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A not for profit organization promoting the enjoyment, awareness, and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis

*May you have the spirit of Christmas which is peace,  
The gladness of Christmas which is hope, and  
The heart of Christmas which is love.*



## WHAT'S BUGGING YOU??

Our new year will begin on January 20th with a presentation by Phil Pellitteri, Professor of Entomology at the UW-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab. A summer just doesn't go by without some notorious bugs chewing on our beautiful flowers. How about Japanese beetles, thrips, and earwigs? Yuk!! Hopefully, Dr. Phil will be able to give us some good ideas of ways to control the annual infestations of these "guests" and others. Join us on January 20th from 1-4 pm at the West Madison Ag Research Station on Mineral Point Rd. for food, fun, friendship, and some good information!



## EUREKAS ARE HERE!!

*By Kathi Dwelle*

Our Eureka shipment has arrived and every last copy has been sold to eager members. The majority of you opted to pick up your copy at the January meeting, so plan to attend and get a little extra visual joy in the midst of winter. Those of you who included shipping in your payment should have received yours by now.

At this point we can no longer buy at the discounted price UNLESS we order at least 10 more. If you suddenly have an urge for a 2008 Eureka, we can start a list to see if we can round up 10 more orders -- no guarantees though. Let me, Kathi Dwelle, know via email [kjdwelle@wisc.edu](mailto:kjdwelle@wisc.edu) or call 608-233-1516.

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## Calendar of Events 2008

January 20th, (Sunday), 1-4 pm, West Ag Research Station, Speaker: Dr. Phil Pellitteri  
February 8-10 Garden Expo, Alliant Center  
February 17th ?? TBA  
March 15th ?? TBA  
April 12th (Saturday) Fitchburg Community Center, 1-4 pm Speaker: Curt Hanson  
May TBA  
July 18-20th, 2008 Regional Summer Meeting here in Madison  
August 3rd (Sunday) 1-4, Picnic, Auction, Adoption, Fitchburg Comm. Center  
August 16-17, Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich  
October 18th (Saturday) Annual Meeting 1-4 pm Fitchburg Community Center

**Be sure to check our web site for updates.**

**THINK SPRING.....AND FLOWERS!!***By Diane Goodman*

Some of us may know of people who are “dreaming of a White Christmas” or perhaps may have “visions of Sugar Plums dance in their head”. Then there are others who are dreaming of “green”. For Wisconsin gardeners, “green” brings the Garden Expo to mind.

The Garden Expo is held at the Alliant Energy Center. It will take place from Friday evening, February 8 - Sunday, February 10, 2008.

Tom Kleinheinz will need assistance in collecting the booth and setting it up before the Expo. We are in need of members to help Tom, and to volunteer to represent us during the Expo. Contact Chris Zeltner (608-873-5257 or her e-mail of [zeltner@chorus.net](mailto:zeltner@chorus.net)) if you can help out doing either.

Posted below you will find pertinent information:

Friday, Feb. 8 from 4 pm.- 9 p.m

Two shifts of 3 WDS members are needed from 4:00-6:30 and then from 6:30 until closing

Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m.

Five shifts of two hours each will require 3 WDS members for each shift

Sunday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Three shifts of two hours each will require 3 WDS members;

**Note: the last shift will need to help remove the booth**

Don't be shy!! This is a great chance to assist our organization, and to jump start our dreams of “green”. Besides, it is a fine way to earn some WDS dollars. Contact Chris before the end of the week, and you won't have to worry about doing it later.

Oh, and if you happen to encounter Irving Berlin, or Clement Moore as you are out and about this month, be sure to invite them. I'm sure they will enjoy the experience!

**2008 REGION 2 WINTER SYMPOSIUM***By John Sheehan*

If you think that you miss daylilies now, just wait until February when your daylilies will be snoring (under a white blanket of snow), your catalogs will not yet have arrived and the Super Bowl will be over!

Do something about the daylily doldrums--go to page 13 of your recent Region 2 Newsletter and see what Curt Hanson and his cohorts have planned for the 2008 Winter Symposium in Cleveland. Check out the tentative Featured Speaker list (and it is not yet completed!). If you like what you see, plan on attending--you will have a chance to visit with many of the national hybridizers; attend the auction and bid on newish daylilies; enjoy great food; and see slides of the newest daylilies introductions and seedlings

**OUR THIRD ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST***By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

With falling temperatures outside, it is time to cozy up with your photo memories from the daylily beauty of last summer and enter the Third Annual WDS Photo Contest. At the February general meeting members will vote for their favorite photos. The top four winning photos will be displayed on the WDS web site and featured in the WDS Garden Expo booth in 2009.

The winning daylily photos from the 2007 contest were: H. ‘Champagne and Caviar’ by Genni Kleckner, ‘Condilla’ by Barry Rowe, ‘Delta Blues’ by Harold Steen, ‘Heavenly Angel Ice’ by Rosemary Kleinheinz, ‘Indian Giver’ by Jean Bawden, ‘Mark By Lydia’ by Tom Kleinheinz. The photos may be viewed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

To enter this year's contest, follow the rules listed below. If the photos are in digital format, email them as an attachment(s) to [conradw@danenet.org](mailto:conradw@danenet.org). If you are using a film camera, you need to have the pictures 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 1, 2008.

**Photo Contest Rules:**

- All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- Each entrant may submit a maximum of two photos. With a family membership, each family member may submit two photos for the contest.
- If an entrant submits two photos, only one photo may win regardless of the total number of votes each photo receives.
- The entrant submitting the photo must have taken the picture.
- Photos need not be taken in the member's garden.
- Photos may be an individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, or daylilies in a landscape (garden) setting.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form. (Higher resolution preferred.)
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each member may vote for a maximum of three photos.

## **WDS GIVES TO OTHERS IN 2007**

*By Kathi Dwelle*

As we reflect on our many blessings this time of year, we are happy that we were able to help others. In 2007, WDS made charitable donations to the following organizations:

West Madison Ag Research Station \$2500  
(to help fund a student intern)

AHS \$500 (unrestricted)

AHS - Region II \$1000 (for newsletter production)

Olbrich Gardens \$1500 (unrestricted)

HospiceCare, Inc \$1280 (for new garden landscaping)

WDS also donated daylilies worth \$562 to Olbrich Gardens to update their plantings. We've received lovely thank you notes from all these organizations appreciating our generosity.

Last year HospiceCare, Inc was voted by our members to receive the 5% charitable donation from our annual daylily sale. Next year our member-selected recipient will be the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association, which is just beginning work, in cooperation with UW-Madison landscape architecture students, to create a handicap accessible garden in the Madison area. This should be a really exciting project. Thanks to everyone for making our gift-giving possible through your hard work and efforts.

## **2008 SUMMER MEETING UPDATE**

*By John Sheehan*

Here is an update of some of the progress that has been made organizing the 2008 Region 2 Summer Meeting which the WDS is hosting (18-20 July 2008)

The rooms have been blocked out at the Radisson Inn West Side.

Saturday lunch and Friday and Saturday dinners are set. Busses have been arranged.

There will be 6 tour gardens: Percy; Watson-Newlin; Kleinheinz, Sanner, Bawden, and Sheehan.

About 40 Englerth Seedlings have been submitted.

A webpage for our WDS site and the Region 2 site is in the works.

Bus door-prizes are ready to go.

Roy Klehm will be our keynote speaker.

David Kirchhoff and his pals will act as auctioneers.

Several people will be selling items in our Boutique.

Major raffle door-prizes are being sought.

Free plants for registrants are growing at the Powells'.

Bargain plants have been collected and are ready to go.

A second batch of t-shirts will be purchased for volunteers

Goody bags are being designed.

Auction plants are being solicited.

More WDS Members signed up to help at the 2007 Annual Mtg.

Lots of work has been done--a lot more remains!! Shortly after the New Year, you will be notified of specific jobs that need to be done over the next few months and ways that you can get involved. Be ready!

## **HERE THEY ARE ..... YOUR LEADERS FOR 2008**

*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

Here is the latest roster of the WDS decision makers you elected at the Annual Meeting this past October. Please find a moment to extend a kind word of thanks to the two Janes (Percy and Gahlman) who served with diligence and heart, and welcome and the two newest Board Members - Diane Goodman and June Johnson. The complete cast of characters is as follows:

President - Conrad Wrzesinski

Vice President - Francis Kleckner

Treasurer - Kathi Dwelle

Secretary - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Board Members - Diane Goodman, June Johnson,

John Sheehan, Pat Sturdevant

Also, our thanks to the equally valuable people who keep our records in order, or make our meetings, programs and newsletters inspiring, informative, and interesting. They have all signed on to serve once again.

Adoption Plant Program - John Sheehan

Auction/Adoption & Potluck - John Sheehan, Jane Gahlman, Conrad Wrzesinski

Annual Meeting - John Sheehan, Conrad Wrzesinski, Kathi Dwelle

Annual Daylily Sale - Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz

Display Beds - Rosemary & Tom Kleinheinz

Garden Expo - Chris Zeltner

Guest Speakers - John Sheehan

Historian - Judy Ravet

Hospitality - Pat Sturdevant, Terri Maliszewski-Kane

Membership - Gene Dewey

Photo Contest - Conrad Wrzesinski

Newsletter - Rosemary Kleinheinz

Webmaster - Mary Wrzesinski

2008 Summer Meeting - John Sheehan

No Chairs are listed for the Garden Party or the Garden Tour due to the fact that our Society is hosting the 2008 Region 2 Summer Meeting. The Garden Party may not come to fruition because of a plethora of preparations taking place in June. A final decision will be announced in the Newsletter. Additionally, there will be no Garden Tour this year as a tour of gardens will be a big part of the Summer Meeting.

## **Membership News**

Since the September Newsletter, the following new members have joined DS: MaryJo Tilton from Wausau, and Lew and Robin Silva from Greenfield, WI. We look forward to getting to know you in 2008.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

**WDS BY-LAWS AMENDED***By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

At the 2007 Annual Meeting the WDS Membership voted over whelmingly to amend the Society By-Laws. The amendments addressed the needs and practices of the Wisconsin Daylily Society that have changed since the By-Laws were last amended during the Annual Meeting in 2001. The amended By-Laws addressed five areas of concern: 1) length of terms Board officers may serve, 2) responsibility for publicity, 3) financial audits, 4) Board member nominations, and 5) WDS committees.

1) Board officers may now serve more than two years in the same position, but not more than two consecutive two-year terms on the Board.

2) Publicity for society events has become shared responsibility, usually among the committee chairs, which is now reflected in the WDS By-Laws.

3) The current practice of an annual audit of the financial records of the Society is now part of the By-Laws. This prudent fiscal policy was not a provision of the WDS By-Laws adopted in 2001.

4) Facilitating the recruitment of Board members was addressed in the changes to the Nominating Committee structure and receiving nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

5) Only one committee (display gardens) was enumerated in the WDS By-Laws adopted in 2001. For 2008 the Wisconsin Daylily Society has thirteen committees. The amended By-Laws do not mention specific committees, but authorizes the creation of committees as the need arises.

A copy of the amended WDS By-Laws may be downloaded from the WDS web site ([www.wisdaylilyloc.org](http://www.wisdaylilyloc.org)). Members wishing to receive a printed copy of the By-Laws may request a copy from the President of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.

**WDS TOP TEN POLL RESULTS***By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Favorites Poll conducted at the fall 2007 Annual Meeting, H. 'Primal Scream' was a clear winner with 43 votes. Second place was another one of Curt Hanson's introductions, 'Bella Lugosi', which received 39 votes. 'Primal Scream' and 'Bella Lugosi' came in 2nd and 3rd in the in the 2007 Region 2 Popularity Poll. 'Ruby Spider', which came in 3rd in the WDS Poll, was the top pick in the Region 2 Poll. 'Spacecoast Starburst' made its first appearance among the WDS Top Ten Favorites. Karol Emmerich's introductions are beginning to make an appearance on the WDS Poll. Her 'Woman at the Well' (2005) received 7 votes. The Stout Silver Medal winner, 'Lavender Blue Baby' tied for 12th place in the Region 2 Poll, but received only one vote in the WDS Poll. Below is the complete list of the WDS Top Ten.

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| 1. 'Primal Scream'         | Hanson – 1994     |
| 2. 'Bella Lugosi'          | Hanson – 1995     |
| 3. 'Ruby Spider'           | Stamile – 1991    |
| 4. 'Strawberry Candy'      | Stamile – 1989    |
| 5. 'Moonlit Masquerade'    | Salter – 1992     |
| 6. 'Red Volunteer'         | Oakes – 1984      |
| 7. 'Paper Butterfly'       | Morss – 1983      |
| 8. 'Barbara Mitchell'      | Pierce – 1984     |
| 9. 'Beautiful Edgings'     | Copenhaver – 1989 |
| 10. 'Spacecoast Starburst' | Kinnebrew – 1998  |

Pictures from member gardens of the Top Ten are posted on the WDS web site ([www.wisdaylilyloc.org](http://www.wisdaylilyloc.org)).

A total of 75 ballots were cast with 122 different daylilies receiving at least one vote. Favorites among the write in votes were 'Amish Linen' (Stamile - 2004), 'Arnold Raeker' (Roth - 2004), 'Blackjack Cherry' (Carr -1995), 'Galaxy Quest', (Benz - 2001), 'Me and My Shadow' (Munson and Rice - 2004), 'Mynelles Starfish' (Hayward 1982), 'Peggy Jeffcoat' (Joiner -1995), 'Persian Ruby', (Trimmer - 1998) and 'Suzie Cream Cheese' (Bachman -2001).

**OUR YEAR END BASH***By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

The official end of the WDS year arrived with the Annual Meeting replete with a fantastic feast and a feisty, fun presentation by Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens near Minneapolis.

This year's event had three new "firsts" – one was the record attendance that stretched the crowd to nearly 100 enthusiastic members and the second was a double entrée of salmon and beef that stretched the waistlines to sated capacity. Ron, our caterer from B' Tayavon, fed us very well indeed. And the third "first" was the implementation of an Annual Report. This was mailed out to the membership a few weeks before the Meeting and contained the Annual Minutes and the Annual Financial Report. This joint report was well received as it eliminated the tedious but necessary reading of the previous year's Minutes and truncated the Treasurer's presentation considerably, too. I think the short and sweet quote our very thorough and precise money handler Kathi Dwelle made was....."We are solvent."

President Conrad W. had a unique method of thanking those who had made our WDS events a success. He recited a long list of club activities that members may have participated in such as helping at the Garden Expo, hosting a garden for our Tour, helping at the Annual Sale, growing an Adoption plant, donating daylilies for the Sale, bringing a treat, coming to a meeting, buying a Sale plant, purchasing an Auction cultivar, set-up or clean-up at an event, and so forth. As we scratched our heads, he asked all who had done any one of the above to please stand and give ourselves a round of applause. He then heartily thanked those on their feet, which was practically the entire room, and proclaimed that we were the ones who had made the year such a winner. It was an extremely effective and thoughtful way to illustrate just how involved our members are. Thanks are sent right back at ya Conrad for guiding us through 2007 so handily.

## Annual Meeting Continued

Ballots fairly flew around the room, one right after the other, for: 1 – the recipient of our 5% Sale Donation; 2 – the WDS Popularity Pole; 3 – the Board Elections; and 4 – Amendments to the WDS Bylaws. The results of all this voting was: 1 – Madison Area Master Gardeners Association; 2 – to be announced in this newsletter; 3 – the incumbents (John Sheehan and yours truly) and the two newcomers (Diane Goodman and June Johnson) overpowered the competition to win (just kidding – four spots were open and four people ran so it worked out nicely); and 4 – the changes passed overwhelmingly.

Once this flurry of paperwork calmed down, John Sheehan, Chair of the 2008 Summer Meeting, recapped the progress made so far (a great deal!) and delineated the work yet to be done (a GREAT DEAL MORE!!!!). He also put in a plea for more volunteers and emphasized what a mammoth undertaking such a shindig is, so the more the merrier in terms of warm bodies to share the load. [I urge any and all to sign up for duty as this will be a classy event and a stellar showcase for our Society.]

Let's all thank Conrad Wrzesinski, John Sheehan, and Kathi Dwelle for their outstanding and myriad efforts in putting together this fine event. They have set the bar high for next year's meeting.



*L-R: Conrad Wrzesinski, Karol Emmerich, and John Sheehan at the Annual Meet.*

Then it was time for the featured guest, hybridizer Karol Emmerich, who was greeted with a burst of loud applause. Karol was a lively, enthusiastic and entertaining speaker who came to her love for the lovely *hemerocallis* a mere blip-in-time ago (circa 1992). She fell so hard, though, that she left a very successful 21 year business career she loved to chase her new paramour with all that her slight build could muster. In the beginning, all she wanted to accomplish was “plant a garden around the pergola at the front of the house”. The following year all she wanted to accomplish was “paint the end of her cul-de-sac with flowers”. When the hem bug bit her in earnest, her horizons exponentially expanded and all she wanted to accomplish was “paint the world with daylilies”. And she is making vast strides in reaching that goal by painstakingly cultivating acres of seeds which she evaluates exactly in her efforts to produce northern hardy, specially named daylilies (none of those slightly off-color or suggestive monikers for her beauties). She started buying better quality parents who injected better genetic material into her lines. When

she wanted to learn more, she apprenticed with Larry Grace and actually lived near him in the south for months at a time. When she needed more room for her babies, she bought a 110 acre tract of land that included a defunct quarry. When she wanted to speed up her program, she built a humongous greenhouse. When land needed to be reclaimed from the dead quarry, a highway crew was hired to get the job done fast!

All of these dedicated efforts have resulted in some truly excellent cultivars springing up from her lines. Who isn't familiar with her rose-purple, dark eyed and edged creation H. 'Enduring Freedom'? Want bold eyes? Try her H. 'Moses In The Bullrushes' or H. 'Storm Shelter'. Edges? Try her H. 'Heartbeat Of Heaven'. How about ruffles? Try her H. 'Secret Of Contentment'. She has based her program on good genetics and not focused on simply creating a pretty face. That has led to strong AND beautiful plants that work in the harsh climate of Zone 5. Karol tests her plants outdoors at her Minnesota gardens and surviving a mild winter does not count. She will be the first to tell you not to buy a specific cultivar of hers if she thinks its survival in your area is iffy. She summed up her presentation with a peak at what she is currently developing. As she said, and her pictures showed, “The future is bright!” And it's VERY bright for 12 of our lucky members who won gift certificates from her Springwood Gardens. The rest of us just basked in the glow of her upbeat manner and slides of her wonderful creations while discretely wiping the drool from our chins.

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*Karol's Englerth 2007 winner and 2008 Introduction, H. 'Creation Rejoices'*

Editor's Note: Just want to be sure you notice that all but one of the articles in this Newsletter were written by our wonderful members. It certainly has made my job easier and I know it has provided an interesting read for all of you. My sincerest thanks to all.

