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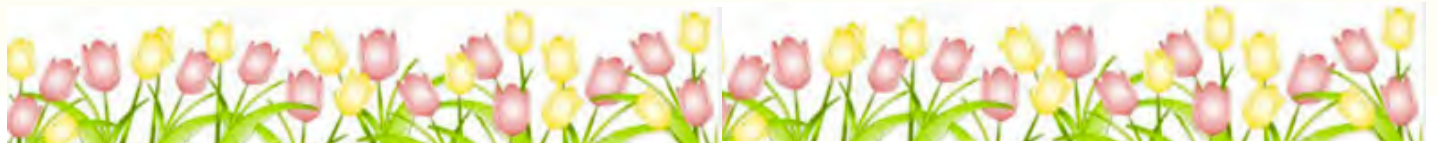
President's Minute

Rhonda Veroeven

I am so proud of our amazing club. At the recent Region 2 Midwinter Symposium, I had multiple people approach me and congratulate our club on hosting the 2019 national convention. We also have an outpouring of support from our sister clubs in the state.

With the arrival of spring, I am always reminded how this is a new year filled with possibilities; both personally and in the garden. I have made plans for my garden and for my learning. It is my hope to renew and invigorate my knowledge, spirit, and play in the garden.

It is a very exciting time to be a member of WDS! If you are not a person that wishes to be up in front of the group or to chair a committee, but still want to be a part of the fun action, know that there will be many opportunities for you to be a part of things! We need all of you and welcome all of your skills and talents!



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Upcoming Events and Dates:

April 9 WDS Meeting 1:00 PM West Ag
Mike Georges~Quintessential Daylilies
Guelph, Ontario, CA

May 14 WDS Meeting 1:00 PM Savannah Oaks
Sandy Holmes~Riverbend Daylily Garden
Xenia ,OH

July 22-23 WDS Garden Tour 10:00-4:00
Gardens TBD soon

August 6 Adoption Auction
12:30 PM Savannah Oaks

November 5 Annual Meeting 12:00 PM
Rex's Innkeeper
Waunakee, WI

**Note-Average meeting times will be be
2-2 1/2 hours.**

Winners of the Eleventh Annual WDS Photo Contest

Conrad J. Wrzesinski

During the February general meeting members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society voted for their favorite daylily photos in the Eleventh Annual WDS Photo Contest. Since the first photo contest was held in 2006, the entries have become more varied and creative.

The contest format featured three categories. Each WDS Member could submit a maximum of three photos. The three photos could all be in one category or distributed among the three categories, which are described below.

Category 1 - Close up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background.

Category 2 - Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background.

Category 3 - A daylily with companion plants or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower or daylilies in garden or landscape setting.

WDS Members attending the meeting voted for their favorite photo in each category. Two winners were selected in each category by the top votes received.



Indy Charmer~ Sue Hill



Lauren Leah~ Shannon Meyer

Voting in Category 1 resulted in a three-way tie. The winners were Diane Goodman with a close up photo of 'Entwined in the Vine', Shannon Meyer with a close up of 'Lauren Leah' and Sue Hill with a close up of 'Indy Charmer'.

In Category 2 Tom Kleinheinz's winning entry featured a striking of photo 'Free Wheelin' with other blooms in the background. Becky Robinson's winning entry featured a pyramid group of three flowers in nearly perfect symmetry of 'Stardust Memory'.

In Category 3 the winners were Wendy Benz with a photo of 'Marked By Lydia' in garden setting surrounded by other daylilies and companion plants and Dana Baiu with a photo of 'Coleman Hawkins' accented by the colorful lacy blue flowers of the companion plant, Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*).



Stardust Memory~ Becky Robinson

Contest winners received a certificate for a free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August at Olbrich Botanical Gardens and their choice of a mug or tile imprinted with their winning photo. The winning photos can be viewed on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylilysoc.org).

A total of 82 photos were submitted, which is down slightly from last year when 89 photos were submitted. Category 1 proved the most popular with 36 entries. Category 2 had 28 entries followed by Category 3 with 18 entries.

WDS Members are reminded to photograph their favorite daylilies this summer for entry in the Twelfth Annual WDS Photo Contest, which will be held in 2017.



Entwined in the Vine~ Diane Goodman



Free Wheelin Tom Kleinheinz



Marked By Lydia~ Wendy Benz



Coleman Hawkins Dana Baiu



2019 AHS National Convention Tour

Rosemary Kleinheinz

Before the summer of 2016 is over the Tour and Open Garden Selection committee will need to have the gardens selected for the 2019 National Convention.

Therefore, we need to know if you want us to consider your garden, either as a tour garden or as an open garden for our guests to view before and/or after the meeting. After all, one can never see too many daylilies.

Please read the upcoming pages which details AHS expectations. If after reading the expectations and you wish to have the selection committee consider your garden, then please fill out the attached form and send it to Rosemary Kleinheinz 104 West Lakeview, Madison, WI 53716 by June 1, 2016.

Membership News

Gene Dewey, Membership Registrar

Cynthia Wadsworth of Madison and Paula Anderson of Wyoming, MN are back with us after a bit of a lapse.

Nineteen new members joined at the Garden Expo: in Rockford, Carole Hunter; in Prairie du Sac, Joanie Murphy and Gina Accola; in McFarland, Mabelle Keller in Montello, Abby & Chuck Ross; in Hustisford, Judy Schaefer & David Kemper; in Barneveld, Theresa Jones; in Middleton, Deb Umstead; in Cross Plains, Judith Lary; in Merrimac, Candy Hanson; in Madison, Janice Faust and Lindsay Robl; in Verona, Mary Massey; in Oconomowoc, Gordon Telford; in Wild Rose, Darrel Apps; in Waunakee, Jodie Peotter; in Orfordville, Karl Schmidt

Other new members since the last newsletter: Sandi Martin of Franklin; Sue Hill of Verona; Robert Lonergan (husband of our Board Member Sharon) of Cottage Grove; Sue Guthrie of Tomah; and Cynthia Bertalan of Oregon. A big welcome to these daylily lovers; we look forward to meeting you at future events.

Please note that Linda Suerth's email address is now lindasuerth822@yahoo.com and Marge Weiland's is jimweiland@yahoo.com

WDS membership has surged to 204 in single memberships, 148 in family memberships, and 3 business members!

Please remember to notify me if there are any changes in your contact information.

Habitat For Humanity Plant Sales

Rhonda Veroeven

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County has scheduled the spring 2016 plant sale dates at its Habitat ReStores on both the East and West sides.

- 1) Friday & Saturday, May 13 and 14, 2016 at the Habitat ReStore East, 4207 Monona Drive, Monona
- 2) Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Habitat ReStore West, 5906 Odana Rd., Madison
- 3) Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, 2016 at the Habitat ReStore East, 4207 Monona Drive, Monona

Hours for the sales are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many varieties of hardy perennials will be available, including daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society and Iris donated from a local grower in various colors and sizes with pictures. Woodland plants, ground covers, hosta and ferns are available, along with other prairie plants and flowering perennials. 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.

Plant donations are welcome. Please contact Ann Wolfe at 442-8768 or plantlady123@outlook.com for more information and to coordinate your donation.

2019 AHS National Convention News

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Here's the latest on the groundwork that is being laid for throwing a fantastic AHS National Convention shindig for the 2019 National Convention. A well-built foundation paves the way for success.

This event is a BIG deal. It is an honor, but it is also a huge responsibility. We will strive to represent our area well to roughly 600 (SIX HUNDRED) daylily enthusiast from all over the U.S., Canada, as well as other parts of the world. The WDS is going global – Go big or go home!

The Executive Committee has held three planning meetings since January and conducted an on-site tour of the convention headquarters hotel. The Madison Marriot West was the best fit for location and amenities. It has been booked for July 10-13, 2019, with bus tours on Friday and Saturday. There is absolutely no turning back now!!

Collectively, we should swallow hard and be prepared to roll up our sleeves. In the days ahead, we will need all the extra personnel we can muster. We are counting on you, our helpful and dependable members, to step up and get the jobs done. Both the Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin (Milwaukee) and the Bay Area Daylily Society (Green Bay) have pledged their support. How wonderful and inspiring is that?!!

Most of the committees already have Chairs, with many of us doing double and triple duty. Helmsmen or women are still needed for Program, plus several clinic, workshop, and protocol/award positions. These may seem daunting but the AHS has staff that will provide tremendous assistance with implementation. Those Chairs serve as the feet-on-the-ground commanders that carry out AHS plans as outlined. This won't come into play until much closer to the actual date but the work does need doing. What really requires immediate attention is the Publicity/Advertising Chair. If you have a knack for creating magazine quality ad campaigns, we need you now.

You can see that progress is well underway. Our very own detailed twenty page road map has been

compiled from documents we received from the AHS. Doing our jobs and covering all the bases has been simplified and streamlined. Just look up your committee to find what you are responsible for and when it should be done. Easy-peasy!

We are also taking names of those who want their gardens to be considered for touring. You just need to nominate yourself. Starting this summer, the Tour Garden Selection committee will visit each garden with a standardized check-list in hand, most of which has been devised by the AHS. Criteria covers size of garden, number of cultivars, special features, flow and safety, ease of 100 people visiting at once, and other considerations. Once selected, several additional items will be addressed (guest plants, daylily markers, refreshments, etc.)

And before we can move forward even further, WE NEED YOU...to come up with a Convention motto. The motto will then inspire the artwork used in all things Convention related. You may have heard my suggestion of 'Daylilies In The Dairy Aire'. Envisioning all of the possible illustrations makes my sides hurt. But it could be kept tasteful and cute...just sayin'. **Please submit mottos to either of our motto/logo chairs, Rhonda Veroeven and/or Diane Goodman by June 1, 2016.** We will then vote on all submissions!

We encourage you to get your thinking caps on and your enthusiasm cranked up so we put on a wonderful event worthy of our welcoming Wisconsin can-do spirit. See your closest Executive Committee member to volunteer today!





2019 AHS National Convention Garden Tour

Rhonda Veroeven

We will be choosing approximately five to eight gardens to be on tour. We will plan for emergencies and have two or three back-up gardens in reserve as well. All members of our club can self-nominate.

We encourage anyone at all interested in being on tour to consider nominating their gardens. The selection committee has several guidelines that must be considered by AHS guidelines. AHS shares that gardens should be able to accommodate a minimum of two busloads of people (~100). Additional factors to consider are (a) safety, (b) traffic flow in the garden, (c) willingness of the hosts to undertake the additional work and financial expense associated in being on tour, and (d) can positively answer the question "Are the hosts good gardeners-do they grow daylilies well?"

The selection committee will be touring all self-nominated gardens mid-July, 2016. The committee chair will notify the nominees that the committee will be touring. The garden owners do not need to be present at the time of the tour, but are welcomed.

Conditions that garden hosts and hostesses should agree upon up front:

1. All daylilies must be legibly labeled with the name of the cultivar and the hybridizer (The year of registration is also desirable).
2. Guest plants should be displayed in a prominent location, and adequately labeled. A concerted effort should be made to ensure that all guest plants are either registered or listed as seedlings by seedling numbers. "Garden" names are unacceptable.
3. Tour garden owners do not have to provide coffee, snacks, or water in the gardens. WDS has a committee that will provide those items.
4. It is strongly recommended that the convention provide temporary bathroom facilities at each tour garden.

If interested, please fill out the self-nominating form on the next page and turn in the completed form by June 1, 2016 to Rosemary Kleinheinz

WDS 2016 Summer Garden Tour

Rhonda Veroeven & Sally Yaeger

We will be once again offering a tour of our members' gardens. This year our tour will be July 22-23 from 10-4 each day. We will not be taking busses to the tour. This will allow for individuals to take their time as they see fit to enjoy each other's garden. Feel free to carpool. It is more fun to enjoy gardens together! A list of gardens when they are determined will be provided.

No two gardens are the same. It is fun to see flower choices, landscape design, critters, light and soil differences, and how gardeners are like artists! If you have a garden that you are proud of and are willing to have members walk through your garden and be available to answer questions, identify cultivars and have ice water available, then **please let Sally Yaeger (608-274-3262) know ASAP** so that tour gardens can be chosen in the near future.



2019 AHS's National Convention Garden Tour Self-Nomination Form

Garden Owner's Name(s) _____

Garden Name if applicable _____

Address _____

Are you an AHS Display Garden? _____ Approximate size of garden (acres) _____

Approximate number of cultivars _____

Unique features of your garden _____

What are you most proud of in your garden? _____

Any special information the selection committee should consider? Outline future improvements/plans.

For considerations, completed forms must be received by June 1, 2016 to Rosemary Kleinheinz

104 West Lakeview, Madison, WI 53716.

By signing below you agree to the AHS Convention Guidelines and wish your garden to be considered on the 2019 AHS National Convention tour.

Signature(s)

Date

Garden Expo a Blooming Success

Sonja Kraft

WDS once again exhibited our booth at the 2016 Garden Expo at the Alliant Energy Center. Attendance was back up this year, at a whopping 18,070 visitors. Attendees were treated to 312 exhibitor booths (including ours), 140 seminars, and numerous displays in order to get ideas for this year's gardens. We had 28 volunteers manning the booth this year. Thank you to the volunteers. Together they signed up 19 new and renewing members and sold 26 hybridizer calendars. Well done!

Thank you to Monique Warnke and Sue Hill, who together with myself coordinated and put the expo booth together. Great job ladies! Thank you to Tim Fehr and Genni Kleckner for submitting photos of their gorgeous daylilies for display, and to Tim for putting together a very nice slide show of various types of daylilies. Thanks to Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz as well for the display columns. We have a lot of great ideas for next year to incorporate our traditional booth while also updating our look. Next year the Expo will take place February 10-12. See you there!



Lloyd and Judy Ravet Impressed WDS with Peonies

Pat Sturdevant & Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

The end of January found us at the West Madison Agriculture Station eager to hear our own Lloyd Ravet speak about one of his other passions, the peony. There was an impressive standing-room only crowd. He explained that there are three types of peonies (tree or woody, intersectional, and herbaceous). All can be grown successfully in Wisconsin. Peonies that originated in China weren't hardy here, however. Japanese hybridizers worked with these Chinese peonies and those efforts have produced beautiful cultivars that are hardy for us.

Lloyd grows many of his creations at Jean Bawden's rural place as unplanted space at the city home he shares with his trusty camerawoman, Judy, is in short supply. At last summer's peony convention (yup - peony folks are just as fanatical as us hemaholics), one his own creations he entered in the show won big! That's pretty nice confirmation that he is producing some great plants. He provided a large selection of his seeds for a 50-50 auction, with the proceeds being split with the WDS. He was actually astounded that the lively bidding reached the heights it did.

Some members went away a little lighter in the wallet! For those who did not have winning bids, they could buy other crosses of his seeds at a fixed price.

Thank you Lloyd and Judy for your generosity and your interesting presentations on two cold January days.



Region 2 Midwinter Symposium Wows with an Amazing Line-Up!

Rhonda Veroeven

On March 18th-20th, many WDS members descended upon the Brookfield Inn and Suites for a jam-packed line-up of speakers. There were many different speakers so there was something for everyone.

The meeting was started by a presentation from Chad Bush of Colorful Chaos Daylilies in MI. Chad, a 6th grade science teacher shared his love of stippling, stripes, teeth, and bright red daylilies. I personally loved the Star Wars and Australian named theme of his daylilies.

Jamie Gossard followed Chad with his presentation of a few of his new introductions, but the bulk of his presentation featured the breeding program and partnership with Kinnebrew in FL. He is working to get the pretty faces of the FL daylilies on northern hardy daylilies. It wouldn't be a Gossard presentation without some scientific education as well. This time, it was interesting to learn about his flow cytometer work.

Brett Clement, our current Regional President, spoke briefly and shared that currently the region is working hard to save the printed form of the newsletter. Look for information in the Great Lakes Daylily Journal for more information on this. Also in the journal, you will find a ballot for the regional president. Sandy Holmes is our nominee. It is important to send in your ballot to show our support for her nomination.



Sandy Holmes and Brett Clement

Tom Polston of Pleasant Valley Gardens in Dayton, OH shared a presentation sprinkled with humor and interest. His work with toothy and ruffled daylilies made me want to add a bunch more into my collection.

Following Tom was David Jewel from Lindsey, Ontario, Canada. His presentation on Confessions of a Daylily Ho had the audience in stitches, and his work with patterns in the far north is really amazing.

Following that funny presentation was Gary Maly from Westchester, OH. He gave an extremely informative talk on hypertufa, papercrete, and concrete garden art. I think everyone left with a new appreciation for this art form!

WI native, Nate Bremer of Solaris Farms was up next, and as most people know, Nate is exceptionally knowledgeable in horticulture and hybridization of many different plant types. He places plant value over pretty faces, but anyone that has seen his work knows that he has many pretty faces on his daylilies!

Next, Susan Okrasinski from Kingsport, TN made her maiden

voyage of speaking engagements. Her focus was on the importance of taking time to notice the little things in our gardens. She shared an amazing photographic journey of wide-ranging organisms. It was such a treat!

Our May speaker, Sandy Holmes was up next. Sandy is from Xenia, OH and calls Riverbend Daylily Garden home. I will not give too much away, but her work with dancing UFs had me mesmerized!

Mark Druckenbrod of Lily Creek Gardens in Moreland Hills, OH was an incredibly pleasant surprise. He veered away from talking about daylilies, and instead, focused on his work as a horticulturalist and entomologist focusing on studying endangered butterflies. I personally did not want his presentation to end. I could have soaked up his stories and beautiful pictures for hours!

Wrapping up the festivities was Robert Selman from Asheville, NC. His Blue Ridge Mountain daylilies discussion focused on the importance of growing hard dormants. His daylilies were spectacular as well as his companion plants.

All in all, the symposium was a feast for the eyes, informative, and an incredible time to connect with other daylily enthusiasts from far and wide! If you haven't been to a regional meeting, be sure to make a point to attend. You will not regret it!

Stuart Kendig Shares Perfect Perennials in March

Sharon Lonergan

On March 12, at Savannah Oaks Middle School, Stuart Kendig of Perfect Perennials presented WDS members with an excellent program. Stuart traveled from York, PA, to share with the club his hybridization program of 20 years centered around red, white, and striped daylilies.

His first daylily was a ditch lily. He then branched out with 25 hybrid varieties. He used humor throughout his presentation, highlighting the fact that while attending his first national convention he stated that he had 25 daylilies, only to find out that other attendees had hundreds if not thousands of varieties!

Stuart's first hybridizing concentrated on red borders and recurved flowers. He has since decided that flat flowers show off edges better and is improving on flower shape.



Take the Red Eye ~
Photo by Stuart Kendig

Get on the Bus for the Region 2 Summer Meeting

Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

The bus to the Region 2 Summer Meeting is taking off Friday, July 15 and returning late Sunday July 17. There is still room to join 22 other WDS daylily enthusiasts for fun in Peoria. Additional stops are planned for Friday and Sunday. Find complete details on our website under the Back To The Future Of Daylilies link.

He prefers red edges on white or cream flowers. His introductions also include black edges and throats and deep purple edges and throats.

Stuart is in search of a pure white daylily. He has categorized whites by making a chart of over twenty one inch pieces of daylily petals for comparison. In his opinion, the three whitest daylilies are Gentle Shepherd, Sugarmatha, and White Crinoline. He wonders why, in over 20 years of introducing white daylilies, someone has not hybridized pure white. He is presently working toward that goal.

The last part of his program was stripes. He emphasized that stripes first occurred on tulips, and were caused by a virus. Stuart feels that striping and stippling on daylilies is not virus related. He has checked with university botanists in this regard. He said that in most cases, parentage is unknown when cultivars exhibit these characteristics, so hybridization is

difficult. He showed pictures of Clown Pants and Explosion in a Paint Factory as examples of unusual plant markings.

Photos in his program highlighted development of the 3 acre site on which his home, commercial nursery business, gardens, and agility course for his beloved collies occupy. His wit in explaining the numerous changes, occurring over 30 years, to original plans kept everyone's attention.

Thank you Stuart for an excellent presentation. You can view his website at hardyhems.com



Francis, Rhonda, & Stuart Kendig
Photo by Genni Kleckner

Upcoming Speaker Information

Francis Kleckner

Mike Georges is the Guest Speaker for April

Mike Georges' garden, Quintessential Daylilies, is located in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. He lives on a ten acre property that includes a pond and greenhouse. Mike focuses on brightly-colored flowers, especially reds, purples and yellows. Of late his focus is also on toothy flowers. There will be a 50/50 auction for nine of Mike's introductions. All of his 2016 introductions will be included in the auction. The plants will be shipped here to be picked up at our May Meeting.

Sandy Holmes from Riverbend Daylily Gardens will entertain in May

Riverbend Daylily Gardens, owned and operated by Sandy and Mike Holmes, is located outside Xenia, OH. Sandy hybridizes for large unusual form tetraploid daylilies. Sandy is active in the AHS and AHS Region 2. She is the current nominee for Region 2 President. She is also very involved in the Shirley Farmer Hybridizer meetings. Sandy will also be bringing plants for a 50-50 auction.

Auction Plants

The auction plants from the annual meeting along with the plants from Mike Georges will be available to be picked up at the May meeting. Please make sure to be there to pick them up or have someone else pick them up for you. This is the only time they will be brought to Madison. If they are not picked up then you will have to come to Muscoda to get them.



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"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer. "~Geoffery B. Charlesworth

