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COMPANION PLANTS FOR DAYLILIES

“The value, versatility and beauty of daylilies is without question. However, all plants, including daylilies, benefit from “neighbors” that help compliment and enhance each other. See some interesting annuals, perennials and woody plants that, while helping maximize the role of neighboring daylilies, also have ornamental merit in their own right.” So says our next speaker, Mark Dwyer from Rotary Gardens in Janesville.

Join us on **Sunday, February 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the West Madison Ag Station** on Mineral Point Rd. Mark will be sure to get our gardening juices flowing. He has been the landscape manager at Rotary Gardens for almost 8 years. He has a background in landscape architecture and urban forestry. However, his true passion is growing and displaying all types of plants (both at work and at home!). Oh! The ideas he must have!

ALSO AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.....

All members present will be able to help judge our first Photo Contest! Conrad tells us he has collected more than 40 pictures for us to evaluate, and to chose the ones we think are the best. Ultimately four winners will be named. They will each be awarded 15WDS\$. Our hope is that we can enlarge the winning entries and display them at Garden Expo in 2007.



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Calendar of Events 2006

February 10-12 Garden Expo, Alliant Center
February 23-26 Winter Symposium, Cleveland
February 19, (Sunday) West Madison Ag Station
1-4 pm Speaker: Mark Dwyer, Rotary Gardens
March 18 (Saturday) Plant Science/Hort Building
1:00 pm Speaker: Judith Jones, Fancy Fronds
April 22 (Saturday) West Madison Ag Station
1-4 pm John Kinnebrew (“Spacecoast” series)
May 21 (Sunday) 1-4 pm West Madison Ag Station
Speaker: Conrad Wrzesinski, Digital
Photography
June 25, (Sunday) Garden Party at Norma Briggs’s
Home in Oregon
July 14 or 15 Daylily Garden Tour
July 13-16 National Convention, Long Island, NY
July 21-23 Regional Summer Meeting, Cleveland
July 30, (Sunday) Auction/Adoption Potluck
Picnic
August 12-13 Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich
October 21 (Saturday) Annual Meeting with Jamie

**FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY!!
GARDEN EXPO IS THIS WEEKEND!**

Do come in to smell the flowers. And be sure to stop by our booth to say "Hello".

Twice during the month of January I sent out a mass emailing to remind you of coming events. If you have an e-mail address did you receive these two messages? If not, that means that we don't have your current address. (Quite a few were returned as undeliverable.) Please e-mail me with your current address so I can update our files. trklein@charter.net

Did you receive a membership renewal notice? Have you sent it in yet? Remember that unless you respond, your name will not be included in the new Roster to be printed in April - and we will miss you!

Membership News

Michael Morgan in Green Bay has the distinction of being the singular new member since the last issue of the Newsletter. Hiram Percy, John Sheehan, Gene Woehler and I had the pleasure of visiting the pleasant & colorful garden maintained by Michael & his wife, Gloria, prior to the Green Bay meeting in 2004.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

LOOK WHAT'S COMING JUST IN TIME... ...to take great daylily pictures!!

What do mega pixel, optical zoom, USB, memory card, jpeg, etc. have to do with good daylily pictures? Have you wondered what features to look for in a digital camera? Learn the answers to these questions and more.

At the May 21st meeting of Wisconsin Daylily Society, Conrad Wrzesinski will present a session on Digital Photography from mega pixel to printed picture. In his non-daylily life Conrad is the Director of Technology Services for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. Conrad has also taught grad courses on using digital images at Edgewood College.

'PlumHill Farm Daylilies' web site is coming soon.

See our new introductions & catalog on line at <http://daylily.net/gardens/plumhillfarmdaylilies>

Linda & Michael Ball

JOHN KINNEBREW WILL BE HERE IN APRIL

By John Sheehan

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, our WDS Guest Speaker will be **John Kinnebrew** from the Kinnebrew Daylily Garden in Scottsmoor, FL. The meeting will take place at 1:00 PM at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station, 8502 Mineral Point Road, Verona, WI.

For years John and his family have been introducing big, brightly-colored, TET daylilies with complex, pleated edges--sometimes with interestingly patterned eyes. To see images of their stunning 2006 releases (and previously released flowers), go to their web site at: www.kinnebrewlilygarden.com.

I really like his 2006 release called H. 'Paula Nettles'-- a 6" TET with a wild, flaming, toothy edge and a peach-amber base color. Another beautiful 2006 release is H. 'Twice is Nice'--a relatively unusual Kinnebrew double yet still retaining a ruffled edge. Perhaps my absolute favorite Kinnebrew Introduction is H. 'Spacecoast Sea Shells'--a 2004 release which has a purple picotee edge and a big purple eye surrounding jagged yellow-green "shells." This is one of the images used on our club's shirts.

Bring your checkbook to the meeting. John K. is expected to have some of his newer introductions to auction off at the meeting (1/2 of resulting income will go to WDS & half to JK).

Please arrange your April schedule so that you can enjoy John Kinnebrew's slides and banter.



SPACECOAST BOLD SCHEME

RIDE THE BUS TO CLEVELAND!

TODAY is the day to sign up to travel with us by Badger Bus to the Region 2 meeting in Cleveland, July 21-23. It will be a care-free ride with friendly hem-nuts as well as being cheaper and less nerve-racking than driving a car. Tentative price is \$75 plus snacks and box lunch. E-mail preferred to gldewey@wisc.edu; alternatively, call me at 608-255-0858 before Feb. 11 or after Mar. 10.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!!

Have you ever met a pteridologist you didn't like? Come meet one on March 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the Plant Science/Horticulture Building (See map and directions below). The Wisconsin Daylily Society, the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, the Wisconsin-Illinois Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society and Master Gardeners have invited Judith Jones from Fancy Fronds of Gold Bar, Washington to be our guest speaker. Judith has been growing and learning about ferns for 30 years. She began selling locally in 1977, and then by mail in 1982. To quote Judith "My temperate fern collection is most likely one of the largest in the U.S., so growing and testing new species and cultivars is definitely what I love to do most."

Folks on the Internet from all over the country have commented on how knowledgeable Judith is about ferns that will grow in their area of the country. She will be turning our attention to ferns that will do well in our Zone 4 - or what she calls "a challenging climate"!

After Judith's presentation, we will be guided on a tour of the university's greenhouse. You will find more information on this exciting opportunity below.



Room 108, Plant Science/Horticulture Building, 1575 Linden Drive. The D. C. Smith Greenhouse is located at the corner of Babcock & Linden and attached to the Plant Science/Horticulture Building. Enter the main door of the greenhouse and follow the corridor straight ahead through the double metal doors into the Plant Science/Horticulture Building. Turn left and go down the stairway to the next level. Room 108 is the first room on the left.

You should make a note that the streets are under construction and that the best way to get there is to take University Avenue west bound and exit at Babcock Drive. Then take the first left into the parking lot.

The D. C. Smith Greenhouse is the instructional greenhouse for the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Built in 1996 it is 10,000 square foot greenhouse used in conjunction with undergraduate plant science instruction. It has 10 growing rooms that contain many different plants that are used in classes in the college. It also has a high humidity space used for plant propagation. The one of the highlights is a 1,600 ft sq Conservatory with a designed interiorscape. The environment is controlled by a computerized state of the art system. The building and the Conservatory have won several awards for architectural and interiorscape design. The tour will cover most aspect of the facility.

