



# Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc

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A not-for-profit organization promoting the enjoyment, awareness, and propagation of the genus *Hemerocallis*

## Annual Meeting at Babe's With Norm Baker!

The WDS Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at "Babe's", 5614 Schroeder Road in Madison (just off the Beltline and Whitney Way) on **Sunday October 15, 2000 at 1:00 P.M..** We will have a private room in the back. Dinner choices will be prime rib, stuffed chicken breast, or broiled cod. Please fill out the form at the end of our newsletter and mail in your reservation by **October 1, 2000**. See you there!!!

Our speaker will be Norm Baker from Minnesota (see his bio on page 2.) On Sunday, please bring photos of your garden to share and leave with us, so we may begin to make a VCR tape and scrapbook of members' gardens. Should you have a listing of all your daylilies please bring that also as we will try to make a master list of who has what for the future. If you have a special dietary need please call Sally Yaeger at 608-274-3262.



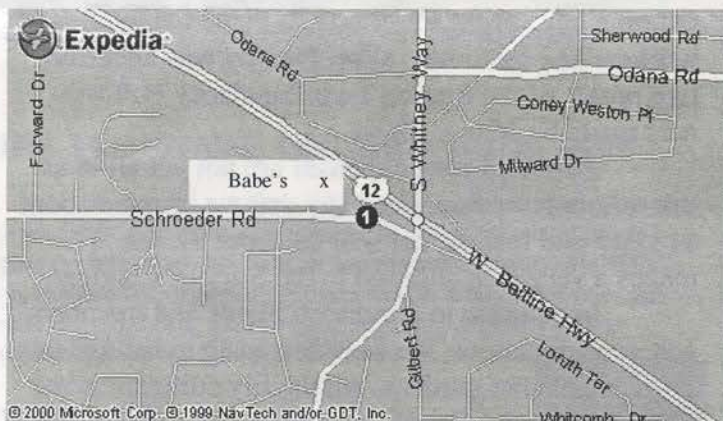
### 2000 Calendar

- Sun. Oct. 15-Annual Meeting-- Norm Baker speaking

### Elections!!!!!!

Just a reminder that we elect new board members at the Annual Meeting.....it's another important reason to attend. Our board members serve a two-year term, and then can be elected one more time for another two year term. After that point, they may not be board members for a year. Board meetings are the place that WDS business is conducted; this allows the major portion of meetings to be interesting and informative.

Board members whose terms are expiring this year are Hiram Percy, Jean Bawden, Sally Yaeger, and Linda Ball. The nominating committee will come up with a slate of board members, but nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting. The top 4 vote-getters are elected.



Take the Beltline west to Whitney Way. Turn south (left) on Whitney Way, and go under the Beltline. Immediately after going under the Beltline, take a right onto Schroeder Road. Babe's is on the right hand side of Schroeder Road.

### WDS Board Members

President: Hiram Percy-407 Lincoln St., Verona, WI 53593-1529, 845-9249, pearcyj@verona.k12.wi.us (term ends 2000)

Vice-President: Sally Yaeger-5920 Mayhill Drive, Madison, WI 53711, 274-3262, tlyaegs@aol.com (term ends 2000)

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Linda Ball-W9418 Woodside, Cambridge, WI, 423-4425, plumhill@smallbytes.net (2000)

Karen Watson-Newlin, 608 Basswood Ave, Verona, WI 53593, 845-9491, watsonnek@verona.k12.wi.us (2000)



## Northern Hardiness and Norm Baker

Our speaker for the annual meeting is Norm Baker, owner of Northstar Daylilies in Rogers, Minnesota. His nursery lies about 20 miles northwest of downtown Minneapolis at the border between zone 3 and zone 4 (we are approximately one zone warmer than this).

Norm got his start in daylilies in 1978, when his girlfriend asked him to go to a daylily nursery with her. Norm's response was "How many shades of yellow and orange can there be?" When he got to the nursery, he was overwhelmed with the variety of sizes, colors and shapes.....the beginning to his love affair with daylilies. After collecting daylilies for 16 years, he and his wife, Peggy, opened Northstar Daylilies in 1994 on a large parcel of land, hacking through the vegetation to put in beds of daylilies that wander through the acres of rolling land.

Along the way, Norm became extremely interested in daylily hardiness and plant phenology, which is the science of how plants react to climate (including how they react to light changes, heat changes, etc.). He and Peggy began tracking performance of all the daylilies that they bought, and began offering ServiceMark (like a brand name) daylilies for their customers.....those that had come through their trials and grew well in the harshness of Minnesota's frigid winters and toasty summers.

Norm's talk will feature slides of things that do well in the north, the problem of fusarium (which has caused numerous plants to turn yellow and even die all across the Midwest this year), and the idea that soil type can affect the growth ability of plants that come from the sands of Florida to the clay of the Midwest. Norm's trials have given him knowledge of what makes a good daylily for the Northern states.

Here's your chance to gain knowledge about what is chancy here and what's likely to do well.

## Big Sale Under the Big Top

by Gene Dewey

Soon after the gate to Olbrich Garden's employee parking lot was opened on Saturday, August 12, there was a lot of activity in the 40' x 80' red and white tent, but it wasn't a three ring circus. It was the Wisconsin Daylily Society annual plant sale!

Our approximate list of cultivars numbered over five hundred. Some expected cultivars didn't arrive (for various reasons), so the selection probably was not quite that wide, and quantity of some cultivars was very limited. However, it was an impressive list to hand to our customers, and they were anxious to keep it rather than recycling it for other customers' use. The view as one entered the tent was awesome. Thirty one large tables were set up in a herring-bone pattern for the plants. Many cultivars had a picture showing what the flower looked like. Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz spent many hours in searching out pictures as the list of available cultivars increased during the two weeks prior to the sale. Numerous flowers from members' gardens were laid out on a table at the entry way to pique the interest of workers and customers alike. Nearby was an attractive poster of the Region Two Popularity Poll winners made by Joanne Rowe.

Although final expenses are not yet all in as this article is written, I can say that we grossed about \$13,045 and that the net will be about \$7300. This makes a very nice addition to the Society's budget.

In addition to purchased plants and members' generous donations, we were fortunate to have plants from three other gardens. All daylily cultivars at the Allen Centennial Garden were dug and divided. Society plants placed in the Duke/Henson garden for the 1996 Region Two tour were dug and divided. Selected plants at the Madison West gardens were divided and increase placed in the sale. Stan Duke selected plants from the entire sale inventory for re-planting the Allen Garden daylily bed. Karen Watson-Newlin drew up a plan for the planting of these cultivars by the Allen Garden staff; make a note to check this bed out next July!

According to my count forty-eight people helped in some way with the sale.

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I cannot say enough about the willingness of these people to work on whatever was asked of them. We worked especially hard on Friday, but everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. These people put in over 400 hours (not everyone tallied their hours on the sign-in sheets!) which were exchanged for credits against plants purchased at the sale.

Post cards were sent to those people who had made purchases in previous years. The card indicated recipients could present the card for \$1 off their purchase. 32 people took advantage of this and purchased over \$1,900's worth of plants.

Nine new memberships have been received in the last two weeks, most probably due to the sale.

We already have a start on next year's sale! Nearly a hundred cultivars (in quantities of 1 to 11 double fans) were planted on August 16 at the Sanners' farm. I have already received some suggestions for improving our sale, and I urge you to share any that you might have with me.

Thank you to all who donated plants, worked at the sale and planted at the Sanners' garden. You made the sale a success!

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## DO YOU HAVE UNUSED WIDS \$\$\$?

If you did not use a WIDS \$ for each hour you worked at the Plant Sale, please contact me at 255-0858, email me at [gldewey@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:gldewey@facstaff.wisc.edu), or see me at the Annual Meeting on October 15. You can get paper WIDS \$ to pay for dues, annual meeting costs, mail-in auction plants, or plants at next year's sale. Gene Dewey

## WDS Tours A Sweet Success



The split tours that the WDS held this year were a great success, with hundreds of people seeing one section or the other.....or flying to all the gardens. Many thanks to the tour hosts for opening their gardens. Hosts included Phyllis and Don Sanner, Jean Bawden (Earthspirit Farm), Al Dahmen and Steve Evers (Enchanted Valley), Nancy and David Nedveck (Flower Factory), Lloyd and Judy Ravet, Richard Berling, Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz, and Eugene Woehler (Governor's Mansion.)

## Daylily Want Ads!

For all of you who have a daylily wish list, or a cultivar you'd like to get rid of (or sell part of), or you've become enamored with trading, the WDS Newsletter has a new service.....**THE DAY-LILY WANT ADS!!!!!!**. You may place an ad for up to 5 (five) cultivars by sending your ad to Jean Bawden, 4385 Oak Hill Road, Oregon, WI 53575, or by calling or e-mailing her (835-8907, [bdn7458@mailbag.com](mailto:bdn7458@mailbag.com)). Please include your phone number, e-mail, and name. The next newsletter will come out in early December. The following ads are from the e-mail members. This is free!

### Want Ads



**GOLDEN CORDUROY'S BABY** -Daylily wanted: H. 'Golden Corduroy's Baby'. Will purchase or trade a nice size plant of Hosta 'Snowflakes'. Conrad Wrzesinski 231-3279. [conradw@danenet.wicp.org](mailto:conradw@danenet.wicp.org)

**GREYSTONE SIENNA, ETC.** - I would like to BUY the following plants. Greystone Sienna (Lehman), Seal of Approval (Santa Lucia, 1990), Uniquely Different (Carpenter, J., 1991), Eye-Yi-Yi (McCroskey, 1988), Green Spill (Millikan, B., 1992). John Sheehan (274-4921, [sheehanj@oncology.wisc.edu](mailto:sheehanj@oncology.wisc.edu))

**TRADE WANTED:** -Electronic Robin Trade-mart player for a few years will trade/sell cv's.[iris also] E-mail me for list./or write. Linda Ball W9418 Woodside Rd. Cambridge, WI. 53523 [plumhill@smallbytes.net](mailto:plumhill@smallbytes.net)

**JADE STAR**—Have JS, COUNTRY MEADOWS to trade for JEN MELON, PINK PUFF, COMIC STRIP or call for possibilities. Rosemary Kleinheinz, 221-1933, [trklein@itis.com](mailto:trklein@itis.com)

**ARABIAN MAGIC**— Would like to trade something for ARABIAN MAGIC or ALL-AMERICAN WINDMILL. Call for possibilities. Jean Bawden, 835-8907, [bdn7458@mailbag.com](mailto:bdn7458@mailbag.com)



## A Lovely Year for WDS

by Jane Pearcy

Wisconsin is the home of the Ringling Brothers Circus, so it should not have seemed strange to see a big red and white tent in town. What was unusual was to have it at the botanical garden housing the annual sale for the Wisconsin Daylily Society.

A butterfly bonanza pushed us out of our usual quarters and into a fun, new experience in our "big top." Except for a brief, overnight shower, the weather was great and so were sales. (We even sent daylilies back to Iowa on buses loaded with butterfly watchers!)

Many, many members of WDS showed up to work very hard all 3 days. Profits will finance our year's activities which include bus trips and guest speakers.

Speaking of speakers, we had an outstanding year of programs. We kicked off the season at our annual meeting in October with Ted Petit and John Peat. (We even celebrated Ted's birthday with him.) The happy memories of this dynamic duo will remain with us for some time as Ted's Fall '99 collection became the coveted jewels of our new cultivar adoption program. A record number of members showed up in July to vie for foster parenthood of these beauties.

Other outstanding speakers came from near and far. Our own Drs. Doug Maxwell and Robert Griesbach, Darrell Apps, and Lynn Purse all informed, entertained, and educated us.

We are eagerly anticipating Norm Baker at our October 2000 meeting.

Highway construction, minimum trunk space, road rage....no problem for us. We loaded 26 WDS members into an air-conditioned, chauffeured coach and set off for Region 2 in Burr Ridge. We had time to visit, swap daylily stories and begin the "must have" lists which Regional meetings inspire. Always the great hosts, the Chicagoland group didn't disappoint us as they displayed their lovely gardens.

We had a marvelous time and hope to repeat the experience on the long, long trek to Cincinnati next year.

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A successful mail-in auction, a well-planned and executed garden tour, and an attractive and informative booth at the garden expo rounded out our year's activities.

## New Parents Adopt Ted Petit's Plants

Ted Petit and John Peat graciously donated new introductions to cover their plane ticket costs for coming to last year's Annual Meeting, and these plants were the stars of the summer picnic. Members who have been members of WDS for one year, are members of AHS, and had not won a plant last year were first winners. After they chose their "kids" for the next two years, other people who were present drew numbers for the remaining plants. The lucky winners were:

Barry Rowe—PIRATE'S RANSOM  
 Fred Liss—PIRATE'S RANSOM  
 Terri Maliszewski-Kane—BELLA LISA  
 Harold Steen—BELLA LISA  
 Paul Meske—SCARLETT'S PINAFORE  
 Bill Powell—SCARLETT'S PINAFORE  
 Jean Bawden—SCARLETT'S PINAFORE  
 Jill Hynum—THUMBELINA'S CARRIAGE  
 Valeria Sutter—DRUMS OF AUTUMN  
 Eugene Woehler—ASHES OF LOVE  
 Linda Ball—ANGELIC SPRING  
 John Sheehan—OCTOBER THIRTY FIRST  
 Phyllis Sanner—SHADOWS WITHIN  
 Conrad Wrzesinski—SHADOWS WITHIN  
 Evelyn Thompson—THROUGH THE CLOUDS

Please be aware that all foster plants may be viewed in the adoptive parent's garden by making arrangements with that parent.

**Looking Ahead -** For those of you that are looking ahead, the dates for the 2001 Region 2 Meeting are Fri-Sat-Sun June 29-30 and July 1 in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are some incredible gardens.....one had \$50 cultivars between the sidewalk and the street!!!! They got more expensive in the back yard!



## A Successful Auction!

by Rosemary Kleinheinz

The WDS Auction for 2000 was considered a complete success. Your suggestions last fall were taken to heart and the bid sheet was available in May. Many of the cultivars you had requested were included. These changes must have been the right ones because we received 25 bid sheets, and had profits of \$603.44 when all were tallied up. A special thanks to Phyllis Sanner for helping me choose the offerings.

The bid sheet included the Moldovan cultivars that had been "adopted" by members in 1997. Many had increased to seven fans or more so we had more than one lucky bidder on those. All appeared to be well taken care of. The Judith Weston cultivars from 1998 will be included in next year's auction. If it is at all possible, we would like to include pictures on next year's bid sheet so if you have taken a picture of your guest plant, we would like to use it.

## Brown Bag Beautiful!

Our brown bag supper at Ruth Horrall's was a beautiful June evening, and Ruth's garden was lovely as well. About 25 members showed up to chat. Thanks to Ruth for hosting it!

## The Picture Project

by Rosemary Kleinheinz

Knowing with certainty that people are more inclined to buy a plant if they can see what it looks like, we undertook the Picture Project this year. It was our goal to have pictures of as many cultivars as we could at this year's sale. Collecting pictures continues and any you have taken of your daylilies would be gratefully added to our collection. A suggestion? If you take pictures of yours next summer, why not have doubles made and pass them on to the club?

Also, PLEASE take pictures of the plants you plan to donate to the sale. Many of them are older cultivars and not pictured in current catalogues. Your help is appreciated!

**Welcome!!!!** Please welcome the following new members. WILLIAM SOMMERFIELD, CHARLES CRAIG, ROGER/CAROL POPELKA, JEFF BACHER/SUSAN MOON-BACHER, JANE CLARK, CONSTANCE CLUNE, CHERYL MAJERUS, CHRIS NEW-COMB, NANCY DEER, METJE BUTLER, MICHAEL LOMPERSKI, JEAN NORBY, JAMES STEAKLEY.

### Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Meeting

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

#### Dinner Choices:

\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib @ \$9 (served medium or medium rare)

\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Chicken Breast @ \$5

\_\_\_\_ Broiled Cod @ \$5.50



Dinner will include main entrée, baked potato, tossed salad, rolls, cake, coffee and pop.  
(WDS will be paying the remainder of the cost of the meals.)

Please make checks out to WDS and mail to Jean Bawden, treasurer, 4385 Oak Hill Road, Oregon, WI 53575 and return by **Oct 1, 2000**.