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## PERENNIAL PLANTSMAN, ROY DIBLIK WILL HELP US USHER IN THE NEW YEAR

*By Lane Revenal*

Save the date, January 25th, because you are in for a real treat. Roy Diblik, co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm in Burlington WI, perennial plant expert, grower, designer, speaker and author, will be taking time out of his busy schedule to share his 35 years of knowledge about growing traditional and Midwest perennials.

A few of his signature projects include the mixed meadow planting at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, entrance plantings at the Mitchell Park Domes in Milwaukee, two gardens at the Green Leaf Inn, Delavan, WI, the Lake Michigan bike path and roof top gardens in Chicago, main entryway gardens to the Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva, WI and many more. Roy teaches at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and The College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He gives talks nationally on reduced maintenance gardening and is a contributor to Illinois Landscape Contractor, Chicagoland Gardening Magazine and Wisconsin Gardening Magazine.

Wow, he is a busy man. So join us at the West Ag Station, January 25th at 1 pm for a great educational experience.



*Roy Diblik and Steve Coster created this beautiful garden at the entryway to the Garden Shop at Northwind. Photo from the Web*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

- Jan. 18th, Saturday 12-3pm, West Ag Station  
**Hybridizers Meeting**
- Jan. 25th, Saturday 1:00 pm, West Ag Station,  
Speaker: **Roy Diblik, Northwind Perennial Farm**, Burlington, WI
- Feb. 7th-9th, **Garden Expo**, Alliant Energy Center
- Feb. 15th, Saturday, 1:30 pm West Madison Ag,  
**WDS Photo Contest, WDS Hybridizers' Showcase**
- Feb. 21-23rd, **Region 2 Midwinter Symposium**, Brookfield, WI
- March 8th, Saturday 9am-1 pm, West Ag Station,  
**Hybridizers Meeting**
- March 15th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School, Speaker: **Bill Waldrop, Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens**, Marietta, GA
- April 26th, Saturday 1:00 pm. Savannah Oaks School, Speaker: **gary Schaben, Gardens with A Northern Exposure**, Monticello MN
- May 17th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School, Speaker: **Eric Simpson, Cavalier Daylily Garden**, Elwood, IN
- June ??? **Garden Party**, TBA
- June 25-28, **AHS 2014 National Convention**, Asheville, NC
- July ??? **Annual Garden Tour**, TBA
- July 25-27th, **Region 2 Summer Meeting**, Green Bay, WI
- August 2nd, Saturday, Savannah Oaks School,  
**Adoption/Auction Program**,
- August 16-17th, **WDS Plant Sale**, Olbrich Gardens
- Oct. 18th, Saturday 1:00 pm, Cherokee Country Club,  
**Annual Meeting**, Speaker: **Curt Hanson, Crintonic Gardens**, Gates Mills, OH

**Be sure to check our website for updates.**



**MAY THE SUN SHINE  
ON GARDEN EXPO**

*By Chris Zeltner*

It is that time of year again. It is too cold to be outside in the garden but time to think of Garden Expo 2014, to be held on February 7-9th. Here is your chance to help the Wisconsin Daylily Society and get a free pass to Garden Expo. All you need to do is volunteer for a two hour shift at the Wisconsin Daylily Society booth.

We will need help setting it up on Thursday, February 7th in the afternoon. After that we will need help staffing the booth from 3-6 pm and 6-9pm on Friday night. On Saturday the open shifts are 9-11 am, 11 am-1 pm, 1-3 pm, and 3-6 pm. On Sunday the open shifts are 10 am-noon, noon-2 pm, 2-4 pm, and take down right after it closes at 4 pm.

Please contact Chris Zeltner to volunteer to help. My phone number is 608-873-5257 and my email is czeltner356@gmail.com.

**BEGINNING OF A  
NEW HYBRIDIZING SEASON**

*By Paul Pratt*

Our first meeting of the new business year was on Nov. 16th. We spent the first hour socializing and swapping seeds. We then used the projector, computer, and a tutorial I put together to walk members through the steps of downloading pictures onto picturetrail so that other WDS members can view our seedlings from the main WDS website. (Just click on Links; it's the first one.) Our last item for the day was sharing pictures of our seedlings.

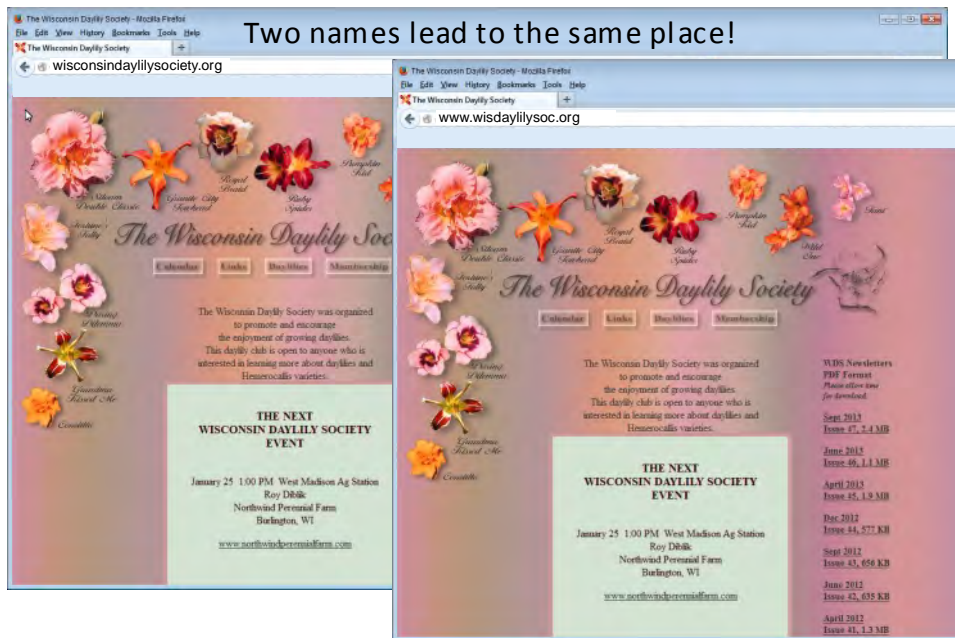
Our two upcoming meetings will be on Jan. 18th from 12pm-3pm and March 8th from 9am-1pm. Both will be held at the West Madison Ag Station on Mineral Pt Rd. In January, we will have a potluck and prepare our presentation for the hybridizer slide show. In March, we will start our preparation for our 2015 Hybridizer Calendar. Our 2014 Calendar was a complete success and a confidence booster that this type of project is very manageable. We hope to have the 2015 calendar ready for the Green Bay meeting in July. All are welcome.

May you all enjoy your families this Christmas, 2014.

**TWO NAMES, ONE WEB SITE  
SOMETHING TO MAKE YOUR LIFE A LITTLE EASIER!**

*By Vaughn James, Webmaster*

Did you have a hard time remembering which parts of the words "Wisconsin Daylily Society" made up the web address for WDS? Now you have one less thing to worry about! WDS has purchased a second domain name so now wisconsindaylilysociety.org (more typing but easier to remember) will take you to the same web site as wisdaylilysoc.org. If you found it easy to remember the old name, don't worry, it's still there. Thanks to some back stage magic at the web hosting company, either name works, the new domain name points to the same web site you've always seen with the old domain name.



## HOPEFULLY, CHANGE IS GOOD

It was recently brought to your Board's attention that after spending lots of money to print and mount our Photo Contest winning photos, many members find they have no place to display them. They seem to be in the way, gathering dust. Does this apply to you?

Let's try something different. This year each winning entry will be printed on either a tile or a mug by Vaughn James, at a significant cost savings to the club. You will still be entitled to a plant from the sale.

In order to have pictures for Garden Expo, we will rotate the ones the club currently owns, plus any that you would rather not have laying around, and would be willing to donate back to the club. If you will get them to Rosemary or Tom Kleinheinz they will be happy to hold them for WDS.

### A TREASURE HUNT

Do you like a challenge? Here's one for you. A WDS member has placed an ad in the next four issues of the AHS Daylily Journal! The first five WDS members who place an order and indicate that they saw the ad, will receive 25% off one complete order.

### WDS MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN 2013

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)
- \$ 500 AHS Region 2 (Newsletter)
- \$1,000 Allen Centennial Gardens
- \$1,500 5% from Sale - BAD BUDS of Green Bay for the Region 2 Summer Meeting
- \$ 100 Region 2 Memorials

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

### Membership News

Rick Cordy has joined through a family membership.  
Paul Meske is now at 13891 45th Ave., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-4823.

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If a RENEW NOW label is near your mailing label, it is time to renew your WDS membership. Individual renewals are \$5 (1 yr), \$13 (3 yrs), or \$20 (5 yrs); Family renewals are \$7.50 (1 yr), \$20 (3 yrs) or \$30 (5 yrs).

Members receiving the WDS Newsletter via email have already received an email renewal reminder.

**NOTE: This is the last issue of the newsletter you will receive unless we have your renewal by March 1st.**

*Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar*



## EIGHTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski,  
Contest Chair*

With the early winter season upon us it is time to revisit your photos from a summer of daylily favorites and enter the eighth Annual WDS Photo Contest. At the February general meeting WDS members will vote for their favorite photos. The top four winning photos will be displayed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylily.org>). The winning photographers will also receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August and their choice of a mug or tile imprinted with their winning photo.

The four winning photographers from the WDS 2013 Photo Contest were: Ann Anderson with a glistening raindrop covered close up of 'Baby Blue Eyes'; Diane Goodman with a photo of a butterfly in search of nectar while perched on a bloom of 'Barnegat Light'; Charles Haynes with a close up of a single eye-catching bloom of 'Vivid Butterfly' and Sharon Lonergan with a photo of a three-bloom clump of the double flowered 'Peace On Earth'.

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.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form in high resolution.
- 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 setting.
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each member may vote for a maximum of three photos.
- 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](mailto:conradw@charter.net). If you are using a film camera, you need to have the pictures transferred to a CD. Walgreens, Walmart, Woodmans, etc. provide this service. Send the CD to Conrad J. Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562.

**The deadline to enter is February 1, 2014**

## MARK CARPENTER SPEAKS

*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

Our speaker for the 24th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Daylily Society was Mark Carpenter, owner of The Lily Farm near Center, Texas. Many of you know that in 2010 Mark bought the Farm from his uncle, award-winning hybridizer Jack Carpenter. Mark is carrying on this daylily tradition by creating his own introductions, some of which are scheduled for release in 2014. So far, he has been bringing to market the last of his uncle's babies and is happily awaiting his own turn in the daylily arena.

Mark did not fall into this venture by accident, but entered head first into a passion that was slowly but surely cultivated in him by his working "vacations" at Uncle Jack's place. The daylily bug bit so hard indeed that Mark eventually walked away from two successful and well-paying careers (one a 21 year power position at Procter And Gamble) to follow the path Jack took. This city-boy and family man, after two years of serious dreaming and number crunching, and with the blessings of his wife, uprooted them all to live and work and create amidst the 4 acres of daylilies he was long in love with. Despite so many acres full of blooms, the operation remains personal and hands-on. His uncle's right-hand-man and Mark are the muscle and sinew who do all the work, but there are no complaints from Mark as he is now truly in his element under the wide-open sky.

Mark's presentation was lively, entertaining, humorous, humble, inspiring, and full of enthusiasm for the daylily, the people who love them, and the hybridizers who keep changing the face of our favorite bloom and who yearly rekindle our excitement in growing them. Mark stirred our own blood by auctioning off a whole passel of daylilies available from his fields. I can't quote the exact number as I lost my carefully recorded notes, but I know that it was at least 25 to 30 varieties, and of those, he offered multiple bidders the opportunity to snag the same cultivar for the same price. He chose thoughtfully by including those that have proven to do well here in our climate and some that are new (2013 and 2012) but their parentage would suggest hardiness. Yup, I bought one (huh? ONE??) and it will be a surprise when it arrives this spring as I have no idea which on the long list of offerings it was (notes have vanished, remember). And thanks to Mary B. who bid, bid often, and bid big.... she saved me from myself for once!

To get a fuller appreciation for Mark, his personal journey to carry on his Uncle's business, his own hybridizing efforts, and to hopefully find a few beauties you can't live without, visit [www.lilyfarm.com](http://www.lilyfarm.com). You will make this generous man's day and help reaffirm that he made the right decision to keep it all in the family!

*Daylilies by M. Carpenter  
Photos from Lily Farm website*



*Mark Carpenter  
Photo by Rita Thomas*



*H. Yuletide Magic*



*H. Mary Ann Naranja*



*H. Cosmic Kaleidoscope*

## ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME AND GONE

Another successful daylily season came to a close for the WDS in October at their Annual Meeting. Over ninety members gathered to enjoy another wonderful meal prepared and served by our favorite caterer, Sara Ben-Ami from B'Tayovon. The chocolate torte for dessert was spectacular!

Before the day was done we had voted in four new board members: Lane Revenal, Rhonda Veroeven, Sharon Lonergan, and Paul Pratt. We also voted to award 5% of our 2014 plant sale proceeds to the Longenecker Gardens at the Arboretum; and Conrad W. passed out ballots for us to vote for our favorite daylilies from this past season. The results are elsewhere in this issue.

Mark Jankowski gave a presentation, encouraging us to travel to Green Bay next summer for the Region 2 Summer Meeting sponsored by the BAD BUDS. They promise some beautiful gardens and a wonderful time.

Since our group seems to have outgrown the Fitchburg Community Center, our president, Francis Kleckner, announced that next year's Annual Meeting will be held on October 18th at the Cherokee Country Club. This should be a nice change. Curt Hanson will be our speaker.

June Johnson passed along thanks from Ann Wolff of Habitat for Humanity for all of the plants that we gave them for their sale. The daylilies are drawing crowds for their sale as well.

A meeting isn't over until door prizes have been given out, and for this WDS did it's best not to disappoint. Along with other items, Conrad Wrzesinski had potted up over 40 daylilies, some from the sale and some from his own garden. All were well received. A big thank you to Conrad for his efforts.

Now all we have to do is survive until the daylilies once again sprout from the earth.



*Nancy Deer & Evelyn Thompson found something interesting in Mark's catalogue.*



*Francis Kleckner and Ruth Horrrall listen intently.*

*Photos by Rita Thomas*

## LEADING THE WAY IN 2013

The first board meeting of the WDS fiscal year was held on October 30th with all outgoing and incoming officers present. Francis Kleckner held onto the hammer as President; Wilma Brouwer-Herwig accepted the position of Vice-President; Mike Stafford will continue as Secretary; and new board member Paul Pratt has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Our thanks go to them for their commitment to the success of WDS, as well as to Diane Scharkey, outgoing Treasurer; Barry Rowe, outgoing Vice-President; and to Vaughn James, past chair of the WDS\$\$ program. Together they have added much to our organization.

In other news, several other committees have new chairs. Francis Kleckner will be in charge of attracting speakers. (He's already completed this year's list with some terrific speakers.) Genni Kleckner will be in charge of the Adoption/Auction program, including procuring those treasured Adoption plants. Vaughn James has assumed the responsibilities of Webmaster, and Sharon Lonergan has taken over his duties as chair of the WDS\$\$ program.

The complete list of committee/chairs is as follows:

Adoption/Auction Meeting.....Genni Kleckner  
 Annual Meeting.....WDS Board  
 Communications.....Conrad Wrzesinski  
 Daylily Sale.....Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz  
 Display Gardens.....Rosemary Kleinheinz  
 Door Prizes/Raffles.....Rita Thomas  
 Garden Expo.....Chris Zeltner  
 Garden Party.....Rosemary Kleinheinz  
 Garden Tour.....Wilma Brouwer-Herwig  
 Guest Speakers.....Francis Kleckner  
 Historian.....Rita Thomas  
 Hospitality.....Genni Kleckner  
 Hospitality-Daylily Sale.....Barb Kaja & G. Kleckner  
 Newsletter.....Rosemary Kleinheinz  
 Photo Contest.....Conrad Wrzesinski  
 Registrar..... Gene Dewey  
 Top Ten Poll.....Conrad Wrzesinski  
 WDS Dollars..... Sharon Lonergan  
 Webmaster.....Vaughn James

Should you (as members) recognize any of the above at our events, be sure to thank them for their efforts which make our group so unique; and I'm sure they will be open to any suggestions as to how we can improve our events.

## LOTS AND LOTS OF DAYLILIES

You really don't want to let the snow and ice of February keep you from the WDS meeting on February 15th at **1:30 pm** at the West Madison Ag Station. (Note the change of time for this meeting.) First of all, our Hybridizers are putting together a slide presentation of their babies, and whatever else Paul Pratt has up his sleeve. There's no doubt that we will be seeing many future introductions. Our hybridizers are coming up with some gorgeous flowers.

And of course we will be voting for the best photos from our members. I know, that's always a challenge, but we sure do see some beautiful pictures.

## WDS MEMBERS SELECT THEIR TOP TEN FAVORITE DAYLILIES IN 2013

*Photo of "Primal Scream"  
 & Report By Conrad Wrzesinski*



'Primal Scream' regained first place with a winning margin of five votes in the Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Poll after coming in second last year. Ninety votes were cast in the poll, which was taken at the society's annual meeting.

After almost 20 years since its registration in 1994, Curt Hanson's 'Primal Scream' continues to be popular not only among WDS Members, but also in regional polls. In the latest AHS Regional Polls 'Primal Scream' came in first place in Regions 2, 4, 8, 10 and 11.

Other old favorites continued to be popular in the 2013 WDS Top Ten Poll. Jeff Salter's 'Moonlit Masquerade', which came in first place last year dropped to third place. After an absence from the top ten poll Bill Oakes' 'Red Volunteer' and Pat Stamile's 'Strawberry Candy' returned to their former popularity in a three way ties for 8th place. Curt Hanson's 'Bella Lugosi' also returned to the WDS Top Ten after being edged out by just one vote last year.

Curt Hanson's 'Jerry Hyatt' made its first appearance among the WDS Top Ten in 7th place. With 'Bella Lugosi', 'Jerry Hyatt', and 'Primal Scream' Curt Hanson had three cultivars in the WDS Top Ten. Jamie Gossard's 'Heavenly United We Stand' was a favorite write in vote.

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2013 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Primal Scream' Hanson – 1994
2. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile – 1991
3. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Salter – 1992
4. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard – 2004
5. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss – 1983
6. 'Bella Lugosi' Hanson – 1995
7. 'Jerry Hyatt' - Hanson – 2004
8. 'All American Chief' Sellers – 1994
8. 'Red Volunteer' Oakes – 1994
8. 'Strawberry Candy' Stamile – 1989

Pictures of the WDS 2013 Top Ten, which were taken by the Kleckners, the Kleinheinzs' and Conrad Wrzesinski, are posted on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).





*H. 'Ruby Sapphire'*

## MARCH WILL BRING US BILL WALDROP FROM MARIETTA, GA

By: Francis Kleckner

*Photos from Waldrop Website*



*H. 'Kennesaw Mountain Hayride'*

Bill started growing daylilies around 1992, and like so many of us, they became his main garden focus. At some point he began hybridizing, mainly round bagel forms, with the use of many Tet. conversion plants.

Bill has served the AHS at the national level and also along with his wife, Diana, founded their local society. Both have served on the board of directors.

Some of his plants that I find to be very nice are H 'Kennesaw Mountain Hayride', H 'Marietta Heartbeat', H 'Blazing Cannons' and one of his 2014 introductions H 'The Sting'. Bill will be auctioning some of his plants to offset the cost of having him speak. They will be shipped to me to be distributed at a later meeting.

To enjoy an afternoon of beautiful daylilies and camaraderie with fellow WDS members you are all welcome to attend the March 15th meeting at 1:00 pm at Savannah Oaks Middle School.

## WISCONSIN WINTER WONDERLAND

If you are feeling the effects of a cold, snowy February, consider attending the Wisconsin Winter Wonderland Symposium in Milwaukee this year. It's a sure antidote to SAD.

In past years this has always been held in Cleveland or Cincinnati, but this year it's in our own backyard. Notice the list of interesting speakers who are sure to have lots of beautiful daylily pictures to share with us. I've always wanted to attend one of these; now I have no excuse. There's an auction too!

You can find a full itinerary and hotel information on the Region 2 Website.

## NEW LOCATION! NEW BEGINNING!



**American Hemerocallis Society – Region 2**

**WISCONSIN WINTER WONDERLAND SYMPOSIUM**

**February 21-23, 2014**  
Brookfield Suites Hotel, Brookfield WI

## REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

A new reimbursement policy was crafted and implemented earlier this year. It took a while to develop the Reimbursement Form but after several revisions, a suitable one was adopted. From this point forward, this Form MUST accompany any requests for reimbursement.

It is easy to fill out and it will help immensely in properly tracking our expenses. Should you make an authorized purchase for the WDS, contact our Treasurer (currently Paul Pratt) to request a copy of the Reimbursement Form, which you will complete, attach your receipts to, and return to Paul. He will then promptly issue you a Society check. There is a 60-day window to turn in a properly filled out form so speed is of the essence. A deadline was established to encourage people to get those receipts into the Treasurer in a timely fashion, thereby limiting outstanding expenses and helping to keep our books current.

### SPEAKERS - Daylily

Phil Korth – Pinewood Gardens  
Melanie Mason – North Country Gardens  
David Kirchoff – Daylily World  
Nan Ripley – Walkabout Gardens  
Paul Downie – Bees Garden  
Dan Bachman - Valley of the Daylilies  
Larry Work – Gardens in the Works

### SPEAKERS – Other Topics

Donna Krischan – digital photography  
Mike Georges - vermiculture  
Nate Bremer/Solaris Farms – peonies (and probably a few daylilies...)  
Bret Clement – Region 2 President

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Judges Clinics and Roundtables  
Hybridizers Forum on Friday  
The BIG live auction Saturday  
Breakfasts included with room  
Wisconsin-themed Lunch and Dinner on Saturday  
Open Hospitality Room Friday & Saturday evenings – bring a beverage and snack to share!!

**...all for only \$95.00**

For more information, email [schmiths71@gmail.com](mailto:schmiths71@gmail.com) or call 248.739.9006

All daylily enthusiasts of all skill and interest level encouraged to come and soak up a daylily-filled, fun weekend in Wisconsin!



CHRISTMAS WISHES IN PHYLIP NAMES

CHRISTMAS IS A JOYFUL OCCASION,  
 A CHRISTMAS CANDEL glows  
 as we all make our CHRISTMAS WISHES.

hanging on the mantle is a CHRISTMAS STOCKING,  
 ANGELS OF LIGHT, PRIPPING WITH GOLD,

offer us DIVINE DELIGHT!!

CHRISTMAS BELLS can be heard,

as we watch the PHENIXING SNOW.

A CHRISTMAS COOKIE awaits Santa

under the CHRISTMAS TREE.

GRANNY'S TREE of LEMON CUSTARD DELIGHT

is ALWAYS A PLACE WHERE

we will LIGHT THE FIRE AGAIN,

and LET IT SNOW

as you COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

A HEAVENLY CHORUS sings a HYMN OF PRAISE.

We do hope you have a WISH COME TRUE.

REJOICE EVERMORE,

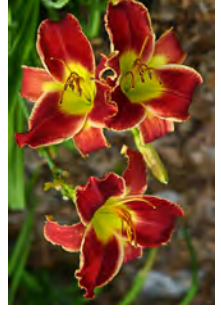
wishing you and yours HOLIDAY HAPPINES

and BLESSING JOY as we go into the NEW YEAR.

With thanks to Jay & Judy Farquhar - Oco Ners



*H. Christmas Is*



*H. Light the Fire*



*H. Holiday Happiness*



*H. Christmas Wishes*

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