

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

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

Very Berry Candy



President's Minute

by Monique Warnke

Hello Fellow Gardeners,

What a busy summer the club has had! First of all, it was wonderful to be able to physically hug and speak to fellow members which everyone needed after a year and a half of quarantine. To start off the summer, in early June we had a plant sale that featured plants donated at the national convention by hybridizers from all over North America.

In August, the annual adoption/auction meeting was held in Fitchburg. This event attracted a huge number of members and you could feel happiness fill the auditorium. Many of us received new plants through the auction and everyone received at least two new adoptive plants to babysit for the next 3 years.

During the third weekend of August, the annual plant sale was held. The sale was a success in many ways. Even more members came out for this event, and again, the happiness was emanating from the excitement of being able to see each other.

To finish off the wildly successful summer, our annual meeting will be held October 2nd, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Middleton, Wisconsin. At this time, 4 positions on the board will be elected by the members. If you or someone you know would like to run for a position on the board please email me with your nomination. We are delighted to announce two coveted guest speakers. David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss of Daylily World, will be sharing their considerable knowledge with us, this will be their final speaking engagement- it's not one to miss!

Our hearts go out to Sharon Lonergan who lost her husband, Robert, on July 26th and Gene Dewey, whose wife, Beatrice, passed away on the 31st.

Please take care and as always keep your shovel in the dirt!
Monique

This creamy, aromatic salad packed with vegetables caught the taste buds of more than one volunteer at the sale on Sunday, so we thought it might be fun to share this recipe with the whole club.

Laima's Butternut Salad

by Laima Rozkalns

Coconut 5-Spice Sauce

- 1/2 cup smooth, salted peanut butter
- 6 - 8 oz coconut milk
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup (if you have garlic infused maple syrup, even better!)
- 1 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh ginger
- 4 cloves garlic, minced (or less if you're not as much a garlic fan)
- 1/2 tsp Chinese 5-spice powder
- 1 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp salt

Salad

- 1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup shelled edamame
- 3/4 lb snap beans (a.k.a. green beans)
- 3 cups shredded cabbage (red or green)
- 5 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 c dry roasted peanuts

Directions

1. Make the sauce. Blend all sauce ingredients until smooth. Add more water, if needed, to get a saucy, dressing-like consistency.
2. In a large pot, steam the butternut for about 14 minutes until it's tender. Set aside the squash to cool.
3. Steam the edamame and green beans until the edamame are tender and the green beans are a nice bright green but still have some snap, 3 - 5 minutes. Rinse both kinds of beans under cold water to stop them from cooking more.
4. In a large bowl, combine salad ingredients. Top with sauce and mix. Garnish with additional peanuts and a little pickled ginger, if you like. (add a dash of sriracha if you like spicy things :)



Arno's Bow Tie

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Along Came Amanda

What will the child plant look like?

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UPCOMING WDS EVENTS

October 2nd , 2021- The WDS Annual Meeting will feature David Kirchoff and Mort Morss of Daylily World from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. The meeting starts at noon and will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1801 Deming Way in Middleton.

July 6th – July 9th 2022 - The 2022 National Convention for the American Daylily Society will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort and Expo Center. Highlights include:

- Youth attend for FREE! (\$229 value)
- Limited to 450 guests – register early to save your spot!
- A HAT CONTEST, 4 gift plants for each person, and some incredible gardens to visit!

All of the details will be made available through the convention website:

<https://ahs2022national.com/>

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN ONLINE

WDS is considering renting a bus to make the trek, more details to come!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our very own Rhonda Veroeven will become the Vice President of the American Daylily Society as of January 1st, 2022.

Genni Kleckner's beautiful "Flaming Pumpkins" and "Prickly All Over" won AHS Honorable Mentions for 2020.

Congratulations to both of you on these well deserved honors!



Prickly All Over



Flaming Pumpkins

If you have news or events you would like to share, please email Shannon Meyer at solcottster@gmail.com



'Halloween Kisses'



'Pink Werewolf'



'Harvest Moonglow'



'Velvet Thunder'





2021

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD,
FUN AND DAYLILIES!

Wisconsin Daylily Society Annual Meeting

Proudly Presenting Guest
Speakers:
David Kirchhoff & Mort Morss
of Daylily World

12 O'CLOCK, NOON
OCTOBER SECOND, 2021
HILTON GARDEN INN
1801 DEMING WAY, MIDDLETON, WI





Menu for the Festivities:

Entrees:

Garlic Lemon Chicken

Roasted Pork Tenderloin with an Apple Brandy Demi-glace

Pasta Primavera

Sides:

Scalloped Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Green Beans Almadine

Salad:

Mixed Field Greens

Dessert:

Tiramisu

Registrations must be received by September 22nd.

Name: _____

Name: _____

No. of meals (\$10/each): _____ Voucher Amount: _____

Total Due: _____

Note: No WDS \$ are accepted as payment for the Annual Meeting.

Please mail this form to: Mike Stafford, 2521 Moland Street, Madison, WI 53704.
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SUMMER FUN IN 2021

BY STEVEN KING

What does it mean to have three days of “Daylily Fun in 2021”? The July 9-11, 2021 AHS/ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting in Springfield IL sponsored by the Central Illinois Daylily Society (CIDS), was my very first Regional Meeting since becoming a general and board member of the Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS). There are special times throughout the year, however one of my favorites is the period that we all wait and long for... Daylily bloom season and sharing it with friends.

On this particular weekend, our Day 1 fun began when we boarded a chartered WI Badger Party Bus in Madison, WI and headed for Springfield, IL. As we greeted and caught up with fellow WDS members after a 16-month Covid19 absence of personal/physical contact other than Zoom board and general meetings... we got off to a very good start to the weekend.

Our first treat was a garden visit stop in Goodfield, IL at Lake House Gardens, Penny and Daryl Wilkendorf’s gorgeous setting with spacious and well-designed beautiful Daylily gardens, metal art, statuary and a fish filled fishing pond. It pays to have your own bus because you don’t have to strictly adhere to anyone else’s time schedule. We Wisconsin



Badgers like to have a little independence in what/where and when we do things. After visiting with the Wilkendorfs, we had a delicious lunch at the Busy Corner Restaurant in Goodview where both the food and pies were scrumptious!



We arrived at our host hotel, the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield, IL just in time to check in and visit the beautiful Boutique area products, the fantastic Raffle Sale items and the Hybridizer’s forum. There was the Region 2 Business Meeting followed by the Daylily plant auction from roughly 7-9:30 pm. The bidding on the estimated 137+ Daylily plants was robust and moved swiftly at times with fierce but friendly competition. Auctioneers Nikki Schmith and Rhonda Veroeven did an outstanding job of keeping things moving and selling the product to the highest bidders. My bidding paddle was # 1, but I quickly realized that high number didn’t offer me any special perks! I bid on many wonderful plants but was only successful with item #130, a generous pot of Phil Warbasse plants that 7 fortunate bidders and I won and created a quick \$800. to delightfully benefit the Region 2 youth education treasury.

Summer Fun, continued

Day 2 started off with a complimentary buffet which was better than what most hotels generally offer with their “make your own waffles” along with toast, fruit and cold cereals. We were treated to hot scrambled eggs and sausages which were dutifully presented by a friendly attendant who made sure that the buffet items were fresh and hot. We couldn’t wait to begin seeing and exploring the beautiful gardens, after all...they were the SHOWCASES of the day. The weather was cloudy with periodic light sprinkles along with a few periodic rain showers. However, the rain didn’t dampen our spirits, since we’re a rather determined and hardy bunch of fanatics, hybridizers, judges and collectors of fine daylilies. Our first garden was the eclectic plant, metal art and peaceful Gabriel Gardens in Rochester, which was nestled in a wooded area with a nearby pond and gazebo. Sandy and Dick Gabriel’s garden features daylilies, and hundreds of companion plants of hosta, poppies, iris, columbines and more. We then moved on to the Shull Garden located in Middletown. Don and Sandy Shull have a beautiful daylily collection and incredible metal sculptures made by Don on their property which is surrounded by beautiful pristine rows of corn fields. Don is quite the inventor and is widely known for his invention of the daylily splitter which a few of our members purchased at their garden. I was fortunate to obtain a Daylily splitter directly from Don at the 2019 Wisconsin National Daylily Convention in Madison. I highly recommend this product which in addition to splitting daylilies works well with hosta too.



Oak Hill Daylilies



Oak Hill Daylilies oakhill.plantfans.com

Our next stop was Oak Hill Daylilies in Athens. Bonnie Nichols has a well-planned beautiful large variety of daylilies that are purposely in a fenced area due to a daylily hungry local deer population. We then traveled to the Washington Park Botanical Gardens where we viewed the grounds and enjoyed our lunches. There was a huge downpour while we were there so it was a perfect time to lunch inside. After lunch, we went to the gorgeous Front Porch Daylilies in Winchester, where Lori Doolin has beautiful and perfectly manicured grounds filled with daylilies, hosta, an assortment of other plants and an enviable pond filled with waterlilies.



Front Porch Daylilies

It was at Lori’s garden where the Englerth Daylily plants were grown and lovingly cared for over the last two years. There were about 30 daylilies that were being judged and voted on to win the 2021 Englerth Award. The Englerth award, named after Lawrence and Winfred Englerth, began during 1987 in Region 2 for hybridizers, amateur and professionals to encourage and promote Region 2 hybridizers and hybridizing excellence.

Summer Fun, continued

Front Porch Daylilies



Although all entrants who contributed daylily plants to the Englerth garden are winners, the top popular vote for the 2021 Englerth Award went to Ginny Pearce of Grand Rapids, MI. Congratulations to Ginny and all of the other contributors who made the competition a learning experience for the rest of us. It was fun walking around the Englerth Garden and discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the daylilies with other like-minded people in search of excellence. I'm a newbie hybridizer and I've not taken any judging classes yet but plan to start down that road in August.

We returned to the host hotel, freshened up and made our way down to the banquet room where our dinner and program would be held. Following the delicious dinner, there was a tribute auction for the late daylily and youth education promoter... Bob Faulkner. The tribute auction featured nine hand painted rocks



of Bob Faulkner cultivars created and donated by the talented and most generous artist, Becky Robinson.

The auction was followed by our historically informative and humorist guest speaker, the one and only 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln. This talented speaker AKA Randy, was very engaging and fun... "That reminds me of a story" and he would tell another one along with a humorous Q&A about Abe's life. This was followed by Awards and Honors presentation which would be too long to individually list here. However, Jamie Gossard of Galloway, OH was one of the top award winners of the evening.



Day 3 found us both sad that the wonderfully full weekend was coming to a close but happy to give hugs and well wishes to both new and old friends. There was a Garden Judges 2 clinic; however, we were anxious to continue visiting the gardens of Theresa Roth and Carol Hunter. "Daylily Fun in 2021" certainly lived up to its name, it was an awesome and memorable first-time experience. Special recognition and our thanks to the CIDS team members who diligently and creatively planned a 3-day weekend of Daylily Fun over a two-year period and executed the plan flawlessly. To quote the late Bob Faulkner, "You come for the daylilies, but you stay for the friends". Thank you, Bob... you are so right!

LIGHTS, CAMERA..... AUCTION!

A Summary of the 2021 WDS August Meeting

BY SHANNON MEYER

As the height of bloom season comes to an end, there is more than enough August daylily excitement to fill the void. The WDS August meeting is the kickoff to an exciting, and wallet emptying, month. This year's meeting was also special because WDS members were finally able to meet in person again! After too many months apart, people greeted each other with hugs, great conversation and, of course, an array of delicious food and treats. The traditional raffle tickets were handed out and everyone eagerly took their seats in anticipation of the WDS Daylily Auction and Adoption Event.

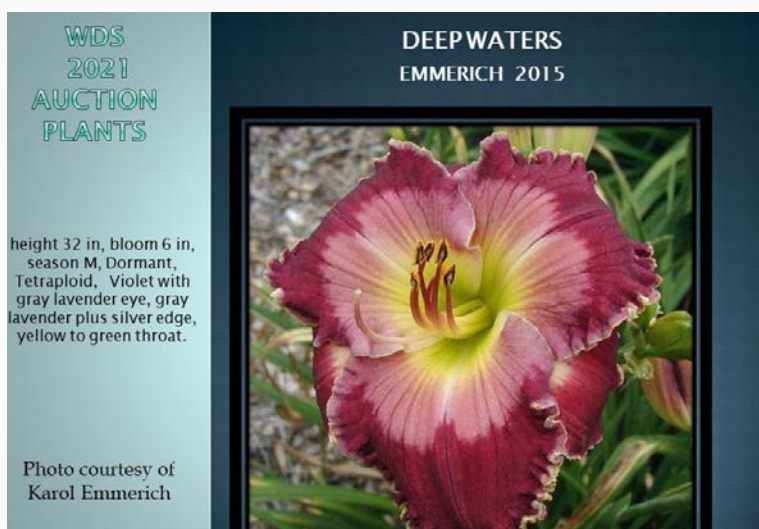


After a quick update on the WDS Annual Meeting and the 2022 National, (see the Upcoming Events and Announcements section), the auction was underway. There were over 35 plants offered to the highest bidders, and the wide range of flower types meant there was something for everyone.

So you like spiders? We got 'em. Are you looking for teeth, yep, got those too. UFs? Spatulates? Crispates? Dark pink lavender with a purple eye and lavender feathers with a triple edge of grape, lavender and ivory with a green throat? Yes, yes, yes and YES! The auction had it all. The bidding went quickly and the lucky winners got some fantastic plants at very reasonable prices. In total, the auction raised an impressive \$3,100 in cash and WDS dollars.



The youth members were busy running the auction plants from center stage to the discerning bidders, who usually were able to pick from several impressive fans and clumps. Even if you aren't a winning bidder, or even if you don't bid at all, it's always fun to watch the auction action, and everyone is a winner in the end because after the auction comes.....The Adoption!





Time to sift through your empty snack plates and grocery bags of auction plants to locate the all powerful raffle ticket. As each number was called, excited utterances of “woo-hoo” could be heard throughout the room as people leapt to their feet to claim their plants. It seems there are several strategies used to make plant choices:

1. The Compulsive List Maker. This member has heavily researched each plant up for adoption ahead of time. You know who you are. You were up half the night making detailed lists of what plants you wanted and all the backup plants if your first choices were already gone.

2. The Googler. This meeting attendee went in with the casual attitude of just going with the flow and taking whatever was available. However, when standing amid the mind boggling array of choices, panic sets in and the googling begins. Is Mr. Stipples really stippled? Does Sherbert Sugartooth really have teeth? Sprained Ankle? What in the world does that look like? Thank you Google Images for being there in our time of need.

3. The Not-So-Casual Observer AKA The Bird of Prey. This person slowly paces along the outskirts of the plant picking action to see what other people are trying to choose between and talking about. Then, when least expected, they swoop in and pluck the best plants from right before the eyes of the helpless onlookers.

No matter what kind of participant you were, everyone left happy with at least 2 plants. And with the beautiful flowers up for grabs, it is doubtful anyone was disappointed with what they came away with.

After the auction and adoption plants found their new homes, and most of the assembled daylily enthusiasts dispersed, a group of members stayed behind to take the Garden Judging Class. Rhonda Veroeven did a great job of taking the participants through the history of hybridizing and the dos and don'ts of judging plants. Garden judges need to focus on the “complete plant” and must observe the flowers in person.



LIGHTS, CAMERA....AUCTION! CONTINUED

The judges should take into consideration a variety of factors, including: the varied conditions in which the plants grow, the bud count, the plant habit and numbers of scapes. Needing to see the plants in person is a great excuse to get out and about and visit display gardens and hybridizers in your region, (as if anyone needs an excuse!). That being said, judges should NOT base their votes on plants grown by their favorite hybridizer, personal preference or someone offering plant bribes, which apparently does happen in this very competitive environment.



One of the most interesting parts of the class was learning about the “Awards Pyramid”. The grueling process of getting from an Honorable Mention to the Stout Silver Metal is a daunting task and only the most deserving plants make it to the top. There are also a variety of Specialty Awards that honor specific characteristics such as large or small flower size, early or late bloomers, and flower types such as best double, UF, spider and more. Maybe in the future someone could write an article for the newsletter that would take a deeper dive into each award and highlight some past winners? (Hint, hint).

The second part of the class was a more hands on activity that took place at the West Ag Station. The group met up and got to see some great later blooming flowers and practice judging and presenting their thoughts and opinions. It was great to see the flowers in person and see familiar plants in a new light. As other attendees have said, after taking the class, you never look at daylilies the same way again.



As much as the class would have liked to stay and chat longer, tornado warnings cut things a bit short. Luckily, the big sale is just around the corner and we will soon be able to spend more time together doing what we all love, getting dirty and talking daylilies! It will be fun to use our newfound knowledge to pick plants to buy at this year’s sale. Until then, enjoy the remaining summer days and appreciate those last blooms of the season.



On the Road With the WDS Hybridizers' Group

BY CAROLE HUNTER

In the heat of late July, five intrepid members of our Hybridizers' group took to the road. When we planned the trip, how could we know that we would be visiting northern hybridizers in the middle of a heat wave? 94° in the Minneapolis area? What?!? Touring seedling patches in the full sun? Ha! Please send your donations to 'HEMEROHOLICS ANONYMOUS'.

First stop: Northern Lights Daylilies, home of Mike Grossman, Kathleen Nordstrom, and 30,000+ seedlings.



At the start of our afternoon in the full sun, we are all fresh and sweatless.



Mike starts us out with an explanation of their program.

Mike and Kathleen each plant 5000 seedlings a year. He works with tetraploids, focusing on toothies. Kathleen works with patterned diploids. They select each year, moving the plants that they want to observe to their individual 'select' beds.



Mike asked us to flag seedlings in his select bed that we thought were exceptional.

On a crop's 4th year, what still remains is available to the public in July for their 'You Dig' extravaganza (good timing for our visit!) at \$5 a clump. So after our official tour, we dug, trimmed, and bagged. Needless to say, the back of our SUV was filled with 4 year old seedlings that would otherwise soon meet their demise.



Pat with her haul.

On the Road, continued



Bruce, Pat, Steve, Lane, and Carole recovering from the afternoon in the heat with beer and margaritas.

The next morning we got an early start to try to beat some of the Minnesota heat. Karol Emmerich was waiting for us at Springwood Gardens in her golf cart with clipboards, pens, water, and a program.



Karol was still finishing her breakfast (see bowl?) while she got us started on our first assignment.

Assignments included identifying seedlings with good qualities, flowers with faults, seedlings that would make a good choice for hybridizing, and what seedling we would pair with it and why.



Karol points out faults in a bloom.



What would you hope to get by crossing these 2?

Both experienced and newbie hybridizers in our group came away anxious to get back to dabbing pollen in our own gardens.



Looks like we think we aced the class.

We headed back to Madison to catch a night's sleep in our own beds. Sunday morning we left for Wild Rose, Wisconsin, where Darrel Apps has 'retired' after over 40 years of hybridizing. Darrel and his wife greeted us at their home with cold drinks, delicious cookies, and even a table arrangement.



Darrel used hot colors in this to match the temperature of the day.

On the Road, continued

After a tour of the gardens at their home, we drove the couple of blocks to Darrel's seedling 'farmette'. The city lot is packed with seedlings that he is evaluating. He says that he is not doing any more hybridizing, because it will take him 4 years to clear out the seedlings that he already has, and by then, he wants to be done. When I asked about a couple of tags I noticed, indicating that he had made some crosses, he gave me a sheepish hemeroholic look.



Darrel points out a seedling that he will soon introduce.

Some future registrations will be introduced through Centerton Nursery in New Jersey, where his newly patented cultivars are available. Others, he will deliver to Graziano Garden Center, in Waupaca Wisconsin, to be propagated and sold. Before heading back to Madison, some of us visited Graziano's, which was only a few miles away, and was having a sale on both Darrel's intros and others.



Our purchases, as if our vehicle wasn't already overflowing!

In 2 ½ days, we logged 772 miles packed into 1 vehicle with baggage, coolers, snacks, and eventually lots of daylilies. What is amazing is not that we survived the heat and the sun, but that we are all still friends! Better friends, in fact!

Welcome to our New Members!

Kacy Bott
Lori Gerber
Diana Gonzalez
Jake and Katie Kleckner
Natty Kranz
Katie O'Brien
Zoe Pillath
Jessica Pitz
Cindy Ratzel
Heidi Summerr
Sally Weber
Jewelline Wiggins
Marissa Gradel
Joan Boll
Judith Urness

THANK YOU to all daylily sale volunteers!

We plan to have an article in the next newsletter with more information and photos from the daylily sale, but for now, we wanted to give a quick shout-out to all the amazing volunteers who advertised the sale, dug daylilies, divided and cleaned plants, bagged and labeled fans, organized the sale tent, provided food, worked the sale, and cleaned up afterwards. We hope you were all able to find some daylilies to add to your garden!



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