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Daylily Calendar

Review by: Paul Meske

It's always noteworthy when a new daylily publication comes out. It's even more important when that publication comes out of Wisconsin by a member of the Wisconsin Daylily Society!

Leo Bordeleau (WDS Member) and photographer Phil Korth last summer set out to produce a high quality calendar featuring photographs of daylilies. This mission of love has produced a stunningly beautiful calendar featuring large photographs of daylilies. The photography is of extremely high quality showing the blossoms in the typical straight-on fashion. The reproduction is excellent, the printing being done on a heavy glossy paper. The size of the opened calendar is 11" X 17", and the photographs are approximately 7" X 10, and are truly "suitable for framing".

The Calendar is being marketed nation-wide, and includes dates of important American Hemerocallis Society activities such as regional and national meetings and various symposiums. There is also a listing of the Award of Merit winner for the last eight years, and Stout Medal Winners of the last 12 years.

Leo and Phil did a lot of research and planning to put this

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Wisconsin Daylily Society Activities for 1995

- Feb 5 - 1:00 - 4:00 Nancy Nedveck - Companion Plants
- Feb 16 - 7:00 PM Roy Klehm, "The Luxuriance of Daylilies, Peonies, and Hosta" (In cooperation with the Perennial Society and the Wis. Hosta Society)
- Feb 18, 19 - AHS Region 2 Symposium, Michigan City, Indiana
- March 5 - 1:00 - 4:00 (To be announced)
- April 2 - 1:00 - 4:00 (To be announced)
- May 7 - 1:00 - 4:00 (To be announced)
- June 4 - 1:00 - 4:00 (To be announced)
- June 22 - 25 AHS National Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee
- July 14 - 16 AHS Region 2 Meeting, Detroit, Michigan
- July 29, 30 - WDS Garden Tours (various locations)
- July 23 - WDS Daylily Show
- August 19, 20 - WDS Daylily Sale
- October 15 - Annual Meeting



All activities are at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison, unless listed otherwise.

Companion Plants

By: Jean Bawden

On Sunday, February 5th, the Wisconsin Daylily Society's meeting will include a talk on companion plants in the garden which will be given by Nancy Nedveck, one of the owners of the Flower Factory. Nancy and her husband David have operated the flower factory at 4062 Highway "A", between Oregon and Stoughton, for the past 10 years. Nancy has a degree in horticulture

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The Luxuriance of Daylilies, Peonies and Hosta

By: Paul Meske

The Wisconsin Daylily Society, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Hosta Society and the Perennial Society, is co-sponsoring a special presentation by Roy Klehm from the famous Klehm Nursery of Illinois.

Mr. Klehm will be speaking on Daylilies, Peonies, and Hosta. This special presentation will take place the evening of Feb 16, at 7 PM at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison.



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project together and have invested much time and money into it. Their goal is to at least break even, making this a "mission of love", rather than a business venture.

All photographs were taken in Wisconsin gardens and feature photographs taken in WDS members' gardens of Wally Porterfield (Sun Prairie), Hiram and Jane Percy (Verona), Art Blodget (Waukesha), Leo Bordeleau (Onieda), Paul Meske (Sun Prairie), and Ruth and Fred Trobridge (Green Bay).

The 1995 Daylily Calendar produced by Leo Bordeleau and Phil Korth is a high quality, beautiful piece of work that once you have it will probably never discard because of the beauty of the photography. It is well worth the \$10 (plus shipping and tax) cost for anyone who cares about daylilies.



Hiram Percy watches as Gene Sawyer carefully divides one of dozens of clumps of daylilies in preparation for the Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Daylily Sale. The sale is held at the Olbrich Botanical Garden every August offering hundreds of daylilies for sale to the public.

1995 Daylily Calendar

All photographs taken in Wisconsin gardens.

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Why Do I Like My "Must-Haves"?

Jean Bawden

My first essential daylily would be HAPPY RETURNS (Apps) for its ever-blooming ways. This past year it was a one-year old clump which bloomed from June 25 till October 9. It blooms a hundred times longer than STELLA DE ORO and its butter-yellow blossoms go with a lot more colors. It's about the same height as STELLA so it works in the same place in the "height" scheme. It had 15 scapes at the same time.

My second would be GOLDEN SCROLL (Guidry '83) because of its rich heavy substance and reblooming characteristics. It starts blooming around the June 10, and

I get rebloom in October. It's ruffled and ornate with large blossoms. Sometimes it doesn't even look real because of its heavy tangerine-gold.

I couldn't be without FLAVA. My FLAVA scapes are about 36" tall with light yellow blooms so it's really nice as a taller flower. But the reason I can't live without her is the scent! On a calm day, she flavors the air with an incredible scent for 20 feet in every direction. Flava is somewhat stoloniferous - I just wish she would spread a little more than she does.

Then there's MAUNA LOA (Roberts '76). MAUNA LOA leaps at you from across the garden saying "here I am; look at me before I burst into flames". To say that it

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Symposium '95

The third AHS Region 2 Symposium will be held Feb. 18-19 at the Holiday Inn in Michigan City, Indiana. Sponsored by the AHS Region 2, this mid-winter symposium lets daylily addicts escape the bonds of winter for a couple days, while basking in daylily culture, and lore.

Of particular note this year is the fact that several of the presenters are Wisconsin residents, and WDS members! Stephen Lesch (former WDS board member and vice-president) will be speaking on creative landscape design.

Maradel Sager of West Bend will talk about how the City of West Bend's adoption of the Daylily as their "city flower" can be used as a model for other cities.

There will be workshops demonstrating colchicine conversion of diploid daylilies to tetraploid, tissue culture demonstration, growing techniques, a garden Judges workshop, slides of the latest and greatest daylilies, and plenty of fine daylily people eager to share our particular mania for all things related to the genus *hemerocallis*.

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and a vast amount of experience in growing all types of perennials. The Flower Factory offers approximately 1500 varieties of plants, including about 150 cultivars of daylilies.

Come and hear about early and late varieties of plants that will keep your garden in color before your daylilies start and after all but the rebloomers finish! The public is encouraged to come.

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is fire-orange doesn't do it justice. It's the color of *asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed) with some brilliant red thrown in, and it's dynamite. It's one of the daylilies I saw in Hiram Percy's garden 10 or so years ago that I wrote down as a had-to-have when I knew nothing about daylilies.

BROCADED GOWN (Millikan '81) is unlike anything else with its lemon-yellow cream flowers and ruffles galore. I have pictures of it at different times and it always looks a little different. Sometimes it's recurved; other times it's flat and ruffled. It bloomed from July 9 till September.

My fifth would be CAMDEN

GOLD DOLLAR (Yancy '83) with its tiny gold flowers, for its reblooming characteristics. Last year as a first-year plant it rebloomed, and this year I got 4 scapes in August after the first flush of bloom on June 28.

I also wouldn't be without BOOKMARK, BY MYSELF, CHARLES JOHNSON, CHICAGO GOLD COAST, CONDILLA, DELIGHTSOME, FAIRY CHARM, FRANK GLADNEY, FROZEN JADE, LULLABY BABY, MALLARD, MING PORCELAIN, SILOAM URY WINNIFORD, SUGAR COOKIE or WYNNSON.

I have some new ones this year that I really like, and some new spiders and doubles, so my list grows longer and longer.

American Hemerocallis Society Region 2 Symposium '95

Garden Judges Workshop
Selecting Daylilies for the Landscape
Creative Landscape Design
the Design of Things
Adopt-A-Plot
Today's Performance Standards for the Daylily
Rapid Growth of Daylilies in Pots
Tissue Culturing Daylilies with Demonstration
From Dip to Tet Via Colchicine with Demonstration
Daylily Ailments
Genetic Engineering and Daylilies



Dates: Sat and Sun, Feb 18 & 19
Location: Holiday Inn, Michigan City, Indiana
Cost: \$70 per person (Limited to 75)

For information contact:

Hiram Percy, Symposium '95 Chair (608) 845-9249

Registration - \$70 per person

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Did You Spend \$200 for Your Last Daylily?

Jean Bawden

Last winter when you renewed your membership in the daylily society, the form included a survey asking you questions about how long you have grown daylilies, how many kinds you grow, what you want to know more about, how much you've spent on a single plant, and what plants you couldn't live without. At long last, here are the results of the survey - just in time for you to order some new favorites!!! I really enjoyed reading through your thoughts - and my own from last year- my favorites have changed, and probably yours have too, assuming you have accumulated several new varieties!

Of the 76 people who put down their thoughts, most of the people who have more than 40 varieties (34 of 39) belong to the American Hemerocallis Society which is the national organization. Membership in the AHS was much more closely related to number of cultivars than it was to length of time raising daylilies. Since we discussed this issue quite vehemently at the annual meeting, I thought it might be interesting to see the relationships. For those of you who are not members of the AHS, it's a great organization. The *Daylily Journal*, which is a part of your membership, gives you a ton of information including lots of growers' addresses, the latest medal-winners (including voting by regions for those of you interested in hardiness), articles on almost every subject in daylily culture, photos of the

latest releases and medal-winners, and places to write to join one of the round-robins. Sorry to get side-tracked.

We range in number of daylilies grown from 2 or 3 to 650. Here are some great possibilities in lacrosse and the Green Bay/Peninsula area for future tours! There are 24 people who have over 100 cultivars.

The member who has been growing daylilies the longest has confessed to 57 years of growing them. We also have some brand new members who have just started the pathway to daylily addiction! The average member has been at the for 10 years. (I'm just a beginner!)

We had 3 people who have paid \$200 for a plant - they take the prize for most money paid. The average person spent \$25 on her/his most expensive purchase.

The most fun came in reading about your favorite cultivars. (Remember the five you couldn't live without?) It made me start to wonder why they were your essential daylilies. It would be really fun to know. Why not jot a note to the Newsletter editor, Paul Meske, telling him why your favorites are your favorites.

Just a few that showed up on several people's lists were: SILOAM VIRGINIA HENSON, SUMMERWINE, WAYSIDE KING ROYALE, BALTIMORE ORIOLE, ED MURRAY, BARBARA MITCHELL, GENTLE SHEPHERD, BIG BIRD, FAIRY TALE PINK, BROCADED GOWN, LITTLE GRAPETTE, GRAPE VELVET, RED VOLUNTEER, TOP HONORS, BECKY LYNN, HYPERION, WYNNSON, KINDLY LIGHT, RUFFLED APRICOT,



LOVELIEST GRACE, and SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC.

Then there are the things you'd like to hear about which ranged from the scientific to the social. The thing mentioned over and over and over again was "what cultivars are hardy, and which ones open well in our climate?" Many of you wanted to know about companion plants (check out our Feb. 5 meeting). Lots of you want to know about hybridizing, lanolin paste, and colchicine. Some are interested in tets, increasing bud count, tax deductions for plant donations, long bloomers, purples, old cultivars, spiders, growing from seed, other peoples' gardens, nocturnals, rebloomers, evergreens, good parents, cool-night openers. If any of you are knowledgeable about any of these subjects, get out your pens or word-processors!

When we asked you to check off your interests, here's what you said: Species-10, doubles-19, spiders-22, minis-29, fragrance-38, rebloom-38, extra early-28, very lates - 34, hybridizing - 20, other>hardiness-12.

Looks like we could stay busy for several years with all these topics!



The Wisconsin Daylily Society 1995 Membership as of January 13, 1995

This list is of the people who are already WDS members for 1995. Many of them joined late in 1994 during the Daylily Sale, and their membership is being carried over through 1995.

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Buyers and sellers are lined up at the tables trying to figure out which of the over 100 daylily cultivars they would purchase during the August, 1994, WDS Daylily Sale at the Olbrich Gardens.

Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Dues \$5.00

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AHS REGION 2 1994 Popularity Poll Results

Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1.	BARBARA MITCHELL (Stout Medal 1992)	34
2.	BROCADED GOWN (Stout Medal 1989)	32
3.	STRUTTER'S BALL (Award of Merit 1992)	29
4.	SILAM DOUBLE CLASSIC (Stout Medal '93)	29
5.	FAIRY TALE PINK (Stout Medal 1990)	27
6.	JANICE BROWN (Stout Medal 1994)	26
7.	CONDILLA (Award of Merit 1985)	24
8.	ROSE EMILY (Award of Merit 1988)	22
9.	CHARLES JOHNSTON (Award of Merit 1988)	21
10.	PAPER BUTTERFLY (Award of Merit 1990)	20
11.	JOAN SENIOR (Award of Merit 1984)	17
12.	BECKY LYNN (Stout Medal 1987)	16
13.	BETTY WOODS (Stout Medal 1991)	16
14.	LULLABY BABY (Award of Merit 1983)	16
15.	NEAL BERRY (Award of Merit 1992)	16

New Officers

At the Annual Business Meeting in October, one of the main business items is the election of four new members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then selects a President from among its own ranks.

Elected to the Board at the October 1994 meeting were Phyllis Sanner, Jane Percy, Wally Porterfield, and Rick Ivik (second term).

Chosen for a second year as President was Paul Meske. Vice President is Jean Bawden, Secretary is Wally Porterfield, and Treasurer is Gene Dewey.

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