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NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

**WDS GARDEN PARTY
SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH
1:00 PM**

WEST MADISON AG RESEARCH STATION

Ok, I'll admit that scheduling a garden party for Father's Day was a lame-brain idea. To rectify the matter, we've changed the date to Saturday, June 14th, one day earlier, at 1:00 pm. Here's hoping this will relieve you of the decision: Is it to be my Dad or WDS? So join us for a potluck picnic, time to visit with friends, and a chance to view the beautiful display gardens and the research being done at the West Madison Ag Research Station; and then celebrate with Dad on Sunday.

We will still have a big tent set up to protect us from inclement weather, and there will be plenty of food to eat if each of you will bring a delicious dish to pass. Judging from the great snacks appearing at our monthly meetings, I doubt that will be a problem. WDS will provide beverages and table service. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs under the tent before we can eat. We hope to start about 12:30. Thanks in advance.

With all of this warm weather and lovely rain, have your gardens really come to life? While winter was not very kind to us human beings, it certainly treated our perennials with the best of conditions. Everything is looking so lush and green! In fact, it's so good that I'll bet I can find some unusual plants to bring to the Garden Party as door prizes. How about you? Do you have something you think others would like to have in their gardens? Bring one or two to the meeting. You never know what you will be able

Who wants to predict when we will have reached peak bloom this summer??? I'm sure there are many event planners wishing they knew. One would expect, after the cold, late spring we had, that it will be a week or two later. However, if this summer-like weather continues, that may not be so. Whenever it is, enjoy every day!



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Garden Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

June 14th, Saturday, 1:00 pm **Garden Party**,
West Madison Ag Station, Mineral Pt Rd.

June 25-28, **AHS 2014 National Convention**,
Asheville, NC

July 19th **Annual Garden Tour by bus**
July 25-27th, **Region 2 Summer Meeting**,
Green Bay, WI

August 2nd, Saturday, 12:30 pm, Savannah Oaks
School, **Adoption/Auction Program**,

August 16-17th, **WDS Plant Sale**, Olbrich Gardens

Oct. 18th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Cherokee Country Club,
Annual Meeting, Speaker: **Curt Hanson**,
Crintonic Gardens, Gates Mills, OH

Be sure to check our website for updates.

DIPS, TETS, PATTERNED FACES, TOUGH PLANTS FOR COLDER PLACES

By Lane Revenal

On April 26th we had the pleasure of welcoming Gary and Rita Schaben of Gardens with a Northern Exposure, to a cold Wisconsin spring day. Perhaps not as cold as Monticello, Minnesota where Gary breeds his cold hardy daylilies of distinction and vigor. Gary shared bits of information that could appeal to anyone in the audience, from the newbie daylily enthusiast to the serious hybridizers in the group.

He began his presentation with an unexpected culinary twist. *H. 'Our Friend Craig'* is not only a beautiful yellow dormant tetraploid but also Gary's favorite for eating in salads—the sweetest daylily (he's) ever tasted with absolutely no hint of an aftertaste.

Gary also feels labeling plants is an important aspect of sharing your gardens with visitors. To make labels last, he sprays his with a clear coating.

A lesson on botany included the fact that the daylily is a monocot which feeds from microscopic root hairs. A daylily will start growing in the Spring when the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees or more. If a plant is dug before the soil reaches 55 degrees, it's likely to die off when transplanted. So the better you treat the daylily, the better response you'll get from the plant. Divide your plants carefully keeping all the roots that belong to one particular fan intact. If only one side of the fan has roots, that's the only side of the plant that will receive nutrients to grow.

Hybridizers listened up when the discussion turned to line breeding, pistil length and pollen orientation needed for growing the ovum to make the precious seed. Hard dormant seeds need at least one month of cold stratification to germinate.

Gary has produced up to 10,000 seeds in one year but now limits himself to 2-3000 seeds per year. They're all started in late April in a damp paper towel and plastic, then germinated seeds are transferred to tree trays where they stay for 6 weeks. Then they are ready to be planted in the ground.

Gary's breeding has taken a new direction – patterned eyes – which he's trying to stabilize with line breeding.

If you wish to learn more about Gary's introductions, his Stout award winner "Northern Dancer" or see photos of his new daylilies with patterned faces, visit frozendaylilies.com



Photos by Rita Thomas

After Gary's presentation, members had their choice of lots of great door prizes, thanks to Rita Thomas and Paul Pratt.

ERIC'S NOT A 'CAVALIER' KIND OF GUY

By Mike Stafford



Photo by Genni Kleckner



Photo by Rita Thomas

On one of the few nice weekend days so far this spring, 50+ fellow club members were "OHHing" and "AHHing" over the vibrant colours of Eric Simpson's offerings from his Cavalier Daylily Gardens.

A 28 year veteran of the auto industry and a former breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (hence the name), Eric has been hybridizing for twelve years and marketing his handiwork for the past three, quite successfully as shown by the high demand for his 2013 and 2014 introductions.

Working with tetraploids, Eric has been concentrating on hardiness (great news after last winter), multiple colours with patterned eyes, and "toothiness". This really showed in the slides for *H. 'In Stitches'* from 2012, *H. 'Blue Stardust'* 2013, and the exquisite *H. 'Alien Garden Party'* 2014. These cultivars also figured prominently in seedlings that Eric is currently evaluating. The seedling slides he shared with us were most impressive.

In 2013, Eric moved his passion from a double city lot to a 2 acre plot in rural Elwood, IN, where he is preparing for the 2015 regional meeting. His plans include 7 display beds, and at least 2 beds for seedlings and future intros. Sounds like enough space...well maybe not, because now he is exploring patterns in Diploids (kudos to Bob Faulkner), and unusual forms. Eric, we can hardly wait!

Eric's collection can be viewed at simpsondaylily.com. Go take a look; I think you'll be impressed. And as an aside, our club has procured his entire 2014 collection for our adoption/auction program for disbursement in 2016!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DANE COUNTY PLANT SALE ANNOUNCEMENT

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County will have its June plant sale Friday and Saturday, June 20-21 at the Habitat ReStore EAST, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a wide variety of perennials including daylilies, hosta, iris, rudbeckia, and more. We still have many different varieties of hybrid daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Various ground covers are also available. Plant prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, unless otherwise marked. All proceeds are used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County.

More sale dates will be available during the summer and fall. Watch for new postings.

Donations of hardy perennials and plastic planting pots are welcome. To donate, please contact Ann Wolfe at 442-8768 or e-mail plantlady123@outlook.com.

YOU'RE INVITED.....

The following members would like to share their gardens with you this summer.

The **Newlin Garden** will be open Thursday, July 17 from 4:00 pm until dark 7699 Almor Drive, Verona, WI (Town of Middleton, off Mineral Point Road)

Ed Kraus's Purple Daze Daylily Garden, 11625 W. James Ave., Franklin, WI, will be open two weekends in July, on the 12-13 and 19-20, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Free seedlings and pollen from any named cultivar are there for the taking.

Robert & Ann Anderson are opening their garden for all to enjoy on:

July 18 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

July 19 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

July 24 through 28 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (shorter hours on Friday - until 3:30 or so)

August 22 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 23 and 24th 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You will find them at 6875 Tagge Road, Sturgeon Bay, WI. This is in Southern Door County about 5 miles south of the city of Sturgeon Bay. They have 400+ varieties of daylilies, as well as metal sculpture and garden kaleidoscopes.

Marjorie King's gardens will be open during the Spring Art Tour, June 6-8 from 10-5 and again on July 19, from 10-5, during the Mount Horeb Art Fair. she is at 991 Perry Center Road, Mount Horeb, 608.832.6455 Irises, roses and, early peonies are blooming currently. Then, of course, it's daylily time in July!

Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz will open their garden for you to enjoy on Sunday, July 20th, from 10:00 to 4:00. Their address is 104 W. Lakeview Ave. Madison, WI

IT'S BEEN A CHANCE TO MEET AND GREET OUR SPEAKERS - AND EAT!

By Francis & Genni Kleckner

If you weren't able to attend any of the potlucks after the meetings this year you really missed an enjoyable opportunity to socialize with our speakers and other club members. The speakers all commented on how much they enjoyed visiting and getting to know our members and really enjoyed all the delicious food everyone brought. Many of them commented on what a good idea it was! They wish more clubs would do the same.

The members of our club who participated all seemed to enjoy it also. It was very relaxing and of course we all enjoyed the food and great company too!

We have one more meeting this year, our annual meeting and 25th anniversary with Curt Hanson as our speaker on October 18th.

Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend the gathering after the meeting where we plan to have light snacks and desserts. We hope to have a large crowd to help celebrate the end of our 25th year as the WDS.

TRIP TO JORDAN

By Paul Pratt

On May 9th, a band of hybridizers and their friends headed to Jordan MN in anticipation of "Christmas in May". We started the pilgrimage at the Park N Ride off Stoughton Rd. Everyone piled into a van and a truck at 2pm, and off we went.

Five hours later, we landed at the doorstep of the Home-town Inn, where we were to spend the night in anticipation of Christmas the next day. After checking into our rooms, we went to the restaurant, had a few drinks, ate some great food, and shared some good laughs. This was Christmas Eve at its finest.

In the morning, we headed to Karol Emmerich's 6000 sq. ft. greenhouse just 15 minutes down the road. The greenhouse was in FULL BLOOM! Christmas in May! Karol shared her hybridizing program with us, what her troubles have been, and all her successful blooms.

We did a few hybridizing exercises, took lots of photos, and bathed in the heat of the greenhouse all morning. We then had lunch together at her "daylily shipping shed" and headed back to Madison. The trip, the display, and the people who share this wonderful creation were truly amazing.



Membership News

Dennis Aitken has joined Terri Maliszewski-Kane in a family membership. Address is 400 Olson Drive, Orfordville, WI 53576; Email is terri@mia.net

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Mark Blank: markwblank@aol.com

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris von Kohn, our member who is working on a UW graduate degree was awarded the 2013 AHS Mabel Mathews Scholarship. Congratulations, Chris!! Now he's awaiting word of an award for 2014. We will keep our fingers crossed!

The scholarship pays tuition for an AHS member seeking a bachelor degree or postgraduate degree in any college or university, preferably to someone studying horticulture, botany, chemistry, and landscape architecture.

**The WDS Plant Sale
Will be held at Olbrich Gardens
Sat. & Sun., August 16th & 17th**

Oh my goodness! We have a huge challenge ahead of us this year! In order to break our sales record from last year, we will have to bring in more than \$33,600!! Are we up to the challenge? I'm sure of it. With your help, we can do anything.

Now let's see; where to begin? Oh yes, we must get the word out, far and wide. June Johnson has been working on that since early last winter, sending notices out to Master Gardener groups and garden clubs in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois for their 2014 calendars. Our sale flyer went into goodie bags for about 300 attendees at the State Master Gardener Conference. June is running an ad in the summer issue of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation newsletter, and she will have ads running on WPR. Gardeners from all over Wisconsin will know about our sale! That's certainly a good beginning.

If you haven't done so already, be sure to check out the Daylily Sale page Vaughn & June have posted on our website. You might even find a picture of yourself on there!

The next order of business is to recruit lots of volunteers, and that's where we need YOU! Diane Goodman will once again be coordinating volunteers, and she asks that you call her at 608-643-8021 or email her at jrgoodman@charter.net.

A special note to our new members: working at the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow members better and have a very enjoyable time. Why else would almost 100 members volunteer more than 4,000 hours last year?? Maybe to earn WDS\$\$ - more than 4,500 were redeemed for plants at the sale! As a little thank you, you will earn one WDS\$ for each hour worked during the four days. Or maybe it's because working on Thursday or Friday gives volunteers the opportunity to purchase cultivars they want prior to the sale opening. Sometimes the most sought-after ones never make it to the tent.

And, of course, a successful plant sale must have plants to sell. We will be digging plants from the large bed at West Madison Ag Station. Lisa Imhoff has been buying so many daylilies from WDS to plant at Janesville's Rotary Gardens that now they need help digging some out to make room for more! We know all about that, don't we! Do you have that same problem? Consider donating those extras to help us reach our goal. Do you need to divide those huge clumps? That, too, will create more space in your garden. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

Since we seem to be receiving a just-right number of cultivars, we probably won't have to turn any away. As soon as you determine which ones you will be bringing, please forward the list to Tom & me by snail mail or e-mail trkleinheinz@att.net so we can enter them in the database and be sure we have pictures. We again ask to have your list of donations at least one week before the sale. This has made our lives so much less hectic that last week before the sale.

Would you like help digging your plants? If the job seems overwhelming to you, we have members willing to help. Mike

Alvin and Diane Goodman are scheduling the digging events. They ask that, if you do want help, **YOU LET THEM KNOW SOON.** Call Diane at 608-643-8021 to schedule a time.

During the week of August 10th we will be digging plants, starting with the big display bed at the West Ag Station on Mineral Pt Rd. A crew will be needed in Janesville and the Kleckners have offered more of their plants for the sale. We also expect to dig some more at Bob Keitzman's. There will be lots of digging to do. We really could use your help. To thank you for this extra help, you will be given 5 WDS\$\$ for each hour spent digging, in your own garden and with our crews, plus travel time.

A preliminary list of plants for sale will be posted to our website two weeks before the sale.

We will again be preparing the plants for sale in the "Prep Tent" on Thursday and Friday until all the plants are in the big white tent. For two years now the number of plants coming in has been so good that we have been able to clean up and leave by 5:00 on Friday.

At last year's Annual Meeting the membership voted to donate 5% of this year's sale proceeds to the Longenecker Horticultural Garden in the Arboretum. Diane Scharkey, Eleanor Rodini and Rita Thomas have been volunteering in this garden for many years and are well aware of the needs they have. They nominated the gardens. During the summer please be thinking of a worthy horticultural project you can nominate this fall for next year's donation.

How much of our success last year was a result of accepting credit cards? Who knows! All we know for sure is that over \$13,000 was put on credit cards. We will definitely be accepting them again this year.

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY



REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

The Bay Area Daylily Buds
Invite You to

Beauty by the Bay
July 25-27, 2014
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI

Enjoy 8 tour gardens plus the AHS Display Garden at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Registrants receive the 2014 Pinewood Gardens daylily introduction 'Beauty by the Bay'. Due to limited supply only one per couple/family

Registrar: Ed Kraus Meeting Chair: Phil Korth

You won't want to miss the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Green Bay, sponsored by the BAD Buds, scheduled for July 25th to 27th. The last time they hosted the regional, they proved they know how to do it! We can expect great things, especially eight tour gardens, including Mark & JoAnn Jankowski's, Phil & Luel Korth's, Jim & Sharon Prochaska, and Nate Bremmer's. I understand there is still room for you.

The Guest Speaker on Friday evening is Phil Korth and on Saturday it will be Mark Carpenter. All this and more - including food in every garden! Don't miss it!

Registration forms can be found in the Region 2 Newsletter and on their website.

2014 WDS ADOPTION/AUCTION EVENT

Saturday, August 2nd, 12:30 pm

Savannah Oaks Middle School

5890 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI.

Did you know that every eligible member (**one who is also an AHS member**) attending our Adoption/Auction Meetings in recent years has gone home with at least one FREE adoption plant? For the most part, these plants were only introduced in the last couple of years. Have you been one of those lucky folks? At the meeting this year more than 60 plants will be adopted by some very happy members. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

As lucky "parents", you are able to grow the plant in your garden for 3 years, after which you are to return all but two fans to the club. Everyone can then bid on them at the auction that follows. What a great opportunity to add newer cultivars to your gardens! Our favorite auctioneer, Conrad Wrzesinski, will once again keep the bidding going strong. The proceeds from the auction will be used to buy adoption plants for next year. The more \$\$\$ we raise, the more plants we can purchase. Cash, check or WDS \$\$ are accepted.

Please bring finger food that we can enjoy during the bidding and adopting. WDS will still provide beverages, plates and napkins.

Doors will open at 12:00 pm and the program will begin at 12:30 pm.

If you want to take home an adoption plant and you aren't yet an AHS member, you can find a membership form on our website, under the link to AHS. The cost of membership is much less than the value of the plant you will adopt! Besides you will receive a \$25 voucher from AHS to be used with many vendors! Such a deal.

The plants that will be available for adoption are listed below. Personally, I'm blown away by the selections Genni has put together for us. There are 57 different cultivars and she tells me that many of them have multiplied, giving us more than 57 plants to take home. Wonder who will take home *H. 'Packer Backer'*!

There will be a list and photos on our web site prior to the program for the Adoption as well as Auction plants. As usual, Conrad will have a powerpoint presentation showing pictures of all available plants.

WHICH PLANTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT?

Banshee Cradlesong	John The Incredible	Royal Triumph
Beautiful Amy	Kermit The Frog	Shared Worlds
Blue Goose	King of Camelot	Stinger
Blue-breasted Bee-eater	Linda Bell	Stranger In A Strange Land
Chaderpillar	Living Water	Tadpole
Columbus Nights	Longlesson Standing Ovation	The Bodacious Ms Billadeau
Desert Eagle	Mary James Kraus	The Divine Miss Devon
Desert Wave	Miss Piggy	Tire In B Flat
Dizzy Damsel fly	Mothra	Ubuntu
Dove's Delight	Nu-Era Only Time Will Tell	Validate
Edged Electricity	One More Bud	Vein of Amethyst
Eminent Domain	Packer Backer	Velvet Violin
Fiawol	Penny For Your Thoughts	What to Wear In Versailles
Foxvale Barb and Duane	Quillseeker	When Stars Align
Foxvale Harold and Florence	Raspberries For Breakfast	Windsor Plantation
Genni's Lovin' Oven	Raspberry Flash	Winged Waterfall
Georgia Sunrise	Raspberry Grin	Woodchopper's Ball
Hopper Roo	Rocky Mountain Sunrise	Wrestling With Angels
Jean's Peach Dragon	Royal Banner	You Are Peace

RE: THOSE AUCTION PLANTS

After you receive your e-mail regarding returning your adoption plant/plants from 3 years ago to the auction, please let me know as soon as possible what you have. Keep in mind you are entitled to keep a double fan of your plant. Please state "I will keep two fans" and "I have ___ fans to return" or note if you do not want to keep any of it.

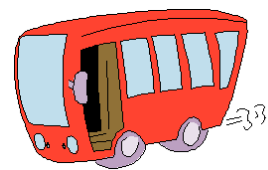
That will save me asking you if your total includes what you want to keep or not.

The quicker response the better as I have paperwork to complete for the treasurer to use at the auction and do not want to wait until the last minute to do this.

Thanks for your help. Genni

**AS WE HEAD WEST
DON'T LET THIS YEAR'S BUS
LEAVE WITHOUT YOU, EITHER**

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Boss



Grab your seat soon as there are only a limited amount available. You truly do not want to miss out on another fabulous daylily adventure. There should be very few dull moments and lots of fun in store! A tasty boxed lunch will be enjoyed in the Kleckner garden and the day should culminate with an additional stop as yet to be determined. The original idea of ending our day at Morningwood Nursery is being reconsidered as it has some potential navigational issues.

WHEN: Saturday, July 19. Leaving from the Dutchmill Park And Ride around 7:30 a.m. Return to Madison is calculated to be at approximately 5:30-6:00 p.m. the same day.

WHERE TO: 4 WDS member gardens to the west. An additional stop to be determined.

COST: \$15.00 U.S. currency only. You cannot use WDS dollars for this trip.

INCLUDED: Round-trip bus ride, choice of boxed lunch, 2 waters, and daylilies galore.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: July 5, 2014 but to secure your spot, pay ASAP.

RULES: Yup...there are rules so read and heed: 1) Must be a WDS member with dues current. 2) No refunds will be given for any reason. 3) Trip will go forward rain or shine.

4) Reserve your seat by contacting me via phone or email. It will be saved for you for two weeks from date of contact. 5) Secure your seat by returning the form and payment to me ASAP. Do not send payment unless you have contacted me first. 6) Pay by personal check or a money order made out to WDS – do not send cash. 7) No WDS dollars can be used. 8) And finally, for your safety, consider this the most important rule: no 'are we there yet' comments will be tolerated and teasing the Tour Boss (me) could seriously jeopardize the aforementioned "round-trip" part of your day. Remember, you will be masters of your own fate!

Fill out the following and return to me ASAP:

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

LUNCH CHOICE (only one per name listed above):

[Couples ordering lunches, send two forms, but include one check covering both.]

A) _____ Roast Beef & Cheddar _____ Turkey & Colby _____ Ham & Swiss
_____ Veggie (Grilled cauli, brocc, carrots with veggie spread. No meat or cheese.)

B) Bread choice: Kaiser, Croissant, or Wrap (circle one)

*Fruit Salad, Italian Salad, Cookie, Chips, and Water included.

All sandwiches made with lettuce and tomato. Mayo and mustard on the side.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (# of WDS members X \$15.00) = _____

Send completed form AND payment, made out to WDS, to:

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, 117 S. High Street, Deerfield, WI 53531

For reservations, email me at williebh96@yahoo.com or call me at 608-764-2515.

****THOSE WHO SIGNED UP & RESERVED SEATING AT THE APRIL & MAY MEETINGS HAVE TWO WEEKS FROM THE RECEIPT OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO SEND IN PAYMENT TO SECURE THEIR SEAT****

GARDENS ON TOUR in the Host's own words

PAUL PRATT, Lone Rock

My property consists of two acres. The acre with the house contains many perennials, berries, arbors, garden art, nesting boxes, hummingbird feeders, and bird baths. The veggie garden is approximately 3200 square feet next to the pole barn. The gravel driveway to the house separates the two acres and it is where the daylily madness begins. Everything on the acre past the driveway is daylily beds. I've been working on my yard ever since I moved into the house in 2005 and the project is ongoing.

GENNI and FRANCIS KLECKNER, countryside near Muscoda

A direct quote from Francis: "Green grass. Many daylilies." He later expounded on that with: Our gardens consist of over 900 registered cultivars scattered throughout our hilly yard. We have Genni's seedlings lined out to see. Some of her introductions will be available for purchase. Pollen can be harvested throughout the gardens for those who hybridize. Hundreds of hostas are featured in three beds. Many perennials compliment the daylilies and hostas. We are continually adding new plants and eliminating others. Parts of our gardens are still under construction --- a never-ending project of fixing and adding new.

JOHN and DIANE GOODMAN, on the banks of the Wisconsin River near Prairie du Sac

Our gardens have evolved over time. As we live in a house overlooking Lake Wisconsin, we have a number of levels to take us to the lake. Of course the emphasis is on daylilies, but there are also large shade gardens with numerous hostas (90?) tucked into various sites. The latest garden addition is at the front of the house. It has Japanese maples plus some of the daylilies I have hybridized.

BARB and RICK KAJA, countryside near Lodi

Our gardens are a work in progress but our driveway leads to unexpected pleasures. Especially since the acre surrounding the house, lovingly dubbed the "Compound", is fenced in with six-foot high chain link topped with strands of razor wire. Not originally installed for keeping the deer out, but for security purposes by the previous custodians, local drug dealers. Over the years we have changed the landscape from "hard wire" to lush beauty, though the fence does remain (it works overtime against the numerous deer). We have added rock terraces and a pond with a waterfall at the front of the house. The main gardens are in the Compound and hold many registered daylilies, tree peonies, iris, and assorted perennials. Rick's one-of-a-kind seedlings lie outside the fence. His 2011 creations will be for sale.

A finalized schedule will be sent the week prior to departure only to those who have paid for a seat.

FIRST BLOOM OF THE SEASON!

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski



H. 'Dr Regel'
Photo by C. Wrzesinski

While weeding and cleaning up after the effects of the winter arctic vortex, I was pleasantly surprised to find the first scapes of the season on Willy Muller's cultivar, 'Dr. Regel' (1904). The plant had a total of eight scapes in various phases of growth.

Since the timing of finding scapes was so early, I thought the event would make an interesting article for the WDS Newsletter. In preparing for the article, I took several pictures of the scapes. Some days later as I was about to sit down with my laptop to write the article, I checked on 'Dr. Regel', again. To my surprise, 'Dr. Regel' was in flower. The color of the deep yellow gold lily like flower was intense and delightfully fragrant. The first bloom was on May 31st. The excitement of the bloom season begins!

MILWAUKEE CLUB'S PLANT SALE THIS SATURDAY!

June 7th DAYLILY SALE benefits Daylily Society of Southeastern Wisconsin. Come see why over 150 club members can't get enough of this carefree perennial for their gardens! We will be offering nearly 200 exciting cultivars in various colors, patterns, shapes and sizes to work into your garden scheme or theme. Profits support Boerner Botanical Gardens and other public gardens. Sale held at Unitarian Universalist Church, 9am-1pm in the west parking lot at 13001 West North Ave., Brookfield. Check our web site for more info: <http://www.dssew.org/PLANTSALE.htm>

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