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DAYLILIES - INSIDE AND OUT **(What is 'Chicken Fat'???)**

By John Sheehan

Our first WDS Meeting of 2007 will be held on Sunday, January 21st, at 1:00 PM in our usual upstairs meeting room at Olbrich Gardens. It will be good to get back together after the long hiatus since our October Annual Meeting. As usual, Terri Maliszewski-Kane will be bringing an assortment of treats to challenge our New Year's Resolutions--Please come!

During the year our monthly WDS guest speakers toss out terms during their presentations which may (or may not) be completely understood by all of our WDS Members--especially some of our new WDS friends. For example: What is a proliferation? What is the difference between a stamen, an anther, and a pistil? What is a daylily crown? How would we tell the difference between TET and DIP pollen? What do the terms TET and DIP mean? What is an eye or a watermark or an eyezone? What is daylily rust and how does it relate to Wisconsin Daylily growers? How and where do seeds develop on a daylily? Is it a good thing to see "scrambled eggs" on our flowers? Are evergreen daylilies not hardy in Wisconsin?

During our January Meeting WDS Member, John Sheehan, will be discussing these and other basic daylily terms which sometimes befuddle us. Digital images will be shown to present a clearer idea of what is discussed.

If you have any special terms that you would like included in the discussion, please E-mail John at johnsheehan@charter.net or call him at 274-4921. See you there!



***May the quiet peace
and gentle love
of the first Christmas
be yours today and always.***

EUREKAS ARE HERE!

Kathy Dwelle has a EUREKA for you - if you ordered one! She will have it at the January meeting. However, if you need it sooner, give her a call at 608-233-1516 to make arrangements to get it.

She also has the following extras, if you are interested:

- 3-4 Eureka books - \$28.68 each
- 4 Eureka on CD - \$19.00 set of 2
- 1 Calendar - \$14.25

All will be available at the January meeting.

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Calendar of Events 2007

January 21 (Sunday) Olbrich 1-4 pm "Daylilies - Inside and Out" Speaker, John Sheehan
February 9-11 Garden Expo, Alliant Center
February 25 (Sunday) TBA
March 18, (Sunday) TBA
April 15, (Sunday) TBA
May 20, (Sunday) TBA
July 1st (Sunday) Garden Party at the Kleckners' home in Muscoda
July 21st or 22nd, Home Garden Tour
August 5th, (Sunday) Picnic/Auction/Adoption Fitchburg Community Center
August 18-19 Daylily Plant Sale
October 20, Annual Meeting (Saturday) Fitchburg Community Center

**Be sure to check our web site for updates.
There will be a mailing in early February
with further details.**



**SECOND ANNUAL
PHOTO CONTEST
COMING UP SOON!**

With our Photo Contest coming up in February, it's time to begin picking out your three best pictures from the past daylily season. I'm sure many of you have the same problem - picking out only three!! Every picture of a daylily is pretty! The pictures can be of daylily clumps, individual flowers, or of daylilies in the landscape.

Conrad has again agreed to collect your entries and compile them onto his computer. At the February meeting all members present will be able to view the pictures and choose the winning entries. The winning pictures will be enlarged, displayed in our booth at Expo the following year, and then given to the talented photographers. (Last year's four will be in this year's Expo booth.)

Here's what you need to do. If you have digital images, send them as attachments in an email to Conrad at conradw@danenet.org. If you are still using film, you will need to take the negatives to a processor (Walgreen's, Shopko, Walmart, etc), have them put your pictures on a CD, and then mail that to Conrad at 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562

YOUR DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1ST! That gives you the month of January to decide on the 3 best and get them to Conrad.

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

I appreciate the confidence placed in me as I assume the presidency of the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Looking out over the brown landscape, I am reminded of the plants waiting to brighten the coming summer and the people that make this club so special. Working together we will continue to celebrate the joys of daylily gardening and enjoy the friendship of others. Have a joyous, bright and colorful New Year!

Conrad Wrzesinski

**AHS REGION 2
WINTER SYMPOSIUM 2007**

By John Sheehan

From February 23-25, 2007 the focus of the Region 2 Daylily World will be on Cleveland, Ohio. That is when and where the annual Region 2 Winter Symposium will be held. Noted daylily hybridizers and growers such as Mort Morss, Sandy Holmes, Bob Scott, Jim & Peggy Jeffcoat, and Liz & Jeff Salter will be on hand to discuss the latest topics in daylily hybridizing and cultivating. Alan Hersh and a panel of experts will be present to focus in on daylily hybridizing in the north. Of course, there will be a daylily plant auction, slides of the latest introductions and great food will be served.

If you are interested in attending, visit the Region 2 website for information or contact John Sheehan at (johnsheehan@charter.net or 608-274-4921). This symposium is well-organized and everyone who attends has a great time. What a great way to escape the winter blahs

THE 2008 CAST OF CHARACTERS

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

It's official! The new roster of movers and shakers for our Society has been determined. Please take a moment at the next meeting to thank the outgoing (yes, I know that has a double meaning and I mean them both here!) Board Members, (Phyllis Sanner, Jim Fitzpatrick, Terri Maliszewski-Kane, and Kay Allen) for a job well done. Please also welcome and encourage the latest group to step up to the plate. Here they are:

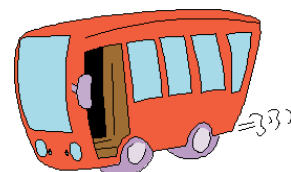
President - Conrad Wrzesinski
Vice President - Francis Kleckner
Treasurer - Kathi Dwelli
Secretary - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
Members-at-Large - Jane Gahlman, Jane Pearcy,
John Sheehan, & Pat Sturdevant

The equally valuable people who chair our wonderful events and take care of other Club business are as follows. Thank them, too, every once in a while, for keeping our records in order or making our meetings and newsletter and programs fun, informational, and not-to-be-missed:

Membership - Gene Dewey
Display Beds - Rosemary Kleinheinz
Hospitality- Terri Maliszewski-Kane & Pat Sturdevant
Webmaster - Mary Wrzesinski
Historian - Judy Ravet
Guest Speakers - John Sheehan
Garden Expo - Chris Zeltner
Garden Party - Terri M-K & Pat Sturdevant
Home Garden Tour - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and ?
Bus Trip to Region 2 Summer Convention in Indiana
Gene Dewey
Auction/Adoption & Potluck Picnic - John Sheehan,
Jane Gahlman, Wilma B-H
Annual Sale - Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz
Annual Meeting - John Sheehan and Jane Gahlman
Newsletter Editor - Rosemary Kleinheinz

**2007 REGION 2
SUMMER
MEETING**

By Gene Dewey



The Daylily Enthusiasts of Southern Indiana of Evansville, Indiana will be hosting the annual Region 2 meeting in Evansville June 22-24, 2007. We will be exploring bus transportation to and from the meeting.

I am considering being in charge of this bus trip. It will be helpful to whomever does plan the trip to know how many may want to make the trip by bus.

Please see me at the January meeting, call me at 255-0858, or email me at gldewey@wisc.edu if you want to take the bus to Evansville (only tentative commitments necessary at this point).

Editor's Note: Before you say "No" Talk with Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Pat Sturdevant or one of the other travelers to Ohio this summer. To quote Wilma it's "an absolutely fabulous experience"!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY, INC.
10-24-05 Through 10-21-06
Jim Fitzpatrick - Treasurer

TOTAL CASH ON HAND - 10-24-05		35,301.83
INFLOWS		
Annual Meeting Income 2006	\$ 164.00	
Auction Sale Income	2,981.00	
Bus Transportation Income	4,190.00	
Calendar Income 2006	187.50	
Daylily Shirt Income 2005	20.00	
Daylily Shirt Income 2006	138.40	
Eureka Income 2005	180.00	
Eureka Income 2006	1,329.75	
Governor's Mansion Income	373.30	
Kinnebrew Meeting Auction Income	1,370.00	
Membership Dues Income 2006	1,386.50	
Plant Sale Income 2006	26,638.00	
Interest Earned 2006	419.48	
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$39,377.93
OUTFLOWS		
Annual Meeting Expense 2005	1,168.69	
Audit Fee 2005	125.00	
Bus Transportation Expense 2006	5,111.52	
Calendar Expense 2005	106.20	
Calendar Expense 2006	228.00	
Daylily Shirt Expense	71.40	
Decorating Committee Expense 2008	500.00	
Donation Expense 2006	6,968.00	
Eureka Expense 2005	89.58	
Eureka Expense 2006	1,432.50	
Garden Expo 2006 Expense	304.55	
Garden Expo 2007 Expense	255.00	
Garden Party Expense	438.50	
Garden Tour Expense	190.80	
Gift Plants 2008 Expense	1,045.44	
Governor's Mansion Expense 2005	31.94	
Meeting Expense 2005	9.50	
Meeting Expense 2006	511.48	
Newsletter Expense 2006	1,063.42	
Non-Profit Filing Fee 2005	10.00	
Non-Profit Filing Fee 2006	10.00	
Plant Adoption Expense 2005	84.40	
Plant Adoption Expense 2007	1,342.68	
Plant Auction Expense 2005	114.40	
Plant Auction Expense 2006	175.19	
Plant Sale Expense 2005	166.74	
Plant Sale 2006 Expense	8,918.91	
Plant Sale Expense 2007	85.00	
Postage 2006	167.36	
Printing Expense 2006	212.60	
Speaker Expense Program 2005	1,011.66	
Speaker Expense Program 2006	777.57	
Web Site Expense	39.90	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$32,757.93
NET GAIN		6,610.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 10-21-2006		\$41,811.83

AND THE VOTES ARE IN!

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Favorites Hemerocallis Poll conducted at the annual meeting, *H.* 'Ruby Spider' and *H.* 'Primal Scream' tied for first place. *H.* 'Ruby Spider' was also the top pick in the 2006 Region 2 Popularity Poll. Two new daylilies made the WDS Top Ten Favorites. The two new favorites were: *H.* 'Wayside Painted Lady' and *H.* 'Sabine Baur', which tied for 7th place. *H.* 'Ed Brown', the 2006 winner of the Stout Silver Medal Winner, tied for 18th place in the WDS Top Ten Favorites poll. The complete list of the WDS Top Ten is below.

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| 1. <i>H.</i> 'Ruby Spider' | Stamile - 1991 |
| 1. <i>H.</i> 'Primal Scream' | Hanson - 1994 |
| 3. <i>H.</i> 'Moonlit Masquerade' | Salter - 1992 |
| 4. <i>H.</i> 'Bela Lugosi' | Hanson - 1995 |
| 5. <i>H.</i> 'Strawberry Candy' | Stamile - 1989 |
| 6. <i>H.</i> 'Barbara Mitchell' | Pierce - 1984 |
| 7. <i>H.</i> 'Red Volunteer' | Oakes - 1984 |
| 7. <i>H.</i> 'Wayside Painted Lady' | Klehm - 1985 |
| 9. <i>H.</i> 'Sabine Baur' | Salter - 1997 |
| 9. <i>H.</i> 'Littling Lavender' | Childs - 1973 |

Pictures from member gardens of the Top Ten are posted on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylilysoc.org). A total of 79 ballots were cast with 145 different daylilies receiving at least one vote. Favorites among the write in votes were *H.* 'Blueberry Breakfast' (Rose - 1988), and *H.* 'Indy Seductress' (Dennis Anderson - 1993).

A BRIGHT SPOT IN A LONG WINTER



If winter starts to get you down, just think about spending some time at Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center February 9-11th. Just imagine hundreds of booths offering books, tools, statuary, live flowering plants, and anything else you could possibly use in your garden. It's bound to lift your spirits.

Chris Zeltner will again be scheduling volunteers for the weekend. She will be looking for help to set up and take down the booth, and to sell the WDS spirit throughout the weekend, beginning on Friday the 9th from 4 to 9 P.M., Saturday the 10th from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. and Sunday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Give her a call at 608-873-5257 or email at zeltner@chorus.net letting her know when you can be there.

You may remember that last year's crew was so enthusiastic they signed up 45 new members. Do you think we can break this record in 2007?

By the way, while you are walking around, do take note of the award winning photos decorating our booth this year. They were chosen during our 1st annual photo contest last February.

Membership News

No New Members

After our bumper crop of new members from the August Plant Sale and weeks thereafter, we have hit a dry spell in new memberships. Anytime is the right time to give that little nudge to your relative, friend or neighbor who grows daylilies but hasn't yet joined WDS.

Membership Renewals

If the mailing label for this newsletter has "2006" following your name, this means that your membership will expire at the end of 2006. If this is the case, your membership renewal form will be included in the mailing with your newsletter. If I haven't heard from you by April 1st, your name will be dropped from the 2007 Roster.

If our records regarding your membership are in disagreement with yours, please let me know.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

JAMIE SPOKE AND WE LISTENED

One of the highlights of the year is always our Annual Meeting and well-known guest speaker. This year was no exception, and Jamie Gossard of Heavenly Gardens near Columbus, Ohio did not disappoint us. Jamie is a world class daylily hybridizer who takes pride in producing fine northern hardy "Daylilies that look like daylilies" for your enjoyment. Dips, tets, doubles, spiders, unusual forms, edges, eyes – he does it all and we thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, all the while drooling over the slides of his gorgeous daylilies! He is especially proud of his *H. 'Green Inferno'* which he says is really green! I am always looking for season extenders, and his *H. 'Bumblebee Lady'* is an early, early blooming yellow with a dark, unusual eye zone. Before signing off, Jamie showed us some of the beautiful plants he has waiting in the wings. It was a great ending to a great presentation.



Out-going President Jane Gahlman and Jamie Gossard, guest speaker, at the Annual Meeting

For more pictures of the Annual Meeting and our attendees, go to our website www.wisdaylily.org. Mary Wrzesinski has lots for you to enjoy.

WDS SHARES ITS WEALTH IN 2006

You will recall that the question was raised in the last newsletter about what we do with the profits from our successful sales. While it is true that we do use a lot of it for our members' benefit, we also can be very proud of the fact that the fruits of our labors are used to help others as well. In 2006, WDS made the following donations:

AHS Region 2 Marianne Schumacher Memorial - \$200
 AHS Region 2 Arthur Blodgett Memorial - \$200
 AHS Region 2 - \$800 toward costs of newsletter printing
 American Hemerocalis Society, Inc - \$500
 Olbrich Botanical Gardens - \$1,500
 Olbrich Botanical Gardens - Daylily Plants \$936
 West Madison Ag Research Station - \$1,500
 Wisconsin Women's Health -\$1,332

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, thank you for your most generous donation of \$1,332 received on September 6th.

Because of your kind gift and others, the WWHF will, through our Badger Heart Program - Healthy at Heart, educate women about heart disease and help to reduce their cardiovascular risk. We are planning a Health and Wellness Retreat focusing on heart health in the Madison area in 2007.

I am personally thankful to you for joining our efforts, and look forward to further introducing the Foundation and its programs to you in the year ahead.

*Yours for a healthy Wisconsin
 Sue Ann Thompson
 Founder and President*

AND THE RECIPIENT FOR 2007 WILL BE...

At our Annual Meeting the membership voted to send 5% of our sale proceeds in 2007 to Hospice, Inc. There is hardly a person among us who has not had someone near and dear who was welcomed by Hospice and it's many wonderful volunteers.

Hospice is a philosophy, a way of caring for individuals living with serious illnesses who no longer benefit from curative treatments. When the time comes that a cure is no longer probable, hospice embraces the patient and family as they focus on comfort and the end of life.

It is with gratitude that we make this choice for 2007

Volunteers are also needed to help maintain the gardens surrounding the hospice. These include perennial gardens, the rose garden, a raised tomato bed, a large pond surrounded by prairie, a rock garden, numerous rain gardens, inner courtyard gardens, and 44 outdoor patient patios.

Volunteers may choose the day and time they garden, as well as the task. They have jobs ranging from filling birdfeeders, to weeding and deadheading, to dividing and potting perennials.

If you are interested contact Victoria DeMonte at 608-839-1857 or email at heyvictoria@charter.net.

WDS ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

By Jane Gahlman, Out-going President

Over ninety people attended the WDS Annual Meeting held on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Fitchburg Community Center. After brief introductions of new club members we enjoyed a delicious meal of cranberry glazed chicken, herb stuffing, tossed greens with mustard vinaigrette, rolls and butter and German chocolate cake served up buffet style by Ron and Sara Ben Ami from B'Tayavon Catering. Thanks to co-chair John Sheehan for helping organize the Annual Meeting, to Jim Fitzpatrick for making nametags for everyone in attendance and to Tom Yeager for driving home to get an extension cord that saved the day!

2006 was another phenomenal year for the WDS and there were lots of people to thank for making it so.

At our very first meeting in January five of our Madison Area Daylily Hybridizers showed slides of their new introductions and explained their hybridization programs. Thanks to Linda Ball, Jean Bawden, Bill Powell, Lloyd Ravet, and John Sheehan for letting us in on some of their secrets for success.

Our WDS booth at Garden Expo in February garnered lots of attention and we signed up 45 new members through our efforts. Thanks to Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz for handling the booth set-up and tear down and to Chris Zeltner for organizing the volunteers to promote the WDS in our booth at this popular event.

Horticulturist Mark Dwyer from Janesville Rotary Gardens spoke about Companion Plants for Daylilies at our February meeting and in March we joined up with the WHPS, Madison Area Master Gardeners Association and the WI-IL Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society to bring in Judith Jones of Fancy Fronds to talk to us about Ferns for a Northern Climate. Special Thanks to Jean Bawden for helping coordinate the joint meeting.

John Kinnebrew showed us slides of his new introductions and detailed his hybridization program at our April meeting and in May our own Conrad Wrzesinski explained all the ins and outs of digital photography. Thanks Conrad!

In June we kept the thunderstorms at bay during our Annual Garden Party Potluck at Norma and Mike Briggs' place near Oregon. Thanks to Norma and Mike for hosting this popular event and for allowing us to tour their beautiful garden. Also thanks to Terri M-K for chairing this event.

Mid-July again brought some unbearably hot weather during our home garden tour, but many people ventured out to see thousands of beautiful daylilies in full bloom at seven area gardens. Thanks to Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and Sally Yeager for co-chairing this event and for all the work they put into the publicity for it. Also thanks to Jean Bawden, Doug and Martha Maxwell, Hiram and Jane Percy, Diane Quigley, Rob Newlin and Karen Watson-Newlin, Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski, and the West Madison Agricultural Research Station for having their gardens on tour and for diligently weeding and deadheading until their gardens looked spectacular.

Also in July thirty-seven people including six members of the Chicagoland Daylily Society toured by bus to the Region 2 Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Thanks to our Cruise Director Gene Dewey for organizing the bus trip and for making sure that every detail was taken care of.

Our Annual Potluck Picnic and Adoption and Auction Program at the end of July was a huge success again this year. Our new location in the Fitchburg Community Center worked out very well with much more room for us to move around. Thanks to John Sheehan and Wilma Brouwer-Herwig for organizing all of the Adoption and Auction plants, to Don and Phyllis Sanner for caring for the plants at their farm and to Conrad Wrzesinski for preparing the slide show and for being our auctioneer again this year. Also thanks to all those who returned fans of their adoption plants resulting in over fifty cultivars to bid on. And thanks to your enthusiastic bidding we grossed over \$3700 at the Auction!

We broke all previous records again at our Annual Sale this year with gross sales totaling over \$26,000. Ninety-nine enthusiastic volunteers made it all happen and I especially want to thank Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz for co-chairing this event which is our major fundraiser of the year. Also thanks to Gene Dewey for maintaining the database and printing all the labels and to Diane Goodman for organizing the volunteers to help at the digs and prep days and at the sale itself. And thanks to all of our members who donated daylilies from their gardens and who purchased many more at the sale.

I also want to thank Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski for maintaining our WDS website and to Rosemary Kleinheinz for editing our newsletter. Both offer a wealth of information about our club's activities.

Thanks to our hospitality chairperson Terri M-K and to her number one helper Pat Sturdevant for bringing wonderful treats to every meeting and keeping us all very well fed.

Congratulations go out to John Sheehan for being elected Regional Vice-President of Region 2. John has been very active in our club serving as President and Treasurer in past years along with hybridizing thousands of seedlings in his spare time and tending to his national display garden in Fitchburg. John is also organizing and chairing the 2008 Region 2 Meeting here in Madison.

I would like to thank the four board members whose terms were up this year. Kay Allen served on the board for four years – two of those as our Treasurer. Jim Fitzpatrick served the last two years as our Treasurer. Terri M-K served on the board for two years and Phyllis Sanner served for the past four years, which marked her second four-year term! All four of these people have been instrumental in the 'behind the scenes' work of keeping our society running smoothly. They will be missed!

Also thanks to Jane Percy for serving as Vice-President for the last two years (Jane has one more year on the Board) and to Wilma Brouwer-Herwig for continuing to serve as Secretary.

Our WDS by-laws state that a person on the Board can only hold a particular office for two consecutive one-year terms so I must now step down as President. Over these past two years I've especially enjoyed meeting and working with all of you at our annual events. I want to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to all of you for everything that you do for our society, including attending the meetings, volunteering at Garden Expo, bringing food to our potlucks, donating plants as door prizes, bidding on daylilies during the Auction, and preparing for and working during our Annual Sale. Each and every one of you with your energy and enthusiasm combined with our mutual love of daylilies have made the Wisconsin Daylily Society what it is today and that is a very enjoyable organization to be a part of so Thank You again!

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