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HERE'S THE LINE-UP FOR 2007

This extra supplement to the Newsletter is written to bring you up to date on our meeting schedule for the next few months. John Sheehan has been hard at work lining up some wonderful folks to show us what they are doing in their individual hybridizing programs. It's especially impressive to see that they are all hybridizers from the North, so we can be sure their plants will be hardy in our gardens. A big thanks to John!! Also, a personal thanks from me for writing all the notices for this newsletter!

You will notice that two of the scheduled meetings will be held at West Madison Ag Station on a Saturday instead of the usual Sunday afternoon. For out of town speakers flying to Madison, a Saturday meeting makes scheduling airline flights much easier.

NATE BREMER LEADS THE PACK

Nate Bremer, of Solaris Gardens, located in Reedsville, WI, will be our guest speaker at the WDS Monthly Meeting to be held on Sunday, February, 25th, 2007, at 1:00 PM at the usual Olbrich Gardens upstairs meeting room. Nate's daylily hybridization program will be the discussion topic.

Nate's daylily introductions are very diverse in height, color, and form; yet all have grown at Solaris Gardens for at least 4 years. Nate Bremer is performing a critical role--developing daylilies that are beautiful AND thrive in our cool northern climate. Another great feature of Solaris Daylily Introductions is that they are affordable. In the past 3 years Nate has introduced 28 new daylily varieties. Check them out at his website: <http://www.solarisfarms.com>. Better still, come to the meeting to hear him discuss his "babies".

Also, at this meeting, Conrad will be showing digital daylily images that our members have submitted for our second annual WDS photo contest. You will be able to vote for your favorites!



H. 'Panties in a Bunch'
A Nate Bremmer introduction

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Calendar of Events 2007

February 9-11 Garden Expo, Alliant Center
February 25 (Sunday) 1-4 pm Olbrich Gardens
Speaker, Nate Bremer
March 17, (Saturday) 1-4 pm West Madison Ag Research Station. Speaker, John Rice
April 14, (Saturday) 1-4 pm West Madison Ag Research Station, Speaker, Bob Schwarz
May 20, (Sunday) 1-4 pm Olbrich Gardens, Speaker, Phil Korth
June 22-24 Region 2 Summer Meeting
July 1st (Sunday) Garden Party at the Kleckners' home in Muscoda
July 21st or 22nd, Home Garden Tour
July 25-28 National Convention, Minneapolis
August 5th, (Sunday) Picnic/Auction/Adoption Fitchburg Community Center
August 18-19 Daylily Plant Sale
October 20, Annual Meeting (Saturday) 1:00 pm Fitchburg Community Center
Speaker, Karol Emmerich

Be sure to check our web site for updates.



SECOND ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST COMING UP SOON!

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Take your mind off the snow-covered landscape. Recall the daylily beauty of last summer. Now is the time to enter the Second Annual WDS Photo Contest. At the February meeting members present will vote for their favorite photos. The top four winners will receive 15 WDS dollars, have their winning photo displayed on the WDS web site and featured in the WDS Garden Expo booth in 2008. After Expo they will take their picture home with them.

The winning daylily photos from last year were *H.* 'Banned in Boston' by Conrad Wrzesinski, *H.* 'Intelligent Design' by Karen Watson-Newlin, *H.* 'Joan Hood' by Genni Kleckner and *H.* 'Lilting Lavender' by Joanne Rowe. The photos may be viewed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylily.org>).

Here is how to enter the photo contest. Select your three best daylilies photos. Photos may be of a daylily clump, individual flower or of daylilies in the landscape. If the photos are in digital format, email them as an attachment to conradw@danenet.org. If you are using a film camera, you need to have the negatives put on a CD. Walgreens, Walmart, Woodmans, etc. provide this service. Send the CD to Conrad Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562. **THE DEAD LINE TO ENTER IS FEBRUARY 15TH. DON'T DELAY!!**

DAYLILY 101

The forty members who braved a real Wisconsin snowstorm last Sunday, and came to our first meeting of the year, were well rewarded for their efforts. Our own John Sheehan presented his "Daylily 101" course, complete with pictures.

Before he was through he had reviewed the parts of a daylily, the forms, and the ploidy. We knew the difference between daylilies with watermarks, with halos, with bands of color, and with diamond dusting. We saw what makes a daylily "sculptured", and learned that UFO's are not spiders.

There truly was something for everyone, whether a newbie or and oldie. It was a great refresher course for me, and clarified some questions.

In fact the reviews have been so good that John is going to work with Mary Wrezisinski this summer to get the presentation on our website. The Board has encouraged him to take it on the road. And we are definitely looking forward to "Daylily 102"!!

Thanks, John, for a great meeting.

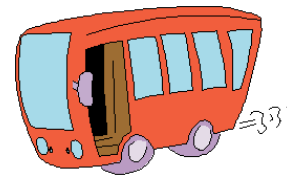
JOHN RICE WILL VISIT US IN MARCH

John Rice, founder of Thoroughbred Daylilies, located near Lexington, KY, has been a professional horticulturalist for more than 35 years. He and his wife, Annette, grow 700 daylily varieties and plant more than 20,000 daylily seeds each year for their hybridization program. Their broad goal is to grow northern hardy plants with varied faces. They are presently working on seedlings with teeth, or with violet hues. Check out John's 2006 Introduction H. 'Bass Gibson'--it is sooo toothy (and sold out at \$300)! While they emphasize working with TET daylilies, Annette does maintain a few DIP lines. In a sense the daylily flowers hybridized by John and Annette are like those of Curt Hanson--seeing pictures of them does not do the plants justice. For a close look, visit their website at <http://www.thoroughbreddaylilies.com>.

Please see the WDS Meeting Schedule on page 1 of this Newsletter Issue for the time and place of this meeting.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT GARDEN EXPO ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER FEBRUARY 9 - 11

TAKE THE BADGER BUS TO THE SUMMER REGION 2 MEETING



By Gene Dewey

Now is the time to think about attending Region 2's summer meeting in Evansville, Indiana, June 22-24. Don and Lea Ann Williams are planning a great meeting around the theme "Daylilies Rock and Roll". Special guests will be the noted hybridizers David Kirchhoff, Dan Hansen, and Chris Rogers. There will be a 1950s Dress Contest.

WDS will be hosting the 2008 Summer Meeting. If you haven't attended a summer meeting, this is a good chance to see how a meeting is run and help you to decide how you will be able to assist our committee next year.

The price of the bus ride will be right (\$50 per person). This will include scones and two bag lunches. I hope to find an interesting daylily place to stop on our way to Evansville. Super on the way home will be Dutch treat.

Email or mail me (gldewey@wisc.edu or 2125 Fox Ave., Madison WI 53711-1920) to reserve your place on the bus.

We always have a great time and it is easy to leave the driving to some one else.

Membership News

WDS has gained two new members in January: please welcome Cheryl Gokey who grows daylilies in Madison and Rich Milgrom, who gardens in New Lisbon.

Membership Renewals

If your membership expired on Dec. 31st, and if you have not yet renewed for 2007, please locate your green renewal sheet in the December newsletter and mail it with a check to Kathi Dwelle, 1003 Oak Way, Madison WI 53705-1418. **Members who have not renewed by March 31st will be dropped from our mailing list.**

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

BOB SCHWARZ WILL VISIT MADISON IN APRIL

Bob Schwarz will be speaking at our April, 2007 Monthly Meeting (see front page of this WDS Issue for date and time). He and his lovely wife, Mimi, hybridize beautiful daylilies on Long Island, NY, at Rainbow Daylily Garden. Bob produces tetraploid unusual forms while Mimi does wonderful work with wider petaled forms. I visited their garden during the National AHS Convention this past summer and saw, packed into their small backyard, dozens and dozens of healthy, beautiful plants. I must say that my attention was monopolized by Bob's unusual form daylilies. Because the garden was filled with visitors, I had little time to chat with Bob & Mimi; however, I was able to eventually corral Bob and get him to agree to visit us. If you are not familiar with Bob's and Mimi's introductions, you may see them at their website: <http://www.daylily.net/bobandmimi/>. Be sure to attend this meeting--you will be impressed!

PHIL KORTH TO SPEAK IN MAY

Phil Korth of Pinewoods Gardens, located in Suamico, Wisconsin, will be driving down to Madison to talk to the WDS on Sunday, May 20th, at 1:00 PM in the usual upstairs meeting room at Olbrich Gardens.

Phil and Luel Korth have been hybridizing tetraploid daylilies for ten years and have set a personal record by registering 15 for the year 2007. As Phil states at his website located at <http://daylily.net/gardens/pinewood/>, their goal is to develop high performance daylilies for northern gardens located in zone 4 or lower. That can be a daunting task in a zone where daylilies must survive winters with temperatures down to minus 20 degrees often with little protective snow. In addition to being tough, the daylilies that come from Pinewood Gardens must have adequate bud count, nice healthy foliage, and pretty faces. Phil will show us his latest daylily introductions and seedlings and explain to us how he combines growing plants in his basement under 150 watt bulbs with ruthless exposure of the plants to several Wisconsin winters to prove their hardiness.

WDS WEB SITE RECEIVES ATTENTION

By Conrad Wrzesinski

The Wisconsin Daylily Society web site (<http://www.wisdaylily.org>) is attracting visitors from many different places. During the month of December, according to the web statistics from web master, Mary Wrzesinski, the WDS site was visited 527 times. Some of the visitors were from as far away as Belgium, Germany and Australia.

During the month of December, the December issue of the WDS award-winning newsletter was downloaded from the web site 54 times. Previous issues of the newsletter also received attention. During the month of December the September issue of the newsletter was downloaded 12 times and the June issue was downloaded 14 times. Daylily information and resources on the WDS web site are reaching not only our members but many others as well.

DON'T HAVE E-MAIL???

In the month of January alone, our president has had two occasions to quickly contact as many members as possible. He was able to do so via email.

Unfortunately, that leaves out you folks without email - not so good! Sally Yaeger came up with a great idea to solve the dilemma. She has partnered with a friend without email, and passes on any messages to her friend by phone. If you are without email, why not hook yourself up with a member who's on the 'Web'. Those of you with email, why don't you offer such help to a friend without?

Together we can do it!!!

2007 WDS ANNUAL MEETING

Hey, hey, everyone-- Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens, located just southwest of the twin cities, will be our speaker at the 2007 WDS Annual Meeting on Saturday, October, 20th, at 1:00 PM. I have been trying for 2 years to help Karol find an open date to visit us. Her "dance card" has always been filled.

For those of you who have visited her website, or attended her talk in Milwaukee a couple of years ago, or who have attended the Region 2 Winter Symposium or who have been reading the E-mail Robin missives, you KNOW that Karol's daylily hybridization program has exploded into prominence in the past few years.

When Hiram Percy and I visited Springwood Gardens 2 years ago, we wanted to dig up at least a dozen of Karol's seedlings and take them home to Madison. We did not--Karol would not give us her shovel! Karol's plants are, of course, hardy in the North (Zone 3 at least) and the blossoms have a wide range of very complex dark, rich, color patterns. If you are able to attend the 2007 AHS National Convention, you are lucky--Springwood Gardens is scheduled to be one of the bus tour gardens. If you cannot attend the National Convention, log on to her website at <http://www.springwoodgardens.com/daylilies.html/> to get a glimpse of her beautiful introductions.