



# THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society attending the 1993 Region 2 Mid-Winter Symposium are, from left to right: Tim Miller (kneeling), Mary and Bill Powell, Paul Meske (standing), Hiram Percy, Bob and Mary Lou Griesbach, and Gene Sawyer.

Photo by Tim Miller

## Escape From Winter

By: Paul Meske, Sun Prairie

For people addicted to daylilies, our Wisconsin winters can seem to last forever. A small group of Wisconsin Daylily Society members were able to escape the dark days of winter in February by attending the AHS Region 2 Symposium '93 in Michigan City, Indiana. As one of these lucky people, it was as if we had been transported into a different dimension. Although we could see snow outside it was summer inside, with discussions and slides of daylilies.

The proceedings of the Symposium are covered in the spring/summer 1993 AHS Region 2 Newsletter in great detail. Read

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## 1993 Daylily Show

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## 1993 WDS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July 17** - Garden tours Madison area
- July 18** - Garden tours Milwaukee area
- July 25** - WDS Daylily Show (OBG)
- Aug 21, 22** - Daylily Sale (OBG)
- Sept** (No activities)
- Oct 24** - Annual Meeting (OBG)

Location: OBG=Olbrich Botanical Garden, Madison





## Why Vote in the Region 2 Popularity Poll

By: Caroline C. Benser,  
La Cross

Many of us are overwhelmed, indeed confused, when confronting the most up-to-date price lists from hybridizers. In late winter and early spring the lists appear on a daily basis in our mailboxes. Descriptions of new introductions that defy our wildest imaginations, complete with beautiful photos that tempt our bank accounts. If the novice daylily grower faces these lists, he may well despair of ever being able to make anything like sensible choices among all these cultivars for his taste, bank account, and ultimately his region. One should certainly study these descriptions of the newest introductions, but remember: along with the latest, and highly touted cultivars, nearly all commercial growers offer the older, classic varieties as well. These are tucked into the list and are usually offered for \$5.00 to \$10.00, often a little higher for the truly classic varieties because they are so popular.

All daylily enthusiasts, both novice and seasoned alike, need a basic guideline to help choose cultivars that perform well in his own locality. The Popularity Poll serves well as this guideline. This is why it is important for AHS members to vote in the Popularity Poll near the end of the bloom season each year. The Poll can be an accurate guide to those outstanding cultivars of our Region only if a large

number of our AHS members participate by voting.

This is a call to think about the Popularity Poll before our summer bloom season for 1993 begins. Perhaps keeping a little notebook near the garden would be in order. Here one could make notes on what one discovers on a daily basis in his own yard. Making notes trains one's eyes to see a daylily. What qualities should the grower note? One could start with color, form, texture, growth habits, first bloom; as well, notes on weather conditions and other factors as one sees them. What hybridizers are represented well in



your garden? Note these qualities in other gardens in your local area, as well as farther afield. The AHS's The Daylily Journal prints the guidelines for the number of cultivars one should put on the list. I suggest voting for those cultivars that performed CONSISTENTLY well in your own yard and others. If a particular daylily caught your eye in a half dozen gardens in your area, chances are it should be on your Poll! Let's have a high percentage of AHS members in the Wisconsin Daylily Society contributing to the Region 2 Popularity Poll in 1993. ☀

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## OOPS!

Your humble editor is even *more* humble by reporting that he made an error in the article by Caroline C. Benser on page two in our spring issue of the newsletter. A sentence was inadvertently left out of the text of "Reflections After One Year" which gives the impression that Kate Carpenter was the hybridizer of LAVENDER VELVET. This is not so. After the discussion of Kate Carpenter's NEW SERIES and SUE ROTHBAUER, Caroline noted: "Peggy Child's lavenders also promise to perform well. Her LAVENDER VELVET (1981), a large, pale-colored, spider-like cultivar, was one of the last two blooming cultivars...before hard frost".

I apologize for the mistake and hope that it did not cause great confusion. Computer spell checkers are no substitute for careful proof reading. ☀

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### *Symposium, continued*

that article to find out all that was covered. I want to give a general impression and feeling of the symposium.

Gene Sawyer and I drove down early Saturday morning, arriving at Michigan City about 11:00 AM. After checking into the motel we ran into Bill and Mary Powell (Bill is WDS President), and Lynda Hilton, a friend I met several years ago at a regional meeting. During our lunch at Pizza Hut we talked about, what else?...daylilies! Lynda grows almost 2,000 named cultivars and we learned of the problems she encountered when she started selling them to the public last summer.

The meeting room for the Symposium was comfortable but not real large. This meant that you may end up sitting next to someone like Stewart Oaks (Oaks Daylilies, Corryton, TN), Leo Sharpe (Hybridizer, Brookwood Gar-

dens), John Benz (Hybridizer, Ohio), or John Schabel (Hybridizer and species expert). To be able to rub elbows both figuratively and literally with these nationally known folks was exciting.

After our evening banquet we watched a slide program of unnamed seedlings from Region 2



Our own Dr. Robert Griesbach participated in a discussion of "Great Reds", and gave a presentation on Genetics and Hybridizing. In his presentation he said "We always have time for the things we like to do so why not give 90% to daylilies."

Photo by Tim Miller

hybridizers. Representing Wisconsin were WDS members Arthur Blodgett, Rod Lysne, and Bud Foss.

That night a snow storm moved in and dumped 6-8 inches of snow on us as if to remind us that although we were living in a temporary fantasy world inside the symposium, reality lurked for us just outside the convention site door.

When the Symposium ended at noon on Sunday the roads were wet but not slippery and travel was not a problem. The drive back to Wisconsin seemed to go much faster, as our heads were filled with images of daylilies, memories of the people we met, and ideas and plans for our own gardens or hybridizing project. I hope that the Symposium becomes an annual activity, and apparently most of those who turned in an evaluation sheet had the same feeling.







# Wisconsin Daylily Society

## 4th Annual Garden Tours

### July 17 and 18

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#### Saturday, July 17th

*Farwell's*

This will be the second year that Catherine Wilson's garden is on the tour. Located just outside the south-east corner of Madison, Catherine has been growing daylilies "since I was a blushing bride", as she puts it. Her garden features over 200 daylilies in an imaginative terraced garden setting. The garden is located at 3812 County Trunk AB, Cottage Grove. Take highway 12 & 18 East out of Madison and turn North onto county trunk AB. The garden is located about two miles North, on the East side of Co. AB, next door to the Farwell Pool Company. There is space for parking in the driveway area.

Wally Porterfield now has 200 daylilies growing in his yard and has the complete collection of "Altissima" daylilies which send scapes up to a spectacular height of five feet and higher. Take highway 151 to Sun Prairie and turn off at the highway 19 (third) exit. Go three blocks south on Hwy 19 (Bristol Street) and turn left onto East MacArthur Street. Wally's place is about three more blocks down and on the left. Park on the Street.

Located just six blocks away, Paul Meske's garden features over 200 established daylilies in informal beds laid out in his back yard. Paul has been trying to get a representative sample of major hybridizers and especially hybridizers in AHS Region 2. Take the same Hwy 19 exit as for Wally's except you go one more block south on Bristol Street and turn to the right onto West Goodland Street. Paul's house is located toward the end of the block on the South side of the street, a blue house. His address is 151 W. Goodland St, Sun Prairie, WI. Park in the street.

#### Sunday, July 18th

Betty Giacomino takes care of two acres of yard and been collecting daylilies for the last three years. Her garden has many different perennials but features daylilies. Take highway I-43 to exit 89 and turn to the east onto Hwy C (Pioneer) for two blocks and turn right (south) onto Lakeshore. Proceed to Hemlock Street and turn left (east). Proceed to Birchwood Lane and turn right (south). Betty's address is 13743 Birchwood Lane, Mequon, WI

Karen Hart has a small city lot and has had to contend with too many flowers in too little space. The granddaughter of the late Olive Pauly, Karen is carrying on the family tradition of growing award winning daylilies. Take I-94 East, and near the County Stadium get in the left hand lane and turn onto North Hwy 41. At the third exit down, turn to the left onto Washington Blvd. Five block down is N 52nd Street, turn right. Karen's address is 1922 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee WI. Most of her daylilies are in the front yard. She says "You can't miss it".

Arthur Blodgett boasts an official American Hemerocallis Society Daylily Display Garden. Art does some hybridizing and has registered APOLLO'S MELODY in 1991, a 5.5 inch dormant yellow tetraploid flower on a 28 inch scape. He will have more seedlings to see in addition to numerous other named cultivars. Take I-94 to Hwy 18 West. Turn to the left on Hwy 164 south. Proceed to the 4th stoplight to Co. Trunk C (East Broadway) and turn to the right. Art is located at the corner of Broadway and Fisk. His address is 1008 E. Broadway, Waukesha WI. If you see the park, you've gone too far, turn around.



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Arthur Blodgett, 1008 E. Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186

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Betty Giacomino 13743 Birchwood Lane, Mequon, WI

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*Daylily Show, continued*

will be opened to the public at 1:00PM for general viewing.

We have a flower show every year for several reasons. It presents our flower to the public and helps develop general interest in the daylily. We spend much pleasant time talking to people who just happened to be at Olbrich that day and didn't know that the daylily came in any color but orange or yellow.

It also helps our own members. We are able to see new and different daylilies that we might not see otherwise. It provides a social activity for WDS members to work and "play" together. It also helps promote the growth of daylilies so that they look their best (which is not all that tough anyway).

Help is needed on Saturday evening, July 24th, 5:00 PM to help set up tables, fill bottles with water, and generally prepare the location for the next day's activities. Help is also needed on Sunday during registration time to help people groom their entries and register them for the judging, and then after the show at 5:00 PM to clean up the area.

For additional Information contact Gene Sawyer at 838-3502.



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**Entries Accepted 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Judging (closed to the public) 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Exhibit open to the public 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

\* No entry fee

\* Anyone may enter scapes in the competition

\* Only on-scape blossoms will be judged

\* Off-scape blossoms will be for display only

\* Assistance is available at registration time for preparation and grooming of scapes



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Remember, it's a privilege for us that these people let us invade their gardens for an afternoon. Common courtesy dictates that we behave politely. Stay only in walk ways, don't pick flowers or help yourself to a cutting of something, and remember to thank your hosts before you leave.

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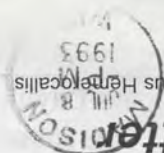




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