

Breaking News!!!

WDS To Host the AHS National Convention in 2019

By Rhonda Veroeven

As the board shared with you at the annual meeting, we were approached from AHS with an offer to host the 2019 AHS National Convention. We met and discussed this possibility as a board and thought that it was an exciting possibility to bring up to our membership. Francis shared this opportunity at our Annual Meeting at Rex's. While there were a few concerns shared, there was a majority of support for us to further investigate this possibility. So the board did just that, and held a meeting earlier this month to discuss if we should pursue this or not.

We felt that there was good representation at our meeting and the discussion was fantastic. We determined unanimously that we should host the AHS National Convention in 2019.

I am now in the preliminary process of applying to be a host. While it is really perfunctory at this point, it is one of the official steps. The AHS president was VERY excited to hear the news. Once we get the official go-ahead, we will begin the formal planning. There has already been much done behind the scenes.

After deciding that we would be hosts, our first order of business at the meeting was to create a National Convention Executive Board (NCEB). Rhonda Veroeven and Monique Warnke will be the Co-Chairs, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig will be Secretary, Cheryl Solaris will be Treasurer, and Genni Kleckner, Francis Kleckner, Sharon Lonergan, and Sonja Kraft will be Members At-large. There were also many chairpersons designated. We will give further details at upcoming meetings.

We are currently investigating possible venues to host such a large number of people. Once we have that determined, we will begin work on the program, garden tours, auxillary tours, and the minutia of the overall convention. The NCEB will not be running this alone, but have faith in the power of our membership to host a fantastic National Convention!

We do need a slogan and logo in the near future, so please put on your thinking caps and let the creative juices flow! We will be looking for submissions very soon!

If you would like to be a chairperson, like to be on a committee, would like your garden considered to be on tour, or have great ideas, we would love to hear from you. Just contact any NCEB member!

LET'S DO THIS!!! (Are we crazy????)



Annual Meeting on Halloween at Rex's Inkeeper

A "Howling" Good Time

by Sonja Kraft and Genni Kleckner

What do you get when you cross 100 Wisconsin Daylily lovers with an excellent dinner, meeting, and presentation? Why, a meeting so fun it was scary! Greeting us at the ticket/name tag table was an inmate recently broken out of jail (Rhonda Veroveen), the brand-new 2016 Wisconsin Daylily Hybridizers calendars were for sale, manned by Genni Kleckner and Pat Sturdevant, and cocktails were available at the bar during a pre-social. Many longtime members took advantage of the social by catching up with their daylily friends, as well as meeting some new members such as Dick Andre and his wife Heidi from Beloit attending their first annual meeting.



When we went to the tables to find seats, what should we find but gorgeous centerpieces made by Sharon Lonergan, featuring daylily scapes as the branches! We sat down to a delicious dinner and when we were finished, President, Francis Kleckner led the annual meeting. It was decided by the membership that we would donate the 5% from our daylily sale this year to Edgerton Hospital's Healing Garden. The treasurer's report was read, with an explanation of extra expenses approved by the board that were not originally budgeted, such as the bus for the summer Region 2 meeting. The most exciting news at the meeting was that the Wisconsin Daylily Society was honored by a request from the AHS to host the 2019 National Convention, to be held in Madison, WI. An original show of hands was asked to determine interest in holding this historic event.



After the meeting portion, we were treated to a wonderful presentation by Heidi and Charles Douglas of Brown's Ferry Gardens. They not only chronicled their gardening and hybridizing efforts, but also how daylilies brought them together. After a slide show of their and Gene Tanner's beautiful creations, with a thank you to Conrad Wrzesinski for once again acting as auctioneer, with Pat Sturdevant, Butterfly Wilma Brower-Herwig, Francis Kleckner, and Bobbi Johnson as spotters, there was 50/50 auction of daylilies donated by Brown's Ferry, as well as beautiful potholders donated by Phyllis Sanner.

Last but definitely not least was the door prize drawing. With over \$500 worth of door prizes for this year's meeting, as well as the table decorations, there was definitely something for everyone.



Membership News

By: Gene Dewey-Membership Registrar

I omitted one new member from my last column:

Welcome to Madiem Kawa from Sauk City; her email is Madiem.Kawa@gmail.com.

Please note these email addresses corrections:

Julie Brandstatter:

honeydoblues@gmail.com

Andrea Hoeffelholz:

andreasbling@hotmail.com

The Powells: mbpowell15@att.net

Christine Stricker: cmspearl12@aol.com

Delete emails for Barbara Flatness and Sherry Oliver.

Add this address for Char Hanson:

charanda12@gmail.com

Our membership includes 174 individuals, 129 folk through family memberships, and 3 business members. Hurrah for WDS!

DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP END DEC. 31?

Check your WDS Membership Roster to see if the second column shows 2015 to the left of your surname. If it does, please complete the renewal form found on the last page in this issue and send it and your payment to Gene Dewey, 6225 Mineral Pt. Rd., Apt. C-57, Madison WI 53705-4571

If you can't find your Roster, give me a call @230-3373 or email: gl Dewey@wisc.edu and I will be happy to check your status.

A Variety Of Topics At Our Monthly Meetings

By: Francis Kleckner

Our January meeting will feature WDS member and plantsman extraordinaire Lloyd Ravet. Lloyd will be sharing his vast knowledge of Peonies with us.

The February meeting will start with the WDS photo contest. Every year it seems that it is harder to pick which photos to vote on as our members develop better photography skills. The second part of the meeting will be occupied by the WDS Hybridizers showing their seedlings and newest registrations. Remember that this is historically a longer meeting than usual.

In keeping with the theme of northern hardy daylilies for our gardens the March speaker will be Stuart Kendig from York, PA. Stuart breeds full formed tetraploids in a variety of clean and clear colors. One of his 2016 intros that really impressed Genni is 'H. Eggplant Luminosity'. You can check out all of his introductions on his website, www.kendigdaylilies.com.



H. Eggplant Luminosity

WDS Members Select Their Top Ten Favorites

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The votes are counted. 'Primal Scream' retained the top spot with a winning margin of sixteen votes over its nearest rival in the Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Poll. Eighty-nine votes were cast in the poll, which was taken at the WDS annual meeting.

After over 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. In the latest AHS Regional Polls 'Primal Scream' came in first place in Regions, 2, 8, 10 and 11 and was in the top five in Regions 4 and 15.

Other old favorites continued to be popular in the 2015 WDS Top Ten Poll. Curt Hanson's and Pat Stamilie's cultivars were the most popular with WDS Members. Each had three daylily cultivars in the WDS Top Ten. After an absence 'Strawberry Candy' returned to its former popularity coming in 8th and replacing 'Red Volunteer', which placed 12th this year.

Sixty-nine different cultivars received write-in votes. Receiving the most write-in votes was Jamie Gossard's 'Neon Flamingo' (2006) with four votes. Nine cultivars received two votes. The remaining 59 other cultivars received one vote.

Below is a complete list of the WDS 2015 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Primal Scream' Hanson, C. – 1994
2. 'All American Chief' Sellers – 1994
3. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile – 1991
4. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard – 2004
5. 'Bella Lugosi' Hanson, C. – 1995
6. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' Webster-Cobb – 2003
7. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Stamile – 1992
8. 'Strawberry Candy' - Stamile – 1989
9. 'Jerry Hyatt' Hanson, C. – 2004
10. 'Destined to See' Grace, L. – 1998



H. Primal Scream

With Gratitude:

We received the following thank you from Lt. Mike Hanson and Skip Hake from the Madison Police Department:

"Thank you for your generous contributions to the Madison Police Dept. Our District Station, located at 1710 McKenna Blvd has never looked so good in the 14 years it has been open. As the general public stopped by the West District this year, they routinely commented on the beauty of our grounds. Our Master Gardeners, Skip (Hake), Dale and Phyllis were extremely dedicated to beautifying our grounds and could not have done it without your generous donation."

We also received a beautiful poinsettia plant from Olbrich Garden which Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz received in their appreciation of the donations we have made. It feels great to be a part of such a generous group!



WDS 2016 Photo Contest

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Now is time to revisit your photos of daylily favorites and enter the WDS 2016 Photo Contest! This marks the 10th anniversary of the WDS Photo Contest. The contest rules are listed below. Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo. The winners in each category from last year's photo contest are posted on the WDS web site (<http://wisdaylilysoc.org>). Email your entries to: Conrad Wrzesinski at conradw@charter.net. **The deadline to enter is Monday, February 1, 2016.**



2016 Photo Contest Rules

- ◆ All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- ◆ Photos may be of a named cultivar or a seedling.
- ◆ 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 garden critter landing on or nestled in the flower or daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.
- ◆ Each entrant may submit a maximum of three photos distributed among the categories of their choice. With a family membership, each family member may submit three photos for the contest.
- ◆ Photos must be submitted in digital form in high resolution.
- ◆ 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 only 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..
- ◆ Contest winners will 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.





Gear Up for Garden Expo!

By Sonja Kraft

The Wisconsin Daylily Society once again has a display at the Madison Garden Expo, to be held this year on February 12, 13, and 14. We will have a brand-new display this year with some exciting pictures on video by Tim Fehr and a new tablecloth display by Vaughn James. As usual, we need volunteers to man the booth, sign people up to join the WDS, and answer questions.

The shifts this year will be 2.5 hours long and 3 WDS dollars will be awarded per shift worked. The hours this year are Friday, 2-8 pm, Saturday 9-6, and Sunday 10-4. We could also use help on Thursday with booth set up and on Sunday with take down. Remember, those working get FREE admission to the garden expo!

Contact Sue Hill at bunnisoo@aol.com to sign up for a volunteer slot. A sign-up sheet will also be available at our January meeting.

Do you need to renew your membership? Do you want to give a gift membership? Do you know someone that would like to join? You can either fill this form out or go online on the WDS website and click the membership tab! It is that easy!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone:(____) _____

Email: _____

A color copy of each newsletter (pdf) will be available on the website and members will be notified by email whenever a new edition is posted. A black and white copy will be mailed ONLY to people with no email address.

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___ 3 year (\$20.00)

___ 5 year (\$30.00)

Business

___ 1 year (\$15.00)

.....n/a

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Please make your check payable to: **The Wisconsin Daylily Society**

Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? ___ Yes ___ No

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

Print and mail this form with your payment to: Gene Dewey

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**“I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently?
And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it
says, Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again.”**

— *Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass*

