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WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR DAYLILY FRIENDS!

How many times have you paused by a struggling plant in your garden, wondering what's wrong with it? The usual suspects just don't fit. For our first meeting of the new year, we've invited Dr. Brian Huddleston to help us better understand plant diseases and pests, and what we might be able to do about them.

Dr. Huddleston is an outreach specialist in plant pathology diagnostics for the University of Wisconsin Extension. When he is not busy identifying plant diseases, he publishes UWEX articles, teaches classes around the state, and appears on public radio and television shows.

You may have seen him on Wisconsin Public Television's "The Wisconsin Gardener." He was featured on a number of segments discussing such things as vegetable diseases, diseases caused by too much rain, fungus among us, root rot, and evergreen diseases.

Do plan to join your fellow daylily friends on Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm at the West Madison Ag Research Station on Mineral Point Rd. It's sure to be an informative afternoon.



*The LOVE of family and friends,
a renewal of FAITH and HOPE,
and HAPPINESS that lasts
through the new year—
may these be your GIFTS
at CHRISTMAS.*

*"One need never be dull as long as one has
friends to help, gardens to enjoy, and books in the
long winter evenings."*

D.E. Stevenson

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Calendar of Events 2012

January 14th, (Saturday) 1:00 pm, West Ag Station
Speaker: **Brian Huddleston**, Plant Pathologist

February 4th, (Saturday) 1:00 pm, West Ag Station
Speaker: **Bill Powell**, Epiphany Farms, WI,
WDS Photo Contest

February 10th-12th **Garden Expo**, Alliant Center

March 3rd (Saturday) 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks
Middle School, Fitchburg, Speakers: **Dan
Bachman & JR Blanton**, Ohio

March 24th, (Saturday) 9-12 am, **WDS Hybridizers
Group**, Olbrich Gardens

April 13th (FRIDAY) 7:00 pm, Location TBA
Speaker: **Tim Bell**, Bells Daylily Gardens, GA

May TBA

June Garden Party

July 11th - 14th, National AHS Convention,
Columbus, Ohio

July Annual Garden Tours

July 29th, (Sunday), 1:00 pm, **Annual Potluck/Auc-
tion Adoption Program**, Location TBA

August 18th & 19th **Annual Daylily Plant Sale**,
Olbrich Gardens

October 13th (Saturday) 1:00 Annual Meeting,
Location TBA, Speakers: **David Kirchhoff &
Mort Morss**, Daylily World, Kentucky

November 10th, (Saturday), 9-12 am, **WDS
Hybridizers Group**, Olbrich Gardens

Be sure to check our web site for updates.



FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY!!!

By Rita Thomas

The Wisconsin Garden Expo will be held on February 10, 11 and 12, 2012 at the Exhibition Hall in the Alliant Energy Center. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy everything garden related in the middle of our cold and bleak winter including meeting with your fellow daylily enthusiasts at the WDS booth.

Chris Zeltner is now taking reservations from members to man our booth. It will be all set up and adorned with the enlarged photos from our 2011 member photo contest. All you'll need to do is share your love of daylilies and our organization with the folks stopping by and to aid them in becoming members if they so desire. In exchange you will get free admission to the event for that day, one WDS dollar for each hour you volunteer, and the opportunity to meet some wonderful fellow gardeners. Sign up early to reserve your preferred times. Contact Chris at 608-873-5257 or czeltner356@gmail.com.

We truly hope you will all be able to attend this great event.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS WDS POPULARITY POLL

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Poll conducted at the fall 2011 Annual Meeting old favorites continued to be popular. Jeff Salter's 'Moonlit Masquerade' was the first place winner with 43 votes edging out last year's winner, Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' by just three votes. In the 2011 Region 2 Popularity Poll 'Moonlit Masquerade' placed 13th. Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' held onto 1st place in the same poll.

Larry Grace's 'Destined to See' made its first appearance among the WDS Top Ten in a tie for 7th place. Making a reappearance was Steve Moldovan's 'Strutter's Ball', which shared the tie for 7th place. 'Fooled Me', which placed 5th in 2010, dropped to 24th and 'Webster's Pink Wonder', which placed 7th dropped to 17th place.

Topping the write in votes was 'Persian Ruby' with 4 votes followed by 'Coleman Hawkins', 'God Saved the Queen', 'Mildred Mitchel' and 'Stella De Oro', which all received 3 votes each.

Below is a list of the WDS 2011 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Salter – 1992
2. 'Primal Scream' Hanson – 1994
3. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile – 1991
4. 'All American Chief' Sellers – 1994
5. 'Bela Lugosi' Hanson – 1995
5. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss – 1983
7. 'Designed To See' Grace – 1998
7. 'Red Volunteer' Oakes – 1994
7. 'Strutter's Ball' Moldovan – 1984
10. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard – 2004
10. 'Victorian Lace' Stamile – 1999

Check out pictures of the winners, which were taken by the Kleckners, the Kleinheinzs and Conrad Wrzesinski. They are posted on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Five to six years ago the WDS Board decided that the WDS Treasury had amassed too much money. This wealth was primarily due to the great success of our annual plant sales and judicious spending. The membership was asked for suggestions on how to spend some of this money in a way that would benefit our members. Some of the suggestions received were to invite more speakers to visit; buy more and newer adoption plants; subsidize bus trips to Region 2 Summer Meetings; and to share some of our income with local groups with plant-related missions.

Since that time the WDS Board has made an attempt to use more of the group's accumulated treasury to benefit the WDS members. We have succeeded in this task. For the past 4-5 years we have spent more money than we took in. That was our goal. More Adoption Plants; subsidized bus trips; more speakers from afar, more donations, and an expanded WDS Dollars Program all have brought our Treasury balance to a reasonable, fiscally responsible level.

In 2011 the Board began to keep closer tabs on our spending to be sure that our Group remains financially secure. Presently, we have about \$24,500 in our checking account. In 2012 the WDS Board will have in place a budget that will have us spending less and tying that spending to our projected income. It is our goal to have us spend no more in 2012 than we take in (i.e. to have a balanced budget).

At the Annual Meeting in October of 2011, WDS members were given the opportunity to suggest where spending cuts might be made. At the last WDS Board meeting held in November, a summary of these responses was discussed. Club President John Sheehan presented the Board with a possible budget for 2012 and asked that the Board spend a month giving the numbers some thought, and get back to him with their ideas. At the December Board meeting they will proceed to put together a final budget for 2012.



WDS SHARES IT'S WEALTH IN 2011

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)
- \$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
- \$1,380 5% from Sale - Madison West Ag Station
- \$ 600 Region 2 Memorials

In addition, WDS donated daylilies worth \$160 to Olbrich and \$1,440 in plants to the Henry Vilas Zoo.

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



SIXTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski, Contest Chair

It is time to escape the bite of winter in the air and revisit your photos from a summer of daylily favorites and enter 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 (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>) and featured in the 2013 WDS Garden Expo booth. The winning photographers will receive an enlarged print of their photo and a certificate for a free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August.

The six winning daylily photos from the WDS 2011 Photo Contest were: 'Svengali' by Estee Johnson, a seedling by Bob Keitzman, 'So Many Stars' by Judy Ravet, 'Bandito Rojo' by Richie Rheame, 'Chantelle' by Monique Warmke, and 'Forty Days & Forty Nights' by Karen Watson-Newlin.

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.
- 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 January 27, 2011

Corrections and apologies are due Kathi Dwelle. Kathi has so willingly taken pictures for our newsletter, and in the last issue she was not given credit for the pictures of the Sale and the Adoption/Auction program. Also, in the most recent issue of the Region 2 Newsletter, she was not given credit for the pictures of our sale.

OUR BOARD HAS SHIFTED

It's that time of the year when Board terms end and new ones begin. We have been so fortunate to have Diane Goodman serve for 4 years, with the last two as our secretary. Janet Gordon has served as our President one year and Vice-President for another. We thank both of them for all they have done for WDS. Diane Scharkey & Vaughn James have agreed to stay on for another two years.

This fall we were fortunate to have two members step forward to serve on the Board. Barry Rowe is returning to the Board as Vice-President; and Joanna Pasowicz has agreed to assume the position of Secretary. (She tells us that she had so much fun working at the sale this summer that she wanted to get more involved with WDS. That's our good fortune.) Welcome to both of you, and thank you for your willingness to serve..

EUREKAS ARE HERE!!

By June Johnson

The Eureka's have just arrived! If you haven't made arrangements with June Johnson to get yours sooner, she will have them at the January meeting.

We hear there are enough gorgeous pictures in there to satisfy the addict's daylily fix during the coming cold weather - at least for awhile!

We also hear that Karen Watson-Newlin and Genni Kleckner are featured photographers. Can't wait to see those pictures

Membership News

New members of WDS since the September Newsletter are: Anita & Andy Schauer, Belvidere, IL; Kay Aanensen, Hancock; Wayne Mantenach, Lake Delton who joined his wife Jill Reynolds when renewing on a family membership, and Mary Bastrentaz, Wayne, IL. The Schauers and Mary were able to attend our annual meeting.

New mailing addresses: Kelly Bryant, E1475 Owens Drive, LaValle WI 53941-9529; Rick Ivik, N2905 Tindell Lane, Monroe WI 53566-8560; Becky Slater, 9103 W. County Road M, Edgerton, WI 53534-9744

New email addresses: Rick Ivik, rick_ivik@yahoo.com and Jan Brouwer, jbrouwer@centurylink.net

I had planned to give a report on membership numbers at the Annual Meeting, but it skipped my mind as the date neared. As of Dec. 3, we have 211 Individual members, 154 individuals through family memberships, and 8 people on business memberships, for a total of 373! Yeh! WDS

DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP NEED TO BE RENEWED?

If a RENEW NOW sticker appears near the mailing label for this issue, your membership will expire at the end of 2011. A renewal form is included in your copy. If possible, please take advantage of saving \$2 or \$5 by renewing for 3 or 5 years; this will also save me and our treasurer some work as well.

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar



*Dan Trimmer and long-time friend
Janet Gordon*



H. 'Janet Gordon' by D. Trimmer



*Rita Thomas promises a
winning ticket!!*

Photos of meeting by K. Dwelle

Next, a call was made from the floor to see if any members would wish to be added to the slate of members who volunteered to run for positions on our board. Upon hearing none, the four elected were Vaughan James, Joanna Pasowicz, Barry Rowe, and Diane Scharkey.

Conrad Wrzesinski made an announcement regarding the "Top Ten Poll", as well as announcing information about a new publication from AHS, "Landscaping with Daylilies".

After the "business" portion of the meeting we were treated to a delightful presentation by Dan Trimmer of Water Mill Gardens. He shared his background, how he got involved in the daylily world, and some of his insight in hybridizing. Of course, the photos of his creations were stunning!

Following that, we had a drawing for door prizes. The array of options was grand. A number of people brought items to offer as door prizes. However, a special "thank you" goes to Conrad Wrzesinski for the large number of daylilies that were available for our members.

The meeting was a wonderful way to "wrap-up" another successful year for the WDS.

WDS HYBRIDIZER GROUP

By Pat Sturdevant

The WDS Hybridizer Group met at Madison West Ag. Station on Nov. 12th for our last meeting of the year. We were able to see some very nice seedling pics from several of the hybridizers. We had so many pictures to look at that we only had a little time at the end to discuss seed starting for the newer members. Laurel Kohl surprised us with a visit and gave away many interesting seeds, some of which she had purchased on-line. I will also be bringing some of her seedlings that she has started to a club meeting to be used as door prizes. Thank you, Laurel!

Stay tuned, as we will be having a special meeting set up for the end of January, at Elie's Family Restaurant on Monona Drive, to discuss seed starting. Anyone interested in starting daylily seeds, is encouraged to attend. I will ask Conrad to send out an announcement as soon as I have the date set up. Jill Reynolds will soon have the link to our PictureTrail page updated with the new seedling pictures for everyone to see.

I have scheduled 2 meetings at Olbrich Botanical Gardens for 2012. Please mark your calendars! March 24, 2012 from 9:00-12:00, and November 10, 2012 from 9:00-12:00.

A Wonderful Way to Wrap up Our Year

By Diane Goodman

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Daylily Society took place on Oct. 22, 2011 at Savannah Oaks Middle School. With a record number of members attending, it was a grand opportunity to reconnect with friends not seen since our sale in August.

Prior to our meeting, a delicious meal was served by B'Tayavon. Judging from the way everyone tucked into their meals, you could tell they were very satisfied.

After the meal, the membership adjourned to a media room where President John Sheehan greeted everyone. He then did a visual survey, asking members to stand if they participated in any of the various committees or events needed to help the club function. By the time he was done reading his list, almost every person in the room was on their feet! It is that level of involvement by so many that makes our club unique and successful. YEA US!

The discussion then turned to the topic of "fiscal responsibility" within our club. In an effort to reflect the needs of the club, each member was given a list of club activities and the expenses incurred. After reflecting upon club activities, each member was given the opportunity to list ways to cut expenses. Those suggestions will be considered (in an advisory capacity) by the board as they plan the budget of the coming year.

After explaining the history of the 5% WDS Plant sale donation the club voted to send it to "Garden Talk", a segment hosted by Larry Meillor, on Wisconsin Public Radio.



*Patently waiting for good food!
K. & J. Fitzpatrick, M. Gahlman,
E. Thompson*



*Ted Strait, always the gentleman,
and Theresa Seeley*



*Treasurer Diane isn't telling us
how much Dan gets paid for his
talk, but he's sure happy about it!*

*Some Happy Hybridizers
l-r Genni Kleckner, Jean Barden,
Jill Reynolds and Bob Kietzman
Photo by K. Dwelle*





James E Marsh

THE COLOR PURPLE

By Barry Rowe

Barry Rowe has been reading and writing again! (I really like it when he does that!) This time he began with the following message to me:

"Years ago, my Uncle Stan started sending me daylilies. I soon had a complete collection – yellow, orange and red. Then he sent me a purple one, Chicago Knobby (a personal breakthrough for James E. Marsh), and I got daylily fever. Just who was James E Marsh?"

This is what he discovered.



H. 'Chicago Knobby'

We take the purple daylily for granted today. The 2011 WDS Plant Sale featured 45 purple varieties, plus a number with purple eyes or edges. But did you know that we were on the moon before we had a purple daylily? We can thank James E. Marsh for the color purple.

Jim was born in 1902, and raised on a Kansas farm. His childhood taught him that he would earn a lot more money with a lot less effort if he was a plasterer in a city. So in 1921, he moved to Chicago with his new bride, Searcy, and began his career.

The Marshes bought a house on a long, narrow lot that they soon covered with flower beds, eventually spilling over into the next-door neighbor's yard. Jim generally handled the perennials, and Searcy took care of the annuals. **The Hemerocallis Journal*. Searcy did plant the clematis, which ranged from lavender to violet. R.W. Munson would later say, "I would tease him that he only grew them as a measuring stick for evaluating his purple (daylily) breeding program."

Jim became an active member of the Chicago flower scene. His hybridizing interests started with dahlias, moved to iris, and finally landed on daylilies in 1955. He liked all colors, but his greatest ambition was blue. He called his first good lavender cross Prairie Mist, which led to Prairie Blue Eyes in 1970. His "Prairie" series of diploid (two strands in the DNA helix) daylilies was very fruitful, but his interest shifted to developing "Chicago" tetraploids (four strands in the DNA helix).

Jim had become acquainted with tetraploids through pioneers like Robert Griesbach and Brother Charles Reckamp. He crossed his Prairie Thistle with Lavender Flight (Spalding, 1963), resulting in 400 diploid seeds. The tetraploid conversion of these seeds produced many diploids, some tetraploids and one chimera (a mix of diploid and tetraploid parts in one plant). Bill Munson called the chimera a "magnificent purple with startling clarity and intensity." Jim crossed it with a Griesbach seedling in 1967, and fortunately harvested tetraploid seeds. Two of these seeds grew up to become Chicago Royal, a purple bitone, and Chicago Regal, a purple self with darker eyezone, registered in 1970. Purple had arrived!

Jim continued to add to his Chicago series of tetraploids. In 1974, he won the AHS Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for outstanding results in the field of daylily hybridizing. His Chicago purples were crossed with Munson seedlings to create the Wimberlyway watermarked daylilies. After passing in 1978, Charles Klehm and Son Nursery acquired Jim's stock. Grandson Roy continued the Chicago series at Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery. Searcy established the AHS James E. Marsh Award for the best purple or lavender daylily, which ran from 1981 to 1990.

What will be the next new color? In 1967, Jim was "very much encouraged as every year the lavenders and purples get BLUER..."

BILL POWELL WILL SPEAK IN FEBRUARY

By John Sheehan

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February, 4, 2012. That is the day our fellow WDS Member, Bill Powell, will speak to us at 1:00 PM at the West Ag Research Station on Mineral Point Road.

Bill and his lovely wife, Mary, have been hybridizing daylilies at Epiphany Farm near Ft. Atkinson, WI for years and have registered more than forty. Bill will talk to us about his daylily hybridization program and show images of many of his treasures.

In my yard Epiphany Daylilies thrive. Some of mine include H. 'Oom Chuckalucka', a 2009 introduction that is 28 inches high, produces a 5.75" showy flower with a yellow face and a gold edge. Dominating a spot in my garden is H. 'Levitation', a 2005 Introduction that boasts an 80" scape and 7" clean, yellow self blossoms.

Epiphany Farm abounds with beautiful daylilies many with Reckamp/Klehm genes—join us on February 4th to hear about them and see Bill's great digital images.

MARCH MEETING

Our good friends from Ohio, Dan Bachman, mover and shaker of Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, and JR Blanton, owner and head weed puller of Tangled Vine Garden in Morrow, Ohio, will be our featured speakers in March. Dan is especially known for his spiders and unusual forms - and for his crazy cultivar names such as PEEPIN' AND HIDIN', SHUCKIN' AND JIVIN', and SLIPIN' AND SLIDIN'.

Be sure to join us on March 3rd at 1:00 pm at the Savannah Oaks Middle School to see just what those flowers and many others look like!

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