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OUR 1ST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR

January 24th, 2015 at 1:00 pm

West Madison Ag Station

Speaker: Tim Fehr



WDS member and photographer extraordinaire Tim Fehr from Eau Claire will be speaking at our January meeting. His presentation will not only include the techniques for taking quality photos but, but also how to judge photos for quality and color accuracy. This will be so helpful when it comes time to judge the winners of our photo contest in February.

You may also recognize Tim as the AHS Webmaster and Photo Specialist. In addition to all the work he does for AHS, Tim also provides technical and network support for school districts around Eau Claire. In his "spare time" he dabs pollen and tends to lots of seedlings on the farm.

DAYLILIES IN FEBRUARY BALM FOR THE SOUL

By February aren't you usually pining for some daylilies? If so, you really don't want to let the snow and ice of February keep you from the WDS meeting on February 28th 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 prized seedlings. There's no doubt that we will be seeing many future introductions. Our hybridizers are coming up with some gorgeous flowers as shown in the 2015 hybridizers' calendar.

And of course we will be able to cash in on the advice from Tim Fehr as we vote for the best photos from our members. I know, that's always a challenge, but we sure do see some beautiful pictures.



*Joy, hope, and love to the world...
and especially to you this holiday season.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

January 24th, Saturday, 1:00 pm, West Madison Ag,

Speaker: Tim Fehr, AHS webmaster/photo specialist
February, Hybridizers Group Meeting, TBA

February 13-15th, Garden Expo, Alliant Energy Center

February 20-22nd, Midwest Winter Symposium,
Brookfield, WI

February 28th, Saturday, 1:30 pm, West Madison Ag,

WDS Photo Contest & Hybridizers Showcase

March 28th, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School

Speaker: David Jewell, Lindsay, Ontario, Canada

April 18th, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School,

Speaker: Michael Bouman, Daylily Lay, Missouri

May 23rd, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Savannah Oaks School,

Speaker: Nan Ripley, Walkabout Gardens, Iowa

June 10-14th AHS National Convention, Atlanta, GA

June 15th, Sunday, 1:00 pm, Garden Party at the home

of Marjorie King, Mt. Horeb, WI

July 10-12th, Bus trip to Region 2 Summer Meeting,
Indianapolis, IN

July ??, Annual Garden Tour TBA

August ??, Auction/Adoption TBA

August 15th & 16th, Annual Plant Sale, Olbrich Garden

October ??, Annual Meeting TBA

Be sure to check our website for updates.

WDS HYBRIDIZER GROUP NEWS

By Paul Pratt

1. **Calendar sales:** 30 calendars left, great Christmas idea for your gardening friends, \$10 each and can be shipped directly to the person if you like for an additional \$3.

2. **Hybridizer T-shirts:** Submit high resolution photo of your favorite seedling or collage of seedlings to Paul and the color shirt you would like. Shirt costs will be \$15 for each member and the hybridizer's group will subsidize the remainder of the costs. No minimum order needed and no limit to the number of shirts you can order.

3. Possible **Summer opportunities:** To be determined.

a. Visit Linda Ball's in June to help her with any yard activities and visit. Date TBD.

b. Pollen collecting tour. Hybridizer's will travel to area hybridizer's gardens to collect pollen for use in their programs. Gardens have not been chosen, so if you are a hybridizer and willing to share a day's worth of pollen, please contact Paul.

c. Weekday trip to Bremer, Korth, OR other gardens that will have buying opportunities for hybridizing.

4. Next meeting will be in early February. Date TBD. If you have not had the opportunity to share pictures at the last meeting, you can share them at the February meeting.

WDS HAS A
WHOLE NEW LOOK!

Did you notice our new club logo at the top of the first page of this newsletter? H. 'Very Berry Candy' was chosen for the image. How it came about is quite a story - a real joint effort. This is what I discovered.

The logo originated with a combination of ideas. T-shirts were suggested by Diane Goodman. Francis and Genni thought we needed a new logo. It was time. Lisa Imhoff came up with a design. Wilma and Genni brainstormed Lisa's artwork for color. They wanted something nice and colorful. Vaughan James tweaked it. He colored the state green to offset the flower color. The flower is located in the center of the state versus the lower part to signify the whole state and not just Madison, since we have members from all over. Genni volunteered to head the project and it just came together - very successfully.

A big thanks to all of you. It's beautiful!

Not only do we have a new logo, we have a new t-shirt to display it on! The green shirt below displays our 25th anniversary design, and the tangerine one displays the new club logo.

Orders were taken at the Annual Meeting. If you have ordered one, Genni will have it for you at the meeting on January 24th.

The first orders have been placed, but if you still would like to order one (or two, or ??), Genni will be happy to place another order. However, she will need a batch of 24 to order again. Maybe spring will be a good time to think about warm weather clothing again! The t-shirt order form is on our web site.



WDS IS IN GOOD HANDS IN 2015

The first board meeting of the WDS fiscal year was held on November 4th with all outgoing and incoming officers present. Francis Kleckner held onto the hammer as President; Rhonda Verhoeven accepted the position of Vice-President; Lane Revenal will serve as Secretary; and Paul Pratt has agreed to serve again as Treasurer. Our thanks go to them for their commitment to the success of WDS, as well as to Mike Stafford, outgoing Secretary; Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, outgoing Vice-President; and to Rita Thomas, past chair of Door Prizes/Raffles and also the Historian position.

The following committee chairs are the backbone of WDS. Without them, where would we be?? We owe everyone a very big THANK YOU.

Adoption/Auction Meeting.....	Genni Kleckner
Annual Meeting.....	WDS Board
Communications.....	Conrad Wrzesinski
Daylily Sale.....	Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz
Display Gardens.....	Rosemary Kleinheinz
Door Prizes/Raffles.....	Sharon Lonergan
Garden Expo.....	Chris Zeltner
Garden Party.....	Rosemary Kleinheinz
Garden Tour.....	
Guest Speakers.....	Francis Kleckner
Historian.....	
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

As you can see WDS is in need of a Historian and a Garden Tour Chairperson. Any member interested in either of these duties please contact a member of the Board.



FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY

By Chris Zeltner

It is once again time to think Garden Expo. This year the Expo dates are Feb. 13, 14 and 15. We also need help to get the booth out of storage and set up on Thursday Feb. 12.

Thursday we will pick up the booth at storage around 1 pm. and be at the Expo Center by 2. I need about 6 people to help with this.

Friday I need people for the 3 to 6 and the 6 to 9 spots to be in the booth.

Saturday the times are 9 to 11, 11 to 1, 1 to 3 and 3 to 6.

Sunday the times are 10 to noon, noon to 2, 2 to 4 and then takedown after close at 4pm.

Please contact me at czeltner356@gmail.com or call me at 608-692-5907. PLEASE do not send your responses to Conrad or anyone else. I had a lot of problems with things getting lost last year when they did not come straight to me. You can also text me at my phone number.

THE FIRST TWENTY FIVE

By Ruth Horrall

Hiram, Bill and Steve are originals!!



What a glorious way to celebrate another WDS banner year! Our twenty-fifth celebratory annual dinner was catered by Cherokee Country Club on Madison's north side – WAY NORTH. We convened to give ourselves back pats for another record WDS sale in August and especially to honor our beloved club's 25 years of existence. Three founding members, Steve Lesch, Bill Powell and first president Hiram Percy were awarded commemorative anniversary tiles and lengthy, enthusiastic applause.

One hundred and eight members (another record for an annual event) were seated at round tables. Conversation sparkled as new members were welcomed by seasoned hands who recalled a daylily sale prep several years ago during a tornado. As table talk progressed, it was exciting to realize how eager newbies are about daylilies and the club.

President Francis Kleckner led the meeting, standing before two long tables groaning under daylilies. Some were from speaker Curt Hanson, some were Genni Kleckner's 'H. 25th Anniversary' (2014) hybrids and still others to be given away as door prizes at the end of the meeting. Offered for sale by Vaughan James were many colorful decorative tiles and other items featuring Genni's 25th Anniversary daylily. Also for sale were two versions of a WDS tee shirt in tangerine or forest green. Now we'll be really easy to identify at next year's sale.

After some discussion about who will receive 5% of next year's sale proceeds, Janesville's Rotary Gardens was voted as the winner. Incidentally, it, too, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Then, we finally quieted down to hear our speaker, Curt Hanson. He's always interesting, and during his talk, slipped in slides of rock crevasses, ice fields, sand dunes, beach pebbles, etc. to illustrate his newest hybridizing passion. (Actually, this is a very old fascination; his major emphasis in college was sculpture.) He has linked nature's arrangements to his present obsession with inner spaces in his flowers. He theorizes that line breeding favors "eruptions" or "carvings" and the slides of his latest introductions demonstrated unusual petal carvings. Surely this is a new hybridizing frontier.

With his usual enthusiastic approach to auctioneering, Conrad Wrzesinski auctioned off Genni and Curt's plants. It wasn't difficult to elicit laughs over some of Curt's hybrid names like 'Red Light District', 'Love Comes Quickly' or 'Celestial Virgin'. Red Light was described in Curt's catalog as "a prurient orgy in scarlet which promises satisfaction."

An enjoyable, gemütlich annual luncheon meeting was shared around tables sporting linen tablecloths, just as first president Hiram Percy envisioned twenty-five years ago.

We joined WDS because of the blossoms, but stayed because of friendships and fellowship. Bravo to all of us.



The eleven pots of H. 'WDS 25th Anniversary' that Genni introduced, propagated and then donated to WDS to be auctioned at the party.



Some of the beautiful quilted pieces that Phyllis Sanner lovingly created to be auctioned as well.

Photos by Rita Thomas



H. 'Van Gogh's Ear', an example of Curt's hybridizing passion for sculptured forms. Photo from his website.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Two important votes were taken at the Annual Meeting. First, it was decided that the 5% of proceeds from our 2015 Plant Sale will be going to Rotary Gardens in Janesville. Mark Dwyer was so pleased to hear the news and reports that "Rotary Botanical Gardens will use the much appreciated contribution from the WDS sale proceeds to augment plant collections and signage, with the primary focus being the improvement of the current American Hemerocallis Society display garden."

Second, in order to eliminate needing quarters for change at the Plant Sale, it was agreed that starting in 2015, membership dues for a family will be increased from \$7.50 to \$8.00/year. The pricing of plants has been adjusted to even dollar amounts, and now with dues in even dollar amounts, the need for change has been eliminated. The treasurer and the cashiers say "Thank you!"



NINTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The first WDS Photo Contest was held nine years ago. During the ensuing years the contest entries have become more varied and creative. In recognition of this change a new format has been adopted for the WDS Photo Contest with three categories in which photos may be entered. The categories are described in the contest rules. This new format will offer more opportunities for WDS Members to enter the photo contest.

At the February general meeting WDS members will vote for their favorite photos in each of the three categories. Contest winners will receive a certificate for a 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.

Last year photo contest winners were:

Wendy Benz – with a close up of ‘Marked by Lydia’ framed by a garden setting.

Diane Goodman – with a close up of ‘Truly Angelic’ accented by a background of phlox.

Barry Rowe – with a close up bouquet photo of ‘Blue-Eyed Butterfly’.

Rhonda Veroeven – with a low angle photo showing the branching and flower of ‘Amish Patch Quilt’ in a garden setting.

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- Photos may be submitted in the following three categories:
Category 1: Single Flower – Close up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background.
Category 2: Clump – Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background.
Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape – A daylily with companion plants or a garden critter landing on or nestled in the flower or daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.
- Each WDS Member may submit a maximum of three photos. The three photos may all be in one category or distributed among the three categories. The name of the category entered must accompany each photo. With a family membership, each family member may submit three photos for the contest.
- Photos must be submitted in a high-resolution digital file format.
- If an entrant submits three 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.
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each member may vote for one photo in each category.
- 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.

Now is time to revisit the photos of your daylily favorites and enter the Ninth Annual WDS Photo Contest. Email your entries to Conrad Wrzesinski at conradw@charter.net. Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo. The deadline to enter is Monday, February 2, 2015.

OLBRICH SAYS THANKS

From Gene Dewey

Because of our gift to Olbrich Garden WDS received a beautiful poinsettia. Because my name was associated with WDS in Olbrich’s address file, I was the lucky recipient of this plant. Thus, I share this photo with all members.



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 opportunity to share those blessings with others, especially the folks who care for the plants in our display gardens. The list of recipients included:

\$2,250 Olbrich Gardens (Unrestricted)
\$1,750 West Madison Ag Station (Unrestricted)
\$1,000 Allen Centennial Gardens
\$3,550 5% from Sale (2 years)
\$ 300 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.

WDS MEMBERS SELECT THEIR TOP TEN FAVORITES

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The votes are in. *H.* 'Primal Scream' held onto the top spot with a winning margin of five votes over its nearest rival in the Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Poll. Ninety-five votes were cast in the poll, which was taken at the society's annual meeting.

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

Other old favorites continued to be popular. Curt Hanson's cultivars proved to be the most popular with WDS Members. Three of his cultivars; 'Primal Scream', 'Bela Lugosi' and 'Jerry Hyatt' made our Top Ten list. No other hybridizer had more than one daylily cultivar in the WDS Top Ten.

Making its first appearance on the list was 'Webster's Pink Wonder', which placed 9th. After an absence from the top ten poll Larry Grace's 'Destined to See' returned to its former popularity coming in 10th.

Pictures of the WDS 2014 Top Ten, which were taken by the Kleckners, the Kleinheinzs and Conrad Wrzesinski, are posted on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisconsindaylilysociety.org>).

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2014 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Primal Scream', Hanson – 1994
2. 'Ruby Spider', Stamile – 1991
3. 'Moonlit Masquerade', Salter – 1992
4. 'Bela Lugosi', Hanson – 1995
5. 'Red Volunteer', Oakes – 1994
6. 'All American Chief', Sellers – 1994
7. 'Heavenly Angel Ice', Gossard – 2004
8. 'Jerry Hyatt', Hanson – 2004
9. 'Webster's Pink Wonder', Webster-Cobb – 2003
10. 'Destined to See', Grace, L. – 1998

HERE'S A GOOD IDEA!

By Diane Scharkey

During the annual meeting there was discussion about the newsletter coming via e-mail. Specifically, some had a problem printing out the Annual Meeting Reservation Form in the last newsletter without a printer in their home.

I would like to pass on my experience using the public library to read and print out material. I have found the staff so helpful whenever I need assistance either reading or printing.

All you need is an e-mail account and anyone can have a free account with AOL (perhaps other sources too). Even if you do not own a computer you can have an e-mail address to send and receive mail at your local library. We have many computers at my library in Oregon and there seems to be one free whenever I stop in. The library is a service we all pay for with our taxes and should use more.

The newsletter expense came down drastically when both postage and printing were eliminated, which I think is a good thing.

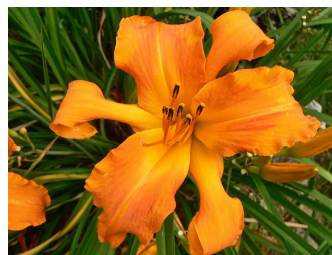
OUR CONDOLENCES TO.....

WDS member Linda Ball, whose husband Michael lost his battle with cancer just last week.

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig who lost her mother suddenly in October.

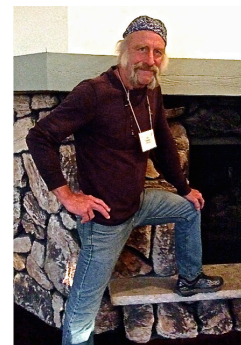
The families of WDS members Dennis F. Kinney and Margaret Iwen who passed earlier this year.

Donations to Region 2 will be made in memory of all WDS members



The one and only Curt Hanson and his H. 'Primal Scream'

*Photo of Curt by Rita Thomas
Photo of PS by C Wrzesinski*



WDS WILL HOST A VISITOR FROM CANADA IN MARCH!

By: Francis Kleckner

At the March WDS meeting we will be welcoming David Jewell of On Russell garden that is located in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada. David not only enjoys hybridizing and growing daylilies. His garden also includes many Hostas, Iris and companion plants.

He stated that he is really looking forward to coming to Wisconsin to speak.

Membership News

I had intended to report our membership statistics at the Annual Meeting: 188 individual members, 143 family memberships, and 6 business members! Quite some growth over 25 years and counting!

We welcome our newest member: Sonja Kraft, Madison.

New email addresses: Debbie Borenz—debborenz@gmail.com and Mary Bergum—daylilygirl1@charter.net

Mark Jankowski's phone: 920-676-2900

Harold Steen has moved to 13674 Windy Prairie Drive, Huntley, IL 60142-7762 to be nearer to family. His email remains as fnhsteen51@sbcglobal.net. His new phone number is 847-669-5371.

Please delete email addresses for Steve Lesch and Marla Robinson.

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

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