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3rd Annual Daylily Show



Beauty on display would describe the Wisconsin Daylily Society's third annual Daylily Show, Sunday, July 19th. Show Chairperson Amy Shohet and Co-Chair Julie Burke anticipate more entries than ever as WDS members acquire more and newer daylilies. It should also coincide with the peak of the daylily bloom.

Last year there were over eighty entries from twelve registrants, and the room was filled with daylilies.

"I think it's just great fun!" explains Amy, "I see flowers I don't have and have never seen before. It's a great chance to see new and

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Plant Sale in August

The third annual WDS Daylily Sale will be held August 22nd, and 23rd at the Olbrich Gardens in Madison. Chairperson Tim Miller asks that as you look over your garden and see clumps of named cultivars that need dividing, you consider donating your extras to the sale. This is the principle income generating means for the Society, as the annual dues merely defray the costs of the newsletter and various mailings.

Last year's sale was a success any way you look at it. People were lined up in the lobby before the doors opened and over 900 individual plants were sold. As word gets out it's expected that we will draw even larger crowds looking to buy quality named daylilies.

Volunteers are needed for various tasks, such as collecting donations, sorting and packaging

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July WDS Meeting

A July 15th meeting of the Wisconsin Daylily Society will be held at Hiram Percy's garden in Verona at 6:30 pm.

Hiram Percy and Amy Shohet will demonstrate how to prepare scapes for the upcoming Daylily Show on Sunday, July 19. If you think you can't enter the show because you don't know what to do to get ready, this is what you are looking for. They will cover topics such as what the judges look for, how to "groom" your show scapes, and preparation in the garden before hand to help insure quality scapes for show purposes.

The second activity will help you in taking pictures of your flowers, and taking photographs in general. Paul Meske will try to demystify photography. His philosophy of automatic cameras is that "cameras are just stupid machines, the only brain that comes

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Fragrance in Daylilies

Paul Meske

Many people can not resist sticking their noses into a blossom to smell its fragrance. For these people a flower without a pleasing fragrance is like a Christmas tree without decorations. What's the point? Unfortunately fragrance in daylilies is not guaranteed.

Flowers are designed to attract insects, birds, or mammals to pollinate them. Daylilies attract pollinators in two ways, by visual attraction and/or by scent. In looking at the species daylilies we find that some blossoms open during the daytime hours. These are called "diurnal". Others are open primarily during the evening or night time hours. These are "nocturnal". Many daylilies show nocturnal *tendencies*, in that they open up the evening before, or

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WDS Coming Events

- July 11 - Garden Tours
- July 15 - Special Meeting
- July 19 - Daylily Show
- Aug 22-23 - Daylily Sale
- Oct 25 - Annual business meeting

Locations:

Garden Tours to be announced.
July 15 at 407 Lincoln St., Verona.

All others at the Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave., Madison.

Fragrance, continued

sometime during the night.

This can be a clue to finding fragrant cultivars. A flower which opens in the evening is not going to attract many pollinators by visual means, but it may be successful by using fragrance. Modern cultivars are many generations away from the species and represent a very complex mixture of genetic traits. Fragrance is part of that mixture. As a result, a nocturnal daylily may not be fragrant, and a diurnal daylily may be fragrant.

"Oh great! I've read all this and now you tell me it doesn't really matter!"

Fragrance still tends to be more pronounced in nocturnal cultivars. While there is no guarantee of fragrance it can serve as a clue in the hunt for fragrance. There is no substitute for sticking your nose into a blossom to smell if it is aromatic or not. People who favor fragrant flowers are often seen with clumps of pollen on their nose because of this.

To complicate things, fragrance is not necessarily consistent in one cultivar. A flower with a pleasant aroma in your garden may not have any fragrance in someone else's garden. It varies depending upon soil composition, temperature, rain fall, and amount of sunlight.

The American Hemerocallis

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L. Ernest Plouf Award

Consistently Very Fragrant

- 1979 WILLARD GARDENER (Lambert)
- 1980 TENDER LOVE (Hardy)
- 1981 FROZEN JADE (Sellers)
- 1982 SILOAM DOUBLE ROSE (Henry)
- 1983 IDA MILES (Hardy)
- 1984 SILOAM MAMA (Henry)
- 1985 SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC (Henry)
- 1986 HUDSON VALLEY (Peck)
- 1987 EVENING BELL (Peck)
- 1988 CHORUS LINE (Kirchhoff)
- 1989 GOLDEN SCROLL (Guidry)
- 1990 SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN (Guidry)
- 1991 SILOAM SPIZZ (Henry)

Society (AHS) has recognized the importance of fragrance in daylilies. Rose and peony growers have been censured in the past for developing beautiful flowers without the fragrance people had come to expect from them. To encourage the development of very fragrant daylilies, the annual L. Ernest Plouf Consistently Very Fragrant Award is given for the cultivar which is consistently very fragrant, grows in many soils, and is a dormant variety. Many people argue that the dormant requirement is too restrictive, but it works out well for Wisconsin residents. Dormant daylilies tend to be hardier than evergreen or semi-evergreen cultivars.

If you like your Christmas tree to have decorations and your favorite flower to have fragrance, do as Toucan Sam from the Fruit Loops® commercial says and "follow your nose." Check out the Plouf Award winners.



Daylily Sale, Continued

the night before, and helping out on the day of the sale. If you have plants to donate, time to donate, or if you have questions concerning the daylily sale, contact Tim Miller at (608) 255-3715. Leave a message on Tim's answering machine if he's not home.



WDS Daylily Sale

August 22nd and 23rd
Olbrich Gardens, Madison

To donate plants, volunteer help, or for information call Tim Miller, (608) 255-3715 (leave a message on his answering machine).

Garden Tour Line-Up

Watch for information on the 1992 garden tours. They will be gardens which feature daylilies as a main component in their design. It's a chance to see how others integrate daylilies into their gardens and to see new cultivars. Tours are scheduled for Saturday, July 11. Call Paul Meske at (608) 837-7568 for more information.

WDS Daylily Show

Sunday, July 19
Olbrich Gardens, Madison

8 am - 10 am
Registration of entries

10 am - 12:30 pm
Judging

12:30 pm - 4 pm
Open to the public

For more information call Amy Shohet (608)238-7089.

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Special Meeting, Continued

with it is the one in your head." What is your automatic camera doing, and do you always want it to do it? He will cover topics such as exposure, what all those numbers mean, lighting, and basic composition. Be sure to bring your camera and owners manual if you have specific questions about your particular camera.

Hiram Percy's garden is located at 407 Lincoln St. on the East side of Verona. Take high-

way 18-151 (Verona Rd.) to Lincoln St. This is the first street on the South side of Verona Rd. before entering Verona (by the Fire and Police Station). Hiram's garden has been on the WDS garden tours, and he is currently developing a collection of double daylilies.

A door prize will be awarded to a lucky attendee. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. Learn more about photography and preparing for the Daylily

Show at the special WDS meeting 6:30 pm, Wednesday, July 15, at Hiram Percy's garden, 407 Lincoln St., Verona.



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Daylily Show, Continued

different things, and it's always fun to get an award." Participating in the daylily show is an enjoyable experience. It is not a competition as much as it's an opportunity to meet with others in the society as you are grooming your scapes before the show, and an opportunity to talk with the public about our favorite flower and all its good points.

There will be two divisions of the show, Horticultural and Artistic. The horticultural part will display blossoms on-scape and off-scape, but only the registered, named, on-scape entries will be

judged in this division.

For those of you who enjoy flower arrangements, the Artistic Division may be for you. there are four categories within the artistic division

During a special July meeting of the WDS members can learn how to prepare for a show. Amy assures us though that it is not difficult to enter scapes in the show. If you have a good looking scape in your garden the morning of the show, bring it in and register it. There will be other people getting their scapes ready also and Daylily People are friendly.

Anyone can enter show. En-

July 15 Meeting

Preparing scapes for the Daylily Show, and Photography in the Garden. At the garden of Hiram Percy, 407 Lincoln St., Verona. Members and non-members welcome. Call Amy Shohet at 238-7089 for information.

tries will be taken accepted from 8 am to 10 am. Judging will take place from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The show will be opened for public viewing at 1:00 pm. It will end with clean up from 4 pm to 4:45 pm. Call Amy Shohet at 238-7089 for information.

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