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ANNUAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER - JAMIE GOSSARD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2006 1:00 PM

FITCHBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

YOU MUST RSVP!!!

Have you set aside the afternoon of October 21st for our Annual Meeting? Don't delay! You really don't want to miss it. Jamie Gossard of Heavenly Gardens in Columbus, Ohio will be sharing his love of daylilies with us. It's been reported by the Jankowski's that he puts on a good show.

Jamie takes pride in producing fine northern hardy "Daylilies that look like Daylilies" for your enjoyment. He is known for his work with spiders and unusual forms. Tom and I visited his garden in 2005 and came home with several of his intros (He's very generous!), including *H. 'Heavenly Curls'*, *H. 'Heavenly Angel Ice'* and *H. 'Orange Splash'*. They were all multiplying and blooming up a storm this summer.

This event will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center, served by the ever-popular Ron Ben-Ami from B'Tayavon. You will find a registration form on the last page of this newsletter.

It's VERY IMPORTANT that you return this form to Jim Fitzpatrick by the 11th of October if you plan to eat with us.



H. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard 2004

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IT'S YOUR CHOICE

At the Annual Meeting it will again be time to select the charity we wish to receive 5% of the proceeds of next year's sale. So far the following of been nominated:

State Historical Society to provide plantings for one of their properties;

Hospice Inc., which I am sure everyone has known the value of;

The Prairie Enthusiasts whose mission is to ensure the perpetuation of the remaining native prairies and savannas through preservation, restoration, and management.

If you want to add to this list, please let Jane Gahlman know.

Calendar of Events 2006

October 21 (Saturday) 1:00 p.m., Annual Meeting with Jamie Gossard, Fitchburg Community Center.

Check our website for updates.

WDS ANNUAL AUCTION AND ADOPTION PROGRAM REVIEW

By Jane Gahlman

The lower level of the Fitchburg Community Center worked out well as the new site for our Annual Potluck Picnic and Auction and Adoption programs. On Sunday, July 30 over 70 people brought in dish upon dish of wonderful food for the 1PM potluck. Breads, salads, hot dishes, desserts – you name it and it was there for all to enjoy. After sating our appetites for food we got down to the real reason we were all there – to feed our addiction to daylilies!

To refresh our memories and assist in choosing our favorites, Conrad Wrzesinski again showed slides of both the Adoption and Auction plants during dinner. Following a brief business meeting the Daylily Adoption Program got underway. Each of the AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) members present at the meeting got to choose one of the forty-seven recent (2001 or newer) introductions available, all of which were either purchased from or donated by well-known hybridizers such as Stamile ('Dancing on Air', 'Gold Pinwheel', 'Junzi', 'Shores of Time'), Kinnebrew ('Spacecoast Sharp Tooth'), Carpenter ('Guadalajara', 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be', 'The King is Coming'), and Murphy ('Margo Reed Indeed') to name a few. By participating in the Adoption Program, our Region 2 AHS members get to enjoy the beauty of newer daylilies in their gardens and then also provide plants for the future Auction Program three years from now.

Conrad Wrzesinski also again volunteered to be our auctioneer during the 2006 Daylily Auction. (Thanks Conrad!) Tally cards were distributed to all bidders this year, which greatly expedited the payment process at the end of the auction. Daylilies auctioned off included 'Cranberry Angels' (Trimmer 2002), 'Eggplant Electricity' (Reed 2003), 'Primal Scream' (Hanson 1994), 'Courting Trouble' and 'Wild Child' (Salter 2002), and 'Electric Marmalade Magic' and 'Spacecoast Cranberry Kid' (Kinnebrew 2001). Top bidder this year was Kathy Carey for 'Victorian Christmas' (Brooker 2002) – Thanks Kathy!! And thanks to all those who bid on their favorite daylilies! Because of you the club grossed over \$3700 (including WDS \$\$) at the Auction this year, which will be used to support future WDS programs!

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Jim has ordered 50 copies of the colorful EUREKA 2007 Reference Guide at a price of \$28.65 each. There is also available a CD (2) version for \$20. Those have not yet been ordered, so if you want one you will need to let Jim know - if you haven't already. Be sure to reserve your copy of the Eureka by paying for it when you send in your Annual Meeting Reservation. Please note: The \$10 Certificate you received as a sale volunteer can only be used for the Annual Meeting.

He has also ordered plenty of the beautiful daylily calendars. Those pictures make me smile all winter long! And they do make wonderful gifts for family and friends.

1 WDS Shirt \$20.00 A bargain @ 20% off!!!

Size: Men's Large (Fits as Women's XL)

Color: Tan w/ red & yellow 'Wings of Chance'

Jane Gahlman has the shirt.

GARDEN TOUR REVISITED

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Chairwoman

The day was hot, the sky was bright with sunshine, and the daylilies were bursting with color. If you weren't one of the many 2006 Garden Tour participants, you surely missed out on thousands of happy blooms displaying their wide variety of beauty and charm. It was a great opportunity to view newer cultivars, enjoy tried and true favorites, and make many additions to our wish lists. Despite the heat, our garden hosts greeted their numerous visitors with a smile, supplied information on any daylily or perennial or shrub or tree we found particularly alluring, and kept us well hydrated to boot. The new directional signs were a hit, too, and were especially useful in all the rural settings we had this year.

Many thanks to Jean Bawden, Diane Quigley, Jane and Hiram Percy, Martha and Doug Maxwell, Karen Watson-Newlin and Rod Newlin, and Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski for generously opening their gardens for us to wander and dream in. And an extra thank you to Sally Yeager for gently persuading some of the above folks to sign on.

Editor's Note: As one of those following those directional signs to all the gardens, I want to emphasize how very valuable they were. We would have missed more than one turn without them. Wilma is too modest to point out how much work it took to get those all in place. I've been told she was out past 10:00 pm Friday night putting them up. THANK YOU Wilma for a great job.

INFLATION STRIKES AGAIN!

It was announced at our Region 2 business meeting that membership dues for AHS will be increasing as of October 1st.

Individual

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| 1 year | was \$18 | will be \$25 |
| 3 years | was \$50 | will be \$70 |

Dual (Family)

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| 1 year | was \$22 | will be \$30 |
| 3 years | was \$60 | will be \$83 |

It should be noted that the last increase in membership dues was back in 1988 - 18 years ago. Do you know of anything else that hasn't gone up in cost in 18 years??? The services we receive from AHS have increased significantly in the intervening years. They have recently added two new online services: 1) the capability to register your daylilies online, and 2) a searchable cultivar database.

Tom and I have renewed our membership to take advantage of the lower rates. If you want to do the same, you will need to act quickly. You can find a Membership Application Form on the AHS web site, (see Links on our own web site) or call John Sheehan and he will get you one.

Remember, in order to receive an adoption plant at the picnic, you must be an AHS member. If you will be renewing anyway, why not do it now???

NEW RATES IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1ST.

A PERFECT ENDING TO DAYLILY SEASON

The Plant Sale is over for another year - and what a sale it was! Ninety-nine volunteers worked together to generate \$26,638 in sale proceeds. Another 2 records bite the dust!! We had more volunteers and higher sales than ever before. Net profit after expenses came to \$19,757.

While making lots of money is nice, the impression I will remember most about the weekend was the camaraderie and excitement of our WDS members as they laughed and talked in the midst of dividing huge clumps of daylilies, answered questions and found the "perfect" plants for customers, pulled empty boxes off the tables, and patiently waited for 3:00 pm Sunday - and free plants! Over the course of the weekend, at least 15 of our newest members were on hand to help. There is no better initiation rite than working at the sale.

We signed up 19 new members over the weekend, and I'm sure many of those were motivated to join after witnessing our club in action. After chatting with other club members from Ohio and Illinois this summer, we realized just how special our club is. You are the best!!

Our thanks to everyone for pitching in. Special thanks to Gene Dewey for continuing to maintain our plant and buyers databases; to Terri Maliszewski-Kane and Pat Sturdevant for keeping us more than adequately nourished and watered; to Diane Goodman for recruiting and organizing our enthusiastic volunteers; to Linda Ball and Terry Conklin for propagating plants from last year's sale and bringing them in this year. Terry willing took another 131 plants home to his land on Sunday evening. They will come back next year. Last, but not least, a big THANKS to the 24 members who donated 3,138 plants (out of a total 5,300) from their own gardens. That's how we are able to achieve such success.

While we were in Ohio for the Region 2 Summer Meeting, Tom and I spent considerable time at several Open Gardens where we were able to purchase plants that we hadn't yet seen in this area. Everyone was eager to help when we described our sale, and were most willing to provide plants at 50% of our selling price. We are especially indebted to Curt Hanson of Crintonic Gardens for the huge boxes he sent for our sale and display garden. We will be seeing lots of Curt Hanson plants in the years to come.

New for this year: Instead of using Olbrich's head house on Friday, we prepared the plants for sale under the "Prep Tent" located in the parking lot behind the sale tent. What a great change that turned out to be! We had room to organize and spread out - and we weren't trying to work around the Olbrich staff. Of course, we couldn't have asked for more perfect weather that weekend.

Many people have asked what we do with the profits from our sale. Right off the top, 5% was sent to Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. At the sale 2,905 WDS \$\$ were redeemed by members. The next chunk will be spent on our Annual Meeting, bringing Jamie Gossard to speak, and providing FREE admission to all those who volunteered to make it all happen. If you did volunteer and haven't received your Certificate of Appreciation, please let me know. More about how we use our profits in other areas of this newsletter and throughout the year.



Julie Oeschner was unanimously named Salesperson of the Year. Terry Conklin (rt) heartily agrees. Julie's enthusiasm was so genuine and so infectious!

HERE'S THE SCOOP!!!!

Just received from the current Region 2's RPD (Regional Publicity Director), our own John Sheehan - Here's the result of the just concluded Region 2 Popularity Poll, listed in order.

1. Ruby Spider
2. Moonlit Masquerade
3. Primal Scream
4. Strawberry Candy
5. Bela Lugosi
6. Beautiful Edgings
7. Sabine Baur
8. All American Chief
9. Red Volunteer
10. Fooled Me

Every one of these cultivars has proven hardy in our area, which is one of the criteria used in judging. The winners must grow and do well wherever planted. They have been offered in our past sales and are sure to be available in the future. You can't go wrong with one of these in your garden.

THANKS FROM TERRI

By Terri Maliszewski-Kane, Hospitality Chair

Thank you EVERYONE who helped Pat Sturdevant and I in any large or small way to provide refreshments for the daylily plant sale in August. We received many tasty treats, compliments of a number of our talented bakers, and other help too various and generously offered to mention. We appreciated all of it, and thank you sincerely! We have a fantastic group who can work together to achieve great results, and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

NEW BUDBOARDS

The first thing our customers saw when they entered the sale tent was the blossoms on the new budboard that Richard Berling has made for our society. ("Are all of those still in bloom?") Richard got tired of storing our big, cumbersome board and has designed one that can be easily stored, transported and displayed. As one who moves it around, I can tell you how much it is appreciated. Thank you, Richard.

Editor's Note: After reading the next two articles, I knew that I absolutely had to find room for them in the newsletter. Hence, we have an extra two pages in this issue. I'm sure you will agree that every word is worth printing. My thanks to Gene and Wilma.

REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

By Gene Dewey, Bus Trip Chairperson

On July 21st at 5:15 a.m. (yes, a.m.!) 31 bright-eyed, raring-to-go members of WDS eagerly awaited the Badger Coach at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride for our trip to "The Great é-Scape 2006", Region 2's summer meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. Soon our bags, food, drinks, & ice were loaded on the bus, and we were on the road. Coffee, juice, and delicious scones helped fuel the lively conversation as we headed for the Chicago area. A quick side trip off the Interstate brought us to the home of Bill Severson in Western Springs, IL where we picked up six congenial members of the Chicagoland Daylily Society (CDS).

Our delicious catered lunch was enjoyed around picnic tables at a rest area on the Interstate. Before boarding the bus, a white elephant exchange of gardening items was enjoyed. Probably the most unique item was a six-inch sphere formed of rusty barbed wire!

Phil Broderick, our trusty driver, pulled the bus into the Doubletree Inn just in time for us to register for the meeting and receive our free "registration" plants, all Curt Hanson introductions with the word "Escape" in the cultivar name.

Friday's evening meal was a delicious Hawaiian buffet luau enjoyed around tables scattered about the outdoor swimming pool. The weather was perfect, everyone had a paper lei at his or her place, Hawaiian shirts and dresses brightened the area, and a trio of Dan Bachman, Dan Hansen, and David Kirchhoff did a hula dance, complete with grass skirts and coconut boobs!

An auction of newer cultivars followed the luau until about 11 p.m., when the remainder of the plants were held over until Saturday evening following John Rice's sharing of his beautiful new seedlings and introductions.

Saturday morning dawned very cloudy and very rainy, but we stalwart hemaholics enjoyed the day in spite of the intermittent rain. The last stop of the day for some of us was at Rock Bottom Farms, where Jane Gahlman and Carrol Schiller picked luscious blueberries to take home; others were able to buy daylily plants. Sunday morning came with a bright blue sky and pleasant temperatures, lifting our spirits after the damp Saturday. More free daylily plants were distributed on the bus tours.

We were returned to the hotel about noon, our catered lunches were received, luggage and daylily purchases stowed in the bus, and we were soon on our way home. Mid-afternoon, Greg Bartoshuk of the CDS offered to do a mini-talk on hybridizing daylilies. He was an engaging speaker, and I suspect that there will be a number of us dabbling pollen during the next daylily season!

Ryan's Grill Buffet in Michigan City, IN, had been suggested to me as a place to stop for our Sunday evening meal some weeks before our trip. A week before the trip, the Chicagoland group took a day trip to visit Coburg and Brookwood Gardens and ate at Ryan's. Greg had great praise for it, and we enjoyed a bounteous feast.

When we stopped in Western Springs to drop off our CDS friends, Bill Severson graciously invited us to view his AHS display garden. This was a last chance for us, as Bill told me later that he will be moving from his home and beautiful garden before next season.

We arrived back at the Dutch Mill Park & Ride, less bright-eyed and raring-to-go than Friday morning, but eager to return home and get our new gift plants and purchases into our gardens. I believe that all of us had an enjoyable trip, and I thank all who went for their promptness, which allowed us to keep on schedule.

The tour gardens will be written up in the Fall-Winter issue of the Region 2 newsletter, so you will have to read about them at a later time. (Just one good reason for all non-AHS members to join the American Hemerocallis Society.)

The 2007 Region 2 Summer Meeting, "Daylilies Rock and Roll", will be hosted by the Daylily Enthusiasts of Southern Indiana and will take place June 22-24 in Evansville, IN. The National AHS meeting will be in the Minneapolis area July 25-28 (see <http://www.daylilies.org/2007RegistrationInfo.html>). Perhaps we can arrange for a bus trip to either or both. Let us know what your preferences would be.

(Note: Here's another way we benefit from our sales proceeds. The bus trip was subsidized with proceeds from 2005's sale)

THE RELUCTANT ATTENDEE

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Ya, that's what I was! I surely wasn't going to pack my bag and head out to Ohio to view daylilies in the height of the summer planting and rearranging season. Nope, not me. Definitely not me. But someone in our wonderful society kept encouraging me to sign up for the bus trip to the Region 2 Summer Meeting. "Try it, you'll like it" was the refrain I recall hearing repeatedly, to which my adamant chorus was "Can't, too busy". Well, somehow I ended up boarding the Badger Coach at an obscenely early hour on my way to what turned out to be an absolutely fabulous experience!!! And I've been singing its praises ever since.

From the get-go it was a fine time: an amicable chauffeur; hot coffee, pastries, and juices even before the pedal hit the metal; delicious treats passing from the front of the bus to the back practically every hour on the hour; slowly discovering just how nice my fellow travelers were; swapping gardening tips and hints and solutions for pesky problems; enjoying an exchange of small garden related gifts (a gag gift or something a bit nicer - it could go either way) during a tasty lunch stop; trying to solve a long list of scrambled up daylily names that our fantastic bus captain provided us (I won that one with 30 solved); meeting members of the Chicagoland Daylily Club who rode along with us; telling the whole bus, over the speaker system, a bit about my own garden (that was hard to do but it was fun in the long run); taking a little snooze somewhere in Indiana; sharing lots of big and small laughs; feeling the excitement mount as we approached Cleveland; being registered by and then receiving my gift plant from hybridizer extraordinaire Curt Hanson; eagerly shopping at the Boutique full of daylilies and other items; feasting at a wild and wooly Hawaiian luau dinner where the brightly attired attendees (us) were festooned with leis and entertained by three grass-skirted cocoNUTS (Dan Bachman, Curt Hanson, and David Kirchoff, no less!!); and finally witnessing a long but lively auction of very new cultivars. And that was just the first day!

DAY 2

The second day was filled to the brim with relatively short bus jaunts to five wildly differing gardens ranging from modest, home-sized plots to the vast expanses of fields that daylily purveyors can have. Though I danced through the raindrops and deluges all day long, the delights that these five places delivered kept my spirits high, dry, and satisfied. We were treated to an unimaginable array of beauties and at two stops we were able to make purchases. It was astounding to see the luggage bays of our Badger Coach being loaded up with bag after plastic shopping bag of blooming daylilies with their feet still clinging to the good, fertile soil of Ohio. My jaw dropped at the juxtaposition of the cool, unfeeling metal surround of the cargo hold cradling a warm, live, massive, colorful payload of precious hems. It was an incongruous but beautiful sight.

Back at the hotel I dried off and got duded up for the annual Region 2 dinner and meeting. It was a very professionally run affair where actual business was conducted, questions were raised and answered, and voting on issues was held. Some agenda items got heated attention but eventually passed once the details were explained. This was yet another eye-opening moment. It's hard to imagine that individuals who get no recompense would care so deeply about and be so dedicated to running such a tightly organized Society of daylily lovers. I had no inkling our AHS Region was in such capable hands. After the conclusion of the nuts and bolts part of the evening, it was on to a presentation by guest speaker John Rice, and then the rest of the auction continued. So many plants had been generously supplied that one night couldn't contain all the bidding wars. The successful bidders went away with their arms full of plants.

DAY 3

Day three was not to be outdone by the previous events. I boarded our bus at another unearthly hour and headed off to view three more gardens. No rain this time, but the earliness kept some of the blooming darlings at the first stop from being in full glory. Warmth and more sunlight came to the rescue by the time we reached the charming second stop. Much to our surprise, we were informed that large clumps of very desirable cultivars were up for sale and would be dug on the spot. After some quick horse-trading with my bus-mates, I went home with an astonishingly sizeable portion of a wonderful plant that I could not have afforded on my own. Wow - that was one fun stop! And the last garden on the trip was a beautiful spot that you could roam and relax in, and where I also reflected on the fabulous places, plants, and people I saw while in Ohio.

For a person who was so absolutely determined not to spend money and valuable summer hours trotting off to Ohio, of all places, I am so very grateful that I went. I had the best time with some of the nicest people around. It was a riot of color and plain old clean fun. And where else but at a daylily convention can you not only hobnob with a group of respected and renowned daylily hybridizing wizards, you can also enjoy them acting silly and even catch them shaking their booty in a little grass skirt! I highly recommend that you start saving your pennies and urge you to set aside a certain weekend in June 2007 to attend the Region 2 Summer Convention in Indiana. Before our bus hit the outskirts of Cleveland on the way back home, I was already making plans to go next summer. I was reluctant no more. You too would have an absolute blast!

Editor's Note: How could you not want to attend next year??? By the way, we do plan to have everyone who attends our own 2008 Summer Meeting go home just as happy.

Membership News

We are blessed by many new members, many of whom joined at our recent sale. A hearty welcome to all of these new members:

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Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

*Jane Gahlman's words to live by:
"Gardening Forever; Housework Whenever"*

THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE SNICKERDOODLE

By Jill Hynum

On the way back to Madison from the Region 2 Convention, some of us bus riders had a lively discussion about whether the cookies in our bag lunch were snickerdoodles or sugar cookies. Some poor souls on the bus had never heard of snickerdoodles. Another weary traveler, perhaps inspired by the many Amish people we saw in the Cleveland area, claimed that snickerdoodles originated with the Amish.

According to Wikipedia, "A snickerdoodle is a soft sugar cookie. It has a characteristically crackly surface, and can be crisp or soft, depending on preference. Some variants include nutmeg, raisins, or nuts. Snickerdoodles are a traditional Christmas cookie in North America." So, it appears both sides were right.

As to the history of the Snickerdoodle, Wikipedia has this to say: "Snickerdoodles are often claimed to have been invented in the 19th century in the United States, but this is disputed" since the recipe for the cookies cannot be found in any cookbook of the era. Plenty of recipes for currant cakes and jumbles combining sweet spices, nuts and dried fruits can be found, however, and many of the first snickerdoodle recipes call for these ingredients. Some believe snickerdoodles are a New England recipe with English origins, while others believe they are a creation of the Dutch. While the origin of the name has been lost, it has been speculated that "snick" may be a reference to St. Nicholas.

Alternately, The Joy of Cooking claims that snickerdoodles are probably German in origin, and that the name is a corruption of the German word for "crinkly noodles" (schneckennudeln).

It seems only appropriate to end this article with a recipe for Snickerdoodles. This recipe is from <http://whatscookingamerica.net/Cookie.htm>.

1/2 cup vegetable shortening
1/2 cup butter, room temperature
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a large bowl, cream vegetable shortening, butter, 1 1/2 cups sugar, and eggs until light and fluffy. Add flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt; stir until well blended. In a small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon.

Using your hands, roll dough into balls the size of small walnuts; roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Place 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks. NOTE: Cookies puff when they begin to bake and then flatten out with crinkled tops.

Yields 8 dozen cookies.

**SEND IN YOUR
ANNUAL MEETING
RESERVATIONS
TODAY!!!!**

IT'S TIME TO ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

By Jane Percy, Nominating Committee Chairperson

At the 2006 WDS Annual Meeting, WDS members will again have an opportunity to vote for their board members for the coming year. Kay Allen, Phyllis Sanner, Terri Maliszewski-Kane and Jim Fitzpatrick have completed their terms and served us well. After several pleas for candidates, four persons have come forward to volunteer to be candidates. A short introduction of these candidates follows. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

KATHI DWELLE

As a member of AHS and WDS for the last 10 years, I've benefited from the outstanding knowledge, hard work and camaraderie of the society. As we created a memorial daylily garden for my father-in-law at the University of Idaho Arboretum, help was offered in many ways. Now that I am newly retired from the University of Wisconsin, I would like to give something back. For the past dozen years I directed the UW student technology \$4M program, focusing on providing excellent services within the available resources. If elected to the board, my goals are to keep WDS the member-focused society that it is, and ensure that other community service fits within its mission. Additionally, since my own garden is very shady on limestone bedrock, I would also like to help others with challenging environments.

FRANCIS KLECKNER

After having spent most of my life in Northern Wisconsin I relocated to Southwest Wisconsin in 1994. About 7 years ago a friend introduced my wife and I to Greystone Daylily Farm. After a couple years of purchasing just a few Daylilies and Hostas, the BUG bit and we started buying more plants from a wide variety of sources. We now grow approximately 750 varieties of Daylilies, 350 varieties of Hostas, plus a wide variety of perennials, and keep adding more all the time, we have a very large lawn.

Having been a member of the WDS for a few years I would now like to become more involved in the inner functions by becoming a board member. I hope to bring an open mind to help keep the WDS aimed in the positive direction it is moving.

PAT STURDEVANT

After giving up softball, volleyball and basketball to gain more time to care for a newly-purchased home, Pat jumped into gardening with both feet. She started by purchasing a dozen or so daylilies at the sale, studied for the Master Gardener-basic class, joined the Hardy Plant Society and hybridized her first daylily. An avid volunteer, she has become Terri M-K's right hand with hospitality. She also helps out in any area where she is needed and went to her first regional meeting this summer.

CONRAD WRZESINSKI

Conrad grows 250 varieties of daylilies representing the introductions of over 100 hybridizers. His interest is in diversity of color, flower, form and fragrance. Conrad has previously served on WDS Board; helped with the WDS photo contest; surveyed WDS Members for their Top Ten Daylily Favorites, which are featured on the WDS web site, and assisted with other WDS activities. Serving on the Board presents the opportunity to give back some of what participation in the Wisconsin Daylily Society has given me, and to work for the benefit of the membership.

A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

About sixty folks gathered together under the tent in the garden of Norma and Mike Briggs for our Annual Garden Party in June. What a beautiful setting for a party! No matter where we turned we found beautiful clumps of "true" lilies, clematis climbing everywhere, and bright golden coreopsis 'Zagreb'. A lovely planting of 'Blue Butterflies' delphinium caught the eye of many.

Their home and garden are built into a hillside. Walking up the hillside covered with ripples of no-mow grass, we discovered a small playhouse at the top. (Their grandchildren love to hang out up there!) The terraced backyard fell to a pond and contemplative garden. In this pond and another we found the most beautiful waterlilies - and tiny, tiny frogs jumping everywhere.

After we partook of a sumptuous potluck dinner, Norma's husband Mike, dressed in his kilt, entertained us with after-dinner-music from his accordion. It's amazing what talents we find in our club.

Having 60 guests for dinner is a big undertaking for anyone, but especially for someone who has just returned from a trip to England just a few days before. Norma had been traveling with the Hardy Plant Society. She told me she hadn't gotten all the weeds pulled, but I didn't notice any!

A big, big THANK YOU to Norma and Mike from WDS for a lovely afternoon.

OBNOXIOUS WEEDS**FINALLY A SOLUTION THAT WORKS***By Mary M. Milanowski Region 2 Zone 5 (Mich.)*

Several years ago we had purchased three Spirea bushes from a field grown nursery and shortly after that noticed in the middle of this planting a thistle growing. Shortly after that our beautiful smoke tree met its demise and then with the sun that this area was getting, the thistle became unmanageable.

A good garden friend said - you have Canadian Thistle and nothing will kill it - good luck!!

Well we tried everything imaginable - pulling constantly, round up, brush begone, vinegar, boiling hot water, and even bleach and nothing worked. I had heard from a friend that "Lontreal" would work and found a distributor in our area, but the price was \$200.00 for a quart!

Then, I noticed that we had accidentally killed a small round section of grass next to a daylily bed because we had dropped nitrogen there. Well, a light bulb went off in my head. If Nitrogen will kill grass I wonder what it will do to the thistle.

IT WORKED!!!!!!

While the thistle is small and emerging out of the ground, I take a sprayer with water in it and wet the thistle down well, then I take the BB-sized pellets of Nitrogen/Urea 46-0-0 and gently place them on the leaves of the thistle and then spray that with water again.

In the morning the plant is dead. I have eliminated 99 % of the thistle and have just a small area that seems to be tougher. I think it is the original root line that occasionally is putting up another plant.

I am also eliminating the Creeping Charlie and another weed that is some type of a Butter Cup - but do not know the exact species.

Yes, if I put this on the grass under the Creeping Charlie it will affect the grass but I can always fix that later, and the Creeping Charlie seems to take up to a week before it shows the effect of dying.

We purchase the Nitrogen from the co/op for \$16.00 a 50 pound bag - we have used this in our garden for several years now because of the wood mulch that we use. Jerry Williams had told us that if you broadcast this when there is snow cover yet it won't burn the plants - our mistake this year was getting that done to late, thus a small patch of grass dying - but what great results for this mistake - I would have never thought about using Nitrogen to kill obnoxious weeds.

I am a happy gardener now - dancing all around the obnoxious weeds experimenting with Nitrogen as a weed killer.

Editor's note: I had been chatting with Mary on the bus tour in Cleveland when she ecstatically exclaimed that she had inadvertently discovered the solution to a troublesome nuisance in her yard. When I asked for more information so I could include it in our newsletter so all could benefit from her discovery, she immediately offered to write the above article - and she wrote it during DAYLILY SEASON! My sincere thanks to Mary - a lovely lady from Michigan.

VIP in WDS is RVP*By Jane Pearcy*

Pop! Pop! Pop! Those are our buttons bursting with pride at the selection of our own John Sheehan as the new RVP of Region 2.

John has been a daylily enthusiast for only 7 years, but he has pursued this beauty with a passion. He has thrown himself whole-heartedly into WDS, serving not only as Treasurer, but also as President. He has served as the RPD for Region 2 and has attended at least 5 Regional Meetings and 5 National Conventions. Whew!

When he's not ordering plants for our auctions and adoptions or potting them up, John is hybridizing thousands of seedlings or tending his national display garden in Fitchburg.

As he begins his new role as Region 2 RVP, he will also be organizing and chairing the 2008 Regional Meeting in Madison.

Perhaps the *H. 'Mad-City Blush'* Klehm/Sheehan 2005 would be more aptly named '*H Mad-City Whew!*'

Were proud of you, John, and appreciate you. Remember it's Rayovac, not the Energizer Bunny, who hails from Madison. Congratulations!

Just what does an RVP do? RVP stands for Regional Vice President - or the top dog in a Region. That means John will be top dog for Region 2 for the next two years. Among his many duties, he is expected to:

- Schedule regional meeting with host society;
- Send regional meeting info to editor of AHS newsletter;
- Conduct business meeting at Summer Meeting (May he make it much shorter next year!!)
- Edit or supervise editing of regional newsletter.
- Print regional financial statement in newsletter annually;
- Check status of regional Display Gardens every two years and report results to national Display Gardens chair;
- Attend national convention. Participate in Regional Officers meeting.

All in all, he is going to be a very busy top dog!!

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY TOP TEN*By Conrad Wrzesinski*

After a summer of enjoying daylilies, it is time conduct a new poll to determine the top ten favorites of the Wisconsin Daylily Society members. In the poll conducted last year, the top ten daylily favorites were: 'Ruby Spider', 'Primal Scream', 'Moonlit Masquerade', 'Bella Lugosi', 'Strawberry Candy', 'Red Volunteer', 'Siloam Double Classic', 'Ed Brown', 'Barbara Mitchell', and 'Lilting Lavendar'. At the Annual Meeting everyone attending will receive a ballot on which to record their top ten daylily favorites.

Will 'Ruby Spider' retain the honored spot of most popular daylily among WDS members? The results of the new poll will be published in a future issue of Wisconsin Daylily Society Newsletter and posted on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylily-soc.org) with accompanying pictures. In the meantime recall the delights of the summer just passed and think of your top ten daylily favorites.

WDS ANNUAL MEETING - 2003

Date: Saturday, October 21st
Time: 1 p.m.
Place: Fitchburg Community Center/Lower Level
Address: 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg
Speaker: Jamie Gossard
Cost: \$10 per person

Directions: Take the Madison Beltline to Fish Hatchery Road. Go south on Fish Hatchery for approximately 2 1/2 to 3 miles until you get to Lacy Road. Turn left (east) on Lacy Road. The Community Center is on your left at the top of the hill. Follow the drive around the building, and enter through the rear, lower entrance.

Menu

Cranberry Glazed Chicken
Herb Stuffing
Tossed Greens with Mustard Vinaigrette
Rolls & Butter
German Chocolate Cake
Coffee Service, Ice water

Please detach and return the entire bottom portion to:
Jim Fitzpatrick 5224 Preservation Place, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

***PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU INTEND TO EAT A MEAL AT THIS MEETING,
JIM MUST HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11TH.***

NAME _____

I/We plan to attend the Annual Meeting @ \$10 each \$ _____

I/We would like to order _____ Eureka @ \$28.65 each \$ _____

Please mail it to me @ \$ 5.00 each \$ _____

I/We would like to order _____ sets of CD version @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

I/We would like to order _____ Calendars @ \$14.25 each \$ _____

TOTAL COST \$ _____

SUBTRACT WDS \$\$ & CERTIFICATES ENCLOSED \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
Make checks payable to Wisconsin Daylily Society