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Hello again!!!!

Here's the next edition of the WDS newsletter.....and it's chock full of new and wonderful info for all you daylily folks! First and foremost, there's info on the sale, which is coming upAugust 9th and 10th. Then, there's info on the show results.....and the annual meeting.....and a few more goodies!

Second, this is my last newsletter.....my term on the board is up...it's time for a new editor to take the keyboard and babble away. I've had a great time writing this newsletter, and I've learned a ton about desktop publishing! The first newsletter took me two weeks from 4:30 till 11 every nightsince I was flying by the seat of my pants! I'm a lot quicker now, but it still takes time to put it together, get it to the printer, and mail it out. Thanks for all the great comments and suggestions! Jean Bawden

Upcoming Events

Aug 9/10 WDS Daylily Sale
October 19 Annual Meeting with: Steve Moldovan
Jan 8-To be announced*
Feb 8-To be announced*
Mar 12-To be announced*
April 5-April meeting*
May 14-May meeting*
July 26- 1998 Show
Aug. 22,23-1998 Sale
Oct. 18- 1998 Annual Meeting

****More info later on what's happening at each of those meetings! This year's annual meeting elections will determine what will happen next year.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Gene Dewey

These are exciting days for daylily growers. Everyone is anxious to share news of a cultivar or hybrid which has bloomed for the first time or the favorite cultivar of the day. My LEXINGTON AVENUE (Munson, 1990), new to my garden last fall, bloomed for the first time today. The 6" purple flower with a white eye and yellow throat was awesome this morning.

I saw the excitement building last week at our potluck picnic at Allen Garden, when we enjoyed great food, the daylily bed in the Garden, tours of the Allen Garden and the D.C. Smith Greenhouse by Stan Duke, and the drawing for Moldovan cultivars. I believe that everyone had a good time at this event. Should we make it an annual event????

Thank you to Jean Bawden for organizing our first mail in auction. The Sikes plants have been potted up here on Fox Avenue; each one has increased, and all are looking healthy. Some have bloomed over the last few weeks.

If you are going to divide some daylily clumps this year, early August is the time to do it. The Daylily Sale is August 9 and 10; bring your divisions to Olbrich on Friday, August 8 for labeling and pricing. By working on Friday or at the sale you will earn credit for discount on plants remaining at the close of the sale on Sunday; see details elsewhere in this issue. Many hands make light work, so plan to help out on August 8, starting at 8 a.m. Call Rick Ivik (249-0641) to let him know you will be helping out.

Put the WDS Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 19 (12:30) on your calendar. Steve Moldovan will be our guest speaker. A drawing will be held for a gift certificate from Moldovan's Gardens.



Plant Sale!!!!

What plants are you in the market for???? We may have just that plant at our annual sale! Last year, I picked up SEMIRAMIDE on a whim because it was a Munson with a watermark.....and it is soooo beautiful!!!! The spiders that I bought are lates, so I am still waiting for those buds to open. Next to this ad<BG>, you will see the pricing for the daylilies in the sale...this is your chance to get some new and different cultivars for less than the average mail-order seller charges. More than half the daylilies in my garden are from the plant sale...and there are some wonderful things that I would keep forever! We hope to see you there, not only to buy, but also to work at getting the plants cleaned, divided, priced, and packaged. We have an awfully good time working...it's a great way to get to know your fellow members a little better! Call Rick and tell him that you'll help.

Put October 19th on the calendar!!

Steve Moldovan is coming to town!!! The man who hybridized ABBA, OLD KING COLE, and MEPHISTOPHILES is our speaker. For those of you that weren't fortunate enough to be able to go to the Region 2 meeting this year, and see Steve's garden in person, this is a man who loves plants...his garden is a beautiful haven with Japanese maples, conifers, a pond, and tons of daylilies! Steve is down-to-earth, and certainly will be a great headliner for the October meeting.

Our annual meeting is also the time that we elect new board members for the coming two years. Three of the board members have already served two terms and will be retiring.....Gene Dewey, Jean Bawden, and Gene Woehler. We need some good people to replace these three; please think about adding your name to the list of candidates. If you are interested, call the Nominations Chairman, Jane Percy, at 845-9249. We will also have a great meal, so please come join us !!!

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POLICIES FOR THE WDS PLANT SALE

At the April Board Meeting, policies were set for the plant sale.

With regard to pricing of plants, the Eureka average price will be used as the source of prices with the following reductions, based on price range:

\$1 less for prices \$10 and under

\$2 less for prices from \$11-20

\$3 less for prices from \$21-30

et cetera.

It was decided to make pricing of plants for members at the close of the sale commensurate with time put in preparing for the sale on Friday or working on Saturday or Sunday. It will be the responsibility of each worker to fill in his/her hours worked on a work log. It was felt that work hours Saturday afternoon and Sunday were less strenuous than Friday or Saturday morning work. Thus the following schedule was agreed upon:

75% off the label price for those working a minimum of 4 hours Friday or Saturday a.m.

50% off the label price for those working a minimum of 4 hours Saturday p.m. or Sunday

25% off the label price for members who work less than 4 hours

Members who help plant unsold plants will each have his/her choice of two plants from those which are being lined out at the Sanners' farm, providing there are sufficient plants.

15TH ANNUAL SUNDAE IN THE GARDENS

Judy and Lloyd Ravet have again volunteered to staff the WDS table at this enjoyable summer event at Olbrich Gardens. On August 17 support them by attending and stopping to chat at the WDS table. Enjoy a brat or hot dog, popcorn, and ice cream sundaes and amble through the new Sunken Garden.

THE HOOKER FORMULA by Gene Dewey

The late George Hooker, a chemist by profession, grew daylilies to perfection in Pittsburgh, PA.

Visitors to his garden were always astounded to see the daylilies is such large, vigorous, dark green clumps. Former AHS President Annie Weinreich managed to get Mr. Hooker's formula. This was written up in 1978 in a Region 2 Newsletter. I received this over the AHS

Email Robin and have excerpted the meat of the article. I can provide you with a copy of the full email message if you wish to have one.

Make up 5 gallons of stock solution:

1-2lb. coffee can of Peter's 15-30-15 [I use Miracle Gro]

1-2lb. coffee can fish emulsion

1-6oz. can Epsom Salts - Magnesium Sulfate

1-8oz. can Cygon [I do not use, as this is quite hazardous to use]

1 ounce (1 Tblsp.) Iron Chelate

These materials are all water soluble. Water is added to the 5 gallon mark while stirring. One 12 oz. can of stock solution contains the desired amount of each ingredient for 1 large rose bush or 1 daylily clump. For miniature roses or a small 1 - 2 fan daylily clump, use a 6oz. can of stock solution.

The 5 gallons (640 liquid oz.) is enough for 53 plants (12 oz. can each) or 106 plants (6oz. can each).

Note: do NOT, repeat, do NOT apply the stock solution to the plants.

The Actual Procedure

If you use Cygon, take all appropriate cautions. Put the appropriate amount of stock solution in a 10 quart pail and fill the pail with water. Pour the

diluted solution into the center of each plant. The soil should be loose and friable so that the solution will soak into the ground.

Approximate time schedule for daylilies in the Pittsburgh climate: Apply between March 15 -

April 1, about May 15, and July 1 (about 2-3 weeks before show time). [March 15-April 1 is too early for our climate!]

I applied this once about July 1 last year and this year. I used this at the full rate last year as most of my plants were established last summer. The plants seemed to take off shortly there after. Blossoms were large. I used the half rate this year as I did not have enough materials to do all of my plants at the full rate and didn't want to take the time to buy additional ingredients. I hope to try to apply this at the full rate in May and July next year.

(Editor's note.....Cygon is extremely toxic to all life forms)

Show is Smashing Success!-Howard Schwartz

The 7th Annual Wisconsin Daylily Society show was held on Sunday, July 27th at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. The morning started with a bang as a major thunderstorm hit the Madison area just before 8 am. The early birds not only got some worms, but also had flowers to show. There were 89 entries as follows: Division I (80) (33 large; 27 small; 4 spiders; 5 doubles; 11 seedlings). Division III (Artistic) had 9 entries. In addition, there were well over 100 blossoms off-scape labelled for display.

The Purple Rosette for Best in Show went to Rick Ivik for Bertie Ferris. Lloyd Ravet won the Badger award for the Best Red with Baby Betsy. Evelyn Thompson took First and Second in the Artistic with Ellen Louise Schwartz taking Third. Leo Sharp from Brookwood Gardens in Indiana brought seedlings.

Thank you to the Judges: Arthur Blodgett, Royal Johnson, Dorothy Ramsden and Janet Gordon. A special thanks to all who helped with the show, especially Rick Ivik, Gene Sawyer, Lloyd Ravet and Janet Gordon. A very special thanks to my wife Ellen Louise who not only helped with the show, brought lunch and exhibited daylilies, but also put up with me during the preparations.

Hems Near the Bluff

August 26 and 27 marked the first LaCrosse daylily tours ever, and the gardens that were on tour were a lovely mix of styles and sizes. If you've never been to LaCrosse, I should tell you that it is bounded by the Mississippi River on one side and huge bluffs on the other.....some of the gardens crept up the sides of the bluffs as their owners looked for more gardening space. There were 7 gardens on tour, and we hit 6 of them and missed Sally Weber's garden in West Salem. I heard that she has a 100+ foot perennial border with daylilies incorporated with other perennials for a delightful display.

If you want to see tons of different daylilies in a small space, Jerry and Caroline Benser's garden is the place to go...the back yard is wall-to-wall dayliliesand there is something for everyone....they have spideries, they have round, they have ruffled, they have eyed. The daylilies were loving the HOTTTTTTTTT, HUMID weather Saturday.

Next was George and Joyce Fulfords, and their lot is losing a lot of grass every year, to be replaced by more planting beds. They had a nice variety of plants, some of which I hadn't seen before, so that was really fun. George has added a new bed in the back yard which is waiting for his fall purchases.

Byron Annis is one of those gardeners that has a home against one of the bluffs, and he has created a series of gardens on his large lot.....really spectacular! I loved the waterfall that divided and cascaded down into the small pond. One hillside garden was all daylilies, another was a prairie planting.

Then we hit another bluff garden.....Lu and Patty Paulson's.....and they are literally gardening vertically as they plant the edges of the path up the bluff. There were lots of daylilies, and I really enjoyed the dry stream and the shady rock gardens.

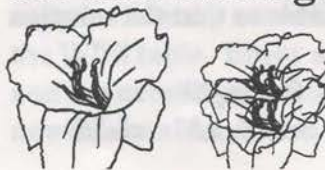
On to Sandy and Jim Wheat's garden... on a small city lot, they have created a haven with a lovely, intricate wood fence that Jim is building from scratch.....and inside there are daylilies and dwarf conifers, as well as other perennials.

The last stop was Rod Lysne's place.....a gorgeous setting at the end of a dead-end road. Rod sells daylilies and hosta by mail-order, so there was a cascade of daylilies down the side of one hill, and an orchard filled with hosta....I came home with more additions to my list. Thanks so much to the LaCrosse gardeners who made this tour possible!

All Around the Town

The Madison-area garden tours stretched from Fort Atkinson to Sun Prairie to Verona to Brooklyn, and there were 8 gardens on tour, so folks had to pick and choose which gardens they could stop at in the 5 hours allotted. You, unfortunately, could not hit them all.....though I tried.....I only managed 6 before the rain hit. Thanks go to Jack and Judy Ferreri, Jessie Crane, Phyllis and Don Sanner, Gene Dewey, Fred Liss, Bill Powell, Evelyn Thompson, and Stan Duke and Cynthia Henson for opening your gardens for the tour. The gardens were in great shape.....I hope to get to the other two gardens to make the list complete in the future. Having seen some of the gardens last year, I know how much lawn some of these folks have torn up over the course of one year!!! From Jessie Crane's cottage garden to Fred's combination of daylilies and iris to Phyllis and Don's large planting beds filled with plants to Gene's neatly-kept beds of newer cultivars to Stan and Cynthia's conifer plantings to Evelyn's large island bed to Bill's hundreds of seedlings to Jack and Judy's rock/cottage combination, it was a great tour! It was really fun seeing your gardens and chatting about favorites. Hope to see more visitors at the gardens next year!

Don't forget to bring a piece of your favorite daylily to share at the sale on August 9th and 10th!



Region 2-
by Jean Bawden

A large contingent of Wisconsin folks made the trip to the Region 2 meeting in Akron, including Gene Woehler, Jane and Hiram Percy, Paul Meske, Phyllis and Don Sanner, Lloyd and Judy Ravet, Jean Bawden, Harold Steen, Lee Dejongh and Marge Smith. Although the daylilies were behind schedule, we had a good time chatting with other folks, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. There were about 30 people from the internet daylily robin there, so it was a great time finding out what they looked like instead of imagining what they look like (and there are some big surprises!!!!).

The gardens of Curt Hanson and Steve Moldovan were highlights for me. Both gardens had a lot more than daylilies, and since the daylilies weren't blooming much, gave me other things to want. The Japanese maples at Steve's were gorgeous, and I saw a new hosta that I might have to spend big bucks for! Curt's was really a plantswoman's paradise! He had 2 large ponds, tons of dwarf conifers, unusual perennials, and a woods full of hosta. Everywhere I looked there were plants! The daylilies are protected by a huge electric fence.

The Stamiles (Grace and Pat) were the featured speakers, and they showed us some of the lovely new things that they are introducing. I had a great time, and encourage all of you to think about going to a Regional meeting or a National meeting.

MILWAUKEE GARDEN TOURS-Gene Dewey

My wife and I combined a visit with friends in Wauwatosa and the garden tours of the Daylily Society of SouthEast Wisconsin on July 20.

Tom Wojtech has increased the number of daylilies recently and his garden holds the promise of even more beauty in years to come. I particularly noted SWEET SENSATION (Cruse, 1981), a cream with a maroon eye; IVORY DAWN (Munson, 1982), a lavender self; SUNDAY

GLOVES (LeBegue, 1985), a large, fragrant near white; Salter's DRAGON DREAMS, a small lavender with violet eye; WINE DELIGHT (Lenington, 1972), a small red with a purple halo; and RUFFLED ORIGINAL (Spalding, 1984), a large yellow self. Tom has many other perennials and dwarf evergreens tucked in between the hems.

David Rosenlund's garden is on his parent's property in Franklin. He has many perennials and well as daylilies. Added to my want list were TOTAL ECLIPSE (Durio 1984), a large black self; HOLIDAY WREATH (Wild, 1966), a yellow with red eye; APPLE TART, (Hughes, 1974), a large red self; and LITTLE BUSINESS (Maxwell, 1971), a 3" red self. Harold Steen was pleased with the results of the DSSW plant sale which was held at the Rosenlund garden.

We arrived at Arthur Blodgett's home after the appointed closing hour, but he graciously allowed us to tour through his spacious back yard which has many daylilies, true lilies, and iris. He has many seedlings lined out with a lot of growing room. Two of Arthur's introductions, BROADWAY FLASH and the yellow SPRING CITY SUNSHINE, made real statements from across the yard and got a double star on my list of wants. His DANCE BABY, out of DANCE BALLERINA DANCE, was lovely. Stamile's large yellow self, FLOYD COVE, and FANTASY DANCER (Harris, 1988), a large pink self, also caught my eye and were noted as possibilities for my garden.

If you are interested in writing the newsletter next year, please give Gene Dewey a jingle and let him know!

It's time to pay your dues for 1998...you can pay those dues along with your check for the annual meeting.

Hope you can attend all the events we have scheduled!!

SALE.....AUGUST 10TH AND 11TH
ANNUAL MEETING.....OCTOBER 19



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