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# NEWSLETTER

## The Wisconsin Daylily Society

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last summer, during those many hours spent grooming my daylilies in the quietude and exquisite beauty of my garden, the idea of a daylily society for Wisconsin never entered my mind.

Six months later, after three planning meetings with a small group of "hem" lovers, encouragement from Olbrich Botanical Gardens staff and the interested, watchful eyes of the American Hemerocallis Society and its Region 2 Great Lakes Division, THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY has emerged.

Our purpose, as stated in the bylaws, is to promote enjoyment, awareness and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis by all appropriate means. Our sincerity in this statement is expressed by our intent to become involved and to cooperate with Olbrich Botanical Gardens staff and the Olbrich Garden Club to develop a daylily garden second to none. We anticipate a mature garden in three years. Lectures, garden tours, a plant sale and show, will begin to achieve our mission.

Given nine months of programs and events which celebrate the genus Hemerocallis, 1990 will be a truly memorable inaugural year for THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY.

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Watch This Space for  
Daylily Exchange  
Information





## WINNERS TAKE THE "BIRD"

Winners of the daylily raffle took home a BALTIMORE ORIOLE, a daylily from Dr. Robert Griesbach's Song and Garden Bird Series. BALTIMORE ORIOLE was the prize sought by fifty raffle ticket holders Sunday, August 11 during Sundae in the Park at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

Small divisions, at least two fans each, were awarded to eight lucky "hem" lovers; Janice Gibeau, Waunakee; Elaine Jellings, SunPrairie; Steve Lesch, Madison; Merry Stall, Madison; Ruth Tanner, Lodi; Evelyn Thompson, Madison; Bonnie Wilson, Verona; and Orva Yache, Fond du Lac.

One winner reported that new foliage appeared above ground shortly after the divisions were planted in their new environment, suggesting that the daylily had survived the trauma of being moved.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE's velvet red runs deeply into a contrasting chartreuse throat. Delicate crimping around the petals shows off a deeper shade of red. The plant stands twenty-six inches, blooms mid-season, displays a six inch bloom and is dormant. This cultivar was registered with the American Hemerocallis Society in 1979. Roy Klehm introduced BALTIMORE ORIOLE into commerce in 1981.

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### Who They Are: Wisconsin Daylily Society

President: Hiram Percy, Musician-Teacher, found his interest peaked by a field of yellow day-lilies exhibiting variable brilliance. His garden, of unnamed daylily seedlings grew by bounds after a visit to a hybridizer's garden.

And now, as his family says, his "hemerocallis-ism is incurable.

Vice-President: Stephen Lesch claims a life-long love of day-lilies, dating to his youthful days in rural Wisconsin.

He readily admits to using a great variety of daylilies in his professional work as a designer of perennial gardens throughout southern Wisconsin.

Currently Steve is acting-chairperson of the Perennial Society at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

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Secretary-Treasurer: Marianne Schumacher is a Charter member of the Madison Area Iris Society. Her interest in daylilies came by chance, when a few were ordered from an Iris catalog. Now her enthusiasm for the recent advances in daylily culture is boundless.

Marianne lives on 6½ acres in rural SunPrairie, and Jablonski's Stella d' Oro daylily (spring to fall bloom) is the star of her garden.

Director: Betsy Trowbridge is a UW medical student, who finds relaxation in her daylily filled perennial garden. Her grandmother's garden was filled with the "glorious" blooms of daylilies and Betsy is carrying on the tradition with offspring of those early admired plants.

Director: Reynold Peterson; is the author of the initial draft of the Wisconsin Daylily Society by-laws. He left behind a well established perennial garden, when he moved to Madison in 1985 to become Asst. Director of the Madison Civic Center.

He describes his current garden, with many daylilies, as "work in progress".



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MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS  
1990

Feb 7	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>Daylilies in the Landscape</u> presented by Stephen Lesch
Mar 7	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>Modern Daylilies-Moderately</u> <u>Priced</u>
Apr 4	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>AHS Convention in Savannah</u> <u>Gardens and New Daylilies</u>
May 2	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>Growing Daylilies</u>
Jun 6	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>Award Winners/How to Enter a</u> <u>Daylily Show</u>
Jun 30	Sat	10:00	TBA	<u>Grooming/Hybridizing</u>
Jul 22	Sun	10:00-	OBG	<u>The Wisconsin Daylily</u> <u>Society Show</u>
Jul 28	Sat	TBA	TBA	<u>The Wisconsin Daylily</u> <u>Society Garden Tour</u>
Aug 1	Wed	7:30	OBG	<u>Managing Increase/Divisions,</u> <u>Seeds, Proliferations</u>
Sep 1	Sat	10:00-	OBG	
Oct 3	Wed	6:00	OBG	

TBA=To be announced





## DAYLILIES FOR EVERYONE

The daylily has been described as the perfect flower because it grows so easily, multiplies well, is easy to care for, and is not susceptible to insects or disease. It can be and is used in nearly any landscape plan, and comes in a wide variety of colors, forms and heights. Daylilies are found in formal borders, but may be planted in natural settings along paths, fences or pools and foundations. Rock gardeners find the dwarf varieties excellent in a variety of settings.

In a matter of forty years the daylily, once considered rather ordinary, have been hybridized into thousands of gorgeous flowers that deserve a prominent place in every garden. Fortunately, most of the qualities of those old-time daylilies, including vigor, hardiness, dependability and ease of culture and propagation, have not been greatly diminished. Presently, daylilies are thought to be the perennial most planted in American gardens.

Hemerocallis are classified as dormant, evergreen, or semi-evergreen. Dormants are usually hardy and will do well throughout the country. Evergreens and semi-evergreens vary in frost-resistance and should be planted experimentally in the North.

Presently there are more than 45,000 named cultivars of Hemerocallis.

(Information taken from Successful Perennial Gardening,  
Lewis and Nancy Hill)

## TIME TO DREAM - TIME TO ORDER

Daylily Catalogs\*  
(partial list)

Big Tree Daylily Garden  
777 General Hutchinson Pkwy.  
Longwood, Florida 32750 \$1.00

Bryant & Millikan  
6610 Sunnyslane  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46200

Daylily World  
Box 1612  
Sanford, Florida 32772-1612

Gilbert H. Wilde & Son, Inc.  
Sarcoie, Mo. 64862-0338

Lenington-Long Garden  
7007 Manchester  
Kansas City, Mo 64133

\* This list is not intended to serve  
as an endorsement of any company.

## A COMING TOGETHER

On November 29th, board members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society met with members of the Olbrich Garden Club, Irene Straus, President, Mary Brodzeller, Advisor, and Catherine Farwell, well known Daylily grower.

Irene Straus described the Garden Club's intention to design and maintain a Daylily Garden to be placed in competition for an Award with the National Garden Club Federation. Catherine Farwell and Mary Brodzeller recounted the long and varied history of Daylily gardens at Olbrich.

Nancy Ragland, Director of the Gardens, recognized the need for renovating the current daylily beds and provided details of the process.

Members of the Daylily Society express interest in the project and Percy and Lesch agreed to meet with Ragland, Straus and Farwell for a January 24, "Brainstorm for Design" meeting.





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THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY Display Garden is being created to reflect all aspects of daylily culture for our northern climate and to display the very best new and old cultivars for reference by any daylily enthusiast via perpetual updating of the plant collection and planting methods.

THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY Display Garden will be open to members and the public, admission free.

WDS members meet at Olbrich, 7:30, the first Wednesday of each month except the months, November, December and January.

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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  
1986 Highway V  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590



## QUESTIONNAIRE

The Wisconsin Daylily Society needs your help to grow and flourish. Please let us know how you might contribute to our blooming.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Share your knowledge of Daylily growing/hybridization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in a "Daylily Exchange"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help in the Daylily Gardens at Olbrich
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring friends and Daylily growers to meetings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write an article for the newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invite members to view your Daylily garden
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other



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