

# Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc. Newsletter

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and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis*

## President's Minute

*by Rhonda Veroeven*

Summer came and went this year, and I find myself amazed at all this amazing club has accomplished in a few short months. Recently we were honored to have our AHS president visit and I was beyond proud to share with her several of the many reasons I am proud to be a part of this club. I am astonished by the amount of knowledge that is shared, the generosity of members of this club as well as the generosity of the club as a whole. This is not to say that there won't be bumps in the road. With a club this size, there will be challenges for sure, but if we remember to be humble and kind we will be unstoppable! Please remember that your leadership is made up of volunteers, and while I can carry a heavy burden, it is a lot easier to carry when people remember those two little words...be humble, and be kind.

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## Upcoming WDS Events

**November 5**

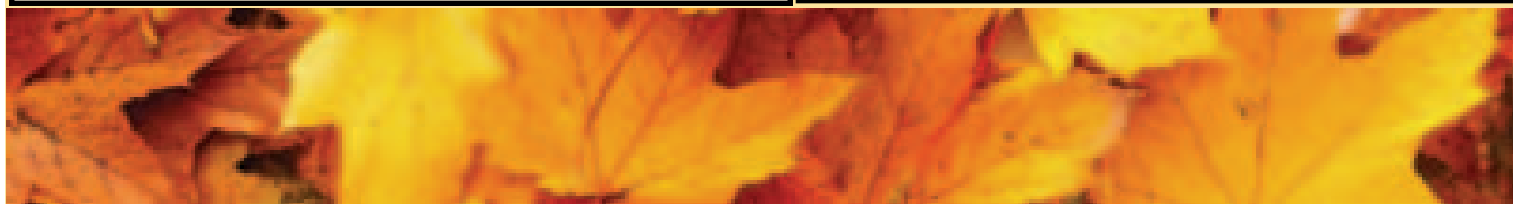
**WDS Annual Meeting**

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

**Note-Average meeting times will be 2-2 1/2  
hours. The Annual meeting tends to run longer  
than that.**



*H. Orange Clown*



## Confessions of a National Newbie

By: Rhonda Veroeven

When taking on the daunting task of hosting the AHS National Convention in 2019, I knew we had taken on a lot of responsibility. It is hard to believe that the majority of the National Executive Committee hadn't been to a national convention before. I fell into that category. How is it possible that both of the co-chairs had never been to a national?

Well, that all changed at the 2016 AHS National Convention held in Louisville, KY. The Daylily Society of Louisville and Louisville Area Daylily Society put on a great convention, and I was taking copious notes!

I traveled with Monique Warnke and we arrived on Wednesday evening. We met up with some great daylily friends, and met many new people. We were starving, so we joined Bob Faulkner, David Jewell, and Todd Williams for some food and great daylily conversation. Honestly, I had never spoken to Bob Faulkner for more than 2 minutes before. He has such a funny dry sense of humor-we were in stitches the whole time.

Thursday morning arrived and I was ready to learn! I had signed up for both the Exhibition Judges I and Garden Judges I clinics. I had NO IDEA what I was in for! Just as I had never attended a national convention before, I also had never attended an accredited and judged exhibition. I found the sheer volume of information to be extremely overwhelming and stress-provoking. The final assessment was worse, in my opinion. I learned SO MUCH and feel I have a better knowledge of daylilies for having attended this clinic, but it was much more than I thought I was in for. After a very short break, I was off for Garden Judges I. This was much more my pace, and I HIGHLY RECOMMEND that everyone takes this clinic. The only complaint I have is that now when I look at daylilies, I see their flaws. LOL! WDS now has two more accredited Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges! I probably wouldn't recommend taking them both on one day, however!

After such a long and exhausting day of learning, I needed to get out of the hotel for a while. After inquiring with the locals about the best place for bar-b-que was, we landed on Mark's Feed Store. It was a spectacular choice. Delicious bbq and even better conversation. We were joined by many members of Region 4. I'd say life-long friendships were forged for sure!

After dinner we attended the daylily auction. It was LONG, but I was taking notes on how things were run. For me it was more about the procedures rather than the actual auction itself.

Friday morning came quickly, and after a snafu with the busses in the morning we finally were on our way to tour three fantastic gardens. I must have been a glutton for punishment as I took Garden Judges II clinic so I was on the Garden Judges bus.

Our bus started at Creekside Gardens, the home of Bill and Chris Schardein. It is important to note that Chris has been a wealth of knowledge and help to the planning committee. She has answered many questions and offered suggestions openly. She is truly a treasure-as is her garden! Their garden was pristine, filled with a wide variety of daylilies, beautiful stone walls, and beautiful art work. Their seedling garden was most impressive and I saw one after another that I wished I could grow in my garden...maybe I will someday soon!



*Garden of Bill and Chris Schardein*



*Curtis and Linda Sue-  
the Exhibition Judges Instructors  
with Monique and Rhonda*

Our second garden was that of Rich and Anna Marie Rosen. Their historic home was built in 1913. Anna Marie is an artist and that is evident in all of the amazing sculpture and art throughout their gardens. Our tour was interrupted by a torrential, but brief downpour. They were so generous and invited us into their historic home for a tour. We were treated to their immense art collection and fantastic antique structures. I especially loved the subway tile that went all of the way up their extremely high walls in their kitchen. The rain didn't dampen our spirits as we were able to get right back out there and enjoy their beautiful collection of daylilies and other perennials.



*Garden of Rich and Anna Marie Rosen*



## Confessions of a National Newbie Continued

Our next stop was at Buffalo Trace distillery. This was supposed to be a distillery tour and lunch stop as well as a nice tour of the many named daylilies that were planted for the national. Due to the bussing conflict in the morning, we were behind schedule and had to quickly grab our lunch and eat before we headed off to our next destination. I spent lunch talking with Karol Emmerich. She was super helpful and offered sooooo much support and encouragement as she has helped plan not one, but two nationals. While missing out on that was a disappointment, spending more time at our upcoming garden was appreciated.



The remainder of our day was gladly spent having our Garden Judges II clinic at Daylily World, the home of David Kirchoff and Mort Morse. To say it was a treat is an understatement. I was trained in the garden by the always fantastic, Sandy Holmes, and Karol Emmerich. We spent so much time really critically looking at daylilies, and enjoying all that is Daylily World!!!



*Sandy Holmes at Daylily World*



*Castle at Yew Dell*

*The famous obelisk at Daylily World*

The business meeting in the evening was very enlightening and I met many people from Texas and Iowa as Monique and I made it a point not to sit at a table with people we knew. We made great new friends for sure! The evening after the meeting is one I will not soon forget as it was full of shenanigans of epic proportions!

Saturday morning came even faster than possible and we went to five amazing gardens. We started at Two Cats and a Buckeye Garden owned by Ellen and Gary Carrithers. It was spectacular with all of the daylily gardens. One of the things that struck me most there was the incredible use of companion plants, art, and especially the use of verbena and mimosa trees.



*Mimosa Trees and beautiful daylilies at*

Our next stop on tour was the Garden

of Julie and Bill Wahl of Skylight Gardens. We were treated to two beautiful Thoroughbreds in a pasture. When we entered the gardens we were treated to an incredible homage to The Wizard of Oz-including Dorothy's house on top of the Wicked Witch!



*Skylight Gardens*

Our next stop brought us to the multisensory extravaganza that was Black Horse Garden by Doris Stonska. This was one very large garden! Her seedling beds were immense. Her collection of daylilies were unparalleled in my opinion. I was a bit overwhelmed at the sheer size of her garden. We were also treated by a musician playing guitar and singing throughout the garden. Such a treat!



*Blackhorse Garden*

Lunch was at Yew Dell Gardens.. It was a beautiful botanical garden. We had plenty of time to enjoy lunch, conversation, and the gardens. Yew Dell also had tumblers made specifically for the occasion, and I use mine all of the time. They are beautiful!

Our forth stop was at On Eagle's Wings Garden of Nancy Smith. This sweet garden featured a large waterfeature, an ocean themed garden, and a garden dedicated to her husband. I appreciated the wide variety of daylilies including many older varieties. I now grow several of them after seeing them in this garden!



*H. Elegant Edgings at On Eagle's Wings Garden*

Our last garden was the Ever-Changing Garden of Rebecca Scarboro and Nelson Ratchford. This fun garden was filled with fun quirky decorations. It wasn't loaded with daylilies, but that did not matter at all. There were so many fun elements around every corner. They had an amazing herb garden and large water feature as well. What a fun way to end the tours.



*Fun elements at Ever-Changing Garden*

The day wasn't over though. We all were able to attend a workshop dedicated to future hosts of the national. Lots of notes were taken for sure! Also the evening festivities concluded with national convention awards and our very own AHS president was crowned a Kentucky Colonel!

Words are simply not enough to convey how much I learned or how much I enjoyed myself. If you have an opportunity to attend a national prior to 2019, take it, you will not be disappointed!

## A New Kind of Summer Regional Meeting

By: Rhonda Veroeven

It is no secret that it is a lot of work to host a Regional Summer Meeting. Region 2 was struggling to have clubs host Regional Summer Meetings, so a small group of dedicated daylily friends came together to put on quite a respectable regional meeting. The team of Nikki Schmith, Theresa Roth, Rod Kroemer, Jim Wuersch, Jim Cruise, and Jacob Braun pulled off the amazing task of hosting a regional meeting without the backing of a club.

Our fun didn't begin at the regional, however. It started with an amazing bus ride (subsidized by WDS) with Wilma Brouwer-Herwig as our trusty bus captain and our fantastic bus driver, Sammie. Wilma had planned a fantastic trip including surprise stops along the way! Our first surprise stop was at the home of Lisa and Dave Imhoff. They have a beautiful home and garden. They have a great variety of daylilies and seedlings. A personal favorite of mine was their "Hot bed" with bold and rich colors. Also, the incorporation of beautiful stone throughout their garden was an incredible touch. The Imhoffs were such great hosts. After the stop at the Imhoffs, we went to Rotary Botanical Gardens. The gardens are very impressive throughout the year, and are certainly something to see! Lisa works with Rotary and assists in maintaining the daylily beds. They have a wonderful variety of lilies. Such a beautiful array of colors and forms. Rain decided to finely mist us at the end of our tour. Perfect timing to get on the road and head to the regional.



*Lisa Imhoff being a gracious host*

Upon our arrival and registration at the regional, we were in for a treat with an accredited exhibition display. We were able to see how the flowers were judged on-scape and able to ask questions of the exhibition judges. It was very interesting and educational.



*The Koch Garden*

The next morning we were in for a long day of tours. our first stop was The immaculate residential garden of Warren and Carol Koch. I called it the 3 P's garden---Picturesque, Pristine, and Perfection. Their garden is host to many differnt specimens of flowers including a wide variety of daylilies as well as hosta. The colors, textures, and flow of this garden are breathtaking! The Koch's skill at planning, and executing their vision mirrors that of an expert artist with a paintbrush! Their gardens are meticulously maintained.

Our second stop was Roth Daylily Farm owned and maintained by the one-woman-show, Theresa Roth. What Theresa has been able to accomplish in a few short years is nothing short of awe-inspiring. She has been able to grow huge clumps of an amazing variety. She has new and old varieties and displays them beautifully. She not only has daylilies, but other companion plants as well. Her cute fairy gardens were a great addition as well. Something that I loved was a small walkway made of bricks she has been collecting from various places throughout the years. It is hard to believe that this is a commercial operation. The size is the only thing that made me think it was a commercial operation. It is beautifully maintained and thoughtfully planned.



*Theresa Roth and Monique Warnke at Roth Daylily Farm*



*The Weber Garden*

Our next stopped surprised me probably the most of the whole trip. The home of Mike and Susan Weber was a true gem. There were not very many daylilies at this garden, but they were sprinkled in appropriately. The thing about this garden was that it was a celebration of individual species of different trees, shrubs, and plants. There were very unique plantings that I have never seen before. Such an incredible and vast collection of unique forms.

We ended at the very large commercial operation of 5 Acre Farm owned by Rod Kroemer and Jim Wuersch. With beautiful display gardens featuring a wide variety of daylilies and companion plants, as well as vast gardens for commercial sales, there was far more eye candy than I could see in the short period of time we were there. I think people might have thought I lost my mind while talking, or more like gobbling at the resident turkeys on the farm!



*My Turkey Friend*



*Becky Robinson in her garden*

On the way home we were treated with another Wilma Special. We had a surprise stop at the home of Becky Robinson. This was also such a treat. We were welcomed with Mango Mimosas, and given gift bags with Becky's new introduction, Mango Mimosa Kiss. HOW GENEROUS. Her garden is sprinkled with whimsy. There are fun surprises everywhere you look. Such a fun treat!

While this may have been a new way to do a regional meeting, I consider it a job extremely well done by a small group of very dedicated individuals with one mission---to be ambassadors for the daylily! Their generosity of time and commitment to excellence was noted and very much appreciated! A job well done, I'd say!



## WDS Hybridizers "Walk About" Iowa with Nan Ripley

By: Rhonda Veroeven

The WDS Hybridizers group had their annual hybridizers trip. This year we were guests to several hybridizing friends in Iowa.



*Kathy sharing her hybridizing program*

We started with a trip to Kathy Larson's historic home. She set up a delicious spread of drinks and treats. I know that I was not the only person that couldn't believe how absolutely delicious her treats were.

Luckily, Lane was able to get the recipe for amazing almond bars. You will find that recipe

on the bottom of this page. If you like almond, you must make this treat!!! A huge thank you to Lane Revenal for copying it down for all of us!

After treats, Kathy continued to treat us with her amazing living display of her hybridizing program. The way she laid out her display was informative and beautiful. She explained how she began using species daylilies. Then through many generations of crosses she shared the growth and change of these species daylilies to something quite remarkable. We were then able to tour her garden which included many varieties of new daylilies as well as historic ones. Her seedlings were very impressive as well. She used companion plants beautifully as well.



*Kathy's living display showing generations*



*Kathy giving a tour of her display gardens*



*Paul Pratt and Carole Hunter enjoying Kathy's garden*

After the wonderful time with Kathy, we headed to meet Nan at her mother-in-law's residence. While Nan is a delight, I think her MIL stole the show. We had an amazing pot luck (Nan baked three different homemade

pies...wow) and hybridizers shared a great slideshow filled with eye candy. The evening ended with a great night of bonding, libations, and frivolity.

The following morning we enjoyed breakfast in Nan's garden. Walk About Gardens is sincerely Heaven on Earth. She has an incredible hybridizing garden filled with mostly her registered plants and seedlings. We spent hours going through that garden on a very hot day. She is constantly on the go! There is seriously no slowing her down. After we toured that garden, we were free for several more hours to enjoy the various display beds, purchase seedlings and named varieties, and relax under the shade with her German Shepherd, Savannah.



*Nan explaining her hybridizing program*

It was such a joy to be able to go through the many display gardens without feeling rushed and to take time in the quiet solitude away from the hustle and bustle. She has hidden gems throughout the garden so if you are afforded the time to sit and enjoy in Nan's oasis, I recommend that you do take the time to sit a while in her quiet solitude!



*Members of the hybridizers group with Nan in her seedlings*



*Nan and Genni Kleckner with H. Prickly All Over*

We concluded with a small tour of some of her display gardens where she pointed out some unique species and variety of plants and explained either why she did something or her inspiration.

This trip was truly my daylily highlight of my summer. Nan and Kathy were such incredibly gracious and generous hosts. I felt extremely honored to have been able to experience both of their company!

### Almond Bar Recipe

(tastes like Dutch Letters)

1/2 C margarine	2 eggs
1/2 C butter	1 8 oz can of Solo Almond Paste
2 C Sugar	2 C flour

Cream margarine, butter, and sugar. Add eggs and mix. Microwave almond paste for 15 seconds and add to the mixture. Stir in flour. Put into greased 9 X 13 pan. Sprinkle with sugar over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. You can also top with sliced almonds.



*Almond Bars front left*



*Lloyd Ravet is impressed with  
Lisa Imhoff's Hot Bed!*

## Habitat For Humanity of Dane County Plant Sale ReStore East Saturday October 1, 2016

Habitat ReStore East will hold its fourth and final sale of the season on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the **Habitat ReStore East, 4207 Monona Drive, Monona, WI**

Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Many varieties of hardy perennials will be available, including daylilies donated by the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Woodland plants, ground covers, hosta, ferns, iris, sedum, mums, perennial grasses, along with other prairie plants and flowering perennials are available. 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](mailto:plantlady123@outlook.com) for more information and to coordinate your donation.**

## Membership News

*By Gene Dewey-Membership Registrar*

We have many new members to welcome to WDS as I did not prepare Membership News for the April Newsletter.

From DeForest: Matt, Denise & Kayla Thompson  
 From Evansville: Rosemary Douma  
 From Janesville: Jeanne Murphy and The Rotary Botanical Gardens  
 From McFarland: Nancy Hauge;  
 From Madison: Patricia Bennett and Tumendelger (Nikki) Westring, and Bill Jolin  
 From Neillsville: Karen Gilbert  
 From Oregon: Cynthia Bertalan, Tracey Nelson  
 From Phillips: Lee Foster  
 From Sun Prairie: Margaret Lambert and Barbara Rogan  
 From Treméaleau: Jolene Rasmussen  
 From Verona: Dianne Geissal  
 From Wausau: Linda Grant  
 From Windsor: Andrew Veroeven joined his Mom, Rhonda, in a family membership  
 From Wisconsin Dells: Mary Hebbring.



And even from Wakefield, Massachusetts, Adele Keohan who met WDS members at the National AHS meeting and came to see how we do our sale!

For those who were not at our sale on Saturday, I can report that the President of AHS, Nikki Schmith, spent the day with us in the sale tent. I took the opportunity to ask her if WDS was among the largest of clubs in the AHS. Her response was that WDS and the Metropolitan Columbus (Ohio) Daylily Society were probably the largest clubs. The MCDS web page says they have more than 200 members; yes, the latest WDS tally is 304!!

Correction: Please note that the Powell's correct phone # is 414-935-2907

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



## WDS Board of Directors Vacancies and Candidates

**Our Board currently has four open positions. We are fortunate to have four great candidates that will be running for the vacancies. We thank both Francis Kleckner and Cheryl Solaris who served as board members but will not be rerunning.**

**Bobbi Johnson:** My name is Bobbi Johnson. I was introduced to gardening by my mom about 10 years ago. After a brief period of building perennial beds, daylilies captured our attention, especially my own. In the summer of 2011 was when the addiction began. Through various websites and a few YouTube video clips, we found out how to hybridize. From that point on, seeds have been produced and sprouted into beautiful blooming daylilies. Over the years I have added a few hundred cultivars, and a few several hundred extra seedlings to the former vegetable garden; now about a quarter acre field. I am always looking for new information from hybridizers, collectors and admirers of this wonderful flower. The last four years I have gotten my step-daughter and husband involved in this endeavor, which has yielded a family passion and common interest. That, I hope, will last for many years to come. With this passion in mind, I want to give my step-daughter as much insight as possible into helping others through our passion by running for the open spot on the WDS board. I believe this will give me and my family an experience that we will never forget and hopefully encourage others to step up and show the younger generations that team work is what makes experiences and passion last for a life time.

**Mike Stafford:** I have been a member of Wisconsin Daylily Society for 10+ years and enjoyed every minute of it, including serving a previous stint on the board of directors. I have taken part in many of the clubs activities—bus trips, picnics, digs and of course, our tremendously successful plant sale. My desire to serve again is to maintain that these activities are made available to all those who want to partake and to ensure that our club maintains its sound financial footing. Our club is a great reflection of its members, presenting that positive image to the general public and to others in the Hemerocallis world. I will do my best to keep it that way.

**Monique Warnke:** I am very excited about seeking a second term on the WDS board. I feel this club is moving in the correct direction with many exciting and new opportunities. One of them being the 2019 AHS national convention, which is being held here in Madison. I am currently a member of AHS, WDS, WPS and the Wisconsin Master gardening program. I have been active with the annual daylily sale for many years. I'm look forward to serving you a second term. As always keep your shovel in the dirt.

**Sue Hill:** My name is Sue Hill and am submitting my resume for the position of Director with the Wisconsin Daylily Society for another term. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Board for my first term and look forward to seeing our club continue to move in directions that are exciting for our membership. I'm a registered nurse with UW Hospital in Madison and work with surgical patients in all walks of life. It is a career that requires a listening ear to help people get through the stressors in front of them with their surgery or illness. It helps to apply that same ear here as I feel it is important to hear concerns from the members so we can make our organization work as well as it can. I have been an avid gardener for most of my life as I come from a long line of family that grew, and still tend, extensive gardens. It is definitely in my blood, heart and soul. I feel the wealth of knowledge and experience that our members have has been one of the greatest joys of being a part of this club. This past year I joined the WDS Hybridizers group and have really enjoyed going in another direction with my daylilies. I would whole-heartedly embrace being able to serve as a Director again for our Wisconsin Daylily Society so I would appreciate your consideration when voting to represent you all.

### Youth Membership

*By: Francis Kleckner*

I would like to propose that the WDS membership vote on creating a new youth membership. By creating a youth membership the Board is hoping to attract more youth members and allow them to be active in the WDS. This membership would be free to all youths until they reach their 18th birthday. All WDS member benefits with the exception of voting rights would be included. The membership will vote on this at the Annual Meeting. Please come with questions or concerns at the annual meeting.

### WDS Hybridizers Calendars Available

*By: Genni Kleckner*

Anyone wanting calendars to call or email Genni at [f.gkleckner@gmail.com](mailto:f.gkleckner@gmail.com) or 608-739-9160. They will also be available at the annual meeting for purchase.



## Another Successful Plant Sale

By: Rosemary Kleinheinz

We've worked our way through another successful Daylily Plant Sale. This turned out to be a most unusual week with over 6,600 plants for sale (the most ever!), a very late night on Friday to get over 800 varieties all prepped for sale, a rain storm on Saturday that kept customers away, tons of plants left at the end, and despite all that we still took in over \$27,000 in sales! A big thank you to all who volunteered your time and talents. We couldn't have done it without each of you. And of course, we couldn't without all the plants received from 39 donors. Thanks to you too!

From the plants left over we were able to set aside a goodly number to be grown out and sold at the 2019 National Convention. A lot went to non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity, Gilda's Club, the City of Madison, Rotary Gardens, Village of Shorewood, Allen Centennial Garden, and after members got all they could make room for, Skip took the rest to be put around various police stations in the area. Terry Conklin and Lisa Imhoff took a bunch to plant and bring back another year for the sale.

Vaughan James jumped into the plant sale database with both feet this year. After getting through a learning curve, he and Janet Gordon had labels rolling out of the printers as fast as we could get plants divided and up to them. Thanks again Vaughan for taking over for Gene Dewey. And thank

you Gene for the many years you maintained that database. We couldn't have done it without you.

For many years now June Johnson has been getting word of our sale out far and wide. Unfortunately, she has asked that this be her last year as publicity chair. She has promised to work with her replacement, providing him/her with all of her contacts and calendars. Please consider taking over that position. We need YOU!!

We had two very special helpers this year who wanted to see just how our club has accomplished such great sales ever year. You should have heard the sales pitch AHS president Nikki Schmith was using on unsuspecting customers! She could sell ice to an eskimo!! Adele Koehan from Massachusetts spent all day Thursday through Sunday helping in any way she could. And she even wants to come back next year!!!

Again this year all volunteers will be receiving a certificate for \$10 off their meal at the Annual Meeting.



*Rhonda Veroeven, Adele Koehan, Nikki Schmith, Monique Warnke taking a quick break at the sale.*

## A Walk with a Legend

By Rhonda Veroeven



*Roy Klehm in one of his seedling beds*

This summer I received a phone call from Genni Kleckner asking if I would join her and Francis along with Monique Warnke to assist in picking out the 2019 Convention plants. I quickly jumped at the opportunity. At the time, I was excited, but had no idea what a treat I was in for.

We arrived at Klehm Song Sparrow and were greeted by Roy Klehm. I had only had the opportunity to speak with him very briefly at open houses. He drove us out to the vast daylily beds. I know I wasn't alone in standing there in awe. He explained to us that the beds we were in were many of his select beds. They were either daylilies that he had previously registered, or ones he had lined out to register.

I felt like a kid in a candy store. He let us pick any unregistered plant in the many acres of daylilies that we wanted for gift convention plants. We looked at many different daylilies and looked at their plant habit after looking at their beautiful faces.

Before we chose the lilies I stood in awe listening to him discuss his seedlings as well as how incredibly humble and kind he was. He is a legend in my mind. He was doing hybridizing work before I even knew what a daylily was. Walking through his gardens with him was such an honor. There was a moment when he turned to us and asked us a question about daylilies. I couldn't imagine that I had anything to offer him, yet he treated me as an equal. I reminded myself time and time again that I was walking through a garden with a legend.

After some discussion, we all agreed on two different varieties. We decided on a dark and light plant. In the end, we left with about 500 fans between the two varieties and will be able to gift both of them to every registrant at the national.

We gave Mr. Klehm naming rights, and we think he did a fantastic job! Paul Pratt will be growing them, and each of the chosen national tour gardens will receive a double fan of each so that they can have a clump at the national tour.



## WDS Annual Meeting

The WDS Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, November 5th at 12:00 at REX'S INNKEEPER, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee.

The 2015 WDS Annual meeting will begin with lovely sit down meal provided by the staff of Rex's Innkeeper. There is a full bar available for anyone wishing to have a social drink. While enjoying your meal you can vote for your favorite top 10 daylilies and the nonprofit group you would like to receive 5% of the 2015's Plant Sale proceeds.

You will also have the opportunity to vote on one of the three national convention mottos. Four WDS Board members will be elected at the business part of the meeting.

Any other business can also be discussed.

Our own Nate Bremer of Solaris Farms will be our guest speaker. He is well known for beautiful northern-hardy daylilies, but also peonies!

Sharon Longeran is providing a good selection of door prizes. There will not be any potted daylilies this year due to the lateness of the meeting.

**To attend the Annual Meeting, please read, fill out and mail in the Annual Meeting reservation sheet located on the bottom of this page along with payment.**

## National Tour Gardens Selected

The National Tour garden Selection committee headed by Rosemary Kleinheinz, and including Paul Pratt, Monique Warnke, Lane Revenal, and Rhonda Veroeven took on the difficult but important task of choosing the 8 gardens which will be on tour in the 2019 National Convention. There were 11 gardens under consideration, and the 8 gardens chosen are:

Paul Pratt, Diane Goodman, Francis and Genni Kleckner, Rick and Barb Kaja, John Sheehan, Karen Watson- Newlin, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, and Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz.

The committee took many things into consideration and did not make their decision lightly. We feel that there is a balance between hybridizers, collectors, variety of sizes of gardens, companion plantings, and how lucky are we to include three AHS display gardens on tour? A huge thank you to all that offered to be on tour! A huge congratulations to those chosen to represent our club at the national convention in 2019!

## MEAL RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING,

**SATURDAY, November 5th 12:00 P.M. @ Rex's Innkeeper 301 Century Ave, Waunakee**

**YOUR RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**NO LATE RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!!**



**Choose one entree and one dessert per attendee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Prime Rib \_\_Chicken Cordon Bleu\_\_Vegetarian Pasta  
\_\_Cheesecake \_\_Chocolate Mousse

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# of Meals @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_Less \_\_\_\_\_Certificates of  
Appreciation @ \$10.00

Enclosed Ck Amt (NO WDS \$) \_\_\_\_\_

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