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BILL POWELL HEADLINES THE WDS NEW YEAR

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski



The WDS New Year begins with presentation by our own Bill Powell of Epiphany Farm on Saturday, January 9th at 1:00 PM at the West Side Agricultural Research Station. His presentation is entitled, "Epiphanies and Summer Dreams: the Joy of Your Own Creations".

Bill has been hybridizing for close to 20 years, but in his words only ten years with a passion, as before that the number of seedlings was limited. Bill uses primarily his own seedlings, though he does cross with named cultivars. He has registered 43 daylilies according to the AHS database with many others in the pipeline to register in the future. His 'Dragonfly Waltz' (William Powell – 2004) was one of the write in favorites in the WDS 2009 Top Ten Poll.

Bill is working on producing daylilies with green edges and in his words, 'frilly things'. He crosses many lates to extend the daylily season. Bud count and branching are important factors in his hybridizing program. According to Bill a 'pretty face' is all too easy but a nice flower with a good plant is harder. Bill does not pamper his plants. His plants must thrive in this USDA Zone 4b/5a climate. He has remarked that seeing his introductions in other gardens, where the growing conditions and care are better, they look even nicer than in his own garden.

His presentation will cover a range of topics from soil nutrients, effects of soil organisms, different ways of looking at and considering genetics, the really cool experience of talking with other gardeners while rocking on a porch swing, to seeing a most beautiful bloom for the first time and realize you created it. Do begin the WDS New Year with Bill Powell.

LEE PICKLES WILL VISIT MADISON

By John Sheehan

On Saturday, March 6, 2010, Lee Pickles from the Chattanooga Daylily Gardens of Hixson, TN will visit us. Lee will be speaking at the West Madison Agriculture Research Station at 1:00 PM.

Since 2001 Lee has registered more than 125 daylilies and in 2009 won the prestigious AHS Helen Field Fisher Award. I grow two of Lee's Introductions, H. 'Awesome Bob' and H. 'I'm Not That Innocent'—both grow well in Fitchburg. To learn more about Lee's daylily hybridization program, visit www.chattanooga-daylilies.com.

WATCH FOR A NOTICE OF FEBRUARY'S MEETING DATE & SPEAKER

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Calendar of Events 2010

January 9th, (Saturday), West Ag Research Station
1-4 pm **Speaker: Bill Powell**
February 12th-14th, **Garden Expo**, Alliant Energy Center
February Meeting TBA
March 6th, (Saturday) West Ag Research Station
1-4 pm **Speaker: Lee Pickles**
April Meeting TBA
May 15th, (Saturday) Savanna Oaks Middle School,
1-4 pm, **Speaker: Bob Faulkner**
May 27-29, National Convention, Valdosta, GA
July 15th-19th, **2010 Regional Summer Meeting**,
Wadsworth, Ohio,
August 1st (Sunday), **Potluck/Adoption/Auction**
Savanna Oaks Middle School on Lacy Road.
August 14th-15th, **Daylily Plant Sale**, Olbrich
October 23rd, (Saturday), 12:45 pm **Annual Meeting**
Savanna Oaks Middle School on Lacy Road.
Speaker: George Doorakian.

Be sure to check our web site for updates.



GARDEN EXPO 2010 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

By Diane Goodman

In an effort to help those of us who are going into a downward spiral because we can't be doing gardening "stuff", never fear, help is on the horizon!

The Garden Expo at the Alliant Center is just around the corner. Running from Friday, February 12 to Sunday, February 14 it is the life line you may need to make it through another Wisconsin winter. The Expo offers participation opportunities, lectures, and numerous products to tempt and tantalize even the most resistant of parties.

WDS has a booth at this event. We will need members to share our knowledge and enthusiasm for our "favorite" flower. Call Chris Zeltner at (608) 873-5257 if you would be willing to assist on any of those dates. It's a grand way to earn WDS dollars, and have fun while you do it!

So, if you are out there as a deprived gardener (or a helpless romantic), take your best friend to the Alliant Center for a great time. Who knows what will grow from that experience?

2010 REGION 2 MID-WINTER SYMPOSIUM

Have you had a hankering to get out hammer and nails and build that very special birdhouse? Now's the time to get it done and enter it in the Bird House Contest at the 2010 Midwinter Symposium scheduled this year for Feb 26-28 in Blue Ash, OH (near Cincinnati).

In addition you will be able to see slides of the newest daylily introductions, enjoy great food and friends, and BUY DAYLILIES!! What more could you want??

How about listening to see what bits of wisdom the great roster of speakers such as Tom Polston, Nate Bremmer, Heidi Douglas, Paul Owen, Brian Culver from Ontario, and Robert Grant from the United Kingdom have to impart.

Before all is said and done, two \$500 gift certificates from Solaris Farms will be awarded. Watch for the registration form in the next issue of the Region 2 Newsletter.

TO ALL WHO ORDERED A 2010 EUREKA

By June Johnson

The 2010 Eureka has arrived! Every copy of this 20th Anniversary edition has a serial number on the bottom of the first page. You can go online and-- using the serial number--gain access to all the information that is on the Supplement CD, including the Eureka database of more than 60,000 cultivars. "Off-liners" will appreciate the "**Daylily Photo Index**", an **alphabetical list of all the daylily photos published in the Eureka from 1993 through 2010. The list includes page numbers and issue dates.**

Those who chose to have their Eureka mailed have already received them. The rest of you can pick up your copies at the next WDS meeting on January 9 (1:00 p.m. at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station). See you there!



OUR FIFTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

It is time to revisit your photos from a summer of daylily favorites and enter the Fifth Annual WDS Photo Contest. At the February general meeting WDS members will vote for their favorite photos. The top four winning photos will be displayed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilsoc.org>) and featured in the 2011 WDS Garden Expo booth. The winning photographers will also receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August.

The four winning daylily photos from the WDS 2009 Photo Contest were: 'Integrated Logistics' by Kathi Dwelle, 'Rick Rack Ruffles' by Diane Goodman, 'Hurricane Bob' by Tom Kleinheinz and 'Swallow Tail Kite' by Wendy Reichel.

To enter the WDS Photo Contest you must follow the official contest rules listed below.

- 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 person submitting the photo must have taken the picture.
- Photos need not be taken in the member's garden.
- Photos may be an individual bloom, daylily 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.
- Contest winners will receive an enlarged photo of their winning entry. The size of the photo enlargement may vary depending upon the resolution of the original image.
- The Wisconsin Daylily Society reserves the right to display winning photos at WDS functions, including but not limited to the WDS web site, WDS Garden Expo booth, WDS scrap book, and use in WDS presentations.

If the photos are in digital format, email them as an attachment(s) to conradw@charter.net. If you are using a film camera, you need to have the pictures transferred to a CD. Walgreens, Walmart, Woodmans, etc. provide this service. Send the CD to Conrad J. Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562.

The deadline to enter is February 1, 2010.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Richard Berling and Deesa Price on their recent wedding!! May you share many happy years together.

A POLYMEROUS TALE

By Conrad Wrzesinski

Pat Stamile's H. 'Ruby Spider', the winner of the 2009 WDS Top Ten Pop Poll, has graced our garden since August of 1999. I purchased 'Ruby Spider' at the WDS sale that year for \$25.00. Even today 'Ruby Spider' remains popular with multiple sources listed in Eureka with an average price of \$10.57 for a double fan. 'Ruby Spider' is not a true spider but is a spatulate UFO (unusual form).

Most years in our garden 'Ruby Spider' will have one flower that has more than the usual three sepals and the corresponding three petals. In the past when this occurs the flower was called a polytepal. To conform to current botanical usage, AHS has adopted the term polymerous to refer to this phenomena. Often the polymerous flower on 'Ruby Spider' will have sets of 4 or 5 sepals and corresponding petals. You can imagine my surprise when I gazed upon 'Ruby Spider' with polymerous flower that had 6 sepals and 6 petals. The bloom was massive. Quickly I grabbed my camera, as this phenomena had to be recorded for garden posterity.



A polymerous H. 'Ruby Spider'
Photo by Conrad Wrzesinski

WDS HYBRIDIZERS' MEETING

By Pat Sturdevant

Last month we had our third Hybridizer meeting out at the West Ag Station. There were several new faces attending for the first time. Several people remarked that they thought it was the best meeting so far. It was hard to get the people to leave the building in order for me to lock up. They wanted to continue the discussions. Several hybridizers were so energized by the meeting, that they went home & bought seeds on the internet because of the seedlings they saw at the meeting. Thanks to all who supplied those pics. Stay tuned for a link at the WDS web site to our Hybridizer photo gallery of our seedlings & registered daylilies. As soon as we can get our hybridizers to send in their babies, we will get it up & running. I want to thank everyone who attended. And all who brought something to eat! Also, a special thank you to the new people, Karen, Bob & David. You brought new energy to our group! Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, which we will try to schedule in March!

GEORGE DOORAKIAN-- 2010 WDS ANNUAL MEETING

By John Sheehan

Great news—George Doorakian is coming back to Madison to be our speaker at the WDS 2010 Annual Meeting being held on Saturday, October 24, 2010. The Meeting will take place at the Savanna Oaks Middle School located on 5890 Lacy Road in Fitchburg starting at 12:45 PM. Please note that this meeting site is a new one—our usual venue was not available.

George Doorakian of Nor'East Daylilies has introduced many beautiful daylilies which do well in the North. I have in my garden at least 10 of his intros—my favorite ones are: H. 'Emerald Starburst', H. 'Nancy Britz', H. 'Queen Kathleen', and H. 'Divine Inspiration'.

WDS SHARES ITS WEALTH IN 2009

As we look back over the year and count our many blessings, we can be proud that we also took the time to share those blessings with others. The list of recipients included:

- West Madison Ag Research Station \$2,500 (unrestricted)
- Olbrich Gardens \$2,000 (unrestricted)
- AHS -- Region II \$1,000 (for newsletter production)
- Sauk Co. Master Gardeners Assoc. \$625
(to replace plants lost by flooding at Circus World Museum and the railroad museum in North Freedom, WI)
- Allen Centennial Gardens \$1,625 (unrestricted)

In addition, WDS donated daylilies worth \$156 to Olbrich. In 2010 members have voted to send our 5% to HospiceCare of Wisconsin.

At the last Board Meeting it was decided to give Olbrich an extra \$2,000 to have new tables built. The staff will build them this winter. It will be so good to have new tables at our sale, and Olbrich can use them for their sale. A win-win for everyone!

Thanks to everyone for their many efforts over the past year which kept our coffers healthy and our generous gift giving possible.

Membership News

If there is a "RENEW NOW" label on the outside of your newsletter, your membership expires on December 31st. Please complete the enclosed renewal form and mail it with your payment by check or WIDS \$. We don't want you to miss news of the upcoming winter meetings and summer events!

New members since the September issue are: Dave & Aurora Myers in Onalaska, Brigid Stark in Mt. Horeb, Amy McDowell in Deerfield, and Jennifer & Ed Raymond IV in Milwaukee. Beverly Johnson in Madison has renewed after an absence of two years. We send a hearty welcome to all of you and look forward to seeing you at future meetings!

I had intended to prepare a membership count to report at our Annual Meeting, but it slipped my mind. Here are the statistics:

Single memberships: 197

Family memberships: 56 (112 Individuals)

Business membership: 8 (13 Individuals)

Grand total of individuals: 322

We must be one of the larger clubs in Region 2, if not in the entire AHS. I think we have a good thing going!

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

LEADING THE WAY IN 2010

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Three new board members, who were elected at the Annual Meeting, include: Janet Gordon, Vaughn James and Diane Sharkey. Janet is an AHS Exhibition Judge. Vaughn combines an interest in gardening with other creative activities, which can be seen on his web site: <http://rvjdesigns.com/graphics.html>. Diane also serves on the Board of the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society. Returning members of the Board include: Diane Goodman, Francis Kleckner, Barry Rowe, Pat Sturdevant, and Conrad Wrzesinski.

At the first meeting of the new Board the following officers were elected to lead the way for 2010.

- President – Janet Gordon
- Vice President - Francis Kleckner
- Treasurer – Barry Rowe
- Secretary – Diane Goodman

The Board gave a well-deserved vote of thanks to the three outgoing board members: Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, June Johnson and John Sheehan.

The following people have graciously agreed to chair and help facilitate club activities during 2010.

- Adoption plant garden space - Don and Phyllis Sanner
- Adoption plant procurement - John Sheehan
- Annual Meeting - John Sheehan and Conrad Wrzesinski
- Annual review of the WDS books and completion of IRS forms - Lloyd Ravet
- Auction, Adoption and Potluck - John Sheehan, Genni Kleckner, Conrad Wrzesinski and Barry Rowe
- Display Gardens - Rosemary Kleinheinz
- Eureka order - June Johnson
- Garden Expo - Chris Zeltner
- Garden Tours - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
- Guest Speakers - John Sheehan
- Historian - Kathi Dwelle
- Hospitality - Pat Sturdevant and Terri Maliszewski-Kane
- Newsletter - Rosemary Kleinheinz
- Photo Contest - Conrad Wrzesinski
- Region 2 Meeting bus trip - John Sheehan
- Registrar - Gene Dewey
- WDS Plant Sale - Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz
- WDS Plant Sale (Arrange dates and sign up volunteers for digs) - Diane Goodman
- WDS Top Ten Poll - Conrad Wrzesinski
- Webmaster - Mary Wrzesinski

It is the volunteer efforts these people and the other members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society that make for engaging club activities and good daylily camaraderie.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your support and encouraging words during my three years as President of the Wisconsin Daylily Society! Working together we accomplish much.

WE ARE WISHING YOU.....

*the heart of Christmas which is Love
the spirit of Christmas which is Peace
the joy of Christmas which is Hope*



WDS TOP TEN POLL RESULTS

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Favorites Poll conducted at the fall 2009 Annual Meeting, Pat Stamile's 'Ruby Spider' was the first place winner with 36 votes, edging out last year's winner, Curt Hanson's 'Bela Lugosi' by just one vote. Pat Stamile's 'Victorian Lace' and Jamie Gossard's 'Heavenly Angel Ice' made their first appearance among the WDS Top Ten in eighth and tenth place respectively.

Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream', which placed first in the 2009 Region 2 Popularity Poll was in fourth place in the 2009 WDS Top Ten Poll. This is the same position 'Primal Scream' occupied in the 2008 WDS Top Ten Poll. 'Ruby Spider', which placed first in the 2009 WDS Top Ten Poll, placed second in the 2009 Region 2 Popularity Poll. Below is a complete list of the 2009 WDS Top Ten favorites.

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| 1. 'Ruby Spider' | Stamile – 1991 |
| 2. 'Bela Lugosi' | Hanson – 1995 |
| 3. 'Moonlit Masquerade' | Salter – 1992 |
| 4. 'Primal Scream' | Hanson – 1994 |
| 5. 'Red Volunteer' | Oakes – 1984 |
| 6. 'Strawberry Candy' | Stamile – 1989 |
| 7. 'All American Chief' | Sellers – 1994 |
| 8. 'Victorian Lace' | Stamile – 1999 |
| 9. 'Beautiful Edgings' | Copenhaver – 1989 |
| 10. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' | Gossard – 2004 |

Pictures of the Top Ten taken by The Kleckners, Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz and Conrad Wrzesinski are posted on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

A total of 91 ballots were cast with 148 different daylilies receiving at least one vote. Two newer cultivars are becoming popular among WDS members. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster/Cobb – 2003) received 14 votes and Karol Emmenrich's 'Woman at the Well' (2005) received 10 votes. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' placed 5th in the 2009 Region 2 Popularity Poll. Favorites among the write in votes were 'Persian Ruby' (Dan Trimmer – 1998), 'Dragonfly Waltz' (William Powell

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

WDS extends our sympathy to Carrol Schiller on the death of her beloved husband of 56 years, Louis, who left this earth on September 21st, following a long illness.

A long time WDS member, Don Coshun of Waukesha, passed away on October 2nd after a 16 year battle with heart and lung disease. We will always remember his gentleness, his love of daylilies, and all he did to support WDS. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

\$400 will be sent to Region 2 in memory of Don and Louis.

WDS ANNUAL MEETING A PERFECT ENDING TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!

By Diane Goodman

Another successful year for the WDS was brought to an end with our Annual Meeting on October 24, 2009. The Fitchburg Community Center offered a wonderful site, and the beautiful weather just added to an already delightful event.

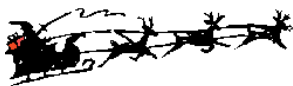
The meeting began with a delicious meal. After we had the opportunity to share food, and conversation with our membership, Conrad Wrzesinski called the business part of the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the new members. He shared that once again, the WDS membership had set a new record, with 120 signing up to attend the Annual Meeting. He also complimented the membership on their involvement with the club. To prove his point, he had all members stand that were involved in any committee or project regarding WDS. Upon viewing the room, very few people were seated—perhaps new members? He thanked everyone for their support.

He also shared the names of Janet Gordon, Vaughan James, and Diane Scharkey as being members willing to serve as WDS Board members. The membership approved the slate.

Upon completion of that portion of the meeting, Barry Rowe drew tickets for door prizes. Because of the generosity of our membership, 25% of those attending went home with a new plant.

The highlight of the afternoon was a presentation by Paul Owen of “The Slightly Different Nursery”. Aided with Southern humor and beautiful slides, Paul shared the evolution of his hybridizing program and some of his success stories. As he specializes in daylilies that are Northern cold tolerant and drought resistant, many were intrigued by what he had to say. Seeing the slides, it was hard to argue with his success! After his presentation, he was kind enough to auction off some of his recent introductions, with proceeds going to our club.

The event ended on a very positive note. What a way to end the year!



BUS TRIP TO 2010 AHS SUMMER MEETING

By John Sheehan

The WDS Board has approved a Club-sponsored Bus to travel to the Region 2 Summer Meeting being held in Wadsworth, OH from Friday, July 16, thru Sunday, July 18, 2010. The cost of the BUS TRANSPORTATION is \$20—the WDS Treasury is subsidizing the rest of the cost. At this point, THE TRIP IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO WDS MEMBERS. In the spring of 2010 the board will decide if we can offer the trip to non-club members at a price reflecting the actual per capita cost of the trip. WDS Members, if you wish to reserve your spot on this bus, send \$20 (Check or WDS Dollars) to our WDS Treasurer, Barry Rowe, 1850 Epworth Court, Madison, WI 53705. There will be a box lunch provided to riders both on the way to Ohio on Friday and on the way back on Sunday—the box lunches are included in your \$20 bus trip cost!! Additional details of the trip will be made available a little later.

The meeting schedule, registration information and hotel data is available at the Ohio Daylily Society website (www.ohio-daylilysociety.org/2010.html). Please remember that the \$20 cost discussed above for the bus is just for the bus transportation (and lunches). You must register for the Meeting and make hotel reservations and those payments on your own. Even though there are two hotels to choose from, most of the meetings and banquets, etc, will be held in the Ramada Limited Hotel and it costs less.

If you have questions, please contact trip coordinator, John Sheehan at johnsheehan@charter.net or at 608-274-4921. The WDS Website has a bus trip application form that can be downloaded and printed out (and which should be mailed to Barry Rowe with payment for the bus trip).

BOB FAULKNER WILL SPEAK TO WDS

By John Sheehan

On Saturday, 15-May-2010, Bob Faulkner from Natural Selection Daylilies of Dayton, Ohio will travel to Madison to speak to us. The Meeting will be held at Savanna Oaks Middle School located on 5890 Lacy Road in Fitchburg starting at 1:00 PM. Be sure to notice that this is a new meeting site for us—our usual venues were not available.

Since 1995 Bob has been hybridizing daylilies, both diploid and tetraploid, which will thrive in the north. Lately, he has been focusing on patterned flowers which are attracting a lot of interest by folks from the north and the south. Hopefully, his website will be updated in the next few months to show his newest introductions and seedlings.



Our speaker, Paul Owen



Eleanor Rodini, Martha Maxwell, Gene Dewey



Kitty & Jim Fitzpatrick

All photos by Kathi Dwelle