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LET'S PARTY!!

Where can you walk through a prairie and a woodland, watch deer drinking in the pond (maybe), contemplate in a contemplative garden, find lilies and clematis in bloom, and feast on a sumptuous potluck dinner – all in about three hours???? At the WDS Garden Party being held at Norma Briggs's home near Oregon, that's where!

Come on **Sunday, June 25th**, about 4:00 p.m. to walk through her gardens. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. (but I'm told it will easily take an hour to see everything). **Please bring a dish to pass** – and a door prize plant if you have one. Beverages and table service will be provided.

P.S. Let's again use this gathering as a forum to discuss your questions and concerns regarding your gardens, cultivars, weather, etc. Perhaps your fellow members have noticed the same problem and have found an answer. Also, this would be a great time for you to share your helpful hints and good news.

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YOUR CHANCE TO NOMINATE

5% of this years sale proceeds will be going to the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation.

At our Annual Meeting in October you will be asked to vote for next year's chosen recipient. Please be thinking of possible suggestions, and let Jane Gahlman know of your nomination before the Annual Meeting.

Calendar of Events 2006

June 25, (Sunday) Garden Party at Norma Briggs's Home in Oregon 4:00 p.m.
July 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, Fitchburg Community Center
August 12-13 Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich
October 21 (Saturday) Annual Meeting with Jamie Gossard, Fitchburg Community Center.
Check our website for updates.

A BARGAIN TOO GOOD TO RESIST

It is not too late to join 32 members of our club and 5 members of the Chicagoland Daylily Society for our weekend jaunt to meet with our Region 2 friends for visiting and touring of fabulous gardens. The dates are July 21st-23rd. The cost of \$75 per person covers the cost of the bus, driver's tip, scones, cookies, and Friday's box lunch catered by Sara and Ron Ben-Ami, Sunday's box lunch catered by the Le Peep Restaurant of Independence, OH, cold beverages, and snacks. We will stop at Ryan's Grill Buffet in Michigan City, IN, for dinner on the return trip where your cost will be \$8.99 per person with an additional \$1.59 for beverages. A white elephant exchange of garden gifts and supplies will provide some diversion along the way.

If you are interested in the trip, please call me immediately at 608-255-0858.

Gene Dewey

Editor's Note: This is a real BARGAIN!! Consider the cost of gas for a round trip to Cleveland!! Plus FOOD!

All you new members (and not-so-new members),
have you wanted one of those snazzy club shirts
to wear to meeting, tours, or the Plant Sale?

Never Fear.....

**CLUB SHIRTS CAN BE ORDERED AGAIN
THIS YEAR**

Colors - Tan or Forest Green
Contact Phyllis Sanner, N8257 Hwy 104,
Brooklyn, WI 53521. 608-882-5211
for ordering information

JOHN KINNEBREW IS A BIG HIT

By John Sheehan

On 22-Apr-06 John Kinnebrew flew up from Scottsmeer, Florida to discuss his daylily hybridization program with our group. His visit was a great success on several levels. More than 60 members of the WDS gathered to listen to John explain how he, his wife, and his son have been hard at work for more than 20 years producing brightly colored daylilies with complex, pleated edges and often strikingly patterned eyes. John showed us slides of many of his well-known introductions as well as a whole collection of gorgeous seedlings many of which will become "Spacecoast" Introductions. Some of the famous Kinnebrew Introductions we saw were H. 'Spacecoast Sea Shells', H. 'Spacecoast Fancy Dancer', H. 'Spacecoast Cranberry Kid' and H. 'Darla Anita'. Eye-catching new introductions included H. 'Paula Nettles', H. 'Eye of the Hurricane', H. 'Carolyn Mann' and H. 'Technical Knockout'.

John's visit was also a financial success for the WDS. He brought along with him 10 of his newer Introductions which he donated to the WDS and we auctioned off to Club Members lucky enough to be present at the Meeting. The auction took in \$1370. Half went to John--half went into the WDS Treasury providing more than enough income to pay for John's traveling expenses. Our group would be extremely fortunate if all of our speakers made such an arrangement! Thanks again to Bill Powell who gently encouraged bidders to bid high and often!

Lastly, everyone had a wonderful time interacting with John--His disarming "good-old-boy" demeanor was appreciated by everyone. No one can accuse him of being stuffy! He was truly a "Spacecoast Sensation"! John commented on the friendliness of our WDS Members and thanked all of us for showing him a good time.

WELCOME 4 NEW MEMBERS - AND CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

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CHANGES:

Jean Bawden changed to a business member (**Earthspirit Farm**)
Kathy & Bill Carey do not presently have an email address
The Fells have boosted to a family membership; Andy joins Lynne as a member
Deonne & Jim Frautschy's email address is jimfrau@sbcglobal.net
Cynthia Gazse's surname should read Gazso
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IN MEMORIAM

By John Sheehan

On April 21, 2006 a true "gentle" man passed away. Arthur Blodgett of Waukesha, WI, died on his 98th birthday. Arthur was a charter member of the AHS and a long-time member of our own Wisconsin Daylily Society. He was also a charter member of the Wisconsin Iris Society.

For more than 50 years "Art" looked forward to his favorite time of year--summer. It was then that he could see the results of his daylily (and iris) crosses. His goal was to produce large daylily flowers which opened flat and showed good branching. His favorite introduction was H. 'Romona's Memory', a cadmium orange tet, which won the AHS Region 2 Englerth Medal in 1996. This was a bittersweet award -- Art's wife Romona had just passed away in 1995.

Arthur Blodgett was an active Wisconsin daylily hybridizer in an era when great changes were taking place in the daylily world. Just down the road, in the Chicago area, the young turks were bringing to the fore tetraploid daylilies. Every summer Art and Romona would visit the gardens of Orville Fay, James Marsh, and Bob Griesbach to check out the newest tetraploid introductions. Art especially liked checking out the garden of Brother Charles Reckamp because Brother Charles would sell many of his tetraploid seedlings for just a couple of bucks each! What a great way to build up tetraploid genes with great potential.

As Art approached his 9th decade, he found it tougher to maintain his AHS Display Garden and perform the strenuous activities of developing new daylily introductions. His son, Eugene, pitched in and provided the necessary assistance for his Dad.

When Hiram and Jane Percy and I traveled to Waukesha to attend Art's visitation and funeral service, we were happy to take part in a celebration of Arthur Blodgett's life. His love for his family was his primary focus; his gentle and sincere nature made him an easy person to get along with; his dedication to his roofing business was the core of his working life while his daylily hybridizing activities gave Art the special satisfaction of assisting Mother Nature to add beauty to our world.

\$200 will be sent by WDS to Region 2 in Art's Memory.

AHS DAYLILY JOURNALS TO A GOOD HOME

Kathi Dwelle has nearly 6 years of AHS daylily Journals that she no longer has space for and would like to donate to a good home. Coverage is Spring 1998-Fall 2003.

If you are interested in any or all issues, please contact her at Kjdwelle@wisc.edu. or 608-233-1516. You can either arrange to pick them up at her home in Shorewood Hills and she will bring them to the June 25th garden party.

MEETING PLACES

by Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Just as many of our steadfast, meeting-attending members have wondered, I too have pondered why we hold our gatherings where we do. I've grumbled about the locations because they are mostly on the southwest and far-west sides of Madison and are not "fair" to those who live east and north. Since being a part of the machinery that must plan our yearly calendar of events, the reasons for using the sites we do became clear. Availability, room size, rental agreement rules governing usage (no this, no that), use of a kitchen when needed, and of course COST had all to be considered. While trying to find other venues, it quickly became evident that few facilities met our requirements and their much higher costs did not fit our budget. As it stands, the Fitchburg Community Center and the West Madison Agricultural Station are the most accommodating and cost-friendly. Olbrich Gardens is harder to get due to its popularity but is used whenever possible.

If anyone should know of a place that is of reasonable price and size for our meetings, please tell one of your board members. Schools, churches, office buildings, private clubs, etcetera, in and around the Madison area would be ideal. We need your help with this, so if a good, non-pricey facility comes to mind, please pass it on.

AND A REMINDER.....

Always, always, always check the "Calendar of Events" section in our newsletter against your calendar notes and make any changes accordingly. Places, times, and dates can and do sometimes get changed, so consistently refer to the latest WDS Newsletter or our website for updates. We do not want any member to miss even one of our great meetings!

THE FOLLOWING WDS MEMBERS EXTEND AN INVITATION TO VISIT THEIR GARDENS.

Don & Jean Coshun would like to invite anyone with the forewarning of a phone call 262-547-2408, to be sure they are at home.

Linda Ball's garden at Plumhill Farm will be open every weekend in July from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She will be open other days by appointment. You can visit her website at <http://daylily.net/gardens/plumhillfarm>.

Betty & Don Hansen at Betty's County Garden will be open July 14th & 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors can sign up for their door prize drawings.

Bill & Mary Powell would be happy to have WDS folks come and commune. They're open for sales on the 7/8/9, 14/15/16 & 21/22/23 of July from 9-3:00. People are most welcome to just come and look and chat.

Richard Berling is opening his garden to friends and neighbors on Sunday July 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. His latest cedar strip canoe will be completed and on display too.

Bob Kowal's garden is open on Sunday, June 25th, between 1 and 4 PM.

WDS ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC AUCTION & ADOPTION PROGRAM SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2006 1PM - ?? FITCHBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

By Jane Gahlman

Plan now to attend the WDS Annual Potluck Picnic on Sunday, July 30 at the Fitchburg Community Center. Please note the time change to 1PM and the change of venue to the much larger Fitchburg Community Center where we will have room to spread out and move around with ease!

Directions: From the Beltline take Fish Hatchery Road south until you come to Lacy Road. Turn left and head east on Lacy Road. The Fitchburg Community Center is the big red brick building on the left less than a quarter mile past the intersection of Fish Hatchery and Lacy Road.

Doors will open at 12:30PM and we will eat at approximately 1PM. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR OWN PLATE AND UTENSILS. BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

The Daylily Adoption Program will start right after dinner with drawings for new daylilies. To be eligible to adopt a daylily you must be a current member of the American Hemerocallis Society. Over thirty-five daylilies are available for adoption this year.

Our favorite auctioneers Conrad Wrezinski and Bill Powell will keep the bidding going strong during the 2006 Daylily Auction, which follows the Adoption Program. There are lot of plants to auction off, so we will be trying a new method (used at last year's National Meeting) to help the process go much quicker than past years. In addition, you will have a list of all plants, along with pertinent facts about each. All proceeds from the auction help support WDS programs. Cash/check/WDS Dollars accepted in payment.

If you came to our May meeting you were able to see a preview slide show of the daylilies available in both the Auction and Adoption programs and have already marked you favorites! In case you weren't at that meeting, we are listing here all of the plants available. You may want to check the web to have some idea of what the plants look like. Just go to 'Google' and type in the same of the cultivar followed by the word Daylily. (i.e. Mort Morss Daylily) Press enter and you should find several sites. Usually one of the first ones will have a good picture to view.

ADOPTION PLANTS

AMERICAN FREEDOM	LITTLE TWO STEP
AMISH LINEN	LOOK SEE
ANGELWALKER	MANDARIN SEAS
AWESOME BOB	MARGO REED INDEED
CANDIED POPCORN PERFECTION	ME AND MY SHADOW
CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION	NANCY BILLINGSLEA
DANCING ON AIR	PIXIE PLAYTHING
DOUBLE VANILLA SUPREME	SCIENCE OF MIND
EBONY POOLS	SHORES OF TIME
FARSCAPE	SPACECOAST SHARP TOOTH
FINISH WITH A FLOURISH	TAHOE
FIREFLY FRENZY	THE KING IS COMING
GOLD PINWHEEL	TIERRA DEL FUEGO
GUADALAJARA	VALLEY OF THE KINGS
HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE	VIRGIL EARP
JOAN HOOD	WHISTLESTOP TOUR
JUNZI	

ARE YOU OR AREN'T YOU???

Since we don't want anyone disappointed that they don't qualify for an Adoption plant because they aren't an AHS member, Gene Dewey has printed that information (AHS-Y, AHS-N, AHS-?) on your label attached to this newsletter. If his information is incorrect, please notify him. If you are not an AHS member, you can find registration forms from our website www.wisdaylilysoc.org, or from Jane Gahlman or John Sheehan.

AUCTION PLANTS

A BAUBLE FOR BILBO	MARGARET TUCKER
AH AH LAVA	MERRY MOPPETT
ANGELS ON HIGH	MILDRED MITCHELL
BELLE COOK	NANCY BRITZ
BORG TECHNOLOGY	NIGHT RAPTURE
BRADLEY BARNARD	NOTIFY GROUND CREW
BUTTER PECAN	PAINTING THE ROSES RED
COLEMAN HAWKINS	PANIC IN DETROIT
COURTING TROUBLE	PAULETTE MILLER
CRANBERRY ANGELS	PRIMAL SCREAM
DEFLECTOR DISH	QUEEN KATHLEEN
DIPPED IN HONEY	SABINE BAUR
DOUBLE IMAGE	SCARLETT'S WEB
EGGPLANT ELECTRICITY	SEDONA
ELECTRIC MARMALADE MAGIC	SLEEPING AT THE WHEEL
EYED TWISTER	SPACECOAST CRANBERRY KID
FLAMINGO WINDMILL	SPACECOAST FANCY DANCER
FORESTLAKE RAGAMUFFIN	SPACECOAST SWEET EYE
GRANDPA MUNSTER	SPOONS FOR ESCARGOTS
GREY WITCH	TECHNY SPIDER
HEAVENLY CURLS	THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS
HEAVY METAL	TROUBLED SLEEP
INSIDER TRADING	VATICAN CITY
JANET BENZ (2)	VELVET WEB
KISSED OFF	VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
LINDA DANIEL	WAITING ON A CALL
LIGHTER THAN AIR	<u>WILD CHILD</u>
	<u>WILD SUMMER WIND</u>

JUST WHAT IS A "JPEG"?

by Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

For an answer to that question you should have attended the informative and also entertaining program on digital photography given by our very own Conrad Wrzesinski.

We met on a mostly sunny Sunday in May (the 21st to be exact) at the WMAg Station. The room was near capacity with members eager to be educated on the finery of how to capture their prized daylilies on 'digital' (can't say 'film' anymore). Conrad presented us with a very educational handout of common terminology, which he then patiently explained in ways that made sense to even the digital novices in the group. He gave us the knowledge to focus in on the best features to look for when purchasing a digital camera including: view panel size; mega pixel capacity; digital zoom, optical zoom, or a bit of both; and auto focus v.s. manual focus. He detailed features that help in taking clear and accurate images of individual blooms such as: a Macro lens that lets you get 4-6 inches from the object (12" is the absolute minimum you'd want); a view finder that shows the corners of your photo (no surprises when you get your prints as it shows the border of the finished photo); a Portrait setting (it keeps the image in focus and will blur the background instead of your precious flower); and White Balance (it is very good for getting accurate color).

In-the-know tips for capturing better images included: when to photograph (best to do in the a.m. or on a slightly overcast day); using a tripod or unipod to minimize movement; using a fast lens speed for clearer images; and having a spare battery at the ready so as not to miss a thing (duh!!). It was good that he also pointed out that the iconography used on digital cameras is NOT universal, so read the manual for each model. Suffice it to say that we learned a lot of useful stuff and now know that a decent camera will cost between \$300-350 and will have many of the best features he covered.

As to the definition of JPEG, he explained it as follows: Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) is a system used for compressing the file size of digital images so you aren't saving or printing poster-sized photos. The file name will have the extension .jpg.

Thanks for a program filled with concise and useful information, Conrad!

Another exciting part of this meeting was a sneak-peek slide show of the Adoption and Auction plants waiting in the wings to be taken home by our members at our 2006 Potluck Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 30 at the Fitchburg Community Center. John Sheehan compiled a great handout listing all the cultivars in each category that included color and size, plus he provided slides of virtually every plant. He must have braved getting carpal tunnel syndrome considering the excellent and thorough job he did. Both slides and handouts will be at the main event July 30. Thank you John for putting a pretty face on the descriptions for us --- a picture is worth a thousand words. You've gotten us drooling and furiously saving our pennies!!

PLANT SALE PLANS

**The WDS Plant Sale will be at Olbrich Gardens
Sat. & Sun., August 12th & 13th**

Before we realize, it will be time for the WDS Annual Plant Sale once again! We are gearing up for another busy, fun-filled, profitable weekend in August.

Again this year we ask for your donations of plants from your garden. If your plants have reached huge clump size, or if you just want to create more space for your newest acquisitions, plan to bring them to the Daylily Sale. One thing we ask, as soon as you determine which ones you will be bringing, please forward the list to me by snail mail or email trklein@charter.net, so we can enter them in the database, and be sure we have pictures.

Would you like a digging crew to help you? If the job seems overwhelming to you, we have members willing to help. Just let us know.

The sale, of course, requires many hours of labor and promises much enjoyment for those who join in. We have a lot of fun while digging or dividing plants, arranging plants on the table for the sale, cashiering, helping customers, etc. Lunch is provided for all workers Friday and Saturday. Plants are dug the week of August 7th and transported to Olbrich. Working on Fridays affords volunteers the opportunity to purchase cultivars they want prior to the sale opening. Special note to our new members: working on the sale is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members better.

Depending on the number of plants we have to divide, we may again plan to begin dividing plants on Thursday. You will receive more info with a "call for help" letter in late July.

Remember, you will earn WDS \$\$ for each hour you help plant, which can be used just like cash for purchasing plants at the sale, paying membership dues, or annual meeting costs.

Call Diane Goodman at 608-643-8021 (in Prairie du Sac), or email her at jgoodman@merr.com, to let her know when you can be there.

WE ARE INVITED.....

.....to journey to Milwaukee where nine members of the Daylily Society of SouthEast Wisconsin have opened their grounds for garden tours from 9 AM to 4 PM, Sunday, July 16th. The landscaped perennial flower gardens will show considerable diversity in design, although each will have displays of modern daylilies for the visitors to observe and appreciate. Also included as part of the daylily tour this year are the Boerner Botanical Gardens. Garden tours are one of the best means of becoming acquainted with the extraordinary diversity of form, size and color offered by the modern daylily flower. The varieties displayed will have survived the fickle and sometimes severe Wisconsin weather conditions. Member gardens are open to the public at no charge. For the names of the garden hosts, their addresses, brief garden descriptions, and directions, contact Harold Steen at 262-966-3669 or fnhsteen51@sbcglobal.net

IT'S DAYLILY SEASON!!!

It's that wonderful time of year again – when we can revel in beautiful weather and beautiful gardens! Last winter was so very kind to our plants. Bulbs and flowering trees and bushes have been the prettiest ever. Hostas are HUGE. Best of all, every daylily survived the cold and is prospering, with scapes growing right before our eyes. I've heard from at least four members who report that MOONLIT MASQUERADE has already bloomed in their garden. That's early!!

What a beginning to a wonderful daylily season! Be sure to join us for our Garden Party at Norma Brigg's home next week. Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and Sally Yaeger have put together a wonderful Garden Tour, and John Sheehan has compiled a fabulous group of Adoption and Auction Plants for the Picnic late in July. By the time August arrives we will be ready for an exciting Plant Sale weekend. Hope you can take part in everything.

In the midst of it all, don't forget to take the photos you want to enter in next year's photo contest. We will have two categories – best garden photo, and best individual plant photo.

John and Conrad also remind us to make note of the cultivars you will select as your favorites when balloting time comes around this fall.

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY 2006 GARDEN TOUR**Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 to 4:00****!!Get All Excited!!***by Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

No, not for that particular 1987 cultivar, but for our own exciting, self-guided floral adventure. The gardeners will be on-hand to answer questions and receive compliments! As one visitor described last year's tour "It was fabulous! The garden hosts were very friendly and helpful, and the liliesOh my! What a treat! I look forward to July 2006." Well, 2006 is here, so don't miss out on your own OH MY experience. Visit all the delightful gardens listed below.

Host: **Jean Bawden, 4385 Oak Hill Road, Oregon**

Jean's gardens are filled with perennials and cover about half of the 5 acres she calls Earthspirit Farm. There are approximately 1000 different daylilies, from 2006 introductions of Stamile and Kirchhoff to her own seedlings that are being evaluated to old favorites. There is a woodland garden filled with hostas that wind along a dry streambed. About 280 varieties of woody plants dot the outlying areas and punctuate the gardens. You are welcome to view seedlings from WDS members John Sheehan and Lloyd Ravet that are being grown in two plots on the property. You may come until 5:00

Hosts: **Jane and Hiram Percy, 407 Lincoln Street, Verona**

The Percy Garden is a national display garden of the American Hemerocallis Society. Featuring more than 700 varieties of daylilies, the garden provides examples of doubles, eyes, watermarks, ruffled edges, picotee edges, miniatures, spiders, variants, diploids, and tetraploids. Effort has been made to show older daylilies as well as new, cutting-edge cultivars, all from hybridizers from many parts of the U.S. Companion plants, including many varieties of hostas, are prominent here, but one has to look for them as daylilies are definitely the stars.

Host: **Diane Quigley, 3233 North Riley Circle, Verona (west of Middleton)**

Diane's quiet spot in the country is dotted with majestic oaks, an assortment of conifers, and many beds full of texture and color. Her favorite perennials are astilbe, hostas, and of course daylilies. You will find reliable cultivars here plus a serenity that is very relaxing and soothing. And if you have never seen a mature hydrangea vine, hers is not to be missed. Also take note of the tire swing in the shape of a deer.

Hosts: **Karen Watson-Newlin and Rob Newlin, 7699 Almor Drive, Verona (Town of Middleton)**

When they built their new house in 2003, they divided and moved 450 plants to create Windswept Garden. Most of the garden was installed in 2004 and a few new areas were added in 2005 to accommodate guest plants and the Englerth Bed for the 2008 Region 2 Daylily Conference. Rob has created a pond and dry streambed and Karen likes to create thematic gardens that include the playfully named Artist Bed, Dance Bed, and Candy Bed. Although relatively new, this garden is an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden and features about 470 varieties of daylilies plus numerous perennials and specimen trees. Plants are placed with consideration of size, color, texture, and interest in every season. Their efforts and planning continue to expand their garden.

The West Madison Agricultural Station Stop in either before or after visiting Karen and Rob. Among all the annuals, veggies, and perennials being trialed here, you will find 6 Daylily Display Beds. Three are owned by Dr. Jim Coors and contain many classic cultivars introduced over the years. In the other three beds there are over 125 newer cultivars owned by WDS which will be offered at our sales in the coming years.

Hosts: **Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton**

Conrad's garden has over 250 varieties of daylilies representing the introductions of over 100 hybridizers. His goal is to have diversity in color, flower, and form, and to have a touch of fragrance, too. He also grows a variety of other perennials and plants.

WDS Garden Tour con't

Hosts: Doug and Martha Maxwell, 7711 Midtown Rd, Verona

The Maxwell's sheep farm sits on the terminal moraine SW of Madison. Their passive solar home, designed to be compatible with the surrounding countryside, has gardens in front and in back with more than 200 daylilies. Please park off-road by entering the barn driveway (7713) west of the house.

Garden Tour Directions

1 Jean Bawden's Earthspirit Farm - 4385 Oak Hill Rd, Oregon - From the Beltline take Hwy 14 south. Stay on 14 past Oregon and past the Hwy 138 interchange. About 1.5 miles south of 138 is Oak Hill Road (not Hill Road, which comes first). Turn left on Oak Hill Road and go about 1/2 mile to Fire Number 4385 on the right.

2 Hiram & Jane Percy's Garden - 407 Lincoln St, Verona - From the Beltline take Hwy 18-151 south to the first Verona exit (Verona Avenue). Go past the Dane County Hospital & Home, McDonalds, and Park Printing. As you see Culvers on the right, prepare to turn left onto Lincoln Street (the first left street). Continue to the 4th block; 407 is on the left and will be clearly marked. Alternate directions: From the west side of Madison take Hwy M into Verona. At the second stoplight, which is at the corner of Hwy M/Main Street and Verona Avenue, turn left onto East Verona Avenue. Proceed 4 blocks to Lincoln Street. Turn right on Lincoln and continue to the 4th block; 407 is on the left and will be clearly marked.

3 Diane Quigley, 3233 North Riley Circle, Verona (west of Middleton) Off of the Beltline take Hwy 18/151 south to Hwy PD. Turn right on PD (west), cross Hwy M and the bike trail. It's about 7 miles until Hwy J. Turn right on J, follow it past the Riley Tavern (at the S-curve), cross the bike trail again, go past Mohs Car Museum on the right (a ship model is in the yard) to North Riley Road (the next left). Turn left onto North Riley Road and at the end, on the right, is North Riley Circle. Turn right into the Circle. The house is on the left and is tan with white trim.

4 Rob & Karen Watson-Newlin's Garden - 799 Almor Dr, Verona - Take the Beltline west to Mineral Point Road/Hwy S and turn left (west) onto MPRd/Hwy S. Proceed about 3 miles until you pass Quik Trip, K&A Greenhouse, an elementary school, and Tumbledown Golf Course on the left. Turn right on Welcome Drive. Turn left on Sonnet and then right on Almor to the first house on the right.

Alternate directions: Take the Beltline to Old Sauk Road. Go west on Old Sauk past Blackhawk. Turn left on Swoboda Road. Turn left on Sonnet and left on Almor.

5 West Madison Ag Station - 8502 Mineral Pt Rd, Madison - on the north side of Mineral Point Rd/Hwy S just past the intersection of Hwy M/Junction Road. From the Newlin's, go back on Mineral Pt Rd towards Madison. The gardens will be on your left before you get to Hwy M.

6 Conrad & Mary Wrzesinski's Garden - 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton From University Avenue in Middleton turn north onto Allen Boulevard. Follow it to the end where it intersects with Century Avenue/Hwy M. Turn right on Century and proceed up the long hill. Turn right on Elm Lane. If you reach the stoplights at Hwy M and Hwy Q, you have gone too far. The house is on the left and is a raised ranch with brick post lights.

Alternate directions: Coming from the north on Hwy Q turn right on Hwy M. Turn left on Elm Lane, which is the first left possible.

7 Doug and Martha Maxwell, 7711 Midtown Rd, Verona From Hiram's: Go north on Cty Hwy M to Midtown Road, then west 3 miles to parking by barn at 7713. or

From Karen's or Diane's: Go south on Timberlane to Midtown Rd and then left up the hill ~1/4 mile to the barn driveway at 7713.

My description: From Hiram Percy's go back to Verona Road and take a left. Take a right at the stoplight which is main st or Hwy M. Take M to Midtown Road and turn left. 7713 is 3 miles up the road on your left.