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THIS MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE!!

After all our digging, planting, watering and weeding, (and all that snow!), the time we've all been waiting for is rapidly approaching! It's almost daylily season! Within a couple of weeks we should see early bloomers opening their beautiful faces. The next two months promise to be busy, exciting, and utterly enjoyable.

This is the year we will host the **MAD CITY AFFAIR**, our 2008 Region 2 Summer Meeting. This gives us the opportunity to share with other Region 2 members what we have accomplished here in Wisconsin. The Grand Valley Daylily Society from Michigan is bringing a bus and 20 members. There will also be folks coming from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and our sister clubs in Wisc. Lots of things will need to be done, especially the week before, and the days of, the meeting. Knowing how much fun we have all had as our members rally to help when the Plant Sale is upon us, I am confident we will enjoy this experience just as much.

John Sheehan will be meeting one-on-one with most of the Summer Meeting Committee Chairpersons in the next 10 days. The chairs will then contact their committee members to discuss what is remaining to be done and when.

If you have not signed up for one of the committees and you wish to do so, please contact John at johnsheehan@charter.net or 608-274-4921.

Once the Meeting is over, we will have a few days to rest before the Picnic/Adoption/Auction affair and then a couple of weeks until the Plant Sale will be upon us. It does promise to be an exciting summer!!

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.

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“If you have two loaves of bread, sell one and buy flowers -- for the bread will nourish your body, but the flowers will nourish your soul.”

Author unknown

Calendar of Events 2008

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, Speaker: Luddy Lambertson

Be sure to check our web site for updates.

**The WDS Plant Sale
will be at Olbrich Gardens
Sat. & Sun., August 16th & 17th**

With all of the excitement of the Summer Meeting these days, it's hard to realize that when it's all over, and you have had time to catch your breath, it will be time for our annual Daylily Plant Sale! Judging from prior years, it's sure to be a very busy, fun-filled and profitable weekend in August.

The most important keys to our successful sales in the past have been your donations and your willing help. Last year 32 members donated a total of 3410 plants, That's more than half of the plants we had for sale - and pure profit! Again this year we do ask for 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 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 11th and transported to Olbrich. We will again be preparing the plants for sale in the "Prep Tent" on Thursday afternoon and 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. And, as you know, we try to have many plants that you've never had available in the sale before! 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. (Rich Kaja and Mike Alvin enjoyed themselves so much last year that they were there all four days!

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

Dear Richard,

We totally enjoyed your daylily presentation on May 24 here in Madison. Your work with "instant rebloom" is an incredibly exciting development as is your insistence on good plant habits. We applaud your efforts and success in these areas. And we especially want to recognize your generosity toward our Club with this BIG thank you.

In the spirit in which you gave us the unexpected opportunity to auction off six of your lovely introductions to our members (with all monies going into our treasury), we wish to recognize your kindness with some of our own. At the suggestion of several WDS members, the Board passed a motion to give the winning bid amount of \$200 for 'Memorial To Steve' to the Southeast Ohio Food Bank, the organization to which you personally have given all proceeds from 'Memorial To Steve'. In this small way the WDS honors Steve Moldovan's memory, AND you, too, for your bigheartedness and selflessness.

On behalf of all the members of The Wisconsin Daily Society, thank you for a fine presentation and your generous gift to us.

Conrad Wrzesinski, President

MORE THAN PRETTY FACES

By Francis Kleckner

On May 24 more than 60 WDS members filled the West Madison Ag Station for a presentation by Ohio hybridizer, Richard Norris.

Richard's first goal in hybridizing is to have plants with more than pretty faces. If a plant's foliage does not look good before, during and after bloom season it will not be considered for introduction no matter how beautiful the bloom might be. Yes, he has many pretty faces that have fantastic foliage.

The second goal in his program is to hybridize plants with northern instant rebloom, meaning a fan will put up a second scape before the first one is done blooming. He showed numerous slides of his plants showing this type of rebloom, It's really amazing.

He is also hybridizing for high bud count. And after seeing slides of clumps blooming in his garden, it was apparent that he is succeeding. They seemed to be solid with blooms.

During his presentation Richard surprised everyone by announcing that the audience would be allowed to pick four of his introductions to be auctioned off at the end of the program, with monies going to the WDS. There was so much interest in his plants that he changed his mind and allowed six plants to be chosen for auction! Some very spirited bidding followed and a nice amount was raised for the WDS treasury. Thank You Richard.

The meeting concluded with a door prize drawing for the many varied and beautiful perennials that were brought to the meeting by WDS members.

A super afternoon was enjoyed by all attending with a great presentation interjected with lots of wit. For those not attending, if you ever get a chance ask Richard how he gets in shape for hybridizing.

*Richard Norris and
Pres. Conrad Wrzesinski
Photo by Genni Kleckner*



This letter was sent to Richard Norris

TO TEST OR NOT TO TEST THAT WAS THE QUESTION

By June Johnson

Several times during my nearly six decades of gardening, I have thought about having the soil tested in whatever yard or garden I happened to be “playing” at the time. But, I never got around to it; it was too expensive, I thought, or too time-consuming, or too hard to find a reputable place to have it done. I had considered buying a “soil test kit” that one often sees advertised in catalogs and gardening magazines, but then I read that these kits often don’t give reliable results. And so, I just never did it. After all, I reasoned, I know about nitrogen, phosphorus and potash and what each does for a plant; I’m very familiar with the wonders of compost and have some knowledge of pH levels.

Then I read the very well-written, informative article by Patricia Crooks Henley in the Spring 2008 Region 2 Newsletter (“Improving Your Soil – Or Not. . . Phosphorus: Use It, Don’t Abuse It!, pp. 22-23). The warning she gives about using too much phosphorus and what it can do to your plants AND soil, sent me scurrying to the phone book to find out where I could get a soil test done.

Living in Madison, I naturally went to the University listings first and there found the listing for the UW Soil and Plant Analysis Lab. I called their number, got all the information I needed to prepare my samples and learned that the cost was just \$15.00 per sample!

I prepared three samples of soil, taken from three different areas of my yard and took them to the lab. I had my results back in about 7 days. (Mine came via email, but they will send it via regular mail if you wish.) The report gives an analysis of pH, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and organic matter for each sample, and explains what you should or shouldn’t do to correct any problems.

My results? The pH was fine in all three samples; I needed a little more nitrogen in all three, a little more potassium in one but - as Ms. Henley surely would have predicted - in all three samples, there was way more phosphorus than was needed.

The UW Soils and Plant Analysis Lab, 8452 Mineral Point Road, Verona, WI 53593 (608) 262-4364. (For members who attend meetings at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station: The Lab uses the same driveway as the Research Station; instead of veering to the left after turning into the driveway, bear to the right and you will come to the Lab’s front door.) The Lab has an after-hours drop off and will also take samples via mail, UPS, etc.

LUDDY LAMBERTSON IS BRINGING HIS BLUE EYES TO MADISON!

Luddy Lambertson will be coming to Madison to speak before our group at our 2008 Annual Meeting to be held at the Fitchburg Community Center on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

For years Luddy & Rachel Lambertson have been hybridizing daylilies at Art Gallery Gardens in Lake Helen, Florida. At last, Luddy has consented to come out to Madison to discuss his well-known and well-respected daylily hybridization program. Check out his website at <http://artgallerygardens.com> to see his 22 spring 2008 introductions as well as all of his previous beauties. See if you like the four that caught my eye: SHAMROCK SHORE; PAINTED PETROGLYPH; DRINK THE LIGHT; and EIGHT MILES HIGH. His images definitely show that Luddy loves near-blue eyes, teeth, tentacles and UFOS.

Membership News

WDS has three new members: Jane & Jim Hewitt of Milwaukee and Patricia Broadbent of McFarland. Dale & Anita La Coursiere in Verona renewed their membership after the roster was printed in April. Please note the following email address changes since the roster was printed::

Richard Berling (rberling1@mac.com),

Jeff & Philrene Hundt (jeffhundt@netwurx.net,

Rick Ivik (ivik50@charter.net).

We also have two members returning after a few years off the rolls. Jodie Falk of Reeseville and Shari Falk of Richland Center. Welcome back!

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Do you enjoy sharing your interest in daylilies? Do you like planning activities? Do you find working together fun and rewarding? If you answered, “yes” to these questions, consider running for the Board of the Wisconsin Daylily Society. You are needed!!!

Serving on the Board provides you with the opportunity to give voice to the membership, enhance existing programs, suggest new activities and become better acquainted with other members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Board members share their talents in a variety of ways from serving as an officer on the Board to assisting with club activities and chairing society events.

The term of office for a Board Member is two years. A Board Member may run for a second term for a total of four consecutive years. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in running for the Board or have questions about the Board, contact Diane Goodman (Phone: 608-643-8021 or email: jrgoodman@charter.net.) Diane is chair of the Board Nominating Committee.



H. “Highway Blues”

DON’T MISS THIS!!

Have you set aside October 18th on your calendar yet? You really don’t want to miss this Annual Meeting. Our favorite caterer has promised to be there and Luddy Lambertson has some very interesting flowers to share with us!

**WDS ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC
AUCTION & ADOPTION PROGRAM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2008 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 3rd, 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 43 plants are available for adoption this year.

Our favorite auctioneers, Conrad Wrzesinski and Bill Powell, will keep the bidding going strong during the Daylily Auction which follows the Adoption Program. There are at least 44 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. Angel Hair daylily) Press enter and you should find several sites. Usually one of the first ones will have a good picture to view.

2008 ADOPTION PLANTS

ANGEL HAIR	LILLIAN'S SOMEWHERE
ANGEL'S REALM	BETWEEN
ASHWOOD SUMMER	MIDNIGHT DREAMER
SUNSHINE	MIKE LONGO
AZURE WINGS	MISSISSIPPI MEMORIES
BESIDE STILL WATERS	MOMENT IN THE SUN
BLUE INSPIRATION	MORNING COLORS
BOILED SHRIMP	ODE TO FAITH
BONNIE HOLLY	PATRIOTS PASSION
BOUND FOR GLORY	PINK PRAISE
CAROLYN MANN	REFLECTIONS OF GLORY
CARY GRANT	RUFFLED STRAWBERRY
CHARLIE	PARFAIT
CIRCLE OF FIRE	SMALL TALK
DICK WICKE	SMILE AGAIN
FAD GADGET	SOUTHBOUND ODYSSEY
FLAMBOYANT DIVA	SP. SUNKIST SPLENDR
FLIGHT INTO EGYPT	SUMMER IN VERSAILLES
FOX HUNTER	TRIFECTA
I TOLD YOU SO	WALKING HAND IN HAND
JIM'S DREAMSICLE	WEBSTER'S PINK WONDER
JUDY FARQUHAR	WILD FREE
LILAC U CARE	WILLOW DEAN SMITH

2008 AUCTION PLANTS

AERIALY INCLINED	NGORONGORO
BEN BRAY	NYIRAGONGO
CAJUN CHRISTMAS	PATIENCE OF A SAINT
CANAPE DE PARIS	REED'S SIXTY-FIFTH
CRAZY DOYLE	RIDE THE TIDE
CROWNED HEADS	ROYALTY SURPRISE
DAKAR	SAYER'S SEEDLING
DO MY BEST	SEA DRAGON
DYNAMIC APRICOT RUFFLES	SECRETARYS SAND
FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN	SHELBY CHAMPAGNE
FORESTLAKE RAGAMUFFIN	SP. BULL GATOR
GINNY MITCHELL	SP SEA SHELL
GREYWOODS GRAPHIC ILLUSION	SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE
GREYWOODS JAVA ILLUSION	SPECTRAL ELEGANCE
JUSTIN PAUL	THESE EYES
KAHOOLAWA	VELVET ONYX
LAVENDER HEARTHROB	VICTORIAN GOLD
LE PETIT SABOTEUR	VICTORIAN LACE
LIGHTS OF VALINOR	VIRGIL EARP
MAGIC HAPPENS	WANDERING MINSTREL
MALICIOUS RUMORS	WATSON PARK ECLIPSE
MYSTERIOUS EYES	WATSON PARK SATIN

WHAT DO DEW-RAGS AND DAYLILIES HAVE IN COMMON???

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

The answer is Curt Hanson (with an O, thank you very much)!!! Saturday, April 12th, a rather ideal day for gardening, was instead dedicated to an afternoon with the colorful, original, creative, bandana-wearing owner of Crintonic Gardens located in Gates Mills, Ohio. The turnout was so large that it was standing room only! That was a great compliment from our club to this renowned hybridizer. With his trademark headgear in place, Curt gave us a program to remember.

Curt began his own love affair with daylilies over 30 years ago and was lucky enough to learn along side one of the young lions, Steve Moldovan. That first year he was rather reluctantly persuaded to visit Munson's garden in Florida and there the hemerocallis hook was set soooooo deep in him that he began his own hybridizing efforts in earnest almost immediately. He used many of Munson's creations as a springboard during his initial years and their influence can be seen in many of Curt's purples. He has also given birth to the fabulous H. 'Bela Lugosi', H. 'Nosferatu', and the infamous H. 'Primal Scream'.

With daylilies being such easy subjects, Curt has manipulated their form and color at will. Their only demand - an adequate supply of water - proved to be part of their charm. And if one of the darn things had the nerve to die, well, he was better off without it. Survival of the fittest rules his program; no basement or green house sissies for him. Choosing to focus on tets allows him more creative license as there is a greater amount of genetic code in them. Chances of throwing something new into the mix is more of a probability with tetraploids than with diploids. And something DIFFERENT is just what he has been concocting. Like a mad scientist, he has developed a wildly unusual look with his latest batch of offerings. THE wildest, and perhaps hands-down the MOST scary aberration of all, is his H. 'Sigourney', which is named after the heroine of the ALIEN movies. On second thought, he should really have called the strange looking thing 'Alien' as it resembles no other daylily on earth. Equally odd were H. 'Mother Upduff' (dramatically pinched midribs that give it, too, an otherworldly look) and H. 'Unpredictable You' (deeply pleated throat and a crazily angled petals). Even he admits that these looks are not for everyone. We agreed with the master! However, others of his line we oohed and ahhed over. Standouts were H. 'In Taffeta Patterns' (which is reshaping the line between the watermark and the eye zone), H. 'Kinky Reggae' (a reverse bi-tone), H. 'We Dare To Bare' (an exaggerated pleated green throat), and H. 'Ammonites And Nautiloids' (deeply ribbed and highly textured).

To give balance to what might seem like an unbalanced focus, Curt does tone it down a bit for the casual aficionados. Pinks, edges, and shorter scapes are in his repertoire (for the 'little old ladies out there' he says laughingly, knowing full-well that there are plenty of us that appreciate a nice pink). He himself admires a good yellow and has bred his share of them including H. 'Be Here Now', H. 'What Me Worry?' and the inimitable H. 'Notify Ground Crew', a whopping 72" tall. So, despite his devil-may-care flare and over-the-top descriptions, Curt does stick mostly to his main hybridizing goals of disease resistance, good looking foliage, clarity of color, size of bloom, height of scape (he's trying for 10 feet tall and has already reached the 7 foot mark), plus bud-building characteristics. That's not to say that he doesn't revel in being a rebel when it comes to pushing the envelope off in very new and strange directions. He ended his jaw-dropping program by encouraging the back-yard pollen dabbers in the audience to make some illogical crosses at the end of the day. You just don't know where the next breakthrough might come from! Wanna try for a PREDATOR (the movie) namesake, anyone?

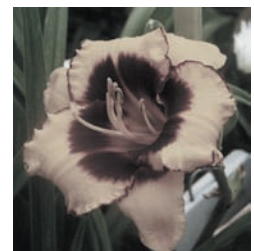
CALLING ALL HYBRIDIZERS

Here's a question for all of you hybridizers and wannabe hybridizers: If you cross a red daylily with a yellow one, how likely is it that you will create a purple seedling? You can check Bob Carr's Hybridizing Tables to see how likely it is. Ok, so you knew the answer to that one. How about purple and pink? There's at least 250 combinations listed in his tables. When you are trying to decide which pretty face to mix up with another pretty face, you might find them very helpful.

Marcia Gieger found these tables on the Internet and is passing the information on to you. I easily located the tables by googling "Bob Carr's Hybridizing Tables". They came right up at the top of the list. Try it and see what you think of his results.



*Curt Hanson and his Dew Rag
Photo by Conrad Wresinski*



Above: H. 'Now & Zen'

Below: H. 'Borg Technology'

