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Our Holiday Wish for you.....

*Love, Laughter, Friendship -
all of the wonderful
heartfelt gifts
that we are so lucky to share.*

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR DAYLILY FRIENDS!

By John Sheehan

Shovel out your driveway and start the 2011 WDS Season with our first monthly meeting. It will be held on Saturday, January, 22, 2011 at the Savannah Oaks Middle School located at 5890 Lacy Road, Fitchburg. The meeting begins at 1:00 PM.

We are trying something new. We are holding a "Workshop" meeting at which you can enrich your understanding of such topics as Reading Plant Description Sheets; ABCs of daylily genetics; How to Cross; Daylily 101 slide show topics.

Each of the workshop sessions will run about 20 minutes and then will be repeated during the Meeting.

If you have suggestions of a workshop session you think we should include, PLEASE contact John Sheehan at johnsheehan@charter.net or call him at 608-274-4921. Do plan to join us for enlightenment as well as for camaraderie, food, and some great door prizes, among them two copies of the new "Eureka"!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Our favorite caterers, Ron and Sara Ben-Ami, are opening a new restaurant in mid-December aimed at healthy eating. fit2eat will be located in the former Madeleine's Patisserie, 3542 Speedway Road. We can't wait to try it!!



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Calendar of Events 2011

January 22nd, (Saturday) 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks Middle School, **Workshops**
February 11-13th, **Garden Expo**, Alliant Center
February 19th, (Saturday), 1:00 pm West Ag Station,
WDS Hybridizers Showcase their Babies and Photo Contest
March TBA
April 16th, (Saturday), 1:00 pm West Ag Station
Speaker: Don Herr, Lancaster, PA
May 14th, (Saturday), 1:00 pm, West Ag Station
Speaker: Gerda Brooker, Strongsville, OH
May 25-28th, **National AHS Convention**,
Baton Rouge, LA
June 25th **Garden Party**, Haynes Garden, Beloit
July 15-17th, **Region 2 Summer Meeting**, Troy MI
July **Garden Tour**, Details later
July 31st, (Sunday) 1:00 pm, **Potluck, Auction, & Adoption**, Savannah Oaks Middle School
Aug 13-14th (Sat & Sun) **Annual Daylily Plant Sale**
Olbrich Gardens
October 22nd, (Saturday), 1:00 pm **Annual Meeting**
Speaker: Dan & Jane Trimmer, Enterprise, FL
Savannah Oaks Middle School
Be sure to check our web site for updates.



A BRIGHT SPOT IN A LONG WINTER

Yes we've only had one snowfall so far, but if by February winter starts to get you down, just think about spending some time at Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center February 11th to 13th. Just imagine hundreds of booths offering books, tools, statuary, live flowering plants, and anything else you could possibly use in your garden. It's bound to lift your spirits.

Chris Zeltner will again be scheduling volunteers for the weekend. She will be looking for help to set up and take down the booth, and to sell the WDS spirit throughout the weekend, beginning on Friday the 11th from 4 to 9 P.M., Saturday the 12th from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. and Sunday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Give her a call at 608-873-5257 or email at czeltner356@gmail.com. letting her know when you can be there.

You may remember that last year's crew was so enthusiastic they signed up 35 new members. We've had comments from some of those people telling us that the crew at Expo made it sound like such a great group to belong to that they had to join.

By the way, while you are walking around, do take note of the award winning photos decorating our booth. This year there are six winners! They were chosen during our 5th Annual Photo Contest last February.

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dreams."

- Barbara Winkler

EUREKAS ARE HERE!!

Those who chose to have their Eureka's mailed have already received them. The rest of you can pick up your copies at the next WDS meeting on January 22nd (1:00 p.m. at the Savannah Oaks Middle School). See you there!

Membership News

If a RENEW NOW sticker appears near the mailing label for this issue, your membership will expire at the end of 2010. A renewal form is included in your copy.

Five members have joined since the September issue: Mary Federer, De Forest; Jose Montero, Beloit; Bob Olsen, Madison; Jean Kleven, Eau Claire; and Gary Kleven, Mondovi.

Hearty greetings to our new members! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings in the new year

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

HYBRIDIZERS' MEETING

By Pat Sturdevant

The Hybridizer Group got together the end of October to check out what members had blooming this summer. We had a very energetic group with a few new faces. Members present, liked the intimate feel of our meeting place out at Savanna Oaks. A special thanks goes out to Jane Percy for arranging our meeting place this time. Thanks Jane. Hopefully, WDS members plan on attending our February meeting. There is a slide show scheduled for that meeting, so you can see what our Hybridizers have been up to. Attention Hybridizers: Please get a copy of your seedling pics to Conrad for the February meeting. You may bring a flash drive to our January meeting so Conrad can upload all of the great seedlings from the summer of 2010. Happy Hybridizing!

WDS SHARES IT'S WEALTH IN 2010

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:

- \$2,000 Olbrich Gardens (Unrestricted)
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- \$1,500 West Madison Ag Station (Unrestricted)
- \$1,000 West Madison Ag Station (Intern)
- \$1,000 AHS Region 2 (Newsletter)
- \$1,000 Allen Centennial Gardens
- \$1,075 5% from Sale - Hospice Care Garden Project
- \$1,000 Region 2 Memorials

In addition, WDS donated daylilies worth \$125 to Olbrich.

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

In 2011 you have voted to send 5% of our sale proceeds to West Madison Ag Station.

At the recent Board meeting of the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society Ed Lyon mentioned that donations from the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society and the Wisconsin Daylily Society will be combined with other donations to purchase a label engraving set-up for Allen Centennial Gardens.

Visitors to the Allen Centennial Gardens will now be able to easily see the names of the daylilies, as well as the other plants in their different garden collections. Ed is very grateful for the donations to Allen Centennial Gardens.

Conrad took a few minutes to add up the donations that WDS has made to others since 2005 and came up with a total of \$48,814!!! That's all been possible because of your willingness to help at our Plant Sales. Thank you.

WDS TOP TEN 2010 POLL RESULTS

By Conrad Wrzesinski

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Favorites Poll conducted at the fall 2010 Annual Meeting, Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' was the first place winner with 36 votes, edging out last year's winner, Pat Stamile's 'Ruby Spider', by three votes. 'Ruby Spider' placed second. 'Fooled Me', 'Webster's Pink Wonder' and 'Paper Butterfly' made their first appearance among the WDS Top Ten.

Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' also placed first in the 2010 Popularity Polls of Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11. 'Ruby Spider' also placed second in the 2010 Region 2 Popularity Poll. Below is a complete list of the WDS 2010 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Primal Scream' Hanson – 1994
2. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile – 1991
3. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Salter – 1992
4. 'Bella Lugosi' Hanson – 1995
5. 'All American Chief' Sellers – 1994
5. 'Fooled Me' Reilly-Hein – 1990
7. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' Webster-Cobb – 2003
8. 'Beautiful Edgings' Copenhaver – 1989
9. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss – 1983
9. 'Strawberry Candy' Stamile – 1989

Pictures of the WDS 2010 Top Ten, which were taken by The Kleckners, the Kleinheinz's and Conrad Wrzesinski, are posted on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylily.org>).

'Red Volunteer', which was in 5th place in the WDS 2009 Top Ten Favorites Poll dropped to 11th place and 'Victorian Lace', which was in 7th place dropped to 26th place tied with 'Condillia'.

TO ALL MY DAYLILY FRIENDS:

By Janet Gordon, Club President

It was an honor to represent you this year as the WDS President. What an eye opener it was to see so many members working to make all our events such a success and have everything flow so smoothly. Everyone is to be congratulated.

As approved by you at the annual meeting, we have replaced the four Board members whose terms expired with members anxious and able to serve you.

After realizing I could better help the Society and complete some projects in progress, I made the decision to step down from my present position. The office of WDS president will be filled by the enthusiastic, devoted and competent John Sheehan. You can be sure John will act selflessly and in the best interest of the Society. I have no doubts or second thoughts about this and am sure WDS will profit by his positive attitude and outlook while he is in this leadership position.

Your Board members beginning terms of office on 1 January 2011 are:

John Sheehan - President	Vaughan James - Chair: WDS dollars
Janet Gordon - Vice President	Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
Diane Goodman - Secretary	Mike Stafford
Diane Scharkey - Treasurer	Rita Thomas - Chair Door Prizes and Raffles

The Board members whose terms will expire have performed efficiently and faithfully and will continue in other positions coordinating and organizing WDS activities and functions. Please thank Francis Kleckner, Barry Rowe, Pat Sturdevant, and Conrad Wrzesinski for their service when you see them:

There have been some new committees formed this past year and some chair persons have changed. The changes are:

Door Prizes and Raffles - Rita Thomas
Summer Meeting Bus Trip - Co-Chairs: Francis and Genni Kleckner
WDS Dollars - Vaughan James
WDS Historian - Kathi Dwelle
WDS Librarian - Pat Sturdevant

The other committees and Chair persons are the same ones that will continue to faithfully and competently serve in their same positions.

Thank you for trusting me to serve you.

1st Place Winner



H: 'Primal Scream'

Photo by C. Wrzesinski

New Board Members



John Sheehan, Rita Thomas,

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Mike Stafford



OUR SIXTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Now is time to select your favorite daylily photos to enter in the Sixth Annual WDS Photo Contest. At the February general meeting WDS members will vote for their favorite photos. The top six winning photos will be displayed on the WDS web site and featured in the 2012 WDS Garden Expo booth. Each of the six winning photographers will also receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August.

The six winning daylily photos from the WDS 2010 Photo Contest were: 'Brocade Gown' by Jim Fitzpatrick, 'Linda Daniels' by Barry Rowe, 'Trahyta' by Wendy Reichel, 'Water-ship Down' by Rita Thomas, a seedling by Karen Anderson, and a seedling by Tim Fehr. The 2010 winning photos can be seen on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

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 daylily bloom, daylily clump, or daylilies with companion plants in a landscape or garden setting.
 - Photos may be of a named daylily cultivar or seedling.
 - Photos must be submitted in digital form. Higher resolution is 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, 2011.**

UW SET OF DAYLILY JOURNALS

By Gene Dewey

The Steenbock Memorial Library collects materials for use by the staff and students of the UW Horticulture Department. The Library has many issues of the Daylily Journal and its predecessor, Hemerocallis Journal. Although the Library does not currently maintain a subscription, I have donated my back issues, as well as current issues as I finish with them. The Library is located at the corner of Observatory Drive and Babcock Drive. Parking is available in Ramp 36, just west of the Library; meters are available on the top floor of the ramp Monday-Friday (7 am to 4:30 pm) and free parking anywhere in the ramp is available after 4:30 pm and on Saturday & Sunday.

Since any resident may use materials in the Library, Steenbock becomes a valuable resource for UW staff & students as well as any person who wants to delve in the daylily world.

If any WDS member has issues of the Hemerocallis Journal, vols. 1-10 or the Daylily Journal between 1980 and 1990, the Winter 1998 issue (v. 53, #4) and Summer 2010 (v. 65, #2—I think I mistakenly trashed mine) and would be willing to donate them to the Library, please let me know. I will be happy to facilitate the transfer. 608-255-0858 or gl Dewey@wisc.edu

FEBRUARY'S MEETING

Be sure to mark your calendars for our February meeting to be held on February 19th, a Saturday, at the West Madison Ag Station at 1:00 pm.

As you will have seen throughout this newsletter, this meeting promises to be one filled with beautiful pictures of daylilies. Conrad will be conducting our 6th Annual Photo Contest - be sure to get your pictures in - and our own hybridizer friends will have a chance to show off the results of their labors. It will be neat to see what new babies they have created. Who knows? Maybe a future Stout Medal Winner??

BUILDING A COMPLETE SET OF THE WDS NEWSLETTER

By Gene Dewey

As a retired librarian with an interest in archives, I have undertaken a project to pull together a complete set of the WDS Newsletter. The intent is to have copies of all issues in paper as well as electronic form. The electronic form would go to the Region 2 and AHS archives, as well as remaining in WDS files. Hiram Percy has many of the early issues; he and I will be putting a collection together which will be scanned into PDF files. It may be possible to add some or all of these to the issues which are now accessible through the WDS website.

If anyone has issues dated prior to 2000, please let me know which issues they are, as we are not certain how many issues were published in given years.

A GREAT WAY TO END OUR YEAR!

By Diane Goodman



*A happy welcoming committee:
Gene Dewey, June Johnson,
and Ruth Horrall*



Over 100 folks attended!!



*The Prochaska's cheer to another
great year - with bubbly left over
from the plant sale.*

The annual meeting of the WDS took place on October 23, 2010. Although the day was cool and blustery outside, the mood inside Savanna Oakes Middle School was warm and sunny. And why not? The meeting was a celebration of yet another wonderful gardening year!

President Janet Gordon called the meeting to order and greeted the many attendees. She alluded to the "wet challenges" during sale prep which brought a chuckle from the membership. She also shared that we have 100 new members this year, and complimented the membership for their part in that aspect of the club success.

With the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports approved, Janet called for nominations for the board from the floor. Upon hearing none she shared the names of those members who offered to serve on the board: Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, John Sheehan, Mike Stafford, and Rita Thomas. The slate was approved by membership vote.

Because our newsletter editor, Rosemary Kleinheinz, had recently had surgery and unable to attend, Janet shared kind words from her regarding the success of the sale, and to those who helped make it possible.

Following various announcements, a special thank-you was extended to our out-going board members Barry Rowe, Francis Kleckner, Pat Sturdevant, and Conrad Wrzesinski for their contributions to WDS.

After our meeting ended we shared a wonderful meal from B'Tayavon! Catering. Considering they had to work without a kitchen, the meal was even more amazing!

Our guest speaker for the event was Mary Collier Fisher, who spoke in lieu of George Doorakian who was unable to attend because of health problems. Her presentation was the second dessert of the day! With no reference to notes, she shared information regarding his hybridizing program and the beautiful blossoms he is developing. Many of us were left with our own "wish list" from this presentation!

After doing this, she also shared information regarding the position of AHS President and what the job entails. She also reviewed the many benefits of AHS membership.

At the conclusion of her presentation door prizes were awarded to many of our lucky members.



*Eleanor Rodini and Vern Lowell chat with
our speaker, Mary Collier Fisher, center*



*Sally Yaeger, Nancy Deer and Bob
Kowal try to decide which door prize
they would like to take home.*



*Conrad W. with the door prizes he made
available, many from his own garden.*

All photos by Kathi Dwelle



*Nina Binkley and Deb Klepp
sign my Get Well card.*

YOUR EDITOR'S UPDATE

As those of you who were at the Annual Meeting know, I had surgery to repair my Achilles tendon on October 7th. This is just to bring you up to date on my progress. At this point I'm still in a healing mode with my foot elevated. I will not be bearing any weight on that foot at least until the beginning of January. Rehab will begin sometime in February. Hopefully I'll be ready to garden this spring!

Thanks for the card and for all your good wishes. I'll see you at the January meeting!

