



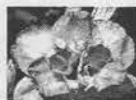
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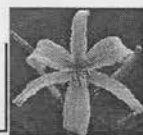
Ogre of Rust Looms on Daylily Horizon



As those of you who are on the e-mail group or those of you that attended Doug Maxwell's talk know, there is a disease that threatens to change the easy-care, no-problem description of daylilies. There are conflicting theories about where it came from.....some people say that the tissue-culture places that supply the large wholesale sellers are at fault; others say that some of the Florida hybridizers who sent their plants to Costa Rica brought it back with their plants; and still others say the Dutch had something to do with it. Wherever it came from, it's here in the U.S. now, and may soon spread across the entire country. It has been found in nine states, with unsubstantiated possible sightings in several more. If you have received new daylilies from the south or California (states where the rust have been found are Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, California, Tennessee, Alabama) in the last 8 months or bought daylilies from garden centers or large retailers, you should keep an eye on the new plants.

As someone who was VERY concerned about the rust, I was a little relieved by Doug's talk. Doug had talked to the people in the trenches in Florida as well as other folks in the know to prepare his talk. If you weren't there, you missed a great talk. The best website that I've found is: <http://www.ncf.ca/~ah748/rust.html>, which has links to a number of other pages, and also has good photos of (go to page 2)

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2001 Calendar

- June 14-Brown Bag Supper-TBA
- June 29-July 1 Region 2 Meeting in Cincinnati
- July 14 (Saturday)- Daylily Exhibition at Olbrich Gardens
- 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

Region 2 Meeting

Time is winding down towards the time that the bus is leaving for Cincinnati!!!! This is going to be a wonderful set of gardens (the first year I went to a Regional, it was in Cincinnati, and the gardens were absolutely great.....some of these are the same, but not all of them. There's still room on the bus for a few more people! Send your bus money to John Sheehan, 5656 Barbara Dr., Fitchburg, WI 53711 (the bus is \$80) and your registration for the Region 2 to Jack Brueggemann, 401 Werner Drive, Ft. Wright, Kentucky 41011-3639. The hotel is Four Points-Sheridan at 8020 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236. The hotel reservation number is 1-888-627-8523. Make sure you tell the hotel that you are with the Region 2 Daylily Group to get the special rate.

REMEMBER- All WDS MEMBERS ARE REIMBURSED FOR 1/2 THEIR REGISTRATION FEES! This means it's a real bargain!!!!

what rust looks like. Before you go out and panic when you look at your daylily foliage, rust has very much the same look as leaf streak at first glance, and leaf streak is quite pervasive this year. If you're worried, turn the leaf over to the underside of the leaf, and there you will see orange, raised pustules if you have daylily rust. Doug mentioned that if you rub your finger over the pustules, your finger will pick up some of the orange. If you rub your finger over the discolored areas of leaf streak, you will not get any discoloring of your finger. He also said that if the daylily is infected, it should show up within 8-10 days (at the most), so if you got your plants early this spring and don't see any rust by now, you should be safe. Be on the lookout at garden centers, and contact the Department of Agriculture if you see anything that has orange pustules. The rust spread can be airborne, and it can also be transported on people's clothes. This means that you might want to change clothes after visiting other gardens before working in your own if the other garden has rust.

The disease strikes some daylilies much harder than others; in some, the foliage looks brown and dead, and in others, there is very little damage. Some cultivars that are particularly ravaged by this rust are: **ATTRIBUTION**, **PARDON ME**, **GERTRUDE CONDON**, **CRYSTAL TIDE**, **COLONEL SCARBOROUGH**, **STARSTRUCK**, **JOAN SENIOR**, **IMPERIAL GUARD**, **DOUBLE BUTTERCUP**, and **STELLA D'ORO**.

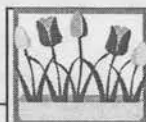
If you get rust, you may choose to spray, and many of the Florida nurseries are doing preventative spraying and dipping. It has not been ascertained, as yet, which of the sprays are most effective, and they are extremely expensive. They also must be handled with extreme care.

If you are ordering from any nursery in the affected states, it would be a good idea to ask what they are doing about rust. In fact, the WDS has decided to NOT have the Foster Parent Program for this year, since many of the hybridizers, even in the north, have Florida gardens. The board felt that this step was necessary to safeguard our WDS gardens as much as possible. Fortunately, most of the plants for the auction were purchased last year, and a great many of the sale plants were purchased last year as well, so they can be inspected this year to make sure that you will not get rust from our own plant programs. Any other plants for the sale will be purchased only from growers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Other websites for rust info are:

<http://doacs.state.fl.us/~pi/enpp/pathology/daylily-rust.html>,
<http://www.ces.uga.edu/agriculture/plantpath/daylilyrust.html>, and <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/npb/daylily.html>.

Remember! The WDS pays 1/2 your registration fee when you go to the Regional.

Betty Hansen asked me to remind you that she will not be open from June 17th to June 25.



OPEN GARDENS



Gardens will be open for viewing during the days and times listed. They are not part of the tour.

Phyllis and Don Sanner -N8257 Hwy 104, Brooklyn
 July 22, 1-4 pm

Take Hwy 14 south from Madison approximately 20 miles, turn right (west) onto Hwy 92 and go into Brooklyn. Turn left (south) onto State Hwy 104. We are a little over 3 miles south. Fire no. N8257-all white buildings with red roofs.

Hiram and Jane Percy-107 Lincoln St., Verona
 July 22, 9 am-4 pm

Take Hwy 18 west to first Verona exit and go past the old Dane County Home till you get to the Culver's, and turn left on Lincoln. We are about five or six blocks down on Lincoln on the left side

Betty and Donald Hansen-Betty's Country Gardens, 4904 Leffler Rd. Dodgeville
 June 22 10-4

Take Hwy 18 west to the first stoplight in Dodgeville. Turn right. Drive one block and turn right again - you'll be on Leffler Road. Proceed east on Leffler going past one more stop sign. We are on the left hand side of the road, just over the hill. We have a sign on the road at the bottom of the driveway.

Jean Bawden—Earthspirit Farm, 4385 Oak Hill Road, Oregon

July 14 & 15th 10 am-4 pm, Rain date: July 22

Take Hwy 14 south from Madison approximately 12 miles to Oak Hill Road. Turn left (east) and go 1/2 mile to 4385.

Nate Bremer—Solaris Farms, 7510 Pine-Sva Rd., Reedsville, WI - All of July, Wed-Sun, 9-5

Directions from Madison: Take Hwy 151 North through Chilton, turn North (left) on County Hwy W about 8 miles out of Chilton, proceed 11 miles and cross U.S. Hwy. 10, continue 2 more miles and turn right on Taus Rd., travel Taus Rd. for 1/8th mile and you'll then see our farm in your right, turn right on Pine-Sva road to our farm/business entrance.

Don and Jean Coshun -Open any time after calling them at 262/547-2408.

Sally and Tom Yaeger -Open any time (except to rabbits) with a phone call
 Phone 274-3262

Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz-Open any time with a phone call. Phone 221-1933

Daylily Exhibition on July 14th!

Bring your scapes and individual flowers to the Daylily Exhibition on July 14th. This will not be a judged show, so you rank beginners can jump in and exhibit a scape without worrying about whether you win a ribbon or not. The Exhibition will put some great flowers on display for the public (and all of us too) to ooh and aaah over. There will be a flower board available as well, so if you can't bear to part with a whole scape, bring in individual flowers. It would be particularly helpful if you bring in plants that will be involved in the sale, so we can generate additional interest in our daylily sale. Gene Dewey will bring a list of sale plants to the Brown Bag so you can see what on his list matches what you have in your garden. The editor does not have any times for the exhibition.....no one sent them in.

Daylily Tour-2001-The Middle East and Northern Fringe —by Sally Yaeger

The 2001 Daylily Tour will be held Saturday July 21 from 9:00 –5:00. We will have two members gardens open in the Sun Prairie Area and three heading Southeast to Cambridge, Ft. Atkinson, and Delavan. A sixth suggested stop coming back to Madison is the Janesville Rotary Gardens which has a daylily collection that American Hemerocallis Society Member, Bill Potter, donated. Rumors (confirmed) are that 267 new cultivars were added this spring. Bill, with other AHS members' help, is going to oversee and keep rotating in cutting-edge varieties for 5 years.

(Editor's note -I had copied maps from the internet, not realizing that they are copyrighted, until Kinko's called and said that they could not print them. Therefore, if you have access to the internet, please go to <http://www.infospace.com/info>, and then plug in the person's address, and you will get a map of where the person is. The driving directions are very good, so if you don't have access to the internet, follow the driving directions exactly, and you should get there as well. Sally will also have some maps closer to the time of the tour. Argh! I could have been hauled away for breaking the copyright laws!!!!)

Gardens that will be open from 9:00-5:00 are:

Paul Meske 151 W. Goodland St., Sun Prairie

Ellen and Allen Christensen 2778 Northwynde Passage, Sun Prairie

Linda and Michael Ball W9418 Woodside, Cambridge

Mary and William Powell N2508 Frommader Road, Ft. Atkinson

Robert and Mary Lou Griesbach N5024 Delaney Road, Delavan

Janesville Rotary Gardens 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville

There will be maps available at the houses on tour, Olbrich Gardens, and some Garden Centers

Meske Garden-The Meske Garden has about 260 daylilies, some seedlings, and a small collection of hostas. Paul has made an attempt to grow some of every kind of daylily form

Directions:

Take Hwy **151** to Sun Prairie and take **exit 103** (County N or Bristol St.) to **right**. Go 5 blocks and take a **right** on W. Goodland St and go to **#151**.

Christensen Garden- Ellen and Al have a large rural lot with border and island gardens. Since joining WDS 4 years ago, they have added new daylilies each year, and currently have 150 varieties. Their gardens have a wide variety of other perennials. In addition to daylilies, other favorites are delphinium, lilies, and hostas. They have strived to create a continuous bloom in the gardens and to combine that with an interesting landscape.

Directions from Meske to Christensen garden:

Return to **Bristol St.** and go south to Hwy **19**. Take 19 west approximately **1 mile** to **Bird** (stoplight) and go **right** on Bird (north) **2 1/2 miles** to **Starburst**. Go **right** on Starburst and immediately **right** again onto **Northwynde Passage** to **#2778**.

Ball Garden- Linda and Michael have a country garden with hundreds of seedlings and daylilies, and other perennials and annuals.

Directions from Christensens to Balls:

Return to **19**. Take **19 east** to Hwy **N**. Take **N south**, crossing under I-94 and continuing to Hwy **12**. Turn **left** on Hwy **12** and go to Hwy **73**. Go **south** (right) on Hwy **73** to Hwy **A**. Go **east** (left) on Hwy **A**, which turns into Hwy **C** at the Jefferson County line.....go 1/4 mile beyond the county sign and turn **right** (Linda will have a sign at this spot). Go 1/2 mile to the first turn on your left, which is **Woodside Road**.....go **left**. The Ball farm is the second farm on the left. W9418

Powell Garden- The Powell Garden is an acre of daylilies, seedlings, and perennials. They have a daylily business and will take orders that day.

Directions from Balls to Powells:

Go back to Hwy **12** and follow it **east** through Cambridge to Fort Atkinson. In Fort Atkinson, go straight to the 2nd light (**Main St.**) Turn **right** on Main and go **one block** and turn **left** on Hwy **106**. Going **east**, travel approximately **9 1/2 miles**.

(you will see a sign for Hebron along the way). Go **1 1/2 miles** beyond the Hebron sign and turn **right** on **Frommader Road**—the first driveway on your left is **Powells'**. It's a steep drive.... go to the top and park. (N2508)

Griesbach Garden—The Griesbach garden is not a formal garden, but is a 3/4 acre that contains several thousand seedlings and 300-325 named daylilies in rows, almost all tetraploids. There is another 3/4 acre with almost the same number of true lilies (25,000 Asiatics, trumpets, and oriental-trumpet hybrids (Oriempets)). Bob has the largest number of Oriental-trumpet hybrid lilies in the world at this time. They are all tetraploids.

Directions from Powells to Griesbachs:

Go back on **Hwy 106** to the Hebron sign (**1 1/2 miles**) and go **south** on **County D** which will deadend at **Hwy 59**. Take a **right** and continue **south** on **59** to **Hwy 12**. Take **12/59** into Whitewater where 59 will turn into **Hwy 89** going **south**. Take **Hwy 89** to **R and D Townline Road** (first crossroad after M). Turn **right** and go **1 mile** to **Delaney Road**. Griesbachs are 1/4 mile down the road and the first house (duplex).

Rotary Gardens—267 newer daylilies grace this lovely garden along with hundreds of other perennials. Gardens meander along water and through a woodland. The new daylily bed is not on the brochure but is toward the Arboretum area (ask for directions). Other daylilies will be throughout the gardens.

Directions from Griesbachs' to Rotary Gardens:

Go back to **89** and take it **south** to **14/11** and then take **Hwy 11** into Janesville. Turn **left** on **Palmer Drive** just after you cross the interstate

Spiders In The Bed!

Spider daylilies add the vision of dancing butterflies to the garden as their large flowers sway in the wind. Many of them are taller, so they add a vertical element to the garden as well. Many of us grow many other types of plants besides daylilies, so we get a variety of flower form and leaf shape, but for the real aficionado who grows only daylilies, spiders can add a difference flower form to add interest to the garden. I remember the first morning that I walked outside to greet the day, and my heart stopped when I saw the immense purple bloom of **PEACOCK MAIDEN** staring at me from across the yard. It was love at first sight! And that plant still has a special place in my heart.....every time I see it, I remember the wonder of that summer morning. Now **PEACOCK MAIDEN** isn't a 'true spider', because a 'true' or classic spider must have a length of petal to width of petal ratio of 5 to 1.....there are very few spidery daylilies that meet that strict ratio limit.

In addition to the classic spiders, there are the variant group, which must have a ratio of 4 to 1. Both these categories are eligible for the Harris Olson Award from the AHS. Many of the newer spidery daylilies don't really qualify for

this award, and even some of the plants that **WON** the award did not qualify, so the AHS created the **UF (Unusual Forms)** award to give to plants that looked spidery, but did not fit the ratios. The tetraploid 'spiders' are almost all **UF** in form because they tend to be wider-petaled. The other problem with tet 'spiders' in my mind, is that they lose the airy grace of the diploids; they may sway but they haven't learned to dance.

I grow about 100 varieties of spider daylilies, and some sing to me and others are just there. As Rosemary listed in the auction brochure last year, **LOLA BRANHAM** is a favorite of mine. The flower twists and curls, it is a blend of pink and cream (and I like pastels), and it's tall. It took a while to get established in my garden, but it's beautiful.

Another favorite of mine is **RED RIBBONS**, which is fire-engine red, and increases like crazy. It's an evergreen, but it pops back after the winter like a dormant.

KINDLY LIGHT is a true classic spider, and it's lovely; its light yellow blooms are like yellow swallowtail butterflies in the wind. There are two plants that are sold as **KL**; the true **KL** is not pod-fertile, and the 'imposter' is.

FELLOW is deep purple, slow to increase in my garden, but a show-stopper.

LILTING LAVENDER is not a spider or variant, but it looks spidery, twists a little, and is the most beautiful shade of lavender. It's a plant that I would never want to be without.

PARADE OF PEACOCKS is sort of an orangey-yellow with a huge rose eye, and it's a show-stopper in the garden.

I love the creamy-white twists and curls of **SPIRAL CHARMER**, but it doesn't have a lot of blooms.

BLACK PLUSH is another southerner that does well in my garden, increases very quickly, and is a very black red.

Some that are knock-outs and not particularly hardy are **YABBA DABBA DO** and **CLEOPATRA**. In fact, **CLEOPATRA** is so not hardy that people in zone 6 usually lose it. It is a creamy white with a wonderful burgundy chevron (like an eye only it's elongated out onto the petals)...but it's an exercise in no bloom even if you bring the foliage through the winter. **YDD** comes through the winter most winters, but has never bloomed a lot for me....the blooms are big and sort of raspberry purple though. **CAT'S CRADLE** probably falls into this category too, as it really suffers in the winters, and doesn't seem to bloom as well after a tough one. One year, I put about 7 or 8 pods on it, and almost lost it totally the next winter. **SATAN'S CURLS** is another not-so-hardy red, but it's got lovely curls.

SLAPSTICK is a **BRIGHT** yellow, and it has none of the fragility of **CAT'S CRADLE**. It's terrific.

Well, I've run out of room, and I still haven't mentioned **SPINDAZZLE**, **LAKE NORMAN SPIDER**, **ORCHID CORSAGE**, **SPIDER MIRACLE**, **SILVER DROPS**, **RED THRILL**, **RED FLAG** or several others that I really like. Hope I see a spider in your beds this summer!

Earn TEN WIDS Dollars!!!

by Gene Dewey



I will not be chair of our Plant Sale forever! In order to spread the expertise around, I am recruiting two more people to assist with various aspects of the preparations for the sale. The pay is not great, but it is enough to help with your purchase of plants. I need two people, one for publicity, and one for the digging detail. Here are the particulars:

Publicity: (press release and ad copy will be prepared)

Contact community newspapers in Madison area re using press release for an article on the sale, or, lacking that, an ad for the sale (week of July 23)

Distributing posters & bookmarks to members for posting in neighborhood businesses, libraries, etc. (week of August 6)

Get sale flyers to tour gardens in July
[15-20 hours estimated]

Digging:

Recruit members to dig

Direct the digging at the Sanners', Madison West Garden, & the Executive Residence (week of August 13)

Arrange for transportation of plants to Olbrich (mini-van or truck helpful)

[15-20 hours estimated]

To volunteer, please call me (255-0858) or email: gldewey@facstaff.wisc.edu

Thanks to Cynthia Henson (Mailing Chair) and Chris Zeltner (Volunteer Coordinator) who signed on at our May meeting.

PLANTS WANTED FOR A SUCCESSFUL SALE - by Gene Dewey



Most of our profit from the Plant Sale comes from plants donated by **you**, our members, and those owned by the Society (Allen Garden, Madison West Garden, and the Executive Residence Garden).

As you walk about your garden in the next two months, please note those cultivars which you wish to donate to the Sale this year. I will be glad to have the names of these cultivars whenever you have them, so that I can make sure that they are in the database of sale plants.

Please call me (255-0858) or email: gldewey@facstaff.wisc.edu

Five percent of the gross sales go to support HospiceCare. That's another good reason to buy daylilies at the sale.

HELP WANTED!



We see this sign all the time. However, employment pays nothing in legal tender, provides refreshments, engenders camaraderie with fellow daylily aficionados, does pay in WIDS dollars, and discounts purchases at the end of the sale in proportion to the hours worked. What a deal!

Everyone who works on the WDS Plant Sale has a great time. Call Chris Zeltner (873-5257) to volunteer.

Don't Forget Your Lunch!



This year's Brown Bag supper is taking place at Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz's, located at 104 W. Lakeview. Tom and Rosemary are providing cookies and lemonade, but you need to bring the rest of your meal.....the brown bag is optional. There will be pictures of the auction plants (last chance to put in a bid!), door prizes, and lots of camaraderie. Hope to see you there.....that is, if the editor can find it.....she's notorious for not being able to get to this house! The fun starts at 6 pm.

From Monona Drive, turn east on Buckeye. Go right on Lakeview....it's the second house on the right.

From Hwy 51, turn west on Buckeye, and then left on Lakeview.

Silent Auction Sneaking to the Deadline!

If you haven't put your bid in for plants on the silent auction, time is slipping away, and those lovely plants may slip through your fingers! There are still some great bargains for the new bidder.....this is a great chance to add some very nice cultivars to your garden for bargain prices.....there are also several great collections, which give you an opportunity to add a bunch of plants for a very low price. For those of you that are falling in love with spiders.....and how can you help but fall in love with those graceful butterflies.....there are a couple of spider collections just waiting to entangle you. Some of the really wonderful cultivars that we saw and longed for at Coburg Fields last year are also on the block.

You can see before you bid by coming to the Brown Bag, where all the plants will be pictured.....for anyone not coming to the Brown Bag, contact Rosemary ASAP at 221-1933 or e-mail her at trklein@it.is.com. All bids must be in by June 25.

Have you voted for your representative to the AHS? If you are an AHS member, you should have received a ballot with your Region 2 Newsletter. Since there were two candidates, it becomes very important to vote, and both candidates have done a great deal for Region 2. They're due June 15th!