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SO SORRY TO SEE IT END!

Oh dear! H. 'Suzy Cream Cheese' and 'Jersey Jim' are having quite a contest to see who will have the last flower of the season in our garden. That means another wonderful daylily season has come to an end. And haven't the daylilies been glorious? They really liked the warm, wet June weather we had, but the last few weeks have been another story, giving our newly planted purchases a struggle. However, even with no rain, those new green shoots have been popping up all over, giving us hope for more beautiful flowers in 2014.



**WDS ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th @ 1:00 PM
FITCHBURG COMMUNITY CENTER,
5510 LACY ROAD in Fitchburg**



The 2013 WDS Annual Meeting will begin with a meal catered by B'Tayovon! While enjoying your meal you can vote for your favorite top 10 daylilies and the charity you would like to receive 5% of 2014's Plant Sale proceeds.

Four WDS Board members will be elected at the business part of the meeting. Any other business can also be discussed.

Our speaker for this year is Mark Carpenter of The Lily Farm near Center, Texas. Several years ago Mark took over the operations there from his uncle Jack Carpenter. Mark is still introducing Jack's cultivars 2013 marked the 25th Anniversary of The Lily Farm. Following Mark's presentation there will be an auction for 15 to 20 Carpenter introductions. You can check out pictures of Carpenter's introductions at www.lilyfarm.com. These plants will be shipped and distributed in the spring of 2014.

Along with various other door prizes, Conrad has collected 40 daylilies for you to take home, if you have a lucky number!

To attend the Annual Meeting, please read, fill out and mail in the Annual Meeting reservation sheet located on the last page of this newsletter.

**YOUR RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3rd.
NO LATE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**

(So send them in early)

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A MESSAGE FROM GENNI

I would like to thank everyone who brought meeting treats this year and treats for the sale. We are so lucky to have such generous GOOD cooks in our club. Keep them coming and feel free to try new recipes out on us!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013

October 12th, Saturday, **ANNUAL MEETING** at
1:00 pm, Location: Fitchburg Community Center
Speaker: **Mark Carpenter, The Lily Farm, TX**
November 9th, Saturday, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon,
WDS Hybridizers' Group, Olbrich Garden

Be sure to check our website for updates.

*Gene Dewey heard this on NPR the other day.
Our thanks to him for sharing it with us.*

THE UBIQUITOUS DAY LILY OF JULY

by David Budbill

There is an orange day lily that blooms in July and is everywhere around these parts right now. Common. Ordinary. It grows in everybody's dooryard—abandoned or lived in—along the side of the road, in front of stone walls, at gas stations and garages, at the entrance to driveways, anywhere it takes a mind to sprout. You always see them in clusters, bunches, never by themselves. They propagate by rhizomes, which is why they are so resilient, and why you see them in bunches.

There is an orange day lily that blooms in July and is ubiquitous right now. The roadside mowers mow a lot of them, but they don't get them all.

These are not the rare and delicate lemon yellow day lilies or the other kinds people have around their places. This one is coarse and ordinary, almost harsh in its weathered beauty, like an older woman with a tough, worldly-wise and wrinkled face. There is nothing nubile, smooth or perky about this flower. It's not fresh. It's been around awhile and everybody knows it.

As I said, it's coarse and ordinary and it's beautiful because it's ordinary. A plant gone wild and therefore become rugged, indestructible, indomitable, in short: tough, resilient, like anyone or thing has to be in order to survive.

PLANT SALE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF DANE COUNTY

Come and walk thru the garden. Habitat for Humanity of Dane County will have its final plant sale of the year Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Habitat ReStore East, 208 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured are more than 50 varieties of Daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Pictures and descriptions will be available. A wide variety of other perennials such as iris, phlox, menarda, rudbeckia, hosta and sedums are also available.

Come and choose that special flower while walking amongst the plants in a newly organized garden. Fall is a great time to plan and plant your garden. Plant prices are \$4 each or 3 for \$10, unless otherwise marked. All proceeds are used to help build homes for Habitat families in Dane County.

You can also visit the beautiful rain garden around the corner next to the Pinney Branch Library of the Madison Public Library. This was a joint project of Habitat and the library to conserve rain water and add beauty.

Donations of hardy perennials and plastic planting pots are welcome. To donate, please contact Ann Wolfe at 442-8768 or e-mail at aeaves@charter.net.

MARK CARPENTER AND THE LILY FARM

By Barry Rowe



Mark and Jack



The Lily Farm



Lavender Blue Baby

Mark Carpenter moved around in his youth, but settled down after college to work for Proctor and Gamble in San Antonio, Texas. Fifteen years ago he took his family to visit his Uncle Jack's farm near Center, Texas. Life was never the same again.

Who is Uncle Jack? Jack Carpenter had opened The Lily Farm ten years earlier. He received the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for a lifetime of hybridizing, his Lavender Blue Baby won the Stout Silver Medal, Jay Farquhar and seven other daylilies have won the Award of Merit, and 76 have won an Honorable Mention.

On that day, 50,000 daylily blossoms greeted his nephew Mark. "Beauty was around me everywhere, and people were shopping all around the three acres, and happiness was abundantly flowing all around me." He started helping Jack out during his vacations. "The daylily bug had bit me, and it had bit me hard."

This led to a long period of give and take. Jack imparted his hybridizing knowledge to Mark, and sent him many new daylilies. In turn, Mark created a color catalog for the Lily Farm, built a Web site, and started giving Lily Farm presentations to daylily clubs.

It was inevitable that Jack would talk to Mark about taking over the Lily Farm. But Mark had his own job in San Antonio, a young family, and many other reasons to balk at the idea. Finally, his sixth-grader said, "Daddy, why don't you just buy the Lily Farm? It's what you want to do, and you always tell us to follow our dreams no matter what." A deal was soon sealed in 2012. Jack kept a fourth of his diploids at home, and continues hybridizing on a much smaller scale.

Mark now owns the rest of the Lily Farm, and is quickly learning the farming business. As a Southerner, he has become an expert on the treatment of rust. He is hybridizing with Jack's most recent crosses. His goals are huge daylilies (He's from Texas, what do you expect?) and spiders, but he especially loves doubles.

Come to the Annual Meeting to see the Texas-style daylilies of Jack and Mark Carpenter. And participate in the auction of a number of them! See Mark's Web site at www.LilyFarm.com

IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

At the upcoming Annual Meeting, you will again have an opportunity to vote for your board members for the coming year. Currently we have three board members who have served for a total of four years. They will need to step down. Our sincere thanks go to Diane Scharkey who has served as our treasurer for all four years, Vaughn James who has handled the WDS \$\$ program (and is now our webmaster), and Barry Rowe, our Vice-President. Our new slate of candidates includes Lane Revenal who has been filling in this last year and will run now for a full two year term, Paul Pratt, Rhonda Veroeven, Monique Warnke and Sharon Lonergan. A short introduction of each candidate follows. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. (You can even nominate yourself!!) BE READY TO VOTE FOR 4 INDIVIDUALS. Our thanks go to the candidates for being willing to serve.

My name is **Paul Pratt**, and I would like to serve this body of ephemeral artists. My passion for gardening and hybridizing, and my endless energy, will be used to aid the board in bringing our club to new levels of organization and activities. Your vote is much appreciated, and I promise to serve the needs of our unique and special society.

Sharon Lonergan: Seven years ago I saw an ad for a daylily sale in the newspaper. As a new transplant to the Madison area, I couldn't believe my eyes when I arrived at the sale. There were hundreds of flowers to choose from -- I was hooked! For the next two years I waited patiently for the next sale. Then four years ago a very friendly cashier suggested that I join the club. What a wonderful decision I made to join the club.

Although I grew up in a gardening family, there are always new gardening challenges and WDS members with good solutions. I've enjoyed the friendships of club members, the speakers, trips, open gardens, and most of all working at the PHENOMINAL DAYLILY SALE that we put on each year. It is important to me to participate in these events, in which the proceeds are donated back to promote horticulture. I've done most jobs including dividing, bagging, placing flowers out for sale, and cashiering. I've also worked at the Plant Expo in February and brought treats to share at meetings. It would be an honor to represent the club as a board member and volunteer additional services to the club in this function.

Hello, I am **Rhonda Veroeven** and I am a daylily addict. I have been a WDS member for three years and an active member for the past two years. I have been a regular attendee at the WDS monthly meetings, very active in the WDS digs, and have worked the plant sales. I am the current president of a local garden club and am well versed in leading a large and diverse group of people. I would love the opportunity to volunteer to serve in a leadership role in hopes to give back to WDS for having received so much knowledge and comradery over the last few years.

Monique Warnke: I'm very excited about this opportunity to serve on the WDS board. I have been a Member of the WDS for four years and have been active for the past two. I'm a Master gardener, a black belt in Karate and working towards my second degree in January 2014. I am married to Grant Hetherington and I have a beautiful 17 year old daughter, Teya. I'm self employed as a landlord in the Portage/Pardeeville area. I've served on the Lake Windsor Property Association's board and I am currently on the Windsor Area Garden Club's board.

Lane Revenal: My first experience with daylilies was over 20 years ago when I bought a yellow and orange one from a catalog. Later I added a red named variety from another catalog. These three stayed in my garden for many years until I found the daylily sale at Olbrich. I was hooked.

At the WPT Garden Expo about 10 years ago I found the WDS Daylily booth where volunteers were friendly and enthusiastic. Since the membership fee was only \$5, I joined and have had great experiences getting to know other members at the meetings, sales and on the garden and bus tours. I have contributed to the club over the years by going on many digs and replanting after the sales. The "great daylily divide" before the sale is always a good time for me because the work, shared by so many, goes quickly with lots of conversation and good food. It was great fun helping with garden tour food committee at the 2008 Region 2 event which we hosted that year.

Last year one of the board members stepped down and a plea went out in the newsletter asking for a volunteer to fill the void. I contacted John Sheehan at the sale and became a member of the board. Since then I have been attending board meetings and getting my feet wet doing small write-ups, phone calling and other tasks the board members usually do. I hope to spend another two years helping in this capacity. However, I would be just as happy being an active WDS member.

HOW TO SELL A DAYLILY

By Barry Rowe

IT TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE TO SELL A DAYLILY:

**The Holder holds the foliage while
The Lopper lops the foliage off and
The Composter puts the foliage on the compost pile while
The Digger digs the clump up and
The Shaker shakes the dirt out of the roots and
The Bagger puts the clump in a bag and
The Labeler makes a label for the bag and
The Courier takes the labeled bag to the trailer and
The Driver hauls the bags to Olbrich and
The Lister adds the clump name to the sales list and
The Divider divides the clump into double fans and
The Bagger puts the double fans in a bag while
The Labeler prints a label for the bag and
The Boxer puts the bags in a box and
The Tabler sets up the table for the box
The Picturer attaches a picture to the box and
The Salesperson helps the customer choose a daylily and
The Cashier takes the money for the daylily and
The Treasurer deposits the money in the bank and
The Managers runs around and around.
And then the Planter plants the new daylily...**



With a digging crew like this it didn't take us long to dig Bob's plants.



Bob K. has never been known to quit when there's pollen around!



Our adoring public before 10:00 AM

It seems to me that Barry has summed up for me just what the sale is all about. He is full of such creative ideas. Yes, the sale is over, and with all of you folks (98 volunteers) doing everything it takes, we sold a LOT of daylilies. Total sales came to \$33,766! That's \$5,000 more than last year! Do take a bow!! We had over 800 different varieties and 5,224 plants to sell, all from 27 donors and West Madison Ag station.

Exceptionally large donations came again from the Kleckners, as well as Bob Kietzman, Jill Reynolds and John Sheehan. We owe them a big THANK YOU. They definitely helped toward total sales.

To make things more interesting during prep time, we held a Silent Auction with 10 of the more expensive plants from Jill Reynolds donation. Proceeds totaled \$543 with some eager last minute bidding. Folks have asked if we could do it again next year. Maybe.....

Another thing we think contributed to the large sales volume was the fact that we accepted credit cards for the first time. We were always afraid of the fees we would be charged and now realize that the \$223 was more than made up for in additional sales. That process will be continued next year.

And obviously, we couldn't have done it without all of our cheerful, happy volunteers. Together they worked 3,490 hours, earning 3,490 WDS \$\$! Special thanks to Gene Dewey for his computer expertise, Genni Kleckner and Barb Kaja for feeding us, Diane Goodman for coordinating volunteers, Mike Alvin for coordinating digs, and especially June Johnson for getting the word of our sale out to the ends of the earth. It's interesting that of the \$33,766 in sales, only \$4,770 was actually spent by members (plus 3,855 WDS \$\$). That means that the balance was spent by our adoring public! They keep coming back for more! June's efforts have paid off in a big way.

Each volunteer will again be receiving a Certificate of Appreciation giving them \$10 toward their meal at the Annual Meeting in October. If you did volunteer and haven't received your certificate, please let me know.

AN ERA HAS ENDED

An era has ended and a new one is taking its place. Mary Wrzesinski has decided that it's time for her to step down as Webmaster after 12 years.

Mary can claim credit for designing our beautiful home page and keeping it up to date all these years. Back in September, 2005, it was she who suggested that we upload the newsletters to our website for all to see. Also, thanks to Mary, we can go back and review all the winning pictures from our photo contests and popularity polls.

Our website has definitely connected us with the rest of the world. During the period from August 15 to September 5th there were 804 visits to the WDS web site, with the peak number occurring at the time of the WDS Sale. Visits to the site came from 25 states. Wisconsin followed by Illinois had the most visits by states. Visits came not only from the United States, but also from Germany, United Kingdom, Bermuda and Poland during that time same period. Previously there have been visits from many other countries, as well.

We owe Mary a huge THANK YOU for all the work she has done to bring us into the modern world.

Vaughn James has stepped right in to assume the duties of our Webmaster. He, too, has had experience setting up websites and is very comfortable with the process. He has some very creative ideas. It will be interesting to see how the website will evolve under his capable hands.



This little guy is guarding the path to the Fairy Garden.



Here's the Fairy Garden!

DID YOU FIND THE KANGAROO PAWS??

By Lane Reveal

June 24th, a hot summer day with threatening clouds, was the day we had the pleasure of picnicking on the shore of Lake Windsor, a nine acre man made lake. The showcase garden of Duane and Alissa Kleinfeldt has been on the Windsor Area Garden Club tour quite often. This year they went all out and created a fantasy land with multiple water features, annuals and tropical plants all nestled between trees shrubs and perennials.

The day had a hectic start for our hosts who, at the last minute, had to scramble to obtain beverages, table cloths, plates and eating utensils. They used their own coolers since our hospitality chair, Genni Kleckner who had everything we would need, was unable to attend due to a washed out road that morning. All went well however when club members arrived because the weather held out and sunshine chased away some of the storm clouds. Before lunch we had time to check out the gardens which had surprises everywhere. There was a pond that featured a weeping rock that spilled into it. The clever waterfall by the pool was a tower of rocks planted with ground covers and sedum. A tropical nook had a fifteen foot ginger plant in a 4 foot pot. Many unusual annuals were placed artistically around the yard to fill in any spots the shrubs, grasses and perennials hadn't filled yet. Our precious daylilies weren't quite ready to show their colors but the wood carvings, other garden art and tiki shack held everyone's interest.

We all feasted on the incredible variety of food everyone brought. Unfortunately, the garden party was over all too soon. We thanked our hosts and left thinking about how we could improve our own yards.



*Above are the Kangaroo Paws!
At the left is their lovely waterfall and pond.*

Photos by R. Kleinheinz

WDS ADOPTION AND AUCTION NEW DAYLILIES TO GRACE OUR GARDENS

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Savanna Oaks Middle School provided the setting for the annual WDS Adoption and Auction. Only WDS Members who are also members of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) are eligible to receive an adoption plant. John Sheehan had assembled an enticing variety of daylilies for members to adopt. This was John's last year as Chair of the WDS Adoption Program. Members gave John a round of 'thank you' applause for all his work in chairing the program. Many new daylilies grace member gardens as a result of the adoption program. Genni Kleckner is the new chair of the WDS Adoption Program.

To acquaint members with the adoption plants, photos were shown as members arrived. A list of the adoption plants had also been published in the latest WDS Newsletter. With anticipation each WDS Member clutched their entry ticket and eagerly waited for their number to be drawn to select an adoption plant. After all the eligible WDS members received an adoption plant, numbers were drawn again with many receiving an additional plant. After receiving an adoption plant, members agree to take particularly good care of their adoptee and return the increase to club usually within three years.

The increase from the adoption program provides the plants for the WDS Auction, which is open to all WDS Members. WDS Dollars earned by members for assisting at various WDS events, including serving on the Board and board committees, helping with daylily digs, working at the WDS Sale, weeding the adoption plants, etc. may be applied toward their winning bids.

Conrad Wrzesinski conducted the WDS Auction. Prior to bidding a photo of each daylily was shown and the daylily was held up for members to consider. Bidding was fast paced as members vied for additions to their gardens. In all 96 daylilies were auctioned with 34 different WDS Members winning at least one bid.

The lowest winning bid was a bargain at \$2.00. The highest winning bid was \$55.00. Proceeds from the auction came to \$809, which does not include 651 WDS Dollars. This compares with \$1572, which did not include 1007 WDS Dollars

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy Carey on the passing of her husband Bill following a diagnosis of cancer just three weeks before he died. Kathy and Bill had been active members of WDS until Bill's health began to fail. We do hope she will be able to spend time with us again.

A memorial has been sent to Region 2 in Bill's memory.

OUR TRIP TO THE EAST

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Garden Tour Chair

In the early morning hours of Saturday, July 13th, 35 adventurous members eagerly climbed on board a Badger Coach for a trip to six daylily gardens, five of which were scattered around the Waukesha area. All the hosts are members of the Milwaukee based Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin (DSSEW) and five are also members of the WDS. Goes to show that most of us just can't get enough of our favorite flower!!

Our first stop was at Bill and Mary Powell's daylily nursery, Epiphany Farm, situated atop a hill several miles east of Fort Atkinson. This was to prove a challenging stop, as it was impossible to maneuver the 45foot bus onto the steeply winding 500foot drive. We had to clamber up and back down under our own power, so it was good this was at the beginning of our long day. Those who were unable to do so were kindly shuttled to and fro by car. The bus was not allowed to stay slightly off onto the shoulder of the narrow rural road, so it was parked in a neighborly farmer's dooryard a mile away. I was equipped with the bus driver's phone number and was to call when we were heading down the drive. The gardens were lovely and full of beautiful specimens. Bill's seedling beds were popping with tantalizing creations. However, the selling area was somewhat depleted. Our riders had a big hand in that, as did an up-tick in sales the previous few weeks. (Yes..... I had an armful, need you even have wondered??). Unfortunately, the Powells are actively downsizing and propose that this shall be their last year in operation; inevitable, but very sad. After settling our accounts, we were ready to jaunt back down the steep drive and board the bus. The scheduled departure time was slightly different from what I had verbally confirmed with Kim, the chauffeur. So I called him. I call. I call again. Well, he was not answering! I finally had to jump in Mary's car, fly down the blacktop to the farmer's place, and find the rascal. There he was, enjoying the countryside, and looking mighty surprised to see me. Seems he forgot to turn his phone on! Needless to say, he corrected that in a big hurry.

With the cargo bays quite full, we headed just north of Hartland, to the home of gracious hosts Florence and Harold Steen. Their gardens are divided into "His" and "Hers" areas. Florence has claimed the land next to the house, which features a wonderful collection of miniature roses, hostas (a lot of minis), heucheras, and other low-growing plants, plus "chicken" art. She has an interesting assortment, both large and small, of chicken themed item displayed here and there. Harold has staked his claim to the outlying areas including the back yard. More than 250 cultivars can be found growing very happily here, many in beds cleverly laid out like a road filled with switchbacks. It was surprising to see how many daylilies he had in a relatively restrained amount of space. He uses an attractive but unusual product for his mulch...I believe it might have been rice or millet hulls, but my notes are non-existent as I was too busy keeping this shindig rolling right along on schedule. Our bus was waiting at the end of the drive, so off we went to the next garden gem.

We set off to the Waukesha country gardens and century old home of gentle Jean Coshun. Her house is surrounded with daylilies and companion plants and garden art. In the area just off the back door are places to sit and enjoy the view of not only a plethora of blooming daylilies, but also the Fox River meandering along the far boundary of her pastoral property. A big bed caught my eye, not so much for the content, but for it's border.... it was made of wine bottles upended, necks buried in the ground. Must have had a grand time or two emptying all those!! Jean shared her love of daylilies with her husband Don who was a hybridizer. There were beds bursting with his creations surrounding several outbuildings. In his honor, she is registering two of his doubles this year. One is named for Florence and Harold, and the other for Barb and Duane. The plants are fine specimens that we got to enjoy in full flower.

Next it was off to the city of Waukesha where we stopped at the wonderland created by Barb and Duane Nickel. This place is not to be missed! The imagination used in displaying plants in unusual items is astounding.... old shoes, picture frames, odd containers. "Junk Art" abounds. Duane's handmade birdhouses are plentiful and unique. Trellises are the sentinels to a small back yard garden that is packed to the gills with daylilies. The old Victorian two-story house is surrounded on all sides, high and low, with blooming life. Nary a blade of grass was to be seen and it boggles the mind that over 450 daylilies are shoehorned into this small space. On top of it all, it is an AHS display garden. It was great to enjoy our deli sandwich lunch, augmented by several sweet pastry treats made by Barb, in this truly offbeat place. They donated a daylily and one of Duane's birdhouses, but I had no means to raffle them off, so they will be part of the door prize selections at our upcoming annual meeting.

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H. "Foxvale Harold and Florence"
(Coshun-Coshun, 2013)



Bill & Mary Powell
All photos by G. Kleckner



H. 'Foxvale Barb and Duane'
(Coshun-Coshun, 2013)

Off we then headed to Ed Krause's city-sized lot in Franklin. He greeted us in his trademark purple shirt. Ed loves purple and aggressively hybridizes for that hue. He has some stunners that he may eventually register. He generously offered us an opportunity to select one of his seedlings and most of us did. I was too late, though, and the one I really wanted went home with the Kleckners. Ed's is an AHS display garden full of perennials and 350 daylilies (registered and his own) found in meandering beds in the front, side, and back yards. It was amazing to see all the plants that he had tastefully fit into his lot. I was taken aback by a few of the good-sized ornamental trees he had growing in huge pots along the rear lot line. Blooms were plentiful and we left in a purple haze of happiness.

Our last stop was only a few minutes away at the corner lot of Judy Schmidt's in a subdivision of Franklin. She was featured this year in an issue of Wisconsin Garden Magazine so you know her place is pretty nice. The lot was beautifully landscaped and sported a small burbling creek that spilled across the property. There was a predominantly Asian theme throughout that was reinforced by Judy's love of, and skill with, the art of Bonsai. She had jaw-dropping examples that made you marvel at the resilience of nature. The long curving beds filled with many shrubs, perennials, and newer daylilies surrounded and enhanced the house she and her husband designed years ago. This calm and serene setting was the perfect place to end a truly perfect day... all topped off with a glass of wine provided by a thoughtful host.

We finally headed back to Madison. I almost fell asleep I was that comfortable with our driver, Kim. That is until he suddenly, firmly, but with control, braked hard and switched lanes. Seems the entire front bumper cover popped off a car several vehicles ahead of us and landed in our lane. His alertness and skill diverted a catastrophe. I quickly forgave him for his oversight of the morning! We arrived without further incident to the Park and Ride lot where we filled our cars with new jewels to adorn our own gardens with.

Many, many, many sincere thanks to the hosts...without your willingness to share your passion for gardening there would have been no tour to revel in! Each and every place was so different and delightful. Thanks go to our excellent driver who was easy to work with, drove the bus smoothly, and kept us safe. Thanks to the Deli for a delicious and plentiful lunch. Thanks to Barb and Duane for the two raffle items...that sure was special. And thanks most of all to Barb herself, who not only baked goodies to enhance our meal and offered up her own garden for touring, but also cajoled four other hosts into letting a busload of us traipse through their yards and disturb the neighbors. We sure had a great day of it!!!

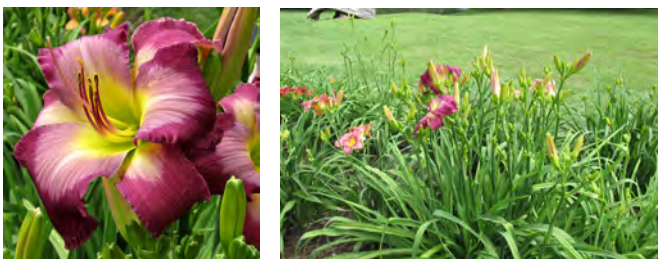


2013 ENGLERTH AWARD

Each year, Region 2 hybridizers send seedlings to upcoming Region 2 tour gardens to compete for the prestigious Englerth Award. The seedlings are grown in a Region 2 Tour Garden, and visitors to the garden during the meeting can vote on which seedling they believe to be the most worthy of the award. They consider the flower of course, but also the branching, bud count, and strength of the stems.

It has just come to my attention that the award presented at the 2013 Region 2 Summer Meeting went to our very own John Sheehan! We are so proud of him and he can certainly be proud of his seedling.

My thanks to Pat Sturdevant for taking these pictures and sharing them with us.



Is it any wonder this daylily won in 2013? Just look at that clump! I wonder what John will name it? Wonder when we will be able to buy it! Congratulations John!

Membership News

A goodly number of folks have joined WDS this summer: Ryan Brockner in Edwardsville, IL; Allan Roost in Fort Atkinson (back with us after his recent retirement); Meghan Linton in Lake Mills; Brian Fox, Dana Daiu, Skipper Hake, & Kate Hardy in Madison; Trudy Brule in McFarland; Kim & Ken Walker-Daniels in Sun Prairie; Zoe McGraw in Verona; Ruth McDonald in Waunakee; David Ostrenga in West Bend; Allisa & Duane Kleinfeldt and Allison Markle in Windsor. We especially invite these new members to attend our Annual Meeting on Oct. 12th [see details in this Newsletter].

We welcome back Mary Gokey (Wisconsin Rapids) and Metje Butler (Madison) whose memberships had lapsed at the end of 2012

These folks have new mail addresses: Terry Conklin: teconklin1@gmail.com; Barb Kasper: barbarak@tds.net, and Marian Kohler: libbjc4@gmail.com

Do you need to renew your membership? Check the blue WDS Membership Roster published in March 2013; the second column shows the last year of your current membership. If you need to renew your membership, complete the Membership Renewal Form elsewhere in this newsletter and mail it to me. (Please note that membership renewals and Annual Meeting Reservations are to be sent to different persons this year.)

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

A BUSY HYBRIDIZERS GROUP

By Paul Pratt

A series of summer weekend garden tours began at Bob Kietzman's daylily gardens. We browsed his beautiful seedling beds, bought some hybridizing plants, and visited with his wife. We left mid-day and headed to Jean Bawden's wonderful house for a BBQ and tour of her yard. Magnificent! Such good company daylily folks can be.

A second weekend we visited Rod Lysne in Ferryville. He has my dream home! Hundreds of acres as far as the eye can see. But he keeps a line of trees to remind himself that he "shall not plant" past those trees. Rod sent us home with lots of garlic too! What a wonderful man. After our visit with Rod, we headed further north to Alma where we visited Nancy Olson and her son Mike. What I saw and learned from their programs was the importance of LONG crosses. This means that they kept all the seedlings with the same pod parent in the same bed so they could easily cross back to the pod parent genes. Some very nice results from this method of hybridizing were noted.

A third trip was made to Solaris Farms, Pinewood Gardens, and the Prochaska's home. First stop.....we met Nate Bremer at Solaris. He showed us his program and some of his best recommended breeding plants. We found not only daylilies in our bags, but also lots of Lilium! Always a beautiful visit at Solaris Farms. Then we headed to meet Phil Korth and his wife at Pinewood Gardens. Now here are some crazy (in a wonderful way) organized people! Phil discussed how he catalogues crosses, stores pollen, and gets his latest genetics into his program immediately. The urgency of using his latest genetics stood out to me as the most important lesson for the day. His seedlings were amazing! Can't wait for his new intros. Our final stop was at the Prochaskas. They have a beautiful yard full of daylilies. They also have a purple selection for introduction that was awesome! If you like purple, this daylily is for you. It was just perfect in every way. We cooked up some food on the grill, but mother nature forced us inside to eat. We sat around and visited for a few hours, then headed back to Madison. Long trip, but we had a truck bed FULL of daylilies and lots of good memories.

Next year I hope to arrange a trip to Karol Emmerich's hybridizing program in Minnesota.

In addition to all the educational trips we took, we also created a wonderful daylily calendar. We almost completely sold out at our annual daylily sale, and orders are being taken for a second printing. Orders must be received by Sept. 27th, to either Paul Pratt or Genni Kleckner. We will deliver this wonderful calendar to the annual meeting, or we can ship it to anyone not attending (\$10 each, plus \$5 shipping). This was a great project for us as a group. Next year we plan on another, as this completely exceeded our expectations! Special thanks to Lisa Imhoff for designing the calendar with all the pictures we gave her. We could not have done this without her!

2013 WDS POPULARITY POLL

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

After replacing H 'Primal Scream' in the 2010 WDS Popularity Poll, 'Moonlit Masquerade' continued the honor of being the most popular daylily among WDS members again in 2012. Will 'Moonlit Masquerade' continue to top the WDS Popularity poll for a third straight year?

WDS Members will decide in the 2013 WDS Popularity Poll, which will be taken at the WDS Annual Meeting. Everyone attending will have the opportunity to vote for his or her ten favorite daylilies. The results of the 2013 WDS Popularity Poll will be published in a future issue of Wisconsin Daylily Society Newsletter and posted on the WDS web site with accompanying photos from member gardens.

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2012 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. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss – 1983
6. 'Persian Ruby' Trimmer – 1998
7. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' Webster-Cobb – 1994
8. 'Designed To See' Grace – 1998
8. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard – 2004
8. 'Wayside Painted Lady' Klehm-Elsley – Not Registered

MORE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

You will be busy at the Annual Meeting!

After the August daylily sale the Wisconsin Daylily Society makes a Charity Recipient Award consisting of 5% of the sale proceeds. WDS Members nominate the candidates for this charity award. The winner is selected by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

For 2013 our sale proceeds have generated \$1,688 for the BAD BUDS of Green Bay to assist them in preparation for the Region 2 Summer Meeting in 2014. They also received a number of plants after our sale to be sold on their bargain table at the meeting.

At the Annual Meeting you will again be asked to vote to select the recipient for 2014. **Now is the time for you to nominate the organization you would like to see receive this award.**

To be considered for the Charity Recipient Award, a nominated organization must meet the following criteria.

1. They must be a Wisconsin-based non-profit and must either have a horticultural mission or use the funds for a garden-related project.
2. They cannot receive it two years in a row.
3. A brief one-paragraph description about the organization must accompany the nomination, describing how the organization meets the first criterion.

To nominate an organization to receive 5% of sales proceeds from next year's sale, submit your nomination to Francis Kleckner by **October 5th**

Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc. Membership Renewal

Check the March Membership Roster to determine when your membership expires, or call or email Gene @ 230-3373, gldewey@wisc.edu

To renew your membership in the WDS for 2014 or beyond, simply complete all the information below and return with your payment.

Name (s) _____

Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society?

Business name (if needed) _____

Yes ___ No ___

Street Address _____

(Note: Only members of the AHS are eligible to adopt a guest plant as part of the WDS adoption program.)

City _____ State _____

Zip +4 _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Type of Membership (Please circle one)

To reduce administrative time and overhead, we encourage you to renew for multiple years. Memberships run from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.

Individual	Family	Business
1 year - \$5.00	1 year - \$7.50	1 year - \$15.00
3 years - \$13.00	3 years - \$20.00	n/a
5 years - \$20.00	5 years - \$30.00	n/a

Number of years: _____ Total due: \$ _____

Payment method(s):

___ check payable to **Wisconsin Daylily Society** for _____

___ WDS dollars; amount _____

Mail this form with your check &/or WDS dollars to: **Gene Dewey**
6225 Mineral Pt Rd, Apt C-57
Madison WI 53705-4571

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MEAL RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY, OCT. 12 1 P.M. FITCHBURG CENTER, 5520 LACY ROAD

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS

Reservation forms, Certificates of Appreciation and Payment must be received no later than Thurs. Oct. 3

Name: _____ Sliced Beef Tenderloin Jaffa Orange Chicken Vegetarian Quiche

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Strawberry & Romaine Salad, Wild Rice and Quinoa Salad, Rolls & Butter
 Chocolate Almond Torte or Lemon Almond Torte

# of Meals @ \$16	Total Cost	Less Certificates of Appreciation @ \$10.00 for each volunteer on certificate	Enclosed WIDS or Ck Amt
	\$	\$	\$

Mail this form & payment to

Francis Kleckner
32494 Bogus Valley Road
Muscoda, WI 53573-5559

Any Questions? Call Francis @ 1-608-739-9160 or email @ f.g.kleckner@gmail.com

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