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PRODUCING FINE DAYLILIES FOR NORTHERN GARDENS

By Conrad Wrzesinski

Phil Korth from Pinewood Gardens entertained and enlightened WDS members with his presentation entitled “Hot Sex, Fine Wine and Daylilies” at the May 20th meeting at Olbrich Gardens. Pinewood Gardens is located in a cold USDA Zone 4 climate in Suamico, Wisconsin. The cold suits Phil Kroth’s hybridizing goals of producing daylilies that not only are hardy but also have good bud count, healthy foliage and blooms that stand out in the garden.

With the short growing season in the north, Phil grows seedlings as well hybridizes under the light and heat of 150 watt bulbs (hot sex) in his basement. To provide some added carbon dioxide to the growing process, Phil has fermenting grapes in his basement, which also results in some fine wine. With moderating spring temperatures, daylilies from the basement are transplanted outside and must then survive the often -20 degree Fahrenheit winter temperatures with no mulch and variable snow cover. The process, which began under lights in Phil’s basement, resulted in daylilies that are not only hardy in the north but also stand out in the garden. During his presentation Phil shared pictures of his latest introduction and examples of how sometimes very different daylilies can produce some very interesting seedlings.

At the 2004 Region 2 meeting in Green Bay, I noticed seedling #2-36-1 and was quite impressed with the flower. I suggested to Phil that he introduce this daylily seedling. According to Phil others were also impressed with the flower and suggested the same, which resulted in the introduction of the daylily with the name, ‘Glory on High’.

Other examples of Phil Kroth’s northern hardy daylily introductions can be viewed at the Pinewood Gardens web site (<http://daylily.net/gardens/pinewood/>).

Membership News

Welcome to Barbara Wilde who gardens in Big Bend, WI. Welcome back to Paul & Maureen Mezera of Campbellsport, who renewed their membership after the 2007 Membership List was sent with the latest news letter.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List



Phil’s introduction ‘Glory on High’

Photo by Conrad Wrzesinski

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Calendar of Events 2007

June 22-24 Region 2 Summer Meeting

July 1st (Sunday) Garden Party at the Kleckners’

home in Muscoda

July 21st, (Saturday) Home Garden Tour

July 25-28 National Convention, Minneapolis

August 5th, (Sunday) Picnic/Auction/Adoption

Fitchburg Community Center

August 18-19 Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich Gardens

October 20, Annual Meeting (Saturday) 1:00 pm

Fitchburg Community Center

Speaker, Karol Emmerich

Be sure to check our web site for updates.

PICNIC & FROLIC – JULY 1

By Kathi Dwelle

What could be finer than to be in rural Muscoda on a beautiful summer afternoon, soaking up 800 named daylilies (plus hostas and other perennials)? This year Francis, Genni & Jake Kleckner are graciously opening up their lovely gardens, which feature both sun and shade environments.

Join other WDS members on Sunday, July 1, to view the Kleckner gardens starting about 3-3:30pm, partake in an optional digital photography lesson from Conrad Wrzesinski, and then indulge in a scrumptious potluck. **Please bring a dish to pass** (plus your camera if you want to improve your photography skills). Electricity and coolers will be available on site. Cold beverages and table service will all be provided. Eating will begin around 5-5:15pm.

Due to the distance and logistics, no plant exchange will take place this year, but we will have some special door prizes.

And leave the driving to us! Complimentary bus service will take you to the Kleckner's. Just sit back, enjoy the view and don't worry about reading maps. We'll have ice and coolers on the bus for those needing to keep their dishes cold. Simply choose one of two pick-up and drop-off points and get on board! To help us pick the right bus size, please e-mail Rosemary at trklein@charter.net or call 608-221-1933 by June 27th if you plan to ride the bus and have not already signed up.

1) Dutch Mill Rd Park & Ride – departs 1:15pm sharp

2) Front entrance of DOT Bldg at 4802 Sheybogan Ave. (intersection of Segoe Rd & Sheybogan Ave) – departs at 2:00 pm.

Parking is available on the street at the DOT site.

Plans are to be back at Dutch Mill Park & Ride by 8:30pm.

Or drive yourself. Directions to the Kleckner's:

Take Hwy 14 west to Gotham

Turn left onto Hwy 60 and go approx. 4 miles

Turn right onto Riverview Ridge Drive and go 1/2mile

Proceed straight ahead 1 mile on Bogus Valley Lane (a dead-end road)

Kleckner home is located on the left side of the road.



IT'S ALMOST DAYLILY SEASON!!!

Despite all of Mother Nature's shenanigans this past spring, our daylilies will be blooming soon!! It's almost as much fun these days to go out and see which new plant has scapes on it, as it will be in two to three weeks to see which plant has its first blossom! It takes such simple things to make us happy.

Daylily season includes so many exciting events. In another week or so about 40 members will be traveling to the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Indiana - to see their daylilies, and also to actively promote and invite all to come to Madison for the Summer Meeting in 2008. Then on the 1st of July we will be on another bus to Muscoda and the Garden Party at the Kleckners. With over 700 daylilies, we sure hope there are some in bloom for us. Wilma Brouwer-Herwig has put together another fine Garden Tour for July 21st; John Sheehan has collected LOTS of plants for us to Adopt/bid on at the Picnic on August 5th; and of course one doesn't want to miss our ever-popular 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. Your entries can be of single flowers, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, or daylilies in a landscape.

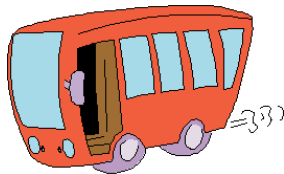
Also, do make note of the cultivars you will nominate as your favorites when balloting time comes around this fall.

WDS GARDEN TOUR

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig is busily putting together another exciting tour of our members' gardens, to be held on July 21st. This year we can look forward to seeing Lowell & Winnie Grass's garden and Diane Goodman's garden - both located in the Sauk City area. Ruth Horrall, John & Donna Sheehan, Hiram & Janne Percy, and Sally & Tom Yaeger have also extended an invitation to us.

Wilma will be getting final details out to you within the next couple of weeks.

**THE BADGER BUS IS
GOING TO THE
REGION 2
SUMMER MEETING
June 22-24, 2007
Evansville, IN**



By Gene Dewey

Should you decide that you want to join the 30 WDS members who are going to Evansville, IN for the Region 2 meeting, there is room for you on the bus, at the meeting, and in the hotel. The cost of the bus is \$50 which includes all costs for the transportation, lunches on Friday and Sunday, and snacks along the way. Contact Pat Sturdevant or Wilma Brouwer-Herwig for details on the bus. See the April WDS Newsletter for details on meeting and hotel reservations. The bus will stop at Newbury Gardens in Monticello, IL to buy plants (see www.newburydaylilies.com/).

THE DAYLILY PLANT SALE

**The WDS Plant Sale will be at Olbrich Gardens
Sat. & Sun., August 18th & 19th**

Before we realize, it will be time for the WDS Annual Plant Sale once again! We are gearing up for a 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 e-mail 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. Terri M-K and Pat Sturdevant always have plenty of food to keep us nourished.

Plants will be dug the week of August 13th and transported to Olbrich. We will again be preparing the plants for sale in the "Prep Tent" on Thursday evening and all day Friday, until all the plants are in the big red & white tent. Working on Friday gives volunteers the opportunity to purchase cultivars they want prior to the sale opening. Special note to our new members: working on the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow members better, and have a very enjoyable time.

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

Chris Zeltner has again agreed to organize our volunteers so call her now to volunteer at 608-873-5257, or email her at zeltner@chorus.net

YOU ARE INVITED

Tour Le Jardin is a garden tour of 7 gardens in Milwaukee, Wauwatosa & Elm Grove held on Saturday July 28, 2007 from 10 am to 3 pm.

This is a joint Garden Club walk with 3 garden clubs. Mayfair Park Wauwatosa Garden Club, Elm Grove Garden Club & Elmbrook Garden Club. Please contact Carole (414) 771-7979, Mary (414) 774-1582 or Diane (414) 578-2513 or e-mail gunga_din13@hotmail.com

Tickets are \$8 in advance and can be purchased by calling any of the 3 numbers listed above. You must have a ticket to enter the gardens, so if you purchase an advanced ticket, please bring it with you. Tickets are available for \$10 at 3 locations on the day of the tour; 4838 N 71st Street; 2354 N 117th Street; 14745 Wisconsin Ave. A map comes with the ticket.

All proceeds go to scholarships for students studying horticulture or related fields and other community gardening projects.

**WDS ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC
AUCTION & ADOPTION PROGRAM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2007 1PM-???**
FITCHBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

Not only will you enjoy a fine feast - like all potlucks are - but you will be able to bid on some newer auction plants. Also you will stand a good chance of taking home a very new Adoption Plant for your garden. Plan now to attend the WDS Annual Potluck Picnic on Sunday, August 5th, at the Fitchburg Community Center.

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. The meeting will be held in the lower level so you probably want to drive around to the back of the building to park.

Doors will open at 12:30 pm and we will eat at approximately 1 pm. 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 plants. To be eligible to adopt a daylily you must be a current member of the American Hemerocallis Society. At least 41 plants are available for adoption this year.

Our favorite auctioners, Conrad Wrzesinski and Bill Powell, will keep the bidding going strong during the Daylily Auction which follows the Adoption Program. There are 50 different cultivars, with several pots of many of them. Can you resist the temptation??? All proceeds from the Auction help support WDS programs. Cash/check/WDS\$\$ accepted in payment.

As they did last year, John Sheehan and Conrad will have a powerpoint presentation showing pictures of all available plants, which are listed below. Here's a suggestion: you may want to find images of these cultivars on the Internet ahead of time to help you decide what you are interested in. Just go to 'Google' and type in the name of the cultivar followed by the word daylily (i.e. Adorable Tiger daylily) Press enter and you should find several sites. Usually one of the first ones will have a good picture to view.

2007 ADOPTION PLANTS

ACROSS THE UNIVERSE
ALL CREATION SINGS--3
ARMED AZERBAIJANIES
BLACK FALCON RITUAL
CHASING THE SUN--2
CHRISTIAN FLETCHER
CORONAL LIGHT
DEBORAH ANDERSON HARRIS
FOX HUNTER
GARY GRANT
HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE
INTEGRATED LOGISTICS--3
JERRY HYATT--3
KALAHARI JEWEL
LADY BETTY FRETZ--2
LILLIAN'S LITTLE JOE
LILLIAN'S SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
MANDARIN SEAS--3
MICROCHIP--2
MIKE LONGO
MOMENT IN THE SUN
PARTY POPPER
REDNECK WOMAN--2
SUMMER IN VERSAILLES
THOLIAN WEB--2
WHITE NOISE
WINGING IT--3

2007 AUCTION PLANTS

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| ADORABLE TIGER | MONKEY HIPS |
| AGE OF ELEGANCE | NANO PROBE |
| ATLAS SHRUGGED | NIGHT RHYTHMS |
| BROADWAY NIGHTS | OVER THE TOP |
| BROADWAY SHOWGIRL | PASSION'S PROMISE |
| BROOKWOOD RUTH HORRALL | PATIENCE OF A SAINT |
| BURNING HOT SPOT | PEPPERMINT FROSTING |
| CALYPSO GREEN | POLICE & THIEVES |
| CHEERIO YELLOW | PRETZEL POWER |
| DAKAR | ROCK OF SALVATION |
| DARK WONDER | ROMANTIC STARES |
| DIVINE IMPULSE | ROSE CORSAGE |
| DREAMS OF HEROES | ROYAL RUMBLE |
| EGGPLANT ELECTRICITY | SCARLETT'S WEB |
| EMMAUS | SPACECOAST SHARP TOOTH |
| EVERMORE LIGHTS | SPARKLING CAMPAGNE |
| FOR ANNABELLE | SUMMER OF LOVE |
| FORESLAKE RUBY RUFFLES | SWEET SUGAR CANDY |
| FRANCOIS VERHARDT | VICTORIAN LACE |
| GALAXY QUEST | WAITING IN THE WINGS |
| HAWAIIAN SWIRLS | WASN'T BORN TO FOLLOW |
| HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD | WAY PAST COOL |
| INSIDER TRADING | YESTERDAY'S SECRETS |
| JERRY PATE WILLIAMS | |
| KYOTO SWAN | |
| LAUGHING SKIES | |
| LICORICE CANDY | |

A NOTE FROM JOHN SHEEHAN

If you received a WDS Adoption Plant in August of 2004, I will be contacting you in early July to check on its status. You are allowed to keep two fans--the rest should come back to the WDS to be sold at our annual WDS Adoption/Auction Event to be held on Sunday August 5, 2007 at the Fitchburg Center on Lacy Road.

Please do not dig up and pot the plant at this time--just let it grow in place until July.



NATE, A HARDY WISCONSIN DORMANT

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Nate's future intro that we would all like to have!!

On Sunday, May 6, Wisconsin hybridizer Nate Bremer's much delayed visit to our club finally took place. Originally scheduled for February 25, a thick, widespread, heavy blanket of snow prevented all parties from keeping the date. Our very disappointed membership urged the Speaker Program Chair, a.k.a. John Sheehan, to reschedule Nate for this year as they truly wanted to hear from a local producer. Luckily Nate agreed to oblige and made room in the heart of his hectic start-up season to drive down.

Nate lives just outside of Reedsville, a small community in north-east Wisconsin, where the climate is harsh and weather conditions can be brutal. Wide-open growing fields, full sun, wind (one of his intro's is named Windy Place, if that tells you anything!), low moisture, no snow cover, and sheets of ice covering the ground that smother the plants, to mention just a few obstacles. One winter was so relentlessly terrible that he lost over 600 cultivars of mostly evergreens. He includes semi-evergreens (sev) in with evergreens as he believes that daylilies are either evergreen or dormant, period, and that the sev category is a marketing ploy used to sell more daylilies in more zones. After that horribly expensive and sad lesson is when the light bulb really lit up: time to stop buying the pretty faced but touchy southern belles and start developing some sturdy, strong, hearty stock to stand up to a northern winter.

Along with a pleasant but not overwhelmingly gooey visage, Nate focuses on tetraploids and breeds for large fans, stout scapes, a decent bud count, and slow to moderate increase. At first blush, that last element took the crowd aback, but upon reflection, it made sense (at least to me)....less digging and dividing while still having a plant that produces a goodly amount of blossoms to enjoy. So far he has registered over 40 cultivars that include Artificial Intelligence, Itchy Fingers, Sunshine In My Stomach, this years sold-out Turkey Shoot, and the appropriately named Cheese Weasel and Cheddar Weasel. There are some exciting seedlings moving through his program and I have my eye on one that will be introduced in '08.

Solaris Farm is the name of Nate's business where you can find not only his creations but over 1200 cultivars from other hybridizers. There are growing and digging fields plus several garden settings that are part of the AHS Display Garden program. Without any pampering or relying on extra winter protection at his place, Nate says that you can bet that if it grows at Solaris, it will certainly perform in our own more moderately challenged sites. After seeing the slides of his fields covered in mind-bogglingly large, thick slabs of ice, it is hard to believe that anything could grow there. But it does and it does it well. Thanks, Nate, for concentrating on making plants for our difficult northern climate and in sharing your knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, daylilies.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION JAKE!!

LOVE YA!! MOM & DAD

All your friends in WDS wish you the best as you embark on this next stage in your life.

GARDENS IN LACROSSE

To all of those traveling to Minneapolis for the National Convention July 25th-28th, Roger Popelka has extended this invitation.

I'm thinking about opening our garden for the National Convention--regardless if I do or not, all WDS folks are welcome to stop before or after the convention. I am within a half mile of the I-90 system. It would make a great stop because there are also a few other daylily gardens in La Crosse that are wonderful to see. Jerry Benser has around 900 varieties of daylilies and Byron Anis has perhaps one of the most beautiful landscaped AHS daylily gardens in Wisconsin.

We have been looking for an opportunity to visit the gardens in LaCrosse, and here it is! Sounds like a great stop on the way home Sunday afternoon. Roger and Carol are long-time members of WDS. They can be reached via email r_popelka@hotmail.com or 608-781-4961.