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# THE WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

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## Hemerocallis, The Daylily

### A Book Review

**B**ill Munson is especially well-qualified to write a book on this subject. He has worked more than 40 years in growing and breeding outstanding cultivars of daylilies. We have seen his plantings which cover more than 10 acres and he sets out about 40,000 seedlings every year. At the outset, he observes with concern that many breeders and daylily enthusiasts have insisted on beauty of the flower at all cost--this at the expense of the plant's ability to grow, increase, and sustain itself.

In Chapter I, he lists and describes the species identified by A. B. Stout and Shui-Ying Hu. Nine of these are shown in color photos.

The heart of the book is really contained in Chapter II. Beginning with the year 1900 and continuing until the present, mention is made of numerous breeders and their special accomplishments. All are well documented. Finally there are 80 pages given to the descriptions of over 500 of the most recent cultivars with 187 fine color photographs included.

A short Chapter III deals with hybridizing. The pollination process is explained and the breeder is encouraged to have a goal in mind. The goal should lead to careful selection of plants that are to be used as parents. It is important, the author states, to start with the best parents that can be obtained. They should complement one another, by way of each having desirable traits that serve to cover up the undesirable traits of a mate.

The text would benefit by the inclusion of a few fundamental terms and concepts that are of primary importance

to fledgling hem breeders, as, for instance, line breeding, inbreeding, back-cross, dominance, recessiveness, F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, gene, haploid, heterozygous, homozygous, reciprocal cross, emasculation, etc.

Handling seeds and growing seedlings are also considered. Propagation by division and tissue culture are mentioned briefly, but rooting of proliferations was not suggested.

In Chapter IV, "Landscaping With Daylilies," the choice of companion plants is discussed as are the practices of watering, mulching, and the effects of nearby trees on growth. Twenty-four fine color

such practices as ample watering, fertilizing, and choosing a location with at least 50% sunshine.

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## WHS Elections

Eight WHS members were elected to the board of directors at the October 28 Annual Meeting. Elected to a one-year term were Jean Barreras, Tim Miller, Reynold Peterson and Amy Shohet. Elected to a two-year term were: Stephen Lesch, Hiram Percy, Marianne Schu-

## April 3 Meeting

7:30 p. m.

**Olbrich Botanical Gardens**  
3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI.

**Featuring Dr. Virginia Winkler, Deerfield, Illinois**

*Dr. Winkler is the hybridizer of registered hemerocallis cultivars and is an accredited AHS Awards and Honors judge and Exhibition judge. Her private garden is an AHS Display Garden and may be viewed by appointment*

photos illustrating the use of daylilies in beautiful gardens are worthwhile.

Chapter V is titled "Horticultural Requirements." Nine b/w photos illustrate the best method to use for dividing clumps and for proper planting. For the most part, the author considers the daylily as having a hardy constitution, "virtually thriving on neglect;" however, he notes, daylilies do respond to and reward

macher and Betsy Trowbridge. Officers selected by the new board include: President, Hiram Percy; Vice-president, Stephen Lesch; Secretary, Marianne Schumacher; and Treasurer, Tim Miller. Thanks to Amy Shohet for assembling and presenting the slate of candidates to the membership.

If your membership in WDS expired, use the enclosed form to renew.



## AHS Popularity Poll For 1990 Determined

Did you ever wonder who on earth determines which hem may be called a popularity poll winner? One way to find the answer to that question and to considerably more is to join the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS).

The AHS has divided the U.S. into fifteen geographic regions. Region II, known as the "Great Lakes Region," includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, all of which experience similar growing conditions. Each AHS member of the region may vote for up to ten, but not more than ten, well-established cultivars (no seedlings or first year blooms) observed for many seasons in the voter member's gar-

listed here in the order of their popularity.

### Poll Vote Benefit Of AHS

When one joins the AHS, one earns the privilege of a vote. I took great pleasure studying my daylilies and then submitting the names of cultivars deemed good performers. Each member enjoys the poll along with other benefits. One receives "The Daylily Journal," a quarterly publication which includes all pertinent, up-to-date articles written by authorities on hemerocallis growing and hybridizing. One also may attend the regional and national meetings which feature seminars and lectures presented by prominent daylily experts and tours of display gardens in the area for the purpose of enjoying well-grown old, new and the newest hemerocallis cultivars and seedlings, often displayed in settings of in-

FAIRY TALE PINK  
STELLA DE ORO  
BROCADED GOWN  
BARBARA MITCHELL  
BENCHMARK  
LULLABY BABY  
ROSE EMILY  
BECKY LYNN  
JOAN SENIOR  
HUDSON VALLEY  
BETTY WOODS  
BY MYSELF  
GREEN FLUTTER

JOLYENE NICHOLE  
DANCE BALLERINA DANCE  
ERIN PRAIRIE  
FAIRY CHARM  
GOLDEN SCROLL  
JAMBALAYA  
MALACHI  
MARY TODD  
MATT  
SEDUCTOR  
SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC  
SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN  
TOM COLLINS

#### 1990 Region II Popularity Poll

den or another garden in the immediate area.

The survey (Popularity Poll) is made annually to determine the fifteen hemerocallis cultivars which are best all-around performers in each region. FAIRY TALE PINK, winner of the 1990 regional poll, has won that distinction four years in succession, 1987-1990.

This year, because the fifteenth listed cultivar was a tie, eleven additional cultivars were tabulated in the results of the 1990 Region II Popularity Poll. They are

spired landscaping and designing.

To join the AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY and receive four quarterly Journals plus two regional newsletters, mail annual dues (individual, \$18.00) to Elly Launius, 1454 Rebel Drive, MS 39211.

- Hiram Percy

### Hemerocallis

Day beauty. Daylily. Genus of the lily family.

## Sure Cure For Winter Blues

Now is the time to make your spring garden plan and order that special hemerocallis cultivar, whose image has been buried in the back of your mind since the end of last season. Could I, should I, treat myself? Well, dream awhile first and let "could I" and "should I" be settled later. Here's where to find them:

**American Daylily & Perennials**, Jack and Jo Roberson, P.O. Box 210, Grain Valley, MO 64029. Own introductions and general listing. Color catalogue \$3.00 (deductible with first order).

**Anderson's Daylily Garden**, Dennis Anderson, 7909 Placing Road, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Own intros and general listing. Price list 50 cents.

**Babb Daylily Gardens**, Licia Babb, 1875 Sparling, Milford, MI 48042. Own intros and general listing.

**Balash Gardens**, Nicholas Balash, 26595 H Drive N., Albion, MI 49224. General listing. Price list \$1.00 (deductible with first order).

**Birch Hill Farm**, Gary Gethen RFD #2, Box 35-A, Century Road, Blue River, WI 53518. General listing. Other perennials.

**Corner Oaks Garden**, Ed and Janice Brown, 6139 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32244. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$1.00.

**Cordon Bleu Farms**, Bob Brooks and Ray Chesnik, P.O. Box 2033, San Marcos, CA 92069. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$1.00.

**Daylily World**, Morss/Kirchhoff, P.O. Box 1612, Sanford, FL 32772-1612. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$2.00 (deductible with first order).

**Floyd Cove Nursery**, Patrick Stamile, 11 Shipyard Ln., Setauket, NY 11733-3038. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$2.00 (deductible with first order).

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# Response From The Spring Membership Survey 1990

In last spring's newsletter, members were asked to respond to questions about their own daylily gardens. The intent of the survey was to enable members to become familiar with and appreciate the extraordinary resources available within the organization. As the Wisconsin Society is still new and relatively small, personal interaction is quite possible and very beneficial. The information presented here, therefore, will be of interest to many and will encourage additional responses from those who may not have originally provided survey information, but may now wish to. Information would be directed to: Rod Lysne; Rt #1; Box 43; Ferryville, WI 54628.

NAME	NUMBER	INTEREST	COLORS	FAVORITES	SPECIFICS
Bordeleau, Leo J. 414-869-2540 472 Rose-Hill Drive; Oneida, WI 54155	200 varieties	rebloomers, general garden worth, hybridizing, purist	growing color reps of tets, dips, minis, doubles; Main hybridizing goal is cherry reds similar to Charles Johnston and Chicago Cherry	GOLDEN SCROLL, MY WAYS (for flower color), SILOAM VIRGINIA HENSON, GENTLE SHEPHERD, FAIRY CHARM	appointment; will share pollen and trade or sell surplus
Farwell, Catherine 608-222-8037 3812 Hwy AB; Cottage Grove, WI 53526	175 varieties plus older ones	minis, fragrance, rebloomers, general garden worth	pinks-melons; wide, ruffled blooms, minis and unusual colored varieties	RUFFLED APRICOT, JIMS PICK, PRES. RICE, DOLL HOUSE, RUFFIAN GARDEN	appointment, will sell or trade surplus
Frautschy, Jim 414-763-6381 224 Origen St.; Burlington, WI 53105	44 varieties	general garden worth		ED MURRAY, MARY TODD, KINDLY LIGHT, ROY'S YELLOW, STELLA DE ORO	will sell or trade surplus
Guis, Anne 414-782-8306 14420 W. Wisconsin Ave.; Elm Grove, WI, 53122	70 plus seedlings	hybridizing, general garden worth	green throats; eyed, watermarked and ruffled varieties; but all colors in general	THAI BALLE, LEO LION, GOOLAGONG, STRAWBERRY SWIRL, PAPER BUTTERFLY	will share pollen
Hintz, Russell Rt 1; Box 52B; Gays Mills, WI 54631	30 varieties	spiders, doubles, hybridizing	eyed varieties	KENNETH COBB, PANACHE, CABALLERO, PALACE PAGODA, DARK STAR	appointment, will sell or trade surplus and share pollen
Konrad, Mark and Delores 715-582-4180, 801 Thompson St; Apt #7; Peshtigo, WI 54157	22 varieties	general garden	pinks, variations of H. fulva; cold-hardy, species	H. FLAVA, KWANSO, MEDEA, MOTHERS CARESS, RING OF CHANCE	will sell or trade surplus and share pollen
Liss, Frederick 608-271-3266, 6413 Jacobs Way; Madison, WI 53711	14 varieties	doubles, fragrance, rebloomers		MALLARD, SCARLET TANAGER, KING ALFRED, HYPERION, STELLA DE ORO	appointment, will trade and sell surplus and share pollen
Lysne, Rod 608-734-3178, Rt #1; Box 43; Ferryville, WI 54628	600 varieties plus seedlings	hybridizing, rebloomers, general garden worth	purple/lavender, eyed varieties	GOLDEN SCROLL, BROCADED GOWN, COURT MAGICIAN, KATE CARPENTER, MATT	appointment, sales list available, will share pollen
Meske, Paul 414-923-4084, 255 Taft St; Fond du Lac, WI 54935	60 varieties	species, minis, rebloomers, hybridizing		BY MYSELF, MAGIC AGE, GOLDEN GIFT, PRECIOUS ONE, BUDDHA	will sell or trade on occasion
Muench, Karen 608-233-5793, 120 Highland Ave; Madison, WI 53705	9 varieties plus	spiders, minis, rebloomers, general			will trade or sell and share pollen

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NAME S CONTINUED	NUMBER	INTEREST	COLORS	FAVORITES	SPECIIFICS
Paulson, Patricia 608-788-1135, 3731 Cliffside Dr; LaCrosse, WI 54601	85 varieties	variety		WIND SONG, LITTLE GRAPETTE, PERSIAN SHRINE, FIRE STORM, PRAIRIE MOONLIGHT	
Pearcy, Hiram 608-845-9249, 407 Lincoln St; Verona, WI, 53593	130 varieties	general garden worth, hybridizing	clarity in any hue	CAROLYN CRISWELL, MERLE KENT, PETITE SIOUX, GREEN EYED LADY, MING PORCELAIN, WYNNSON, BROCADED GOWN, THISBY	appointment, will share pollen
Powell, William 414-426-3626, 1500 N. Jackson; Oshkosh, WI 54901	120 varieties	fragrance, hybridizing, tall, general garden worth	pink, lavender-pink, eyed	ANN BLOCKER, BROCADED GOWN, ELIZABETH A. HUDSON, HYPERION, STELLA DE ORO	visitors, will share pollen
Spoo, Mrs. Harry K. 414-235-9230, 1239 Bay Shore Dr; Oshkosh, WI 54901	100 varieties	rebloomers, general garden worth	peach	RUFFLED APRICOT, SERENE MADONNA, MARY TODD, ERIN PRAIRIE, STELLA DE ORO	appointment, will share pollen
Wilson, Bonnie 608 833-4441, 4174 Mineral Point Road; Verona, WI 53593	25 varieties	general garden worth			
Winkler, Virginia 708-945-3353, 670 Pine St.; Deerfield, Ill 60015	500 varieties	hybridizing	purple, blue-lavender, red	BOWL OF ROSES, DANCE BALLERINA DANCE, SOMEWHERE SAFE, MIGHTY MOGUL, CHARTWELL, STELLA DE ORO	appointment, will share pollen

## Peak Of The Season

The July calendar is already crowded with the many events of interest to the hemerocallis enthusiasts in our area. This year, Minneapolis hosts the AHS National Convention and Hinsdale, Illinois hosts the Region II Meeting. In that the sites are within a day's drive, many Badgers can travel to one or all of the following showcases to revel in daylily beauty and talk:

July 12-13	Region II Meeting in Hinsdale
July 17-20	AHS National Convention in Minneapolis
July 21	Wisconsin Daylily Society Show in Madison
July 27	Wisconsin Daylily Society Garden Tours

## Home Garden Show

Any member who is interested in showing his/her garden as a tour garden during the WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY MEMBER HOME GARDEN TOUR, Saturday, July 27, please inform Reynold Peterson 3120 Gregory St., Madison, WI 53711. Phone: 608-231-1509. Reynold's tours last year were a

great success. Help him plan another fun and educational day for us for this summer.

## Library Now Daylily Resourceful

Olbrich Botanical Gardens new Schumacher Library will include special materials relating to hemerocallis. WHS will provide AHS "The Daylily Journal," "Judging Daylilies," Hemerocallis, The Daylily, by R. W. Munson, Daylilies by A. B. Stout and copies of current articles, slides and videos (daylilies, of course).

Plan to avail yourself of these and other resources provided.

## Accreditation Requirement Linked To AHS

Our WDS flower show can be accredited only if half of our members are AHS members. Note the advantages of

individual AHS membership elsewhere in the newsletter and consider joining American Hemerocallis Society.

## First Year 1990 Thank you

Special thank you is extended to the following: Barbara Fraser for the first issue of our newsletter. Maria Bennett for setting up our treasury. Marianne Schumacher for taking on the job of treasurer in addition to her duties as secretary. Stephen Lesch for his printing labels, mailing lists, sending cards informing members of the next meeting, and the wonderful fertilizer. Sharon Linville for chairing our first show; the show committee: Catherine Farwell, Gary Gethen, Art Johnson, Stephen Lesch, Tim Miller, Hiram Percy, Reynold Peterson, Marianne Schumacher and Betsy Trowbridge; and judges, Royal Johnson, Irene Straus and Shirley Cuccia. Tour chair, Reynold Peterson and garden presenters, Hiram Percy, Amy Shohet and Dan Thrumann. WDS annual plant sale plant

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## Winter Blues Cure

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**Klehm Nursery**, Roy G. Klehm, Rt. 5, Box 197 Penny Rd., South Barrington, IL 60010. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$4.00 (deductible with first order).

**John Benz**, John and Janet Benz, 12195 6th Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45249. Own and Harris intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$1.00.

**Northern Grown Perennials**, R. Lysne, Rt #1; Box 43, Ferryville, WI 54628. Daylily, hosta, iris and general listing.

**Bryant Millikan**, 6610 Sunny Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46220. Own intros and general listing. Listing 75 cents in stamps.

**Brookwood Gardens, Inc.**, Leo Sharp, 600 East Ninth St., Michigan City, IN. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$2.45 (deductible with first order).

**Rollingwood Gardens**, Jeff and Elizabeth Salter, P.O. Box 1044, Eustis, FL 32727. Own intros (many minis) and general listing. Color catalogue \$2.00 (deductible with first order).

**Soules Garden**, Marge and Clarence Soules, 5809 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Own intros and general listing. Catalogue \$1.00.

**Gilbert H. Wild & Son**, Jim and Gene Wild, 1112 Joplin Street, Sarcoux, MO 64862-0338. Own intros and general listing. Color catalogue \$2.00 (deductible with first order).

**Northern Daylily Gardens**, Duane (Bud) Foss, Rt. 1 Box 58 B Couderay, WI 54828. Own intros and general listing. Free catalogue.

**Windy Oaks Daylilies and Aquatics**, Marilyn Buscher, W377 S10677 Betts Road, Eagle, WI 53119. General listing. Other perennials. Free price list.

**Fox River Gardens**, Lee and Sarah Craigmyle, P.O. Box 413, Batavia, IL 60510-0413. Own intros and general listing. Free price list.

Happy shopping, friends! Your spring garden plan could become a reality with these resources and more.

## Hemerocallis Generally Seen As Healthy Variety

Our Hemerocallis are remarkably free of diseases. However, a variety will become more prone to diseases the further it is genetically removed from the species.

*Botrytis* and *Kabatiella* blights are occasionally encountered, but are more common in the Eastern United States. *Cercospora hemerocallis*, *Heterosporium gracilis*, *Gloecephalus hermocalli* and *Collecephalus hermocalli* are the more common leaf spots.

One disease that has been reported appears to be *Heterosporium gracilis*, Leaf Spot or Streak. Yellow irregular spots with red-brown borders occur under wet cool conditions.

Spores are produced in great abundance and are distributed by handling, splashing water and insects. Adding lime to the soil, if a deficiency is apparent, also appears to alleviate the problem. Removal of the infected leaves, crown or scapes, before the infection gets severe, is best. General garden maintenance will preclude the necessity of using chemical sprays.

Occasionally, we see what appears to be *Stagonospora curtisii* Leaf Scorch on Hemerocallis. This is quite common on Narcissus, Leucojum and Hippeastrum.

Scorch is characterized by red polygonal scabby streaks on the scapes and leaves causing curling and stunting. The best treatment is the complete removal of the infected leaves, stems and roots by removing them with a knife sterilized before each cut.

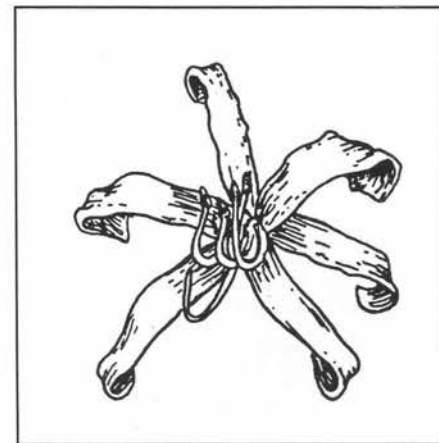
Chemical treatments are sometimes required and Bordeaux appears to work quite nicely once the major infection has been removed. The same curling and scabby streaking could be a virus for which no chemical cure exists. Cutting out the infection would be the only recourse.

- Stephen Lesch, horticulturist,  
Madison, Wisconsin

## Book Review

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Mr. Munson has not used insecticides or fungicides for over 15 years, preferring to depend on the "balance of nature" as the means of pest control. He does warn the grower to be alert and take



Spider Variant Form

whatever action seems appropriate. No cause or cure relationship was mentioned in regard to "Spring Sickness."

In Chapter VI, "Judging the Daylily," the author cites rules and regulations developed by the American Hemerocallis Society. A study of the rules will serve to guide the beginner as to characteristics considered by "professionals" as poor vs. good when comparing seedlings or cultivars. The rules also serve as guidelines when displaying in daylily shows.

The final chapter (VII) "Awards and Honors Program of the American Hemerocallis Society," is drawn from the 1987 Judges' Handbook. Descriptions are given of the different awards offered annually by the Society as well as a short explanation of the program's history, selection, and mode of distribution for the awards.

The appendix gives the names and addresses of 72 commercial sources which supply daylilies.

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donors Marilyn Buscher of Windy Oaks Daylilies, Catherine Farwell, Duane Foss of Northern Daylily Gardens, Gary Gethen of Birch Hill Farm, Rod Lysne of Northern Grown Perennials, Leo Sharp of Brookwood Gardens and Hiram Percy. Sale volunteers, Jean Barreras, Barbara Fraser, Ruth Horrall, Tim Miller, Jane Percy, Marianne Schumacher, Amy Shohet, Betsy Trowbridge and Hiram Percy.

## Round-Robin

What, you ask, is a Round-Robin? In simplest terms this is a packet of pictures, letters and useful information shared among our members. This is a great source for communication among the membership, as well as a marketplace for exchange of information and ideas relating to our subject.

Each participant in the robin will initially contribute a letter about themselves,

their garden/gardening practices, favorite daylilies. Pictures of gardens and particular plants are also most welcome. Once the initial material is gathered, the coordinator, Rod Lysne, will send this packet out to the first person on the list. As the packet circulates weekly from one to the next, new material may be added.

Think how nice it would be to receive a packet of letters and pictures in the midst of our Wisconsin winter. Each person in the robin will keep the packet for a week before sending it on to the next. After each complete rotation, the coordinator will remove dated material and add other things which he has received or solicited.

This robin is intended for both the novice and the experienced daylily grower. All one needs is he interest and willingness to participate.

If you would like to be a part of our Badger Robin (Let's call it Badger Robin for now.), please drop a

line to Rod Lysne; Rt #1; Box 43; Ferryville, WI 54628. He will then be in contact with each of you and get the ball rolling.

*Rod Lysne*

## And More To Come

Photo, slide sequence, video contest  
Beautifying WDS adopted public areas  
with hemerocallis  
Satellite area activities  
State count and compilation of hemerocallis cultivars  
To mulch or not to mulch  
Fusilade 2000  
An artistic division  
Companions  
*all in subsequent issues*

## Les Six

- a small group of six dedicated hemerocallis growers who organized The Wisconsin Daylily Society October, 1989.

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