



# Wisconsin Daylily Society, Inc. Newsletter

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*A not for profit organization promoting the enjoyment, awareness,  
and propagation of the genus Hemerocallis*

## President's Minute

*by Mike Stafford*

Well, it's the beginning of December...what a year ! But as strange as it has seemed at times, fall brought out it's usual colors and garden chores as always. Yards raked, mulch spread, evergreens watered, and numerous bulbs planted. Our favorite flower has now gone dormant and so have we, sort of. But is this really the case ? From experience, we know that Hemerocallis that we planted in the warm September & early October soil has sent out those important new roots and is getting ready for that explosion of colors and shapes that we so enjoy. Has our membership gone dormant ? Certainly not ! Judging by the members I've spoken with recently, people are chomping at the bit to meet, share their ups and downs of gardening this past summer. It must happen, it WILL happen. Our schedule has been set, but not cast in stone, so the vagaries of life may intercede (kind of like voles & moles), but remember, days start getting longer on December 22, so our season is just around the corner ! Be well & safe people and I hope to see you soon, and participate in our upcoming events.people.

## Your New WDS Board

**(Board positions as of Jan 1, 2021)**

**President: Monique Warnke**, 6596 Chestnut Circle, Windsor, WI 53598, 608-846-5299 [mwarnke@centurytel.net](mailto:mwarnke@centurytel.net) (Term ends '22)

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## Upcoming WDS Events

**January 23, 2021 Hybridizer's Showcase 1** Virtual Via Zoom, Noon

**February 13, 2021 Hybridizer's Showcase 2 and Photo Contest** Virtual Via Zoom, Noon

**March 13, 2021-Kirsten Hatfield-Dorsets and Daylilies**, Zanesville, OH, Virtual Via Zoom, Noon

**April 10, 2021-Dianna Gossard- Dianna's Double Daylilies**, Galloway, OH, Virtual Via Zoom, Noon

**May- Bobby Scott, Jr.-Topguns Daylilies** Yukon, OK SOMS or virtual TBA Noon.

**June 12, 2021-National Guest Plants Auction**, Place TBD, Noon.

**July 9-11, 2021 -Region 2 Summer Meeting**, More info will be coming

**Aug 7, 2021-WDS Annual Adoption-Auction**, SOMS, Noon (Please arrive early with your previously adopted plants to allow the set up team to be ready by noon)

**Aug 21-2021-WDS Plant Sale**

Saturday 10-4, Sunday 11-3 Olbrich Park

**October 2, 2021- WDS Annual Meeting- David Kirchoff and Mort Morss Daylily World**, Lawrenceburg, KY more info coming.



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# A Lot of New WDS Changes

By: Rhonda Veroeven

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With the crazy year that 2020 has been, there are a lot of shifts in not only your leadership, but also with the format of your upcoming meetings...and our website.

It is ironic that the make up of your board has not had changes, however, there are a lot of shifts to be shared. These changes will be effective as of January 1, 2021. Your board members remain the same (all listed on the first page of this newsletter), but as usual, at the budget meeting elections for your new board executive members took place.

Your new President will be Monique Warnke, Vice President will be Mike Stafford, Secretary will remain Bobbi Johnson, and Treasurer will remain Sue Hill.

Given the fact that it is not possible to plan ahead for in-person meetings due to COVID-19 and Dane County regulations, we are not able to have in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, your board decided that rather than cancel our meetings; we have decided to hold our meetings virtually via Zoom. We will be sending an email containing the Zoom link prior to the meetings. For those without technology, we will make sure to give enough notice for you to make accommodations so that you can join us as well. We heard loud and clear from the membership that they miss our meetings and would much rather meet virtually than not meet at all.

Our January and February meetings will continue to be our hybridizer's showcase. Several of us participated in the Shirley Farmer meeting virtually, and it was wonderful. We anticipate this will be a WI version of this meeting. We will also be continuing the tradition of the photo contest, but virtually! See the article on the photo contest.

As Speaker Chair I reached out to all of our spring speakers and made sure that they would be willing to be flexible and share their presentations to our group virtually. I did have to make some adjustments to our speaker schedule. In March we will be enjoying Kirsten Hatfield's presentation virtually. April's speaker will now be Dianna Gossard, and she will also be speaking virtually. We are hoping that there will be enough of a change with COVID, regulations, and availability of a vaccine by our May meeting. We will be enjoying Bobby Scott, Jr.'s presentation in May. We are still hopeful that we will be able to meet in person, but also understand that we may need to be virtual. Bobby is being incredibly flexible and we will have more information by our spring newsletter. We are planning all other events to be held in person as they are meetings that we can have outside and/or spread out enough to be safe.

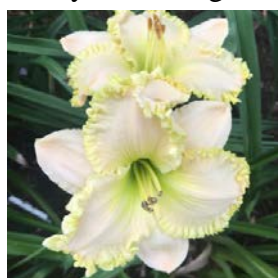
Another major change will be the unveiling of a new WDS webpage. It will still be at our current web address ([www.wisconsindaylilysociety.org](http://www.wisconsindaylilysociety.org)). This change was a result of needing to move to a new host as our previous host was ending their relationship with us as well as discontinuing their hosting services. We moved hosting services and with this move it was determined by the board to update/change our webpage. A huge thank you to Mnemonic Multimedia for their hosting and web page development (owned by Tony Veroeven) There has been a new technology committee formed to assist in creating new content as well. Rhonda Veroeven will be the new Webmaster as this transition will be most smooth. We are very excited about the new updated website and can't wait to share it with you very soon!!! A huge thank you to Vaughn for his work on our previous website.



*All I Want for Christmas*  
(Nan Wilkerson)



*Breathing in Snowflakes*  
(Heidi Douglas)



*Last Snowflake*  
(Pat Stamile)



*Angels in Wisconsin*  
(Eric Simpson)



*Carolina Christmas*  
(Robert Selman)



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## New Newsletter Editor Needed

*By: Rhonda Veroeven*

On October 24th, the American Daylily Society's Board of Directors unanimously voted to have Rhonda Veroeven represent Region 2 as the new incoming Director to replace the vacancy left by Bob Faulkner after he decided to resign for personal reasons. Sandy Holmes, the current Region 2 President called to ask me if I would please consider taking this position as I had been doing the job of a director without having voting rights. I agreed, and Scott Elliott, a WDS member and the ADS president, made a motion to the ADS Board to approve this new appointment. With this exciting new position and the

responsibilities that go with it, I immediately called our club President, Mike Stafford, and resigned as the newsletter editor as there would just not be enough time in the day to complete all of the required responsibilities at a high level.

It is bittersweet to report that this is my "Swan Song" as your newsletter editor. I am certainly not going anywhere, as I will still be one of your Board Members, your new Webmaster, and I will continue on as the Program Director. I am asking that anyone that would be interested in taking over the responsibility as newsletter editor to please get in

contact with me and/or Monique Warnke (upcoming president), and I am more than happy to train the next editor.

The editor is responsible for 4 newsletters a year. You will work closely to with the board, constantly be up-to-date with club activities, and an integral part of the club. It is very fulfilling and fun. It does take a bit of time during the developing of the newsletter, but when the finished product is done, it is an incredible feeling of accomplishment.

Will you consider helping the club?



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## In Memory of Don Sanner

*By: Rosemary Kleinheinz*

When Don Sanner left this earth early in October, WDS lost a valuable member and friend, and Phyllis lost the love of her life and her steady companion through all of life's struggles.

Don and Phyllis were faithful members for many years, and for most of those years they offered to host plants for our club, first for left over plants from our sales, and then for our adoption plants. When rust first appeared in the south, WDS decided to hold and grow adoption plants for a year or two before adoption. Where else to plant them but at the Sanner's farm? We owe a big debt of gratitude to Phyllis and Don. Today the farm has been sold, Phyllis is living in Stoughton, and Don is in a much better place. May his soul rest in peace.

A memorial has been made in Don's name to the Region 2 Newsletter Fund



*Don and Phyllis on the Badger Bus on their way to a Summer*

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the 15th annual WDS Photo Contest will be going virtual. Details are to follow. With four categories there are more chances win. Be one of those winners! Revisit your daylily photo collection to select your photos to enter in the WDS 2021 Photo Contest. 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. Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo. Email your entries to: Conrad Wrzesinski at conradw@charter.net. **The deadline to enter is Monday, February 1, 2021.** The contest rules are listed below.

## 2021 Photo Contest Rules

- All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- Photos may be of a named cultivar or a seedling. If you submit a photo of a named cultivar, please include the name of the cultivar.
- Photos may be submitted in the following four 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 clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.

**Category 4: Creative Artistry** – A daylily viewed from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower.

### Category 1: Single Flower Example



*Single Bloom of Indecisive by Genni*

- Each entrant may submit a maximum of four photos distributed in any fashion among the categories of their choice. With a family membership, each family member may submit four photos for the contest.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form in high resolution.
- If an entrant submits multiple 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 do not need to be taken in the member's garden.
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each WDS 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, WDS Facebook or use in WDS presentations.

### Category 2: Clump Example



*Clump of Tart of Darkness by Linda Ball*

### Category 3: Landscape Example



*Landscape photo taken in Wilma Brouwer-Herwig's garden at the 2019 National*

### Category 4: Artistry Example



*Spider hiding in a Carole Hunter seedling*



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## Virtual Meetings are a Way to Stay Connected

By: Rhonda Veroeven

With COVID-19, we have been forced to think of new way of communicating and coming together for the love of our amazing flower. The previously mentioned virtual meetings that we will be holding excite us. We are so excited that Carole Hunter held a virtual training meeting earlier this month for the WDS Hybridizers Group so that they would feel more comfortable to present their programs virtually. There have also been a lot of opportunities to watch programs online.

I have personally presented several online programs for ADS and one for the club, Daylily Social. Having presented online in various methods, I can say that it really isn't any different in the planning process than giving in-person presentations. The only difference is in the give-and-take that an in-person meeting offers. We are working hard to ensure that we will allow for all of that communication to happen.

One group that did a fantastic job

planning and executing a very successful virtual meeting with multiple individuals presenting has been the Shirley Farmer's Group. Sandy Holmes, Bob Faulkner, and Ann Townsend did a fantastic job in preparing multiple evenings of presentations with multiple individuals presenting.

We saw presentations from Bob Faulkner, Carole Hunter, Bruce Kovach, Chad Bush, Ann Townsend, Dianna Gossard, Linda Pinkham, Kathleen Nordstrom, Mike Grossmann, Bret Clement, Paul Genho, Dave Mussar, Jamie Gossard, Kirsten Hatfield, and Sandy Holmes. There were so many fantastic presentations and it gave my heart such a lift to see so many other daylily aficionados and admirers.

Knowing how much I learned and enjoyed the eye candy, I can only say I am so incredibly excited for our upcoming virtual meetings!



Screen Shot from Kathleen's program



Screen Shot of one page of attendees



Screen Shot from Carole's program

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## Calendar Sale Success

By: Mike Stafford

The WDS Hybridizer's Calendar sale was another success. We (the buyers), wish to thank all of those who bought space and provided the wonderful eye candy that we can see for the next twelve months. Lisa Imhoff and Genni Kleckner spearheaded this year's efforts. The entire print run has now been spoken for. Those that preordered gave the hybridizers a base number to work from, and especially this year, that proved really helpful. Again, thank you to all those who ordered, and for those who did not, there's always next time! Happy Holidays!





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**In Winter,  
I plot and plan.  
In Spring,  
I move.  
~Harry Rollins**