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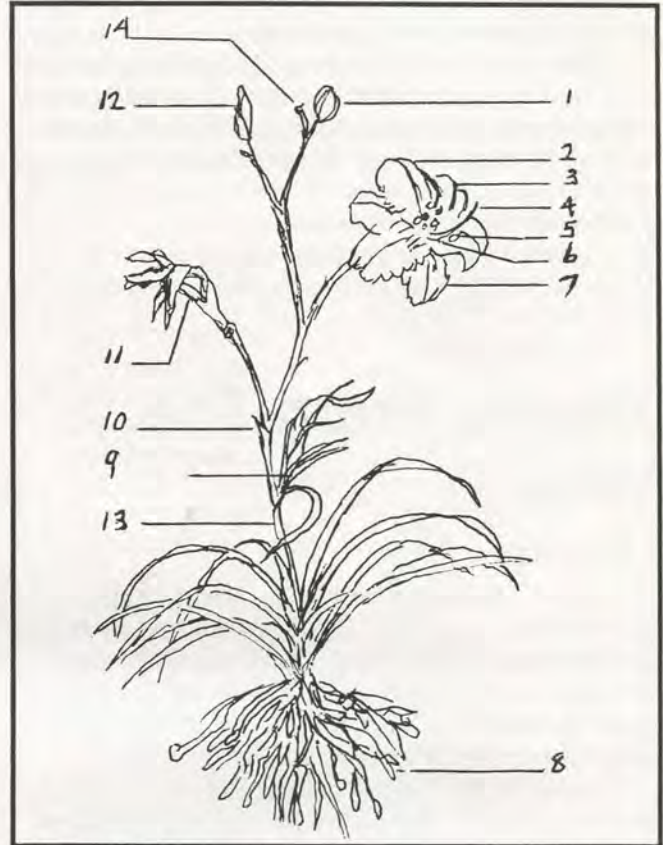
## First Annual Show Set for Peak

The eve of the Wisconsin Daylily Society's first annual Daylily Show is only a few weeks away. It will be held on July 22 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison, Wisconsin. Exhibits will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Judging is between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Public viewing is from 1-4 p.m.

Since this is our first show, we voted to have a non-accredited show, in which both members and non-members may exhibit. There will be three categories: named cultivars, unnamed cultivars and artistic. This program will introduce us to the standard procedures for a daylily show while allowing greater participation. Numerous people enjoy and grow daylilies for their color, form and versatility without ever knowing the name. The unnamed cultivar category was adopted to encourage these people to bring in their specimens, possibly for identification, to meet others who share their interest, but most of all, to draw knowledge and enjoyment from the event. There will be people at the show to answer questions and give advice.

If you plan to spend the day, be sure to bring your lunch. A detailed brochure will be mailed as soon as it is available. Let's all help make this a successful show.

-Sharon Linville, Daylily Show Chairman



The Parts of a Daylily

## Visit Three Daylily Settings in July

July 28 will be the morning for all you aficionados to visit members' daylily gardens. Three members have graciously volunteered to open their yards on Saturday morning from 8:30 to noon - a prime time for those ephemeral blooms. Hiram Percy, 407 Lincoln, Verona notes that his garden reflects his strong collector's interest. Although many perennials are present in the beds and rock garden, they serve merely as supporting cast; it is the daylilies who are the "stars." The garden features 130 cultivars of more than forty hybridizers.

Amy Shohet, 1937 Alington Place, Madison has used flagstones from the original walls and terraces to create an

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impressive new terrace and terraced gardens for daylilies and other perennials under the high canopy of trees surrounding her turn-of-the-century home. Restoring other garden areas on the property are dreams for future.

Dan Thrumman, 2411 White Oak Trail, Oregon has hosted tours for the Perennial Society and the Iris Society, the latter of which he is a board member. His yard truly has all these interests represented and he has over 75 named daylilies identified for your inspection.

The tour is free this inaugural year; so, bring your camera, bring your pencil and notepad, (do not bring your cutting shears,) and enjoy the morning of July 28 as you explore and enjoy daylilies. There will be a road map prepared and available at each location to assist you in finding your way to the other two.

A special thank you needs to be noted to Amy, Dan and Hiram for offering their gardens for this first tour date of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.

-Reynold Peterson

## Words From The Wise

As the sun glistens the morning dew, the daylily begins its day long beauty. Daylilies are among the easiest and most durable of all plants. Rarely attacked by diseases and pests, excellent in color display and array, glorious fragrance (in some), and coordinated seasonal blooming periods makes daylilies a favorite in many gardens.

During the blooming period, daylilies require adequate moisture. Drought often causes, shorter scape length, bud drop, premature flower drop, lack luster colors, and an over all reduction in plant vitality.

Many people believe that daylilies do not require

**ANSWERS TO PAGE 1:** 1. Seed Pod or Capsule 2. Petal 3. Midrib 4. Pistil 5. Stamen 6. Throat 7. Sepal 8. Roots 9. Proliferation 10. Bract 11. Spent Bloom 12. Bud 13. Scape 14. Bloom Scar

## Calendar

### DATES TO REMEMBER

DAYLILY SHOW	Sun Jul 22
HOME GARDEN TOURS	Sat Jul 28
WDS MEETING	Wed Aug 1
WDS PLANT SALE	Sat Sep 1
ANNUAL MEETING	Wed Oct 3

nutrition. Experiments have indicated quite the opposite. A good quality COMPLETE fertilizer will improve: color, substance, form, fragrance, disease resistance, bud number, scape length (may not be desirable) and bloom time. I am a firm believer in a quality time and temperature release fertilizer. Applied just once per year, either in very late Autumn or in late March, it will provide continuous nutrient during the entire growing season.

Fertilizing and watering just a few days before the show is going to be counter productive. Performing the duties in late spring and continuing until show time may result in the BEST OF SHOW!

-Steve Lesch

### TECHNIQUES SHARED

*Managing Daylily Increase:* divisions, seeds, proliferations Wednesday August 1 at 7:30, OBG - The joy of growing your favorite daylilies in the garden and landscape can be



Pod Ready to Harvest

enhanced by learning a few tricks from the professionals. Learn easy, simple ways to divide older, large plants to stimulate better plant bloom and vigor, or simply, to be able to share with an admirer. Maybe you want to repeat that same cultivar in another location in your own garden. Learn how to make a few simple crosses and deal with

the seeds you helped create. If your plant proliferates, learn how to make them grow for you. These are tried and true ways of having fun with your daylilies.

### PLANT SALE

*Wisconsin Daylily Society Plant Sale*

Saturday September 1 at 10:00 until 2:00, OBG

Healthy, large divisions of American Hemerocallis Society registered, named daylilies of all colors, patterns and forms, scape height and flower size will be available for sale and to take home. The collection will include cultivars donated by members of the Wisconsin daylily Society and many donated by several hybridizers and some commercial growers.

Bring the wish list you made after visiting gardens and viewing the Daylily Show back in July. The cultivar you seek will probably be for Sale

### ANNUAL MEETING

*The Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Meeting*

Wednesday October 3 at 6:00, OBG

The Wisconsin Daylily Society bylaws will be

celebrated with catered dinner and signing of the charter by all who become WDS members by 6:00, October 3, 1990.

## LOOK FOR THE STOUT WINNERS

It is possible that the 1989 Stout Silver Medal winner, Bryant Millikan's *BROCADED GOWN*, will be blooming in time to be exhibited at the Wisconsin daylily Society's July 22 Daylily Show or to be viewed in one of the gardens open during the society's July 28 Garden Tour. The recipient of the Stout Silver Medal, the American Hemerocallis Society's highest varietal award, is determined by the largest number of votes cast by the AHS Garden Judges.

The annual award, named for Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout, signifies that the cultivar is not only distinctive and beautiful, but has also proved good performance over a wide geographic area for at least eight years. In 1954, four years after the creation of the Stout Medal, one of Dr. Stout's own cultivars won the coveted award.

## STOUT - WISCONSIN CONNECTIONS

As a ten-year-old at home in Albion, Wisconsin, near Lake Koshkonong, Arlow Stout was puzzled by the absence of seed pods on the "Tawny Daylily" (*Hemerocallis fulva*). In 1929, thirty-seven years later, he published his discovery that the Tawny Daylily is triploid, usually sterile. His broad interest in physical geography and natural history led to publication of his archeological surveys of Wisconsin Indians effigy mounds and attempts to preserve the mounds.

Dr Stout's book, *Daylilies*, published in 1934, established him as a daylily authority and played an important role in the formation of the American Hemerocallis Society. He also left some three hundred fifty scientific papers on diverse subjects, ninety-seven of which are on daylilies, and eighty-three introduced daylilies. Stout's *Daylilies*, is available again, thanks to demand and a 1986 reprint in which another noted Wisconsin native, Dr. Darryl Apps contributed the introduction. Dr. Apps, whose own daylily hybridizing program produces national award winners, now heads the Department of Education at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. It is possible that Dr. Apps himself a key figure in the American Hemerocallis Society, will have a Stout Silver Medal winner in the future.

## WHERE ARE THE STOUT WINNERS

Daylilies which have won the Stout award can be seen in gardens all over the country. Winners like Mary Todd, Bertie Ferris, Stella De Oro, Sabie, Ruffled Apricot and Ed Murray are familiar delights and names probably on the tip of the tongue. Perhaps you have one of these cultivars growing at home and can use it as a conversation piece to help friends who are less enthusiastic about daylilies to

understand your interest. Perhaps you don't have one, but want to see one. Attending both the Society Show, July 22 and the Garden Tour, July 28, will solve that problem.

## FORTY YEARS OF STOUT SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

To be eligible for the highest American Hemerocallis Society Annual Award, a daylily must have received the Award of Merit no less than three years previously. To receive the Award of Merit, a daylily must have received honorable Mention no less than three years previously. To receive the Honorable Mention Award, a daylily must have been registered and introduced to commerce for at least two years.

1950	<i>HESPERUS</i>	H. P. SASS
1951	<i>PAINTED LADY</i>	RUSSELL
1952	<i>POTENTATE</i>	NESMITH
1953	<i>REVOLUTE</i>	H. P. SASS
1954	<i>DAUNTLESS</i>	STOUT
1955	<i>PRIMA DONNA</i>	TAYLOR
1956	<i>NARANJA</i>	WHEELER
1957	<i>RUFFLED PINAFORE</i>	MILLIKEN
1958	<i>HIGH NOON</i>	MILLIKEN
1959	<i>SLAMON SHEEN</i>	TAYLOR
1960	<i>FAIRY WINGS</i>	LESTER
1961	<i>PLAYBOY</i>	WHEELER
1962	<i>BESS ROSS</i>	CLAAR
1963	<i>MULTNOMAH</i>	KRAUS
1964	<i>FRANCES FAY</i>	FAY
1965	<i>LUXURY LACE</i>	SPALDING
1966	<i>CARTWHEELS</i>	FAY
1967	<i>FULL REWARD</i>	MCVICKER
1968	<i>SATIN GLASS</i>	FAY-HARDY
1969	<i>MAY HALL</i>	HALL
1970	<i>AVA MITCHELLE</i>	FLORY
1971	<i>RENEE</i>	DILL
1972	<i>HORTENSIA</i>	BRANCH
1973	<i>LAVENDER FLIGHT</i>	SPALDING
1974	<i>WINNING WAYS</i>	WILD
1975	<i>CLARENCE SIMON</i>	MACMILLAN
1976	<i>GREEN FLUTTER</i>	WILLIAMSON
1977	<i>GREEN GLITTER</i>	HARRISON
1978	<i>MARY TODD</i>	FAY
1979	<i>MOMENT OF TRUTH</i>	MACMILLAN
1980	<i>BERTIE FERRIS</i>	WINNIFORD
1981	<i>ED MURRAY</i>	GROVATT
1982	<i>RUFFLED APRICOT</i>	BAKER
1983	<i>SABIE</i>	MACMILLAN
1984	<i>MY BELLE</i>	DURIO
1985	<i>STELLA DE ORO</i>	JABLONSKI
1986	<i>JANET GAYLE</i>	GUIDRY
1987	<i>BECKY LYNN</i>	GUIDRY
1988	<i>MARTHA ADAMS</i>	SPALDING
1989	<i>BROCADED GOWN</i>	MILLIKAN
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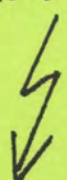
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## THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY Membership Application

Please enroll me as a member of THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY for the year, 1990, January 1 to December 31.

NAME (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Individual (\$5.00)\_\_\_\_, Family (\$7.00)\_\_\_\_, Business (\$10.00)\_\_\_\_.

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY.

Mail to: Marianne Schumacher, secretary  
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Sun Prairie, WI 53590

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SURVEY

Would you please take the time to fill out this questionnaire and return it to us. Its purpose is to help Wisconsin Daylily Enthusiasts get to know one another better and facilitate the exchange of garden visits, ideas and plants between our members.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Daylilies you grow in your garden: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the specific interests you have in growing Daylilies:

\_\_\_\_ species    \_\_\_\_ doubles    \_\_\_\_ spiders    \_\_\_\_ minis    \_\_\_\_ fragrance  
\_\_\_\_ rebloomers    \_\_\_\_ general gardening worth    \_\_\_\_ hybridizing  
\_\_\_\_ purist (major interest in daylilies only)

Are there some specific colors or patterns you concentrate on? Please list...

List five (5) of your favorite Daylilies as they grow in your garden

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Is your garden open to visitors by appointment?

Do you have surplus plants which you are willing to sell or trade on occasion?

Are you willing to share pollen with members interested in hybridizing?

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