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Reindeer Antlers



President's Minute

by Monique Warnke

Hello fellow gardeners!

As I reflect on the past year I am humbled by the love and support that our membership has exchanged. I have hope that the world will be an even better place in only 1 year from now. It is the same feeling us gardeners have every time we plant a bulb, the hope of a beautiful bloom in the spring. This hope is what keeps me positive day to day, which is increased by seeing my friends, who I do consider to be my tribe (yes, I have found you!). At this time, I would like to thank the board for allowing me to be your president for another year. It was an honor to work alongside all you wonderful people. As always, keep your shovel in the dirt!

I leave you with this poem that I wrote a few years ago:

Now that my garden is put to bed,
I idly sift through the magazines near my bed,
visions of new and wonderful plants
dancing in my head.
As I drift off to sleep,
I dream of gardens in full bloom,
the smell is so sweet.
As I wake from my dreams by the sound of my alarm,
I think it is so unfair,
that it is still winter out there!

Happy Gardening!
XOXO
Monique

UPCOMING WDS EVENTS

January 22nd, 2022 – The January WDS meeting will be held at 12 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting will feature part one of the annual hybridizers showcase.

February 1st, 2022 – Deadline for WDS 2022 Photo Contest. Please email all photo entries to Conrad at conradwrz@gmail.com by this date.

February 11th - 13th, 2022 - Garden Expo 2022: The premier event many of us have looked forward to for so many years will be held from Feb 11-13th at the Alliant Expo Center in Madison. Anticipate some continued restrictions on numbers in classes and seminars. It would be worth your putting a blurb on your calendar in early January to check on what is being offered so you can signed up before everything fills up. We will have our WDS double booth again and will be in need of members to help answer questions, support our club and teach others a little about why we like this flower so much. A sign up sheet for booth helpers will be coming your way closer to that time.

This 2022 Expo will be Sue Hill's last year as Garden Expo Chair. If anyone would like more information on what is involved, please either contact her or someone on the board. It really is a fun position that is not all on one person's shoulders, and is a great way to see our hard working members in action. She will work along side of you for a smooth transition over the course of the coming year.

February 19th, 2022 – The February WDS meeting will be held at 12 p.m., also at West AG. The meeting will include part two of the hybridizers showcase and the highly anticipated photo contest.

February 25th-27th 2022 – The Region 2 Winter Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport. Speakers include: Jamie Gossard, Paul Owen, Carol Hunter, Steve Williams, Mike Anders and Irvin Etienne. For more information and to register, please visit: adsregion2.org/winter-meeting/

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:

- 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

Unfortunately, WDS is unable to provide a bus to and from the convention.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 WDS Calendars: If you would like a beautiful 2022 WDS Calendar, contact Mike Stafford at michaelstafford1955@gmail.com. The calendar is \$10 for pick up in Madison or \$10 plus shipping if you need it mailed.

Club T-Shirt Orders: This has come to a halt with moving forward with ordering due to current product choice limitations. Anything that would look stunning with our logo was not available. Anything that WAS available was either a color choice few could wear without looking like they were in need of medical treatment or would not be complimentary with the design. So....we are setting it to rest until sometime in January when the product choices become more available. We still have the list of those who requested a shirt, along with their sizes. The chance to order a club T-shirt will be extended to anyone who did not sign up for one the first time around when we know how the design looks with the colors we can get.

Articles for Upcoming Newsletters: Do you have ideas for articles you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter? Would you be willing to write an article for the newsletter? Do you have a photo of a daylily with a fall name that you'd like to see included? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please email Shannon Meyer at solcottster@gmail.com

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'Year of the Dragon'



'Lambeau Leap'

WDS 2022 PHOTO CONTEST

BY CONRAD J. WRZESINSKI

It is time to revisit your daylily photo collection to select your photos to enter the WDS 2022 Photo Contest. Each contest winner will receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August. The winner will also receive a \$25.00 credit toward the purchase of an item(s) of their choice imprinted with their winning photo from The Daylily Addicts. Check out their store at the link below:

<https://daylilies.online/shop/product-tag/wds/>



Be one of those lucky winners and enter now!

Email your entries to Conrad Wrzesinski at: **conradwrz@gmail.com**. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Please indicate which category you are entering for each photo.

2022 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.
- Each entrant may submit a maximum of four photos distributed in any fashion among the four categories. 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 Newsletter, WDS web site, WDS Garden Expo booth, WDS Facebook or use in WDS presentations.

WDS 2022 PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORIES

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.



2017 Winner - Dana Baiu

Category 2: Clump

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



2019 Winner - Judy Schaefer

Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape

A daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.



2020 Winner - Karen Watson-Newlin

Category 4: Creative Artistry

A daylily viewed from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower.



2018 Winner - Carole Hunter

REGISTERING YOUR FIRST DAYLILY

BY SHANNON MEYER

Anyone who has been bitten by the daylily hybridizing bug, has at one point or another considered registering one of their flowers. It is an exciting idea, but somewhat daunting too. Is your flower worthy of registering? How many years should you wait and evaluate your plant before you register it? What goes in to the registration itself? And, possibly most importantly, what do you name your masterpiece?

Just to be clear, this article is not about deciding if you should register your flower or what makes a flower “good enough” to be eternally catalogued in the almighty American Daylily Society Database. I will leave the answers to those questions to people much wiser and more experienced than I am. This is more of a “how-to” article for anyone like me, who decided to go for it and register a flower, whether it is a good idea or not.

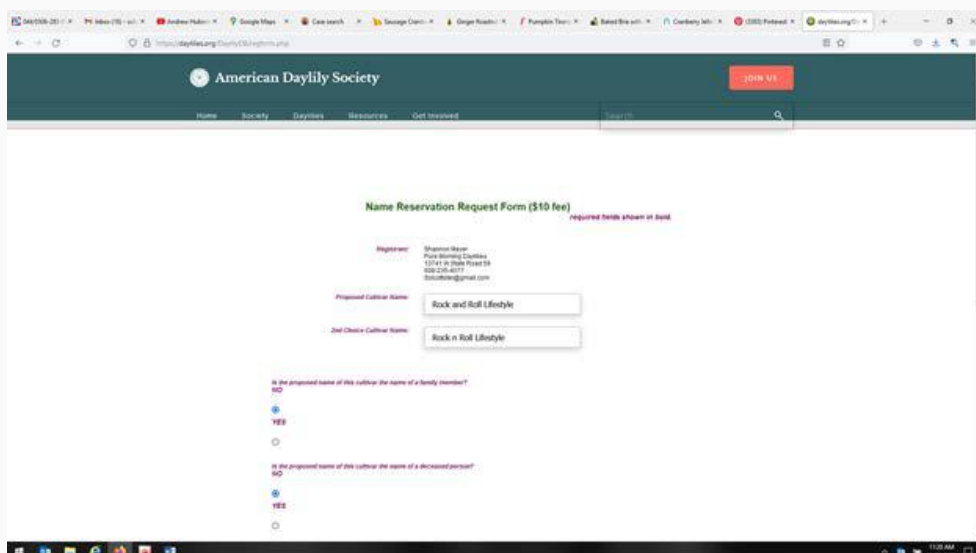


One of my seedlings that I consider "good enough"

A "not good enough" seedling



I started hybridizing about ten years ago, but only became officially obsessed and neurotic about it in the last five. A few years ago, I had a couple blooms that I decided were eye catching enough that I wanted to share them with the world. I moved them from their seedling beds and watched as they matured year after year. Being a somewhat impatient person, I decided I needed to name them right away. Being a somewhat paranoid worrier, I needed to make sure no one stole the names I came up with. Early on in my Daylily journey, I had the bright idea of naming all my flowers with titles of my favorite songs. After some casual research, I was told that this was legal, and I certainly hope that is the case (I'll keep you posted if I end up sued or in jail).



The screenshot shows the American Daylily Society website's Name Reservation Request Form. The form is titled "Name Reservation Request Form (\$10 fee)" and includes a "required fields shown in bold" note. The registrant's information is as follows:

- Registrant:** Shannon Meyer, Pook-Worthington, 12741 W. 10th Street SE, 98020-2107, shannonmeyer@gmail.com
- Proposed Cultivar Name:** Rock and Roll Lifestyle
- 2nd Choice Cultivar Name:** Rock n Roll Lifestyle

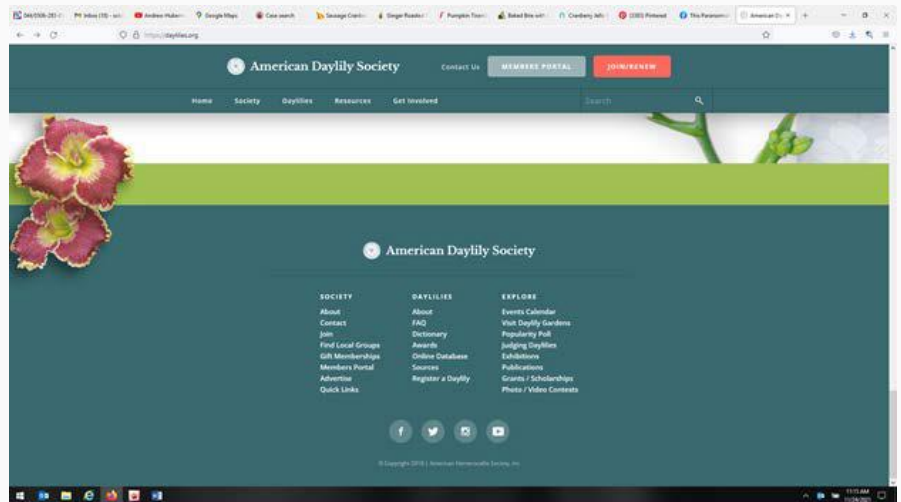
Below the form, there are two questions with radio button options:

- Is the proposed name of this cultivar the name of a family member?** YES (selected), NO
- Is the proposed name of this cultivar the name of a deceased person?** YES (selected), NO

So, for \$10.00 a name, I chose and reserved 6 of my name ideas on the ADS Website (see photo at left), and then waited until I felt the flowers were mature enough to register with accurate information regarding size, bud count, color, etc. If you do not use the reserved name within three years, it is no longer saved for you and anyone else could snatch it up.

Registering Your First Daylily, continued

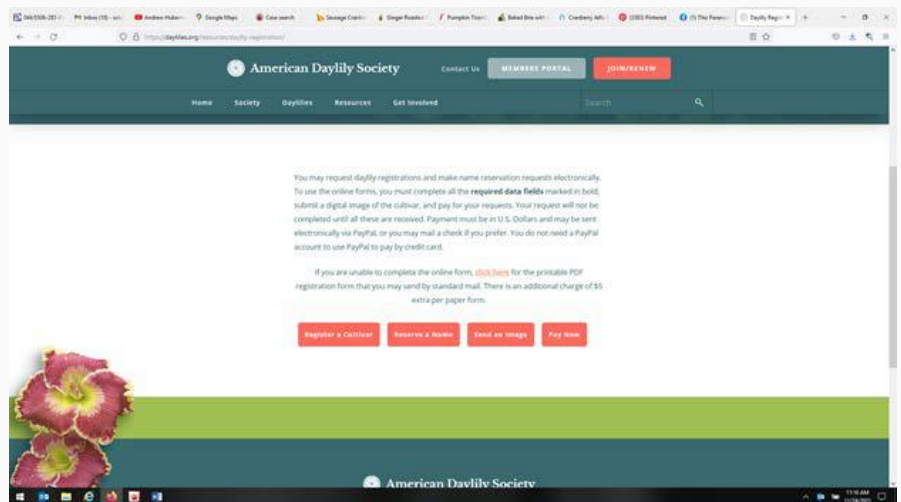
When I was finally ready to register my six flowers, I was pleasantly surprised to find the process to be very easy. On the American Daylily Society website, www.daylilies.org, scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on “Register a Daylily” under the “Daylilies” category.



This takes you to the “Register a Daylily” page, where you can find a lot of great details on the registration process, naming rules, and a dictionary of terms by clicking on “Getting Started”.



At the bottom of the “Register a Daylily” page, there are four options to choose from: “Register a Cultivar”, “Reserve a Name”, “Send an Image” and “Pay Now”.



Once you choose “Register a Cultivar”, you will be routed to the “Registration Request Form – Registrant Data” and asked to fill out information about yourself, such as “Registrant”, “Email address”, “Phone number” etc. Once complete, clicking on the “Next” button will take you to the “Registration Request Form”.

A screenshot of the 'Registration Request Form - Registrant Information' on the American Daylily Society website. The form is titled 'REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM - REGISTRANT INFORMATION' and has a note: 'REQUIRED FIELDS ARE MARKED IN BOLD.' The fields are: 'Registrant' (filled with 'Sharon Meyer'), 'Email address' (filled with 'schothuber@gmail.com'), 'Phone number' (filled with '608-225-4577'), 'Name of parent' (filled with 'Rene Manning Daylilies'), and 'Address' (filled with '13741 W State Road 59, Evansville, IN 47619'). Below these fields is a section for 'Optional Technical Contact' with a note: 'Please are filling this out on behalf of someone who is unable to submit daylily requests. For trademarks, please enter their name and contact information. We will require using your e-mail address (if possible), and enter your name and contact information below.' There is a 'Contact Name' field at the bottom.

Registering Your First Daylily, continued

This part of the registration is all about your flower! You will be asked who originated/hybridized the cultivar and the seedling name and number. Everyone seems to have a different way of numbering their seedlings. I actually don't use numbers at all and just name the ones I think have potential, I find it is easier to keep them all straight in my head that way. So, when I had to fill out the "Seedling Number" field, I got creative and used "1" for my first registration.



Seedling Number 1

You will also be asked the ploidy of your plant. I only hybridize Tetraploids and the seedlings I am registering have all produced seedlings of their own after being crossed with other Tets. I am 99% sure that my registrations are therefore Tetraploids, but I suppose there could be a slim chance of a Diploid sneaking in. The only way to know ploidy for certain is to have it tested, check out James Gossard's website to learn more: <https://plantploidy.com/>

Next comes the fun part, describing the details of your cultivar: scape height, diameter of flower, number of branches, and bud count. When my plants are in full bloom, I take lots of pictures. Not just of the flower, but of the scapes and buds. As Karol Emmerich says: "Introduce plants which have something special. Perhaps ones that have gotten lots of attention and "likes" and reservation requests. And make sure you have good pictures of them to show and all the important statistics people want including size of bloom, height, budcount, number of branches etc. You'd be surprised at how many folks realize they forgot to do all of this and need to wait another year."

I take pictures with a tape measure across the flower to determine the diameter of flower. This measurement is taken petal tip to petal tip "naturally standing", meaning no cheating and unfurling the petals for a couple extra inches! I also take photos with the tape measure from ground level to the top of the flowers to determine scape height.



Measuring scape height

Measuring flower size



Registering Your First Daylily, continued

After bloom season, I wait for the scapes to dry out and then collect them and bundle each plant's scapes together. When I have time, I go through the bundles and count the branching and buds on each one and take an average to come up with my bud and branching numbers. I was somewhat surprised that, at least in my plants, there is not a lot of variation of these numbers from scape to scape per plant, it seems fairly consistent. Branching was always a little confusing to me, until I took the Daylily Judging Workshop with Rhonda Veroeven. She explained that the best way to get a branch count is to follow the main scape up and count the branches as they come off of the central "stem", kind of like counting limbs as they come off a tree trunk. I should also note, that in order to be considered a countable branch, a branch must have at least two buds on it.

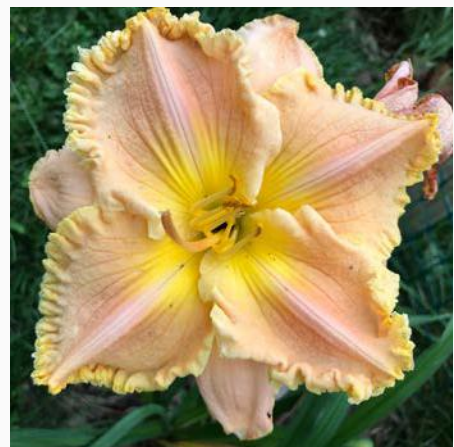
Another useful reason to take pictures of your flowers is to determine the bloom season. All the pictures I take on my phone are dated so it is easy to see when exactly the flowers were blooming. You should also note the time of day and length of time each of your flowers are open so you know what the bloom habit of your plant is: diurnal, nocturnal or extended.



Does your daylily have a watermark?

One thing that pictures aren't the greatest for is helping you to describe the color of your flower. I find that getting a

picture that perfectly reflects what the daylily actually looks like is close to impossible. Try to write a good description of the flower you want to register while you are looking at and when it is at its best, not when it is faded or starting to deteriorate after a long hot day. I have also noticed that some plants have their most spectacular flowers as their first or second buds of the season, while others start out smaller or paler but get more impressive as the season progresses. Remember to make a note of all the unique attributes of your flower: What color is the throat? Does it have a watermark or applique? What is the edge like? You should also record if there is a fragrance, the flower form (double, spider, UF, etc.), and if the plant is a rebloomer (has more than one cycle of bloom per season), as the registration will also need these questions answered.



Does your daylily have a ruffled edge? What color is the edge? Is it frequently polymerous?

You will also be asked if the plant's foliage is dormant (no foliage over winter), semi-evergreen (some foliage remains green over winter) or evergreen (foliage remains green and freezes over winter). While I have been making my first registrations as I write this in November, I have on more than one occasion had to venture into the freezing cold to see which categories my plants are falling under.

Registering Your First Daylily, continued

Finally, the registration will ask for the parentage of your flower. The pod parent is the “mother” plant, the one that held the pod and grew the seeds of your pride and joy. The pollen parent is the “father” plant which provided the pollen you used in the cross. This information is not required, but is encouraged to be included. If you do not know the parentage, you may write “unknown”, and if the plant is out of a seedling, “seedling” is perfectly acceptable to submit.

After answering a couple questions about your flower being named after a person and agreeing to legal releases, you can click the “submit cultivar registration request” at the bottom of the page. If there are any errors, they will be brought to your attention and must be corrected before you can move on to the next step. If there are no errors, a new page comes up asking for a photograph of the flower being registered, (see photo below).

When finished uploading the photo of your choice, click on the “Pay Now” button at the bottom of the page. Once on the payment page, simply fill in the payment amount, (\$20 per registration) and write your requested cultivar name/s in the provided field. Payment can be made by using PayPal, or mailing a check to the

Registrar at the address listed on the bottom of the page.

Shortly after payment, you will receive an email thanking you for submitting your registration. The email states that your registration is under review and you will get a decision on your registered name within 30 days. The email also includes a summary of your registration information and explains who to contact if you need to make a correction.

And that’s it! Congratulations, you have created something that is the only one of its kind and shared it with the world! As I said in the beginning, I’m no expert on what should or shouldn’t be registered. Looking forward, I probably won’t register anything with a low bud count or branching unless it is really extraordinary, but I am proud of the six plants I am registering this year and am glad I put them out there. As Bob Scott says “Trust your seedlings,” let your plants lead you and take note of what makes each one special. We are all attracted to different things in daylilies, but we all find joy and beauty in these flowers. I think of registration as a way to share that joy with others, and am thankful that our hobby gives everyone, professional hybridizers and newbies alike, the opportunity to do that.

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You Aren't Done Yet!
Your Request Has Been Received,
But you must also provide an image and pay the correct fees before your request
can be reviewed.

A confirmation email message has been sent to huber@daylily.org.
Please contact the registrar if you find any errors.
Your registration # is 55557. Please send this to for your records.

Upload Image Now

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uploading.

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Use the buttons below to submit another request or send payment.

If this is your last registration and that message has been received, or this is your last reservation request, please pay online for
your requested item using the PAY NOW link below.
You may calculate the total of ALL your pending requests and make ONE PAYMENT online or by standard mail.

Payments will not be completed until payment is received. Payments made by standard mail should be in US Funds and made
payable to AHS (CASH NOT ACCEPTED).

Mail to: Elizabeth Treder, AHS Registrar, 4214 M. Grand Church Road, Georgetown, KY 40324-8038

REGISTER A CULTIVAR **RESERVE A NAME** **SEND AN INQUIRY** **PAY NOW**

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

BY CONRAD J. WRZESINSKI

From my experience the height of a daylily scape can often vary from the height in which a cultivar is registered. This variation can also be different from year-to-year for the same cultivar. Though soil, location and fertilization can play a role, another common factor in this variation is often moisture. For the best results it is recommended daylilies receive about 1 inch of water weekly during the growing season from spring through early fall.

A case in point is the daylily 'Autumn Minaret', which Arlow Stout registered in 1951, with a scape height of 66 inches. The following photos illustrate the difference moisture can make in the height of the scapes on 'Autumn Minaret'. The first photo was taken this past summer on August 28th with a scape height of 70 inches, which despite the drier conditions exceeded the registered height by 4 inches. Daylilies have plump roots that can store extra water, allowing the plants to tolerate these drier conditions, that can affect the height of the scape. For a point of reference my height is 75 inches. The second photo was taken on August 3rd, 2020, in which the very same clump of 'Autumn Minaret' received more than the recommended moisture. The scape height reached 82 inches, which is 16 inches greater than the registered height of 66 inches and 12 inches greater than the height in 2021. Other than the difference in moisture, the other growing conditions for this clump of 'Autumn Minaret' remained the same for both years.



August 2021



August 2020

THE LARGEST DAYLILY SALE IN NORTH AMERICA

BY MONIQUE WARNKE

The Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS) plant sale has been held in Madison since the early 1990s. The original sale was located at Olbrich Garden until 2019, then it moved across the street to Olbrich Park. This venue allowed the sale to grow larger, along with providing a lovely view of Lake Monona. This year's sale tents had 8000 square feet which allowed WDS to offer the largest number of cultivars in the history of this annual sale.

We had quite the adventures during the Wisconsin Daylily 2021 Plant Sale! There have been so many new additions to the sale, each of them ensured the sale ran smoothly. The first addition was a complete revamping of the plant sale data. This is thanks to Emily Sue, who spent hundreds of hours updating the sale information on the site. The next addition- 3 new printers to accompany the new computers which streamlined the printing of labels.

To ensure the club had a head start dividing plants, the tents were erected a day earlier! Once the dividing group got into the swing of things, it was a go! The third change this year led to both tents left up throughout the entire sale. This gave everyone more room to move around and plenty of space for the 900 cultivars that were for sale.



The digs were widely successful:

Monday's August 16th was held at Lynn Manthes: over 70 plants were collected!

Tuesday's August 17th was held at West Ag: where over 100 plants were dug up!

Wednesday's August 18th was held at the Kleckner's: where a record 140 plants were unearthed!



When Rhonda and I got back into town on Wednesday from the Kleckner's dig, we went to the locker to deliver items to the tents when we realized since we had collected 900 cultivars we didn't have enough strawberry boxes to accommodate. I tracked down a company that made the boxes, Glacier Valley Enterprises, which (thankfully) was located in our own backyard in Baraboo! Hooray! So I called them Thursday morning to find out if they could help out, they could, but with a minimum order of 500 boxes to be picked up in Appleton. I said yes we can do that without knowing how! Thankfully, we do have members in that area that could help! Jim and Sharon Prochaska saved the day and delivered the boxes and the company even threw in an extra couple hundred at no extra cost to us! This is what we call a win-win situation!

Daylily Sale continued



On Thursday, we were getting low on bags for the processing part of the sale. I thought we had two thousand more in the locker, but when I went to retrieve them there were less than a thousand left. I expressed my concerns to Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, who suggested using vegetable bags from Woodmans! With such a great problem solving idea, I set off to Woodmans.



Friday morning went smoothly now that we had the plant processing team in their groove and steadily processing the plants. I believe the new requirements to have the plants cleared of excess dirt and greenery really helped speed the process along. Since the set up of the sale included both tents, there was plenty of room to properly display the plants and for individuals to move around. This was a precaution for COVID-19, but we will continue to practice this for future sales.



Saturday, people were lining up at 9:30 to ensure they could purchase everything on their wish list, the excitement was felt by everyone. We had customers from: Mississippi, South Dakota, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and of course from every corner of Wisconsin. After the long day of sales, a few of us had a beer at the beer garden to discuss what we thought could be improved for day two of the sale. The idea of perhaps a discount during some part of the sale to get the sales moving was suggested.



Daylily Sale continued



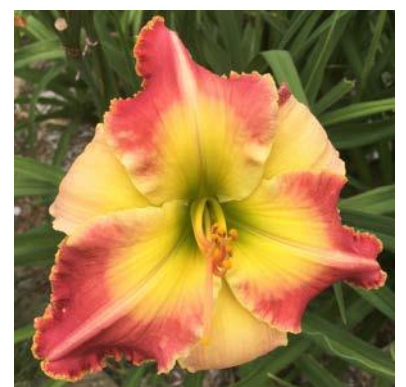
Sunday morning there was another rush of customers when we opened up for the day. Many were returning customers that needed that one plant they didn't purchase on Saturday (we have all been there). Around 1PM, as the sales were beginning to slow down, I announced \$1.00 off all plants for only one hour.



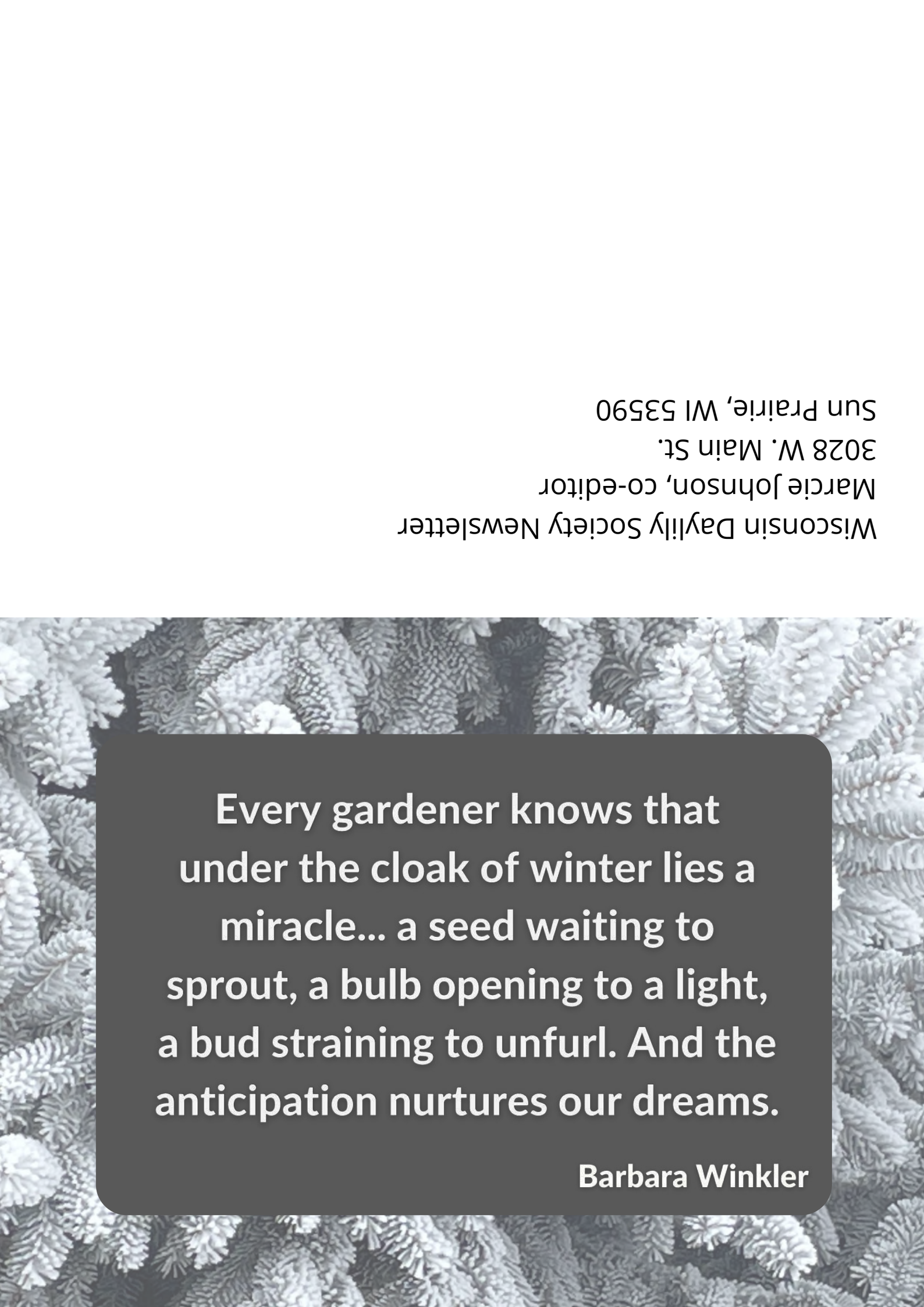
That gave the sales a big boost, then at 2PM, the announcement of \$2.00 off all plants had the plants flying off the tables! WDS donated to several organizations like St. Mary's hospital, the City of Madison, the Town of Windsor, the City of Portage and Habitat for Humanity. At the end of the sale, there were no plants leftover and everyone was a winner!

Thank you to all of the WDS members that volunteered their time (some traveled long distances), plants and talents in making this plant sale a success! We will see you next year!

Thank you! Keep your shovel in the dirt!



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**Every gardener knows that
under the cloak of winter lies a
miracle... a seed waiting to
sprout, a bulb opening to a light,
a bud straining to unfurl. And the
anticipation nurtures our dreams.**

Barbara Winkler