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So Long!

Well, it's the end of another year of WDS activities.....and it's the end of my term on the Board.....and it's the end of my sojourn as Newsletter Editor. It's been a fun 7 years.....I started writing the newsletter while I was President in the year that we hosted the Region 2 Meeting (1996). It has been fun, educational, and rewarding....I love writing, and I've learned three different desk-top publishing systems. Since I started running a business, however, I've felt like I've been torn in two. Writing the newsletter takes about a week (unless it rains), and it isn't so hard in December, but June and September are tough.

I've always felt that the newsletter should be of benefit not only to the people who live in Madison or close by, but also to the people who live too far away to be able to get to the meetings. Therefore, I've tried to put in some daylily information as well as reporting what's happening next in our social calendar. If you live further from Madison, the people mentioned in articles are people you don't know, and the events are things you can't attend.

I've loved putting the newsletter together.....I love jigsaw puzzles, and this is a giant jig-saw puzzle.....trying to figure out which article will fit on a page, what else will fill the page, and sliding clip art into the title. I will miss writing to you. This is a wonderful organization; we are so lucky to have such a congenial group..... may it always be that way.

I would like to thank Gene Dewey for his role in producing the newsletter. He has picked the newsletter up from the printer, folded, stamped, and sent out the newsletter for the past 4 or 5 years, which made my job easier. May the new editor have as much fun as I have. Jean

2002 Calendar

- Oct. 13-Annual Meeting with Gary Schaben

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The North Wind Is Dancing—Gary Schaben

Gary Schaben is the speaker for this year's Annual Meeting. He hybridizes daylilies in Minnesota, just northwest of the Twin Cities. Gary's most well-known daylily is NORTHWIND DANCER, which is a cascading, spidery pink daylily, but Gary also is interested in developing 'multi-eyed' daylilies a la Elizabeth Salter.

John Sheehan and I did a flying, one-day trip to the Schaben residence at the tail end of the bloom season. We got to see NORTHWIND DANCER in bloom, as well as some of Gary's other efforts. His front yard is laid out in a number of beds with some interesting trees, and the back yard is almost all daylily seedlings. A deep pond occupies one side of the house, and a greenhouse sits in back with a number of daylilies in pots. When we got done with the tour, Gary invited us in for a slide display on his computer, so we could see some of the flowers he has in the works.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center again this year. Please see the registration sheet further on in the newsletter for the menu, time, etc. The caterer will be the same folks that prepared last year's great food. Please note the due date for returning your reservation.....we'd hate to miss seeing you! You are also welcome to come to just hear the speaker. Elections for new members of the Board take place at the Annual Meeting, and any member may make a nomination from the floor to add a name to the ballot.

Jean Bawden is the only Board member who is finishing a second term and may not run again.

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DAYLILY SALE A GREAT SUCCESS

by Gene Dewey



Our annual plant sale on August 10th and 11th was our most successful sale to date. The sale grossed just under \$15,100! Our donation to HospiceCare was \$755. A few other interesting statistics:

- over sixty members lent a hand in all the activities which are needed to pull off this sale
- six large pizzas were consumed at lunch time on Saturday
- nearly 3,500 double fans were sold
- on Friday, members who helped with sale preparation bought over \$1,175 worth of plants
- all named cultivars were sold, thanks to a Madison Farmers' Market vendor who bought the last 218 plants
- the unknown cultivars were given to Habitat for Humanity to distribute to new homeowners

I am very grateful to all who helped so willingly to make this sale work. It is awesome to see people work so hard and yet have so much fun.

WDS is forging ahead to build a supply of plants for future sales. The smaller bed at the Executive Residence was replanted following the sale with 78 cultivars. A new bed has been prepared for our use at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station, and 50-60 cultivars were donated by members for planting there on Sept. 7. It is my hope that our experience with daylily rust will allow us to open the flood-gates for members' donations in 2003.

Gene Dewey, Sale Chair

2002 Daylily Tour -by Sally Yaeger



Sometime after 9:00, but before the rain stopped, a car parked outside my house and WDS member Don Coshun, wife and friends (all from Waukesha) got out with umbrellas and began to tour my garden--for a daylily enthusiast a little rain is nothing to change plans over. However, how many fair weather gardeners the early morning rain deterred we will never know? Nevertheless, my guess is that there were between 75-100 people that toured the gardens. There was never a moment throughout the day that someone wasn't there asking a question. The pace of traffic was near perfect and only a few times was I so busy that I could not personally greet and talk to the visitors. The gentle rain stopped in the morning and the afternoon weather was great with the daylilies coming through just fine.

Those of us on the tour worried about whether we would have enough in bloom for the tour, but we did have a decent number of cultivars blooming and many that one wouldn't see at "Peak". To those members that visited the gardens, "Thank You" and to the members who opened their gardens, "Thank You"!! Sally Yaeger

Update on Rust

Sue Bergeron has updated her web site on daylily rust and posted the following on the AHS Daylily Robin. It is used with her permission.

I received several reports of the rust having overwintered in Zone 7 and warmer for my rust map: <http://www.ncf.ca/~ah748/rustmap.html> Of these, I received three reports of overwintered rust from USDA Zone 7 gardens. If I recall correctly there were also reports on the Robin from Zone 7 gardens where the rust did not appear to have overwintered, however I think most of the latter said they had sprayed and cut back whereas I don't believe any of those observing overwintering rust had done so. I was not able to obtain any information for the sole Zone 6 overwintering report as to whether the rust had been identified by a lab, and since there were no other reports from Zone 6 I guess we have to regard that one as inconclusive.

*Even if rust re-appears this fall in colder zone gardens which had it last year, we probably won't really know at this stage of the season if it overwintered and remained latent during the summer heat, or came in from somewhere else. So, at the moment, I would guess that while the rust can overwinter in the warmer zones, possibly at least up to Zone 7, there is still hope that it may not survive the winter in colder zones without using the alternate host, *Patrinia*, where it is able to do so. I still think that it will be several years before we really know how this rust will behave in North America and elsewhere. Rusts are very weather dependent, and we all know the weather varies from year to year and region to region, plus daylily rust hasn't had time yet to spread extensively enough to really test its capabilities in the different regions of North America under varying conditions. I'm told by one researcher that, in his area of the world, daylily rust appears to be mostly a fall problem, taking until then to really get going and having very little impact prior to that time of year.*

Sue Bergeron
AHS Region 4 USDA Zone 4
Ontario, Canada.

2002 Wisconsin Daylily Society Popularity Poll

by Barry Rowe

Choose your favorite daylilies! You can vote for up to 20 named varieties, but they must all be daylilies that you have seen for yourself in 2002. The results will be published in the next newsletter. The poll will also be used to construct a popularity poll poster for next year's daylily sale. The order of your selections does not matter. You must cast your ballot by November 1, 2002. You can vote in either of two ways:

Mail this ballot to: Barry Rowe
1850 Epworth Court
Madison, WI 53705-1217

or:

Email your choices to: barryrowe@earthlink.net

NEW DISPLAY GARDEN AT WEST MADISON AGRI-STATION

By Rosemary Kleinheinz



In response to the Ag Station's offer of another WDS Display Bed, many of you generously responded with donations to fill it. (A special thanks to Paul Meske for giving us 27.) The bed now contains 69 cultivars, most of which have never been offered at our sales before, and are not in any other WDS display beds. These will now grow for three years and then be harvested for sale in 2005. Watch for Bill Powell's introductions out there.

A big thank you to Hiram Percy, Jeff Bacher, Chris Zeltner, and Jill Hynum who came out to help Tom & I plant them on Saturday. With so many hands, it only took us about 90 minutes from start to finish.

Daylily Show 2002

by Lloyd Ravet

The daylily show was held July 14th, and featured daylilies from Madison West Agricultural Center, the executive residence (Governor's Mansion), and the daylilies at Sanner's. These were the only daylilies displayed in bottles since we were hoping to have people make "wish lists" for the plant sale. There were a few people who actually brought their lists to the plant sale. We filled almost all the bottles, which totaled almost 200. Scapes were cut by Eleanor Rodini and Karen Watson-Newlin at the Agricultural Center; Vern & Sylvia Lowell and Alan Christensen at the Governor's Mansion; and Lloyd & Judy Ravet, Donna Scott and Christine Zeltner at Sanner's. Most of the scapes we cut on Saturday opened Sunday. Several members, including Lowell Grass and Evelyn Thompson, brought individual flowers for the bud board.

Arrangements were made by Ruth Horrall and Winnie Grass from duplicate scapes which were displayed in the information area and in the Atrium (show room). Overall, a lot of people were amazed at our daylily plant and the colors available today.

Tear down went quickly with the help of Rob Newlin, Conrad Wrzesinski, Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz and several other hands that I want to thank even if not mentioned.

I would like to thank the more than 30 people who volunteered at this year's sale. We could not have done it without all of your help. We had wonderful groups of people at all of the digs, Friday, as well as at the sale itself. We had our first evening dig which was a great success and gave people who could not help during the day a chance to help. I would like to know how the rest of the club feels about trying to do more of this.

Once again I would like to thank all of those who helped. Christine Zeltner (*Chris was in charge of obtaining volunteers for the digs for the sale*)

Note from the President

Are you looking for more later-blooming daylilies for your garden? Tom & I have been out at the West Madison Agri Station twice during the month of August and observed that among the plants to be dug for next year's sale are three Brookwood introductions still in bloom on August 26th!! BROOKWOOD CARVED IVORY, BROOKWOOD YELLOW JADE, and BROOKWOOD ROSATA. LILTING BELLE was also putting on quite a show. Keep them in mind.

In Memorium-Dave Butcher

The WDS would like to offer its condolences to the people Dave Butcher left behind.....Janet Gordon, Dave's two children, and his two grandchildren. He was a patriot in the true sense of the word, serving in the Marine Corps for 11 years, and making two tours of Viet Nam. He marched in President Johnston's inaugural parade; he was a life member of the Viet Nam Vets.

After his military service, Dave became a computer operations manager for the Wisconsin Cheeseman. He was a Life Member of AHS. He was also a musician; his accordion accompanied him everywhere in the world that he traveled, with the exception of Viet Nam. May he rest in peace.

Want Ads

Gene Woehler has quite a few Anemone 'Robustissima' plants that he'd like to give away either this fall or next spring. Anemones usually bloom in September and love being in partial shade. They get about 3 1/2 feet tall, and 'Robustissima' is light pink. If you're interested in some of these, call Gene at 238-8672

I've been making greeting cards that have pictures of daylilies on them. The photos may be previewed at www.bettysdaylilies.com. Many of the pictures were taken on this year's daylily tour. They include "GIFT OF LOVE, OPEN HEARTH, TWILIGHT SWAN, BARBARA MITCHELL, AH YOUTH, and many others.

Ordering information and pricing are available at the website or I can be contacted at michaeljohnson@att.net or 1-608-831-7320. Thanks. Michael Johnson

For those of you who have enjoyed Bill Lehmann's Graystone introductions, the Sugar River Nursery near New Glarus bought up a bunch of them before Bill made his introductions unavailable for sale. Next year they hope to offer them for sale. (Rosemary Kleinheinz)

THE MARSHKE GARDEN, MY AHS FAVORITE



On the shore of Park Lake in Dexter, Michigan, Rick and Judy Marshke have beautifully incorporated daylilies into their numerous beds which landscape their dream home on ten acres of wooded property. Daylilies join other perennials, shrubs, and trees in vistas which delight the eye at every turn; this reinforced my thinking that fewer daylilies included with other plantings make for a much more beautiful display than a bed filled with only daylilies.

Most cultivars with which I am familiar seemed to be half again as large as in other gardens seen on the AHS tours or in our area. Rick is able to irrigate with warm lake water and uses the Hooker formula for fertilizing two or three times a year. Obviously this combination was a winner in this year when rainfall in the Troy, MI area has been scarce.

A whimsical "Enchanted Forest" shade garden includes Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, as well as other creatures tucked in among the hostas and garden benches.

What a wonderful way to spend part of a beautiful summer afternoon!

Gene Dewey

Daylily Board Meeting September 8, 2002

Present: Rosemary Kleinheinz, John Sheehan, Richard Berling, Conrad Wrzesinski and Chris Zeltner

Treasurer report was accepted

Cash on hand \$24,599.52

Net from daylily sale was 12,797.90!

A donation from the sale of \$500 was given to Hospice Care

John will be getting two 6 month CD's for \$10,000 each. It was noted that all costs for display beds would be debited against sale proceeds in the current year.

Motion was made Richard with a second by Chris to donate \$1000 each year for three years, beginning this year, to the Olbrich Rose Garden Fund Campaign.

Motion made by Richard with a second by John to donate \$200 as a memorial in the name of Dave Butcher.

Motion made by Richard with a second by John to present \$100 gift certificates to Gene Dewey and Lee Dejongh in appreciation for their help with and contributions to the success of the daylily sale. Motion passed.

Chris presented a report on the annual banquet. Door prizes were discussed. John moved with a second by Rosemary to order up to \$300 in lily bulbs to be awarded as door prizes. Motion passed. Chris was authorized to spend up to \$200 for center pieces for the tables, which will also be given as door prizes. Cost to members for the banquet was set at \$10.00

Barry Rower will conduct a WDS popularity poll.

The new West Madison Agriculture Station display garden has 69 cultivars which will be available in the years to come for the daylily sale.

Choice of charities for members to vote on for sale proceeds were established, and are as follows:

Three Gaits

Rainbow Project

Dane County Humane Society

Second Harvest Foodbank of Wisconsin

Habitat for Humanity

Phyllis Sanner and Kay Allen both expressed an interest in running for the board, for Richard and Jean whose terms expire. John and Conrad have agreed to run for another term on the board.

Rosemary will draft an appreciation system involving WDS dollars for rewarding volunteers on various WDS projects.

Motion was made by Rosemary with a second by Richard to donate \$50.00 to the University of Idaho Endowment Fund in memory of George Dwelle, Kathi Dwelle's father. Motion passed. *(This will be used for a daylily garden in his name)*

Motioned was made by Richard with a second by John to make the daylily calendars and Eureka available to member at cost. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Rosemary with a second by Conrad to donate \$1000 to help Green Bay prepare for the Region Two meeting. Motion passed. *(Money will be used to buy guest plants)*

The WDS extends its condolences to Kathi Dwelle on the death of her father.

Eurekas and Calendars



The WDS Board voted to make calendars and Eurekas available to members at cost. Eureka is a publication that gives the average cost of a double fan of a vast number of daylilies, and lists the price of that cultivar at daylily sellers across the country. Since daylilies vary a great deal in the price asked, you could otherwise spend lots more money than you needed to. The price for the Eureka through the society will be \$26 **plus \$5.50 shipping** if you want the Eureka mailed to you. If you want to pick it up from John Sheehan at a meeting, it will be \$26.

Calendars from Cedarthorn Nursery will also be available to members. They will be mailed to you and the cost for them is \$15 each.

Please see the order form on page 5 to order.

Time: 1 pm

Place: Fitchburg Community Center

Address: 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg

Speaker: Gary Schaben

Cost: \$10 per person

Directions: Take the Madison Beltline to Fish Hatchery Road. Go South on Fish Hatchery for approximately 2 1/2 to 3 miles until you get to Lacy Road. Turn left (east) on Lacy Road. The Community Center is on your left at the top of the hill.

Orange Salmon

Roasted Harvest Potatoes

Spinach-Strawberry Salad with Celery Seed Dressing

Rolls

Traditional Pound Cake with Chocolate Sauce & Fruit Sauce

Coffee Service, Ice Water

If you can't make the dinner, please join us for the meeting afterwards (around 2 pm). There will be wonderful lily bulbs from The Lily Garden for door prizes. If you have friends that would like to hear Gary Schaben speak, please invite them to come around 3 pm for his talk.

Please detach and return the entire bottom portion to John Sheehan, 5656 Barbara Drive, Fitchburg, WI 53711 by
October 4, 2002.

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★ I (We) will attend the Annual Meeting Dinner on October 13th, and enclose a check for the amount.

★ Number attending _____ x \$10.00 = _____

☆ Signature _____

☆ You can get a head start on your dues for next year at the same time. Check your mailing label to see when your membership expires, and send your membership along with the Annual Meeting Form.

☆ Membership dues are:

★ \$5- Single membership \$7.50 - Couples/Family membership \$15 - Business Membership

★ Dues may be paid for more than one year.

★ I am enclosing \$_____ for a _____ membership (type) for _____ years.

☆ If you are interested in buying a calendar or Eureka, please fill in the order below.

★ I would like to buy _____ Eureka's at \$26 each . Please ship them at a cost of \$5.50 each _____ (yes or no)

☆ I would like to buy _____ Calendars at \$15 each. (shipping included)

Totals	Eurekas (plus shipping if needed)	\$ _____
	Calendars	\$ _____
	Membership dues	\$ _____
	Banquet	\$ _____
	Grand total	\$ _____

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