTER  
WILSON SPIDER
5. TECHNY SPIDER
6. CAROLICOLOSSAL  
PINK SUPER SPIDER  
RED RIBBONS  
SPIDER MAN  
SPIDER MIRACLE

Speaking of the January meeting, we had a full house for the slides on spiders.

*Janine Gross* won the door prize. Hiram Percy gave a short update on the plans for the Region 2 tour/meeting. Please send the enclosed questionnaire to Hiram if you can help with something.

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Eureka will have pictures of local gardens this year as a lead-in for the regional tour. So if you haven't ordered yours, you'll be missing the local color.



## Meeting Changes

Feb. 4 -Highlights of the 1990 AHS convention  
Doubles

Feb. 17/18- **Garden Expo**-please help us out!

March 3- **Stan Duke** will give a presentation on dormancy.

There will also be slides.

April 4- **David Kirchhoff** 's introductions/slides

May 2- Moderately-priced daylilies

July 18,19,20 -AHS convention-Denver

**July 26,27,28- Region 2 Convention-Madison, Wi**

August 10,11- WDS Daylily Sale-Olbrich Garden

Oct. 20-Annual meeting with Sarah Sikes

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## February 4

The next meeting of the WDS is February 4 at Olbrich Garden at 1pm; it will include a slide program of double daylily cultivars, slides of the 1990 National Convention, an update on the **Garden Expo**, a discussion of members' favorite doubles, and a drawing for another daylily. If you have slides of your doubles, please bring them to share with everyone. This is a **Sunday** meeting -see you there!

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## Internet Sites for Daylilies

If you haven't been caught up in the internet yet, skip quickly over this article because if you ever try any of these sites, you will be hooked to the internet for the rest of the winter....of course, what else is there to do in the winter? Being one of those lost souls who has been to The Daylily Place on the net, I can tell you that you too can have photos of Pat Stamile's new intros without getting a catalogue; you can join the daylily e-mail round robin and spend much time reading your messages and getting acquainted with other fanciers; and you can visit the AHS Home Page.

Addresses include:

1.AHS Home Page-

<http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html>

2.Tim Fehr:Home page of friends of the

daylilies- <http://www.primenet.com/~tjfehr/daylily.html>

3.The Daylily Place-

<http://al.com/daylily/place.html>

4.Daylilies Growing Along the Information Highway Home Page-

<http://www.daylilies.com/daylilies>

Call Jean Bawden if you want more sites.

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## Members' Corner

As I mentioned in the first newsletter, I would like to share some of the plants and descriptions that you



wrote about in your membership renewal in the newsletter, so other people might find a new plant that they have to have.

**Stan Duke** writes:

**DIVERTISSMENT**- This tall spider has 6.5 to 7.0 inch light yellow blooms with a diffuse faint red eye. While it is not spectacular up close, it is mesmerizing from a distance in the late afternoon, in a breeze, as it bobs and weaves against a dark background. I love to sit on my patio and watch this organic mobile go through motions that might fill Alexander Calder (artist that pioneered the mechanical mobile) with envy.

**Debbie Tainter** writes:

**AUSPICIOUS**- My favorite daylily is **AUSPICIOUS** (Gates). it is a large fragrant double that always reblooms for me.

**Patty and Lu Paulson** write:

**PERSIAN SHRINE**- (Reckamp-Klehm) - 28", beautiful purple shade with pale color halo and green throat; ruffled. Blooms well and is very weather resistant.(Tetraploid)

**Jerry Nelson** writes:

**SILOAM PLUM TREE**- a small-flowered hem in the deep, dark red lavender. Planted among Lily 'HOT FUDGE', it is identical in color as the lily brushmark and bloom time match making it a wonderful combination.

**Jesse Crane** says:

**LACY QUEEN** is tall (40 inches plus), a lovely peachy color, and blooms late for a long period of time.

**Jean Bawden** says:

**MOKAN BUTTERFLY** is absolutely stunning to me. It is creamy white with a purple-lavender eye that is subtle and intense at the same time. It enchants me every time I look at it.

(More descriptions in the next letter)



## Spider Suppliers

If you're looking for spider daylilies, here are some addresses for suppliers, suggested by people on the spider robin:

Jerry Dickerson  
General Delivery  
Woods Cross Roads  
Virginia 23190

Geraldine Couturier  
1724 Drinnen Road  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37914

Oakes Daylilies  
Rt. 4  
Corryton,  
Tenn. 37721

Cordon Bleu  
PO box 2033  
San Marcos, Ca 92079-2033

The first two suppliers specialize in spiders and spider variants.

### LONG BLOOMERS

As part of your renewal, you were asked to mention any cultivars that bloomed for longer than 5 weeks. Many of you mentioned Stella d' Oro. In addition, these are some other long-blooming cultivars:

**Paul Meske-HAPPY RETURNS**  
**Dorothy Ramsden-BROCADED GOWN**  
**Jessie Crane-LACY QUEEN**  
**Jean Bawden-GOLDEN SCROLL**  
**Mark Blank-HAPPY RETURNS**  
**Jean Bawden-CAMDEN GOLD DOLLAR**  
**Patty & Lu Paulson-BITSY**  
**Stan Duke- TANI, BORGIA QUEEN,**  
**SVENGALI, MOHAMMED SALAMEH,**  
**LUCILLE LENNINGTON, THAIS**



## The Chamberlain Garden

by Ruth Horrall

My garden and I have been adjusting to one another for thirty years. Only after Japanese Elm Beetles "done in" my neighbor's elm did my yard garner enough sunlight to let perennials flourish --flourish they did! I'm particularly interested in areas of color so last summer I replanted many of my daylilies so they would compliment existing perennials...because of the lateness of our Region II garden tour, I've planted a number of later blooming cultivars. The highlight may be my mystery hybrid from Leo Sharpe...

Daylilies were first introduced in my garden when Marja Bennett, a founding member of the Wisconsin Daylily Society, generously gave me a number of her hybrid seedlings. I was hooked and I'm eternally grateful. They are such wonderful performers and are the stars in nearly any setting. (Reg.2 garden in 1996)

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### Orphans of the Region 2 tour

If you are not a member of the American Hemerocallis Society, you will **NOT** receive a registration form from the Region 2 tour. The tour is open to anyone who pays the registration fee and registers, but if you aren't an AHS member, you need to write or call:

**Caroline Benser**  
**2407 Vine St.**  
**LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54601**  
**1-608-782-4417**

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### DRAWING WINNERS

The first drawing for a daylily was held at the annual meeting in October....the winner was **Jane Percy**, who won **IRON GATE GLACIER** ( a white Sellers diploid). The January meeting winner was **Janine Gross**, one of our West Allis members, who won **PRECIOUS LOVE** (a Webster near-white with a halo). Come to our Sunday February meeting to have a chance at one of the 25 different cultivars we have.

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**REMINDER- There will not be a tour in the Madison area this summer other than Reg. 2**



## MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to help with the Region 2 Meeting in July by helping to:

Work the Registration Table?

Serve as a bus captain on the tours?

Deadhead the tour gardens the day before?

Assist at the Daylily Auction after the Banquet?

Take care of the Daylily Bargain Table during Registration?

Assemble packets of information for attendees?

Decorate the banquet hall for the banquet.?

I'm not fussy, just tell me what you need done \_\_\_\_\_

## **American Hemerocallis Society** **1996 Membership Application**



Please enroll me as a member of the **American Hemerocallis Society** for the year 1996 (*January 1 to December 31*)

Name (Please Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: (Please check one)

Individual \$18.00

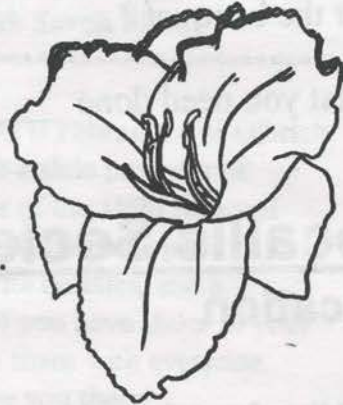
Family \$22.00

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to **American Hemerocallis Society**.

Mail form to: Ellie Launius, Executive Director, 1454 Rebel Dr., Jackson, MS  
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Well, this got a little longer than I had intended. I guess we'll have to call it a semi-newsletter! We hope to see you on February 4th; we hope to see you on February 17th and 18th; we hope to get your dues in the mail. We received 2 more memberships since that article was written: Rick Ivik and Marilynn Maves and Phyllis and Don Sanner. If you lost your dues renewal form, send your dues to: Gene Dewey, 2125 Fox Ave., Madison, Wi 53711. (\$5 for indiv., \$7.50 for family, and \$15 for businesses). Along with your dues, please send your description of your favorite daylily, your long-bloomers, your favorite spider,

double, eyed cultivar, etc.



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