The Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc.

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Well, I've tried to sit down and write the newsletter about 3 times, but my heart just isn't in it. There is one of those times when life got in the way. Sometimes you think you know people, and then they do something so nasty, it takes your breath away. Well, it's June, and the scapes are up.....in fact, the early daylilies have come and gone. Hopefully, you've managed to plant your spring purchases, and are ready for a summer full of daylily activity! We have all sorts of get-togethers and lots of plants to give away as foster children. We're going to have the first-ever Garden Judges clinic along with our picnic; we have a wonderful tour of Verona gardens; we have an exciting mail-in auction and then a sale; and we also have a great show for all those beautiful scapes you're growing.

1999 Calendar

June 24-Daylily discussion at Allen Gardens. Bring your own food

July 17th-9 am-5pm. Verona tours. See Map and Directions in this newsletter.

July 18th-Sunday-Picnic at UW Research Gardens off Mineral Point Road near Menards

July 25th-Sunday-Daylily Show at Olbrich Gardens

July-Mail-In Auction....watch for info in your mailbox.

Aug.21,22-Daylily Sale

October 17-Annual Dinner and Meeting; John Peat and Ted Petit speaking

Second Mail-In Auction

Once again, we will have a mail-in auction.....there are some wonderful cultivars included, and Rosemary Kleinheinz will be sending all of you the specific information on the auction in early July. Some of the cultivars included are: HARLEM NOCTURNE, ELIZABETH'S MAGIC, EL DESPERADO, FIRES OF FUJI, WEDDING BAND, TRUE GRIT, MARY FRANCES RAGAIN, a spider collection, a doubles collection, 2 mini collections, an eyed collection, and an Award Winners collection. Minimum bids will be half of the Eureka average price, and from past experience, it's a good idea to make your bid in an odd amount of dollars and cents.

This is a nice money-maker for the club, so see if there isn't something interesting that you need for your collection.

Annual Garden Tours

by Karen Watson-Newlin
The annual garden tours will take
place on Saturday, July 17, from 9 am to 5
pm. This year, the garden tour is featuring
daylily gardens in a regional area where
the gardens are only minutes apart. The
gardens featured this year are Society
members gardens in Verona and
Middleton. We hope the map will facilitate
your ability to find all the gardens. Please
turn the page to see a description of each
garden and directions on how to get there.

Gardens on Tour

1.THE PEARCY GARDEN-407 Lincoln St., Verona. This must-see, nationally-designated AHS garden beautifully showcases about 700 daylilies. The garden, which borders on a fifteen-acre marsh conservatory, also features many unusual hostas and perennials. This frequently-photographed garden has been the inspiration for many other gardens.

While in the garden, look for these spectacular and unusual daylilies:
WATERSHIP DOWN, SCOTTISH FANTASY, MINDANAO DEEP, LADY ARABELLA, SILOAM RALPH HENRY, CALYPSO BAY, SUPREME EMPIRE, MOONLIT CARESS, WINGS OF CHANCE, DENA MARIE, SEMINOLE WIND, and PRIMAL SCREAM.

To get there, from Madison, follow 18-151 to Verona. Take the Verona exit into Verona. Across from Culver's, turn left onto Lincoln Street and proceed to 407. 2. THE NEWLIN GARDEN-608 Basswood Ave. A newer modern city lot landscaped with an artist's eye, this garden holds over 200 daylilies, and a large variety of perennials. Symmetrical, repeated plantings provide balance in this garden that also features a small pond and fountain. The Newlin garden is punctuated with whimsical sculptures by Ellis and Tom Nelson, Karen, and other artists. Just stroll through the arbor and into the almost secret garden in the backyard, where something is in bloom from early spring till fall.

To get there from Lincoln St., go back to Culver's and turn left. At the stoplight in town, turn right on North Main St. Go past the schools and turn left on Cross Country Road. Turn left on Hemlock. Hemlock deadends on Basswood. Turn right and go to 608.

3.THE MAXWELL GARDEN-7711

Midtown Rd. A working sheep farm with a contemporary house and barn lie in the hills of the area-the farm you probably commented on if you passed it. Nestled in front and behind the house are a wonderful array of daylilies. About 200 cultivars, ranging from old to new are featured in the gardens.

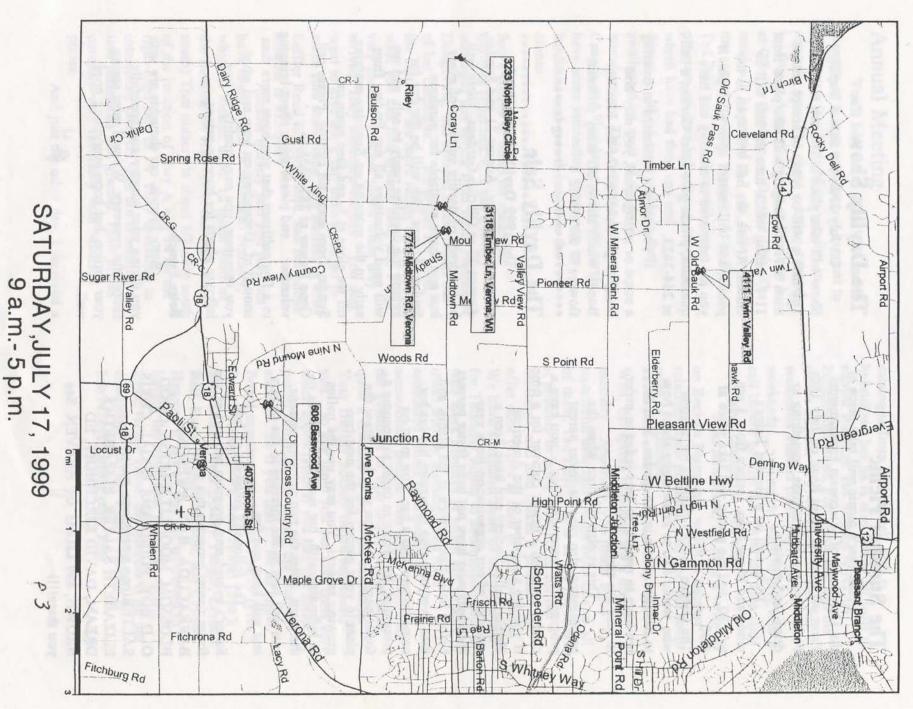
To get there, go back to North Main from Basswood, and turn north (left). This is also Hwy M. Cross Hwy PD and continue North for about 1 mile. Turn left on Midtown Road and go to 7711.

4. THE FERRERI GARDEN-3118 Timber Lane. In a country setting, Judy and Jack Ferreri's two acre lot features two distinctive gardens. Judy's garden brims with some two hundred daylilies in a riot of color, complemented by a full collection of carefully-selected classic cottage garden perennials. In the back of the house, a gentle stream cascades into a small pond surrounded by shade-tolerant plants.

Jack's extensive rock garden evolved from the weathered limestone outcroppings on the land. A woodland garden and a sizable garden for dry landers and cacti displays unique plants from around the world. To get there, go west on Midtown road (left) to Timber Lane and turn left (south) till you get to 3118.

5. THE QUIGLEY GARDEN-3233 North Riley Circle. A lovely modern country setting with a giant 30' x 150' long mound filled with hosta, sedum, 90+ daylilies, hibiscus and other perennials. In other garden areas, giant 200 year-old oaks and a woodland area complement the property.

WI DAYLILY SOCIETY ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR MAP



Map courtesy of Sally Yaeger

The Summer Picnic

This year's picnic will take place at the University of Wisconsin Experimental Farm off Mineral Point Road on July 18th Please bring a dish to pass, something to drink, and utensils.

There will be a Garden Judge's clinic and Show Prep lecture from 3 pm to 4:30, and the picnic will take place at 4:30.

The Garden Judge's clinic is for anyone who would like to know more about how to evaluate plants in the garden. You do not have to register to be a judge in order to take the clinic.

This is also the time when the organization also runs its foster parent program for newer daylilies.....you have a chance to adopt a newer cultivar for a time if you are a member of the American Hemerocallis Society and have been a member of our organization for a year. Members who have not been foster parents before have first chance at the plants, and then everyone who is present has his/her name thrown into a hat. You must be present at the picnic in order to become a foster parent, and you will then grow the plant in your garden for the next two growing seasons. You may use the pollen to hybridize with, but may not set pods on the plant. After the two growing seasons, you will turn in the increase to the society, and will keep one fan.

The following cultivars of Jeff
Salter's hybridizing program are part of the
foster parent program this year:
BARRACUDA BAY, AWESOME
BLOSSOM, MOONLIT CARESS, GOOD
OLD BOY, POINCIANA REGAL, CHRIS
SALTER(one single, one multiple),
ELIZABETH SALTER, ELIZABETH'S
DREAM, DAVID KIRCHHOFF, ED
BROWN, and LIGHT OF HEAVEN. See
you there!!!!

The Daylily Show

On July 25th, the annual Daylily Show will take place at Olbrich Gardens. The hall is will be ready to accept entries from 8-11am. Judging will take place from 11-1, during which time the hall will be closed. At one, the hall will open to the public, and will remain open till 4 pm. If you are interested in entering and have questions, please give Janet Gordon a call at 244-3623.

If you are not interested in entering a scape or arrangement, you may also bring single blossoms for the Blossom Board, which shows off many different flowers to the public.

The Daylily Sale

The 1999 Daylily Sale will take place on Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22 at Olbrich Gardens. There will be hundreds of daylily cultivars of every hue and shape available for purchase. Friday, August 20th will be the day for getting the daylilies ready to sell, and we will need volunteers all day Friday, from early in the morning on Saturday morning till we close at 5, and then again on Sunday from noon till closing. Please call Gene Dewey at 255-0858 to volunteer.....and please think about bringing in a few cultivars that you have more than enough of. Depending on how and when you volunteer, you may qualify to buy leftover plants for bargain prices.

Betty French

Betty French, our thoughts are with you during your surgery and hopefully successful recovery. We will miss seeing your garden, but hope everything goes well.

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Annual Meeting

You'll hear more about our annual meeting in a later newsletter....but just to give you a few hints of the goodies in store for you. The event is being catered by Queen Anne's Catering and will be held at Olbrich Gardens on October 17th. The meal will be served at 1 pm, followed by the annual business meeting. After that, Ted Petit and John Peat will give a program on their hybridizing programs, which have had their ups and downs.....like a giant sinkhole that swallowed up most of the new introductions. This twosome has ties to Canada and Florida, so they will surely have some interesting comments on hardiness and growth habits in the two climes.

Just a couple of notes on nurseries/
growing programs......I got a lovely
catalogue this spring from Betty Hansen of
Dodgeville, and ordered a few things out
of her catalogue......the prices are good,
the cultivars are more recent than most of
what you can find around here, and I was
very pleased with her plants when they
arrived. They welcome visitors....you may
want to give her a call before you go to
make sure she's home. Her address is 4904
Leffler Road in Dodgeville, and her phone
number is 935-3809.

Another nursery that you may not have heard about is Stonewall Nursery, which is located about 12 miles south of the Beltline on Hwy 14 (Take Park Street south) That nursery is about 1/2 mile south of the junction of Hwy A and 14 on the right-hand side of 14. They specialize in interesting conifers, and are branching out into perennials and grasses. Their prices compare very favorably with Madison prices.

And just the other day, I received a

catalogue from Bill Powell. Bill is a hybridizer, but he is also selling all sorts of named varieties. His address is N2508 Frommader Road, Fort Atkinson, and his phone number is 414-593-8010. He, too, welcomes visitors particularly on weekends.....you might want to give him a call before you go too. (And the area code may have changed to 920 too).

Next newsletter, I'll have a write-up on Becky's Perennials, which is another relatively new perennial place on the south edge of Madison.

Well, the spring meetings are a distant memory....hopefully, you found some wonderful new knowledge from one or all of them. The Daylily Sale in the fall makes it possible to bring speakers in for our meetings, and also makes it possible to offer door prizes at each of the meetings. We have scheduled some of our meetings for Thursday nights to accomodate people who work Sundays or might not be able to make Sunday meetings, and have scheduled others on Sundays to accomodate people who might work into the evenings or who might be travelling quite a distance to get to the meetings. Your Daylily Society Board represents you....so any input you can give us is very much appreciated. If you like the foster parent program, the picnic, the mail-in auction....or if you don't....let us know. Board members are Hiram Pearcy (Pres.), Jean Bawden (VP), Ruth Horall (Sec.), Stan Duke (Treas.), Sally Yaeger, Linda Ball, Karen Watson-Newlin, and Cynthia Henson. If any of you are interested in having the newsletter cover a specific topic, let me know. My address is on the newsletter, and my e-mail address is bdn7458@mailbag.com. Jean

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