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RITA'S HAVING A GARDEN PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

Rita Thomas has invited all of us to join her at the annual potluck picnic on Sunday, June 24, 2012. We will start out at the Tower Hill Park Shelter, 5610 Cheryl Dr where we will have lunch. After lunch we will move to her home at 5586 Cheryl Dr (the second house east of the park) where we will have dessert, refreshments, and a leisurely visit in the garden.

If you are bringing a dessert, please drop it off at her home, 5586 Cheryl Dr, between 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. All other dishes go to the park shelter after 11:30 A.M. Plan to eat around 12:30. The club will provide beverages and all plates and utensils for eating. In case of a hot day, the park has a large enough shelter so that we can eat in the shade. It also has rest rooms.

Directions: exit the Beltline on Fish Hatchery Rd. Go south approx. 2.5 mi. Turn right onto Cheryl Dr. Her house is on the right in the second block, the park is in the 3rd block.

"This is by far a favorite time in my garden and I'm so happy to be sharing it with our group in June. I look forward to seeing you all there."



Editor's Note: I've discovered that Rita has taken out all of her older daylilies and replaced them with all the new ones she hasn't been able to resist - like the rest of us! With early bloom expected, there's sure to be some in bloom on the 24th! There's so much to see! You really don't want to miss it.

Remember to bring a dish to pass.

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Calendar of Events 2012

June 24th (Sunday) **Garden Party**, 12:30 at Tower Hill Park Shelter followed by dessert and garden tour at Rita Thomas's home. Details above.
July 7th (Saturday), 9-4 **Annual Garden Tour**
July 11th - 14th, **National AHS Convention**, Columbus, Ohio
July 29th, (Sunday), 1:00 pm, **Annual Auction/Adoption Program**, Savannah Oaks Middle School
August 18th & 19th **Annual Daylily Plant Sale**, Olbrich Gardens
October 13th (Saturday) 1:00 **Annual Meeting**, Fitchburg Community Center
5510 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, Wisconsin
Speakers: **David Kirchoff & Mort Morss**, Daylily World, Kentucky
November 10th, (Saturday), 9-12 am, **WDS Hybridizers Group**, Olbrich Gardens

Be sure to check our website for updates.

LUCKY DAY FOR WDS

by Diane Goodman

Friday the 13th may be touted as being “bad luck” by some, but the opposite proved to be true for the Wisconsin Daylily Society. On Friday, April 13th the WDS had the pleasure of listening to Tim Bell of Bell’s Daylily Garden found in Sycamore, Georgia.

After being introduced to the membership, he spoke a bit about his approach to hybridizing. His humorous, easy-going demeanor and his Southern drawl captivated the audience.

In the early 1980’s he was a peanut farmer. He got his first daylilies then, and started hybridizing shortly thereafter. The rest is history. At this point, he has one extra hired hand to assist him with his program. He starts between 10,000 -15,000 seedlings a year. After the plants are 3” tall they are planted out, are up to the whims of Mother Nature and he claims that he does not “baby” them. At this point he has 200 AHS registered daylilies, with an additional 23 set to be registered later this year.

In his hybridizing program he is striving for strong performance, good plant habits, and a “pretty face”. He loves ruffles (including Chicken Fat), yellow daylilies, and double edges. Along with these attributes, some of his plants have “patterned eyes”, “water marks”, “teeth”, and are “apliquéd”. In his droll Southern manner, he said that he worked to hybridize spiders and doubles “for about a week”. Then he realized he should concentrate on a limited number of goals.

Claiming to be somewhat lacking in computer skills, he gave his wife credit for organizing his presentation. He went on to show us his breath taking gardens and many of his 2011, and 2012 introductions. Some of his introductions are *H.LITTLE GIGGLES*, *JESSICA LYNN BELL*, *JUICY RIPE PEACHES*, *LEMON ZEBRA*, *SYCAMORE FRILLS*, and *GEORGIA SUNRISE*. (A number of our members have been very successful with his plants.) When he went on to show his seedlings and possible future introductions, our “generous and noble” members offered to give homes to some that might be destined to his compost pile. His response was to chuckle. Towards the end of the presentation, he had a photo of his best seedlings – his beautiful children, Jessica, Rachel and Jared.

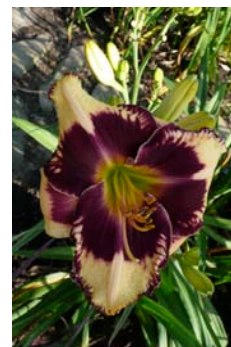
After a brief question and answer period, he generously auctioned off 49 plants, most being his introductions. Many members took the opportunity to purchase some of his beautiful creations.

In short, this God-fearing man shared his wit, wisdom, and stunning plants with the WDS. For us, it was “good luck” at every turn!



Tim Bell

Web photo



h. *KING JAMES* (Bell 04)

Photo by R.Kleinheinz

WDS HYBRIDIZERS’ SHOW

By Barry Rowe

Our May meeting featured presentations of our hybridizers’ recent efforts. We saw daylilies with deep sculpting, ornate patterns, multiple shades of green, huge eyes and edges, wild unusual forms. They were developed by Bob Kietzman, Jean Bawden, Genni Kleckner, Pat Sturdevant, Jill Reynolds, Paul Pratt, John Sheehan and Ed Kraus. I was too busy ooh-ing and aah-ing to take proper notes (Example: “Intaglio Image!!!!”), but a few people were kind enough to provide me with some text.

Jean is breeding several lines of daylilies. One effort is to produce halos. Another thrust is to develop eyes that are huge. Some of her eyes and edges seem to take over most of the flower, leaving little room for the base color. Her spider and UFO work has shifted from diploids to tetraploids. Her largest tet unusual form was 10” across!

Pat’s main goal is to develop pretty flowers with good plant habit. So far, she claims to only have “bridge plants” – pretty flowers or good habit, but not both. She hopes to start registering daylilies with patterned eyes in the next couple of years.

Genni’s (unrealistic) goal would be to create a sculpted daylily with a patterned eye, raised midribs and teeth all around the petals and sepals. Her current favorites have patterns, but she also has some nice round ruffly bagels. She likes teeth more than ruffles, but also likes the loopy ruffles and angel wings.

The other hybridizers all had amazing forms, colors and patterns. All of us in WDS should be proud of our hybridizers and their efforts. If you missed this meeting, be sure to attend next year. Genni says that when the seedlings start to bloom, every day is like Christmas. The Hybridizers’ Show was like a big Christmas party in May!



Pres. John Sheehan



Successful WDS Hybridizers



Jean Bawden’s eye candy

Photos by K. Dwelle & J. Bawden

RECEIVING THE DIGITAL VERSION OF WDS NEWSLETTER

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

From the comments received, the change to sending WDS Newsletter with full color pictures in an email attachment was well received. The few glitches that were encountered resulted from two possibilities.

Some email providers place a limit on the file size of attachments. If the file size exceeds this limit, the intended recipient will not receive the email with the attachment.

Another problem can result from an email spam filter targeting the email with the WDS Newsletter as spam. When this happens the email with the WDS Newsletter attachment is placed in the email Trash rather than the In Box.

To alleviate the possibility of these or other problems from preventing anyone from receiving the WDS Newsletter the following procedure will be implemented. In an email members will be notified the WDS Newsletter is ready to download to their computer. By clicking on the web address provided in the email the download will begin. Downloading the WDS Newsletter bypasses the email file size restriction and spam filter. Previous issues of the WDS Newsletter are always available on the WDS Web site (www.wisdaylilysoc.org).

If you change your email address or suspect you are not receiving WDS email, let me know of any changes or if you have questions (conradw@charter.net).

YOU ARE WANTED AND NEEDED!

Did you notice the gap in our list of board members on the front of this newsletter? There's been a change on the Board. One of our newest board members, Joanna Pasowicz, has had to resign due to lots of family medical problems. Mike Stafford has agreed to take over her roll as secretary. However, this leaves us with only seven board members to carry on until someone else comes forth to serve out Joanna's term, ending in 2013.

Can we count on you to step up to the plate and serve your fellow WDS members? Do you know that you will receive 100 WDS\$\$ each year that you serve????

Membership News

In this issue we note four new members to our Society: in Berlin: Dean Stahl; in Racine: Sandee Schuleit; in Tomah: Mary Bergum; and in Wautoma: Heidi Hensel-Buntrock (Willow Creek Farm & Gardens LLC). Since the Membership Roster was printed, renewals came in from Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and Gordon Nelson.

We welcome our new members to our group and look forward to meeting you at some of our upcoming events!

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

YOU'RE INVITED.....

Here's another chance to walk among more daylilies and lots of beautiful gardens. The following members are planning to host Open Gardens for family and friends this summer - and you are invited.

Hiram & Jane Percy will have their garden open on Saturday, July 7, from 9 to 4. They are at 407 Lincoln St., Verona.

Rob & Karen Watson-Newlin will host an Open Garden on Sunday, July 8 from 10 am until 4 pm. 7699 Almor Drive, Verona. **Here's a chance to view a garden that will be featured in the July issue of Better Homes & Gardens!!**

Kristie Henning will be hosting an Open Garden on July 21st from 8-5. Spirit Lake Daylilies, 22163 Spirit Lake Road E. Frederic, WI. 54837

Bob Kietzman invites you to visit his gardens - and his more than 2000 daylilies any weekend from June 23rd to the end of July or until the plants stop blooming. He will offer different specials every weekend. You will find him at 8245 E. Stateline Rd, Clinton, WI. 608-931-1873

Jeff Hundt's gardens will be open the month of July, after 2:00 pm and all weekends. Please call ahead to set up a time. 920-625-3131. W3041 Lehman Rd, Neosho, WI.

Mark and JoAnn Jankowski will be opening ANGELIC ACRES at 4297 Deprey Road, Abrams, WI on the following dates - for your viewing pleasure. For other times, please call 920-660-3195 for an appointment.

Thursday: July 19, July 26, Aug. 2 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday: July 20, July 27, Aug. 3 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturday: July 21, July 28, Aug. 4 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Sunday: July 22, July 29, Aug. 5 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Directions from Madison: 151 north to 41/141 north (Fond du Lac), drive 95 miles (20 minutes north of Green Bay), stay on 41 towards Oconto (3.5 miles past the split), right on to Huebscher Road (Shell gas station), then right on to Deprey Rd.

Eugene Blodgett's garden is open! 1008 E Broadway, Waukesha, WI. Phone 262-547-5099 for dates and times.

GENNI'S LOOKING FOR YOU!!

Genni Kleckner is beginning the process of rounding up the plants adopted in 2009. Do you have one in your garden? If you haven't already done so, please contact Genni with the number of fans that will be coming back to the club this year. 608-739-9160 or f.g.kleckner@gmail.com. She will then let you know how many to put in each pot.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE BRINGING PLANTS TO THE MEETING ON JULY 29TH, PLEASE TRY TO GET THEM THERE SOON AFTER THE DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 SO THAT THE PLANTS CAN BE CHECKED IN AND SET UP BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS AT 1:00.

**The WDS Plant Sale
Will be at Olbrich Gardens
Sat. & Sun., August 18th & 19th**

We must have gotten it right last year with sales of over \$27,000!! What an act to follow - but we're ready! Come join us!! With your help we should have a busy, profitable, and fun-filled week for everyone.

Any good event begins with lots of publicity. To accomplish this, June Johnson has agreed to coordinate our getting the word out. After meeting with her last fall, I could see that she has lots of good ideas and is quickly implementing them. Notices have gone out to all Master Gardener chapters in Wisconsin, garden clubs in our area, and press releases to all newspapers in the area.

After the success of last year's appearance on WPR's "Larry Meiller Show", we are again scheduled to be Larry's guests in 2012. This time, however, we will be on his "Garden Talk" program on Friday, August 10th for a full hour and a half from 11:00 to 12:30. Karen Watson-Newlin will join me to discuss landscaping with daylilies. Be sure to listen and call in with questions.

As an aside, you have voted to thank Wisconsin Public Radio and Larry Meiller by donating 5% of our sales proceeds this year. We are hoping to offer those dollars as a matching grant on their fall fund raising drive. The greater the sales, the greater will be our thank you to them.

Any successful event needs lots of volunteers. Thankfully, that's one thing we've been able to count on from you. Diane Goodman will once again be coordinating volunteers, and she asks that you call her at 608-643-8021 or email her at jrgoodman@charter.net.

Special note to our new members: working at the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow members better and have a very enjoyable time. Why else would more than 100 members volunteer more than 2,000 hours last year?? Maybe to earn WDS\$\$ - more than 2,000 were redeemed for plants at the sale!

Maybe another good reason is that Genni Kleckner sees to it that we have plenty of food to keep us nourished. We will keep the larger Hospitality Tent that served us so well. (By the way, if you want to contribute to the food supply, please let Genni know.)

And, of course, a successful plant sale must have plants to sell. We will be digging plants from the display garden at Allen Centennial Gardens. We also need your plants. If your daylilies 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. All donations are tax-deductible.

As we did last year, we will accept most cultivars - but only one or two clumps of each. As the lists come to us, we may ask you not to bring in certain cultivars if we already have enough of that one.

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As soon as you determine which ones you will be bringing, please forward the list to Tom & me by snail mail or e-mail trkleinheinz@att.net so we can enter them in the database and be sure we have pictures. At our after-sale celebration last year, it was suggested that we ask to have your list of donations **at least one week before the sale.** This will make it so much easier for us that last week before the sale.

Would you like help digging your plants? If the job seems overwhelming to you, we have members willing to help. Mike Alvin and Diane Goodman are scheduling the digging events. They ask that, if you do want help, **YOU LET THEM KNOW SOON.** Call Diane at 608-643-8021 to schedule a time.

Plants will be dug the week of August 12th and transported to Olbrich. Lots of plants means lots of digging, and we really could use more diggers. To thank you for your help, you will be given 5 WDS\$\$ for each hour spent digging, in your own garden and with our crews.

A preliminary list of plants for sale will be posted to our website two weeks before the sale.

We will again be preparing the plants for sale in the "Prep Tent" on Thursday and Friday until all the plants are in the big yellow and white tent. Working on Friday gives volunteers the opportunity to purchase cultivars they want prior to the sale opening.

Remember those wonderful new dividers we used last year? I noticed in the latest issue of the Region 2 newsletter that they have been redesigned to resolve frustrations we had experienced, with an adaptation to apply to the dividers we already own. You asked for more dividers last year so we will see to it that you have them. Anything to make your job easier!



DON'T MISS THIS ON SATURDAY

The Shake Rag Alley School of Arts and Crafts in Mineral Point, WI, is having their annual TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN TOUR and GARDEN ART AND PLANT SALE **this coming Saturday, June 16th from 9:00 to 5:00.**

Take a self-guided tour using detailed maps and descriptions (\$12), or take a bus tour with Shelley Ryan, Wisconsin Public Television's "Wisconsin Gardner" as your tour guide (\$35).

A wide selection of garden plants and unique, handmade garden art will be for sale at bargain prices at Shake Rag Alley throughout the day.

Some of our members have taken this tour other years and report that it is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

2011 WDS ADOPTION/AUCTION MEETING

Did you know that every eligible member (one who is also an AHS member) attending our Adoption/Auction Meetings has gone home with at least one FREE adoption plant? For the most part, these plants were only introduced about 2-3 years ago. Have you been one of those lucky folks? At this meeting about 60 plants will be given out to some very happy members. Be sure you don't miss the opportunity at 1:00 on Sunday, July 29th at the Savannah Oaks Middle School at 5890 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI.

The lucky "parents" of 2009 will be returning all but 2 fans of their 2009 Adoption plant this year, and we can bid on them at the auction that's included. What a great opportunity to add newer cultivars to your gardens! Our favorite auctioneers, Conrad Wrzesinski and Bill Powell will once again keep the bidding going strong. The proceeds from the auction will be used to buy adoption plants for next year. Cash, check or WDS \$\$ are accepted.

NOTE - In the past we have enjoyed a potluck meal. However, this year we are going to try to shorten the meeting by dispensing with a full meal and instead ask you to bring finger food that we can partake of during the bidding and adopting. WDS will still provide beverages, plates and napkins.

Doors will open at 12:30 pm and the program will begin at 1:00 pm.

If you want to take home an adoption plant and you aren't yet an AHS member, contact John Sheehan.

Below is a preliminary list of the plants that will be available for Auction or Adoption. As they did last year, John and Conrad will have a powerpoint presentation showing pictures of all available plants. 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. abraham lincoln daylily) Press enter and you should find several sites. Usually one of the first ones will have a good picture to view.

See you at the big event!

Apricot Acrobat	Mint Mark
Barbara Watts	Mint Octopus
Barcode	Moon Jazz
Big Eyed Butterfly	Oceans Eleven
Blackwater Bright Eyes	Ode to Faith
Blue Beat	Orchids and Gold
Blue Dolphin	Patsy Cline
Bluebird Butterfly	Possible Side Effects
Cantaloupe Stampedo	Return to Sender
Cell Tower	Rings of Wonder
Country Cool	Shining Like the Sun
Curious Cutie	Sky Dragon
Dancy Nancy	Spacecoast Miss Margaret
Desire of Nations	Stand Up and Be Counted
Downtown Thad Brown	Star Ques
Entwined in the Vine	Surrounded by Love
Featuring the Gold	Tears for Gus
Frank's Cotton Candy	That Thing You Do
Fringy	Tiger by the Tail
Get Jiggy	Twiggy's Lavender
Glamourware	Viola Francois
Good Morning Beautiful Day	Water Drops
Happy Anniversary	Where's Waldo
Harmony Ruffles	Wide Awake
John Hawkins	

Aaron Brow	Huckleberry Friend
All Ruffled Up	Intimate Portrayal
Angel Fairy Tern	Let's Boast A Bit
Angel Hair	Little Taste of Heaven
Angeliue Fringes	Mingus Among Us
Art in Heaven	Molly Me Butter
Ashwood Summer Sunshine	Moon Jazz
Asian Fairy Bluebird	Ode to Faith
Belief in Vein	Onion Patch
Beside Still Waters	Peaches and Pomagranate
Big Bang Theory	Pink Praise
Boiled Shrimp	Quiller
Bolero Eyes	Red Dynamite
Bonnie Holley	Reflections of Glory
Butterfly Whisper	Rip's Power
Calamity Jane	Ruby Grandeur
Caroline	Ruffled Parchment
Casa Des Jua	Shining Like the Sun
Christopher Moody	Singing with Angels
Classic Grace	South Bound Odyssey
Count Radish Plus	Spacecoast Behavior Pattern
Cry Of Rejoice	Spacecoast Southern Belle
Diamond Star Halo	Special Candy
Elegant Harmony	Tafetta Fashion
Fad Gadget	Tetrina's Grand Daughter
Free Wheeling	The Band Played On
God Along	Tortilla Soup
Goldenzelle	Watermelon Taffy
Gus Townsend	Willow Dean Smith
Holstein	Yankee Princess

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat Sturdevant and Sharon Prochaska on the passing of their father last month following a long illness.

**WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY 2012 GARDEN TOUR
SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SELF-GUIDED, RAIN OR SHINE**

After serving as chair of the Garden Tours for several years, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig has found it necessary to resign her position. A HUGE thanks to her for a fantastic job!

This meant that we needed to find a new chair, and Donna Sheehan has volunteered to take over those duties. Therefore, thanks to Donna, we will again be able to tour some of our members' gardens. And a big thanks to our hosts for letting us see the fruits of their labors, especially Ritchie Rheume and Mike Stafford who agreed to share their gardens with us for the first time.

The date became the next issue. Due to an unusually warm spring and early summer, our daylilies have been sprouting "a gazillion scapes" much earlier, with predicted peak bloom about two weeks earlier than usual. So, it was decided to hold the tour two weeks earlier, on Saturday, July 7th from 9:00 to 4:00.

So, pack a lunch, bring a friend, and plan to have a delightful day among daylilies!!

Hosts: Mary and Conrad Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton.

The garden of Conrad and Mary Wrzesinski may best be described as eclectic. The 345 varieties of daylilies representing the introductions of over 130 hybridizers provide the garden with a panoply of color, flower form and fragrance. Interspersed among the daylilies are perennials including peonies, heuchera, lillium, pulmonaria and sedum. Shaded areas of the garden include a variety of hostas and an assortment of woodland plants. Stone benches salvaged from building materials from the old Edgewood Convent and a large specimen of the paper bark maple (*Acer griseum*) provide inviting focal points to the garden.

Directions: From University Avenue in Middleton, turn onto Allen Blvd. At the end of Allen Blvd, turn right onto Century Avenue (County M). Continue east on Century Avenue about 1.75 miles. Turn right on Elm Lane. The garden is on the left side of Elm Lane. Brick post lights are on each side of the driveway. Though parking on Elm Lane is limited, ample parking is available at the bottom of Elm Lane on Mendota Drive.

Hosts: Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz, 104 West Lakeview, Madison.

Come visit us. You will find there's always something new to see, whether it be new daylilies, hostas, trees, boulders, or sculptures. The garden is always changing. Our favorite daylilies are big, bright and bold. They are sure to guarantee you a riot of color in the sunny section, as contrasted by the cool peaceful shade gardens full of hostas, ferns and other shade-loving perennials. As you leave the garden, be sure to enjoy the shy goldfish lurking in the pond and under the waterfall.

Directions: From the Beltline Highway, exit north onto Hwy 51; turn left onto Buckeye Road; turn left onto West Lakeview Rd. Garden is at second house on right.

Host: Ritchie Rheume, 527 Algoma St., Madison.

Ritchie's east side garden is set on a 46' by 180' city lot a stone's throw from the Ella's Deli Merry-go-Round. Because surrounding trees provide a good deal of dappled shade, the 150 or so daylilies are tucked into the edges of perennial beds where they have the best chance of blooming. The gardens are an eclectic mix of hostas, sedum, native plants, small shrubs, berries and a vegetable garden. The goal has been to create a restful space where guests can wander the brick paths, enjoy the two ponds and perhaps view the wildlife that loves the hidden corners: raccoons, the ground hog that lives under the shed, and an occasional possum or mallard duck. In the afternoon, one or another of the Great Horned Owl family resident in the neighborhood can often be heard or even spotted in a nearby tree.

Directions: From East Washington Ave; exit west on 1st Street; at light turn right onto Pennsylvania Ave; continue to intersection of Commercial Avenue; turn right onto Commercial; turn right onto Algoma. Destination will be on left.

Host: Michael Stafford, 2521 Moland St. Madison.

I like bright colors in the spring as a pick-me-up, so there are lots of daffodils and narcissus planted around the edges of the beds. Daylilies and lillium are great for the summer months since they come in lots of colors and their bloom times usually run consecutively. It is always great to come home and see what has opened that day and what may open the next. For late summer/fall, yellow colors dominate with heliopsis, helianthus, moonbeam coreopsis, and of course, the daylily, Autumn Minaret. I use mostly perennials for ease of care and hardiness. Of course there are lots of things from the Wisconsin Daylily Society Plant Sale too.

Directions: From East Washington Ave; exit west on 1st Street; at light turn right onto Pennsylvania Ave; continue to intersection of Commercial Avenue; turn right onto Commercial Ave; turn left onto North St.; take 1st right onto Moland St.; Destination will be on the right.

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Tour Gardens continued.....

Host: Ruth Horrall, 2303 Chamberlain Ave., Madison.

The host has lived on the property since 1965. Ruth has collected about 300 daylilies and 120 lilies and likes the contrast between heights and textures of the two types of lilies. Ruth enjoys creating many containers of annuals, which lend accent colors, complementing sections of the garden. Two large walnut trees create welcome shade and unwelcome harvests of walnuts and squirrels. Because of changing shade patterns throughout the day, this garden has many different “looks”.

Directions: From Beltline Highway, turn north onto Midvale Blvd; turn right onto Mineral Point Road; bear left onto Speedway Road; turn left (north) on onto Highland Ave; turn right onto Chamberlain Ave-headed east; go 1 ½ blocks; you’ve arrived (garden on right).

Hosts: Bea & Gene Dewey, 2125 Fox Avenue, Madison.

My garden includes 175 registered daylilies, 50 seedlings (from crosses made before I realized I needed more room than I had), nearly 40 hostas, and miscellaneous perennials and annuals. These are tucked into a 50’ x 120’ yard which includes a two car garage and partial two-wide driveway. Early growth on most of the plants given our early spring shows promises of an outstanding season of daylily bloom. This year may well be your last chance to visit my garden, as Bea and I are high on the waiting list for an apartment at Oakwood University Woods. I look forward to welcoming you to my garden

Directions: From Beltline Highway, exit on Midvale Blvd., turn right onto Nakoma Road; merge right onto Monroe St.; turn left on Commonwealth; make slight right onto Fox; garden is on the right.

Hosts: Donna & John Sheehan, 5656 Barbara Drive, Fitchburg.

You will find over 600 daylily cultivars here at Fitchward Garden. Most of the daylilies have been introduced since 2000. We collect plants with unusual edges (teeth), large blossoms, and unusual forms. One bed in the front yard is dedicated to John’s daylily seedlings. The beds are sprinkled with unusual companion plants on standards and last year about 30 tall bearded iris plants were added. Also, you may spy garden art nestled among these daylilies. Keep your eyes out for the dragon, the flying pig and the snake! The Sheehans’ Fitchward Garden is an AHS Display Garden.

Directions: From the Beltline Highway, drive south on Fish Hatchery Road, and turn right onto Lacy Road. After one block, turn right on Tower Hill Drive and, after one block, turn left onto Barbara Drive. Continue west for two blocks to the corner of Barbara Drive and Jacquelyn Drive. Fitchward Garden has a green raised ranch house and sports a large flagpole in the front yard.



A LITTLE GEM OF A DAYLILY

By Rosemary Kleinheinz

Several years ago Conrad Wrzesinski and I were walking through his garden late in the season and came across a lovely clump of pale pink flowers still going strong. Being offered a piece of STELLA’S RUFFLED FINGERS, who was I to refuse?? During the first two years in our garden she languished. But once she was moved to the perfect spot she has exceeded all our expectations!

Hybridized by B J Crichton (Stella De Oro × Sunblest) × Millie Schlumpf) and introduced in 1999, this Stella is described as 19” tall with a 3.75” flower, an early, early blooming semi-evergreen diploid. I would add that she is a continuous bloomer - the first to open in our garden and almost the last to give up. What more could we ask for in the perfect daylily? Who would have guessed that STELLA D’ORO held such pretty genes in her pedigree?

By the way, I just counted 37 scapes in varying stages of maturity!

We will try to have SRF at the plant sale this summer. Be sure to look for it, and by all means don’t wait until Sunday for it to go at half-price!!



ANOTHER PUZZLE

Have you been finding lots of leaf-streak/yellowing leaves among your daylilies this summer? Do they seem to be in areas of greatest sun/heat exposure? If so, don’t despair. Probably everyone is seeing this problem these days. The cause doesn’t seem evident, but Steve Lesch attributes it to scorching heat and lack of rain. We’ve noticed on the Robin that this has been a problem all over the country, with reports of scapes dying as they are about to start blooming.

There doesn’t appear to be anything we can do about it, other than accept it and enjoy our flowers. Just know that it isn’t just in your garden. Another puzzle in this year of puzzling weather conditions.