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and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis*

President's Minute

by Rhonda Veroeven

With summer here, our gardens are exploding and showing off all of our hard work of years past. This reminds me of our upcoming task of preparing for the AHS National Convention. All of the hard work we are sowing right now will be appreciated and admired in 2019. I know it will be worth all of our hard work, and we will make an impression just as it has in our individual gardens. My garden has many scapes and buds of old and new varieties just waiting to show off. I call this time the period of great anticipation. While I love spending time in my garden, I am anxiously awaiting (yes, another period of great anticipation) spending time in other daylily enthusiasts' gardens at both the Region 2 Summer Meeting as well as the 2016 National. Summer is a time to rejoice and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Enjoy this magical time!

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Upcoming WDS Events

June 29-July 3

2016 National Convention, Louisville, KY

July 15-17

Region 2 Summer Meeting Peoria, IL

Mid July-

National Convention Garden Selection

August 6

Adoption Auction 12:30 PM Savannah Oaks

August 20-21

WDS Annual Daylily Sale,

Olbrich Gardens Saturday 10am-4pm

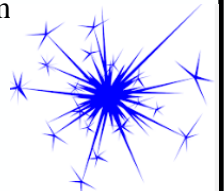
Sunday 11am-3pm

November 5

WDS Annual Meeting

12:00 pm Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee, WI

**Note-Average meeting times will be 2-2 1/2
hours. The Adoption Auction and Annual
meetings tend to run longer than that.**



In Memoriam

By Lisa Imhoff

WDS member and my best friend Adele Stemler died on Friday, April 29 of a brain tumor. She was a long-time member of AHS, and after moving back here from Missouri a couple years ago, I encouraged her to join WDS. After she introduced herself at her first meeting, I added that she didn't like daylilies with eyes. I think it was Rosemary who said, Well, we'll change that! Indeed, all through that hybridizer's presentation she gasped under her breath at one after another beautiful flower, and by the end of her first meeting it had already happened. Adele enjoyed helping out with sale prep last August, and she and I both added a lot of new daylilies to our collections. She was particularly excited about her new adoption and auction plants, which she did not get to see bloom. After they bloom this year, I'm going to move her adoption plants to Rotary Botanical Gardens and return them in 2018, fulfilling her promise to the group. Thank you to everyone for welcoming her and widening her hemerocallis horizons. It was a high spot in her life.

***Note that WDS has made a contribution to AHS in Adele's name.



H. Arctic Thunder



*H. Not Named After My
Wife Linda*



H. Mystical Eyeland

Michael Georges Joins WDS in April

by Paul Pratt and Rhonda Veroeven

At our April meeting, Michael Georges of Quintessential Daylilies visited us from Guelph, Ontario Canada. He is a retired Organic Chemistry professor from the University of Toronto. He shared some of his passions for growing plants in general and how he started with his first greenhouse in his sunroom. From these meek beginnings he learned quickly that the sun room was not enough space, and his wife was not fond of all the seedlings in her sunroom, so Michael built an outside greenhouse to raise his plants. They live on a 10 acre property which allowed for growth of his passion. He provides heat to his greenhouse through the winter months. Michael's addiction for daylilies started when he was gifted some plants from a friend, a story all too common amongst daylily enthusiasts. He does all the garden work, planting, weeding, making beds, hybridizing, etc. himself, as the yard is his domain. His main focus is northern hardy plants. He recently has been playing with converting diploids to tetraploids, and is enjoying his learning process around a new aspect of the daylily. He plants about 1200 seedlings a year. He prefers saturated colors and his focus has been on saturated red, purple, and yellow flowers. Most recently he has been working on toothy daylilies. He shared some of his tips for vermicomposting and his secret that his lovely wife, Linda, doesn't know about his secret bin of worms in their house. His presentation was full of humor and eye candy! Afterward, we were invited to have dinner with him. A small, but fun group joined him and Linda for fun, food, and laughter!



The WDS Plant Sale At Olbrich Gardens August 20 & 21, 2016

By Rosemary Kleinheinz

Oh my goodness! Our sale will be here before we know it. And we have another huge challenge ahead of us again this year! In order to break our sales record from last year, we will have to bring in more than \$40,000! That's a lot of daylilies!! But with your help, we can do anything.

Our sale is getting quite a reputation. AHS President, Nikki Schmith, has announced in the Region 2 Newsletter that she plans to be in Madison to help us prep plants on Friday and then watch the fun begin on Saturday. She refers to our sale as "legendary." Adele Keohan from Region 4 in Massachusetts also called regarding our sale after reading Nikki's piece in the Region 2 newsletter. She wondered if it would be ok if she came to help us. Do we ever refuse help?? She had her flight, hotel and car rental reservations all set up by the next day!

The first item of business is getting the word out, far and wide. June Johnson never stops thinking of ways to improve what has been already been working so well. This year's beautiful sale flyer is printed on yellow paper in the hope that it will show up even better on all the bulletin boards you will be posting them on. She will have several ads running on WPR and Larry Meiller's Garden Talk. Gardeners from all over Wisconsin will know about our sale. Be sure to check out the Daylily Sale page Vaughn & June have posted on our website. There are pictures of some of last year's sale cultivars and pictures of all of you working hard at last year's prep and sale. You might even find a picture of yourself on there!

The next order of business is to recruit lots of volunteers, and that's where we need YOU! Diane Goodman will once again be coordinating volunteers, and she asks that you call her at 608-643-8021 or email her at jrgoodman@charter.net.

A special note to our new members: working at the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow members better and have a very enjoyable time. You also will enjoy perks such as earning one WDS\$ for each hour worked during the four days, and the

opportunity to purchase cultivars prior to the sale opening. Sometimes the most sought-after ones never make it to the tent.

And, of course, a successful plant sale must have plants to sell. We will be digging plants this year from the two smaller display beds at West Madison Ag Center. Do you need to divide some of the huge clumps in your garden or perhaps get rid of some to make room for new ones? Remember that all donations are tax-deductible.

Would you like help digging your plants? If the job seems overwhelming to you, we have members willing to help. Diane Goodman is scheduling the digging events. She asks that, if you do want help, **YOU LET HER KNOW SOON**. Call her at 608-643-8021 to schedule a time.

As soon as you determine which ones you will be bringing to the sale, please forward the list to Tom & me by snail mail or e-mail trkleinheinz@att.net so we can enter them in the database and be sure we have pictures. We again ask to have your list of donations at least one week before the sale. This has made our lives so much less hectic that last week before the sale.

At last year's Annual Meeting the membership voted to donate 5% of this year's sale proceeds to Edgerton Hospital's Healing Garden. During the summer please be thinking of a worthy horticultural project you can nominate this fall for next year's donation.

Last year Vaughan James worked closely with Gene Dewey to learn the tricks of the trade that Gene has acquired over his many years of data gathering for the sale. This year he is ready to go!! Thanks so much Vaughan for taking on this task. And a big thanks to Gene for his many years of service. Monique Warnke was a big help last year and will continue to shadow us for a while. There's a lot to learn!

A flyer with more details will be sent to you about the 1st of August.

WDS Adoption Auction 2016

by Genni Kleckner

This year was pretty successful for the survival of adoption plants. The adoption meeting will be on August 6th starting at 12:00 at Savannah Oaks School. We will be having snacks again this year during the meeting. So if you would like to bring something to munch on please feel free to do so. This is like a pot luck so no WDS \$\$ will be handed out for bringing a snack to share. We have a lot of nice plants to give away as well as quite a list for the auction. Please join us for a day filled with good friends, good food, good cheer and a LOT of good opportunities to add some wonderful plants to your garden!

Remember to participate in the ADOPTION program, that you must be a member in good standing of the AHS. All members are welcomed to participate in the very fun auction that immediately follows the adoption. There are new varieties that will be available this year and a wide variety at that! There will be something for everyone's interest and needs.

When returning your plants to the auction please remember:

*They must be potted *Trim the foliage back to about 8 inches. If it is in bloom cut the scape and place it in the pot. *Clearly label the plant *Please withhold water a few days prior so we don't have a leaky mess all over *If possible place the pot in a plastic bag *If you can not make it to the meeting please make arrangements for someone to bring your plants.

Adoption Plants

A Little Pregnant	Diana's Peaches and Cream
A Tale Of Two	Don't Leave Empty Handed
Purples	Dreamy Drawing
Alien Garden Party	Fantasma
Altaira	Fear The Purple
Anything For Love	Finger Puppet
Armed For Battle	Flying First Class
Asheville After Dark	Geeze Louise
Asheville	Gone To Glory
Mountaineer	Half Magic
Asheville Pink Lady	Hide Your Crazy
Asheville Summer Jewel	Hiding Place
Asheville Sunlit	Honky Tonk Barbie
Rainbow	Irish Crown
Asheville White	Jolly Uncle Jelly
Winged Dove	Knickers In A Twist
Bernice Watt	Lakeshore Dunes
Betwix and Between	Love Of David Fall
Blessing In Disguise	Lyrical Lavender
Bodacious Blues	Man's Best Friend
Buzzquill	Marlee Jane
Catching Fire	One For The Road
Cometstruck	One More Angel
Defying Gravity	



H. Alien Garden Party
Photo by Eric Simpson



H. Sarah Ste. Claire Young
Photo by David Jewell

Overtime
Pencil Pattern
Point 'N Shoot
Rumba Tumba
Sarah Ste. Claire
Young
Sculpting Sculptures
Shadow Music
Son's Of Thunder
Sound Of Color
Supreme Scream
Sweet Puppy Kisses
Tattoo Tower
Teddy Bear Eyes
Tooky Tooky Bird
Turtle Whiskers
Velvet Visionary
Voice Of Many Waters
Wayfaring Stranger
When You Get To Asheville
Yodelayheehoo



H. Blue Bird-of-Paradise
Hybridizer's Photo

Auction Plants

Block Buster	Diploma
Blue Beetle	Love Of My Eyes
Blue Bird-of-Paradise	Lunar Lagoon
Bundle Of joy	Miss Piggy
Burning Down The House	Nip Me
Candy Apple Velvet	Oom Chuckalucka
Candy Colored Curls	Pigment Of Imagination
Captain America	Purple Dwarf
Chapel Of Love	Raspberries For Breakfast
Culture Culture	Redtailed Fox
Decidedly Happy	Siesta Key Sunset
Discarded Beauty	Smile Again
Doctor Who	Sorcerer's Masquerade
Evansville's Girl	Tantra Boogie
Flaming Pumpkins	Tears For Gus
Galileo	Twirling Tower
Get Jiggy	Violet Butterfly
Hopes and Dreams	Whiskey Fire
Jelly Dancer	
Jolly Polly	
Labyrinth	
Last Butterfly	





Wisconsin Daylily Society 2016 Garden Tour

Sunday July 24th 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

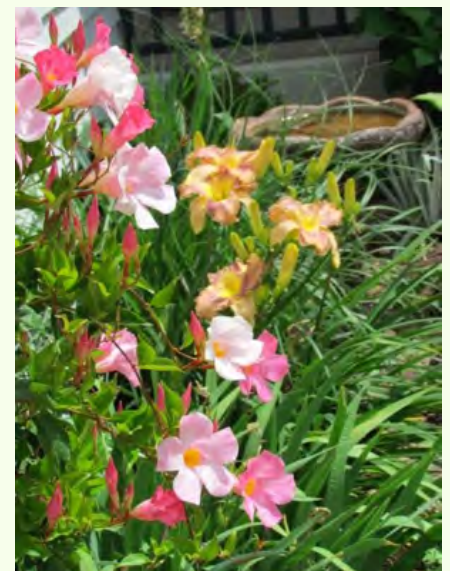
Everyone is welcome, Rain or Shine

by Rosemary Kleinheinz

After leading us on three bus tours of members' gardens in far off locations, Wilma B-H has asked that someone else pick up the reins. So this year we've put together a tour of local gardens for you to enjoy on your own four wheels. Some you have visited before and some will be new. Each is beautiful and distinct and sure to please. In the middle of the pack is a stop at the Henry Vilas Zoo where there is sure to be a riot of color. Located near the Petting Zoo are over 100 daylilies that WDS donated to the zoo in 2012 and 2013. You don't want to miss it.

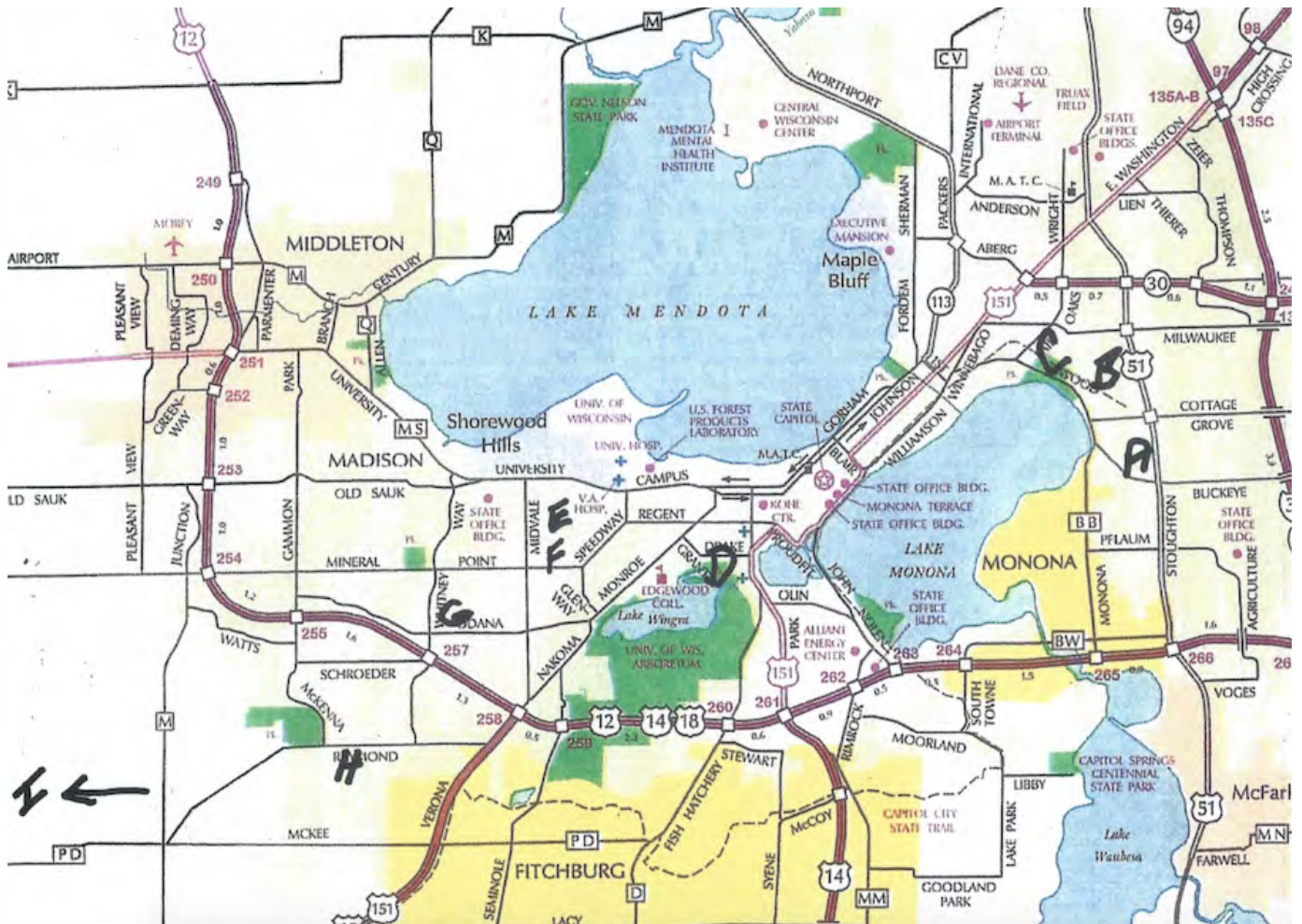
- A. **Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz** 104 W Lakeview Ave From Stoughton Rd – W on Buckeye – Left on Lakeview; from Monona Dr – E on Buckeye – Rt on Lakeview
- B. **Judy & Lloyd Ravet** 4518 Turquoise Lane From Stoughton Rd – E on Cottage Grove Rd – Left on Acewood – Left on Turquoise Lane
- C. **Cynthia Wadsworth** 194 Dixon St. West on Milwaukee St – Left on Fair Oaks – Right on Dixon
- D. **Henry Vilas Zoo** 702 S. Randall From Park St near West Washington Ave – West on Drake St. – Left on Randall to the zoo
- E. **Theresa Seeley** 2609 Mason West on Regent St – Right on Grand Ave. – 2nd left on Mason
- F. **Vaughan James** 207 Alden Dr. From Mineral Point Rd. east of Midvale – North on Westmoreland – Right on Hammersley – Left on Alden Dr.
- G. **Evelyn Thompson** 638 Dearholt From Midvale Blvd. – West on Odana – Right on Dearholt
- H. **Sally Yaeger** 5920 Mayhill Dr. South on Whitney Way – Right on Raymond Rd. – Left on Prairie – Left on Mayhill
- I. **Wendy Benz** 2880 Trailview Rd. Verona, WI West on Raymond Rd. – Right on Hwy PD – Right on Trail View

See map on next page!



Photos by Rhonda Veroeven

2016 WDS Garden Tour Map



Garden Tour Photos taken by Rhonda Vereeven

Sandy Holmes WOWS WDS in May

by Rhonda Veroeven



Sandy at her home.
Photo by Sonja Kraft

WDS was honored to have our upcoming Region 2 President, Sandy Holmes, of Riverbend Daylily Garden speak in May. Along with her husband, Mike, they make their home just outside of Xenia, OH. Sandy and Mike have very different passions in the daylily, and since Sandy was our speaker, I will focus on those.

Sandy focuses on my favorite style of daylily; large, tetraploid, unusual forms with saturated color that just "dance" in the garden. I am sure I audibly gasped several times throughout her presentation as she shared one magnificent seedling and introduction after another.

She shared her hybridizing program and her process. One thing I struggle with is thinning out seedlings. She shared her philosophy of not getting too attached to any seedlings as she is quite hard on them. She breeds for hardiness, so if a pretty face doesn't have the hardiness she is looking for, she lets it die rather than babying it. I know I need to take her lead...it is just so hard to let some of our babies go!

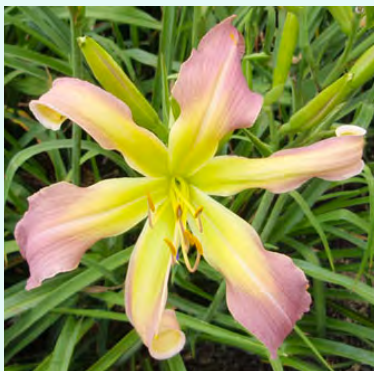
She shared many of her crosses and explained their parentage. It was wonderful to see pictures of both of the pod and pollen parents along with siblings. For me the genetics portion of her presentation was a highlight. She is working with large patterns and fun edges. She also requires a high bud count and great branching.



H. I Lava You
Photo by Sandy Holmes

To say that Sandy was incredibly generous is an understatement! She brought LOADS of incredible daylilies for a 50-50 auction. Most of them were more than double fans, and several of them were clumps. I definitely scored some amazing plants which are doing extremely well in their new homes. Several of them have strong scapes on them already! She really knows how to make 'em!

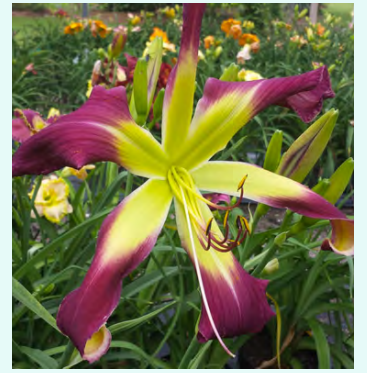
After the meeting, we had a meet and greet at Sandy's hotel. We had a delicious pot luck and had fun conversations with Sandy socially. Members were able to ask her more questions about her and Mike's program as well as just got to know her on a more personal level. It is so fulfilling to make new friends with similar passions.



H. Wanda Evans
Photo by Sandy Holmes



Seedling
Photo by Sandy Holmes

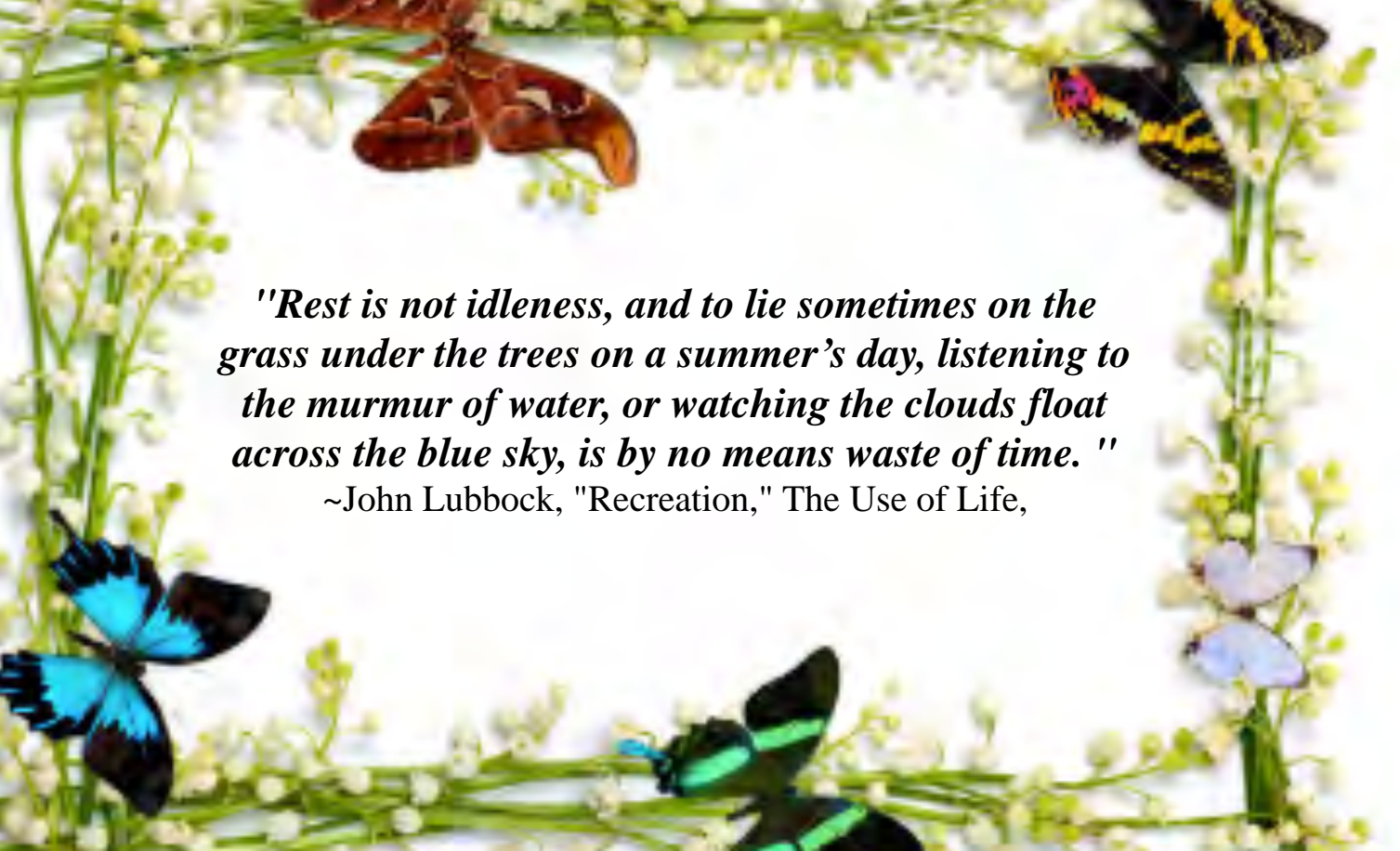


H. Walt Lowry
Photo by Sandy Holmes



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"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky, is by no means waste of time. "

~John Lubbock, "Recreation," The Use of Life,