

WISCONSIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

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



President's Minute

by Monique Warnke

Hello fellow gardeners,

We had a great presentation at our annual meeting. To be honest, I had to create a new space for all of the plants I ordered from that meeting! I am hopeful that everyone enjoyed Eric Tankesley-Clark as much as I did. The speakers for next year look just as exciting as this year's have been. I encourage you to travel to the ADS National convention in Nashville in June. I guarantee you will meet new friends and find plants that you must have! December 31 will be my last day as your WDS President. It has been an honor to represent you for the past two years. I will be representing you as President of Region 2 for the next two years beginning January 1. I wish everyone happy holidays and a great 2023.

Thank you for being the BEST club!

Namaste,
Monique

UPCOMING WDS EVENTS

January 21st – The WDS January Meeting featuring the Hybridizer Showcase Part 1 will be at West Ag and starts at noon

February 6th – Deadline to submit photos for the 2023 WDS Photo Contest!

February 10th – The Garden Expo at Alliant Energy Center

February 17th -19th – The Region 2 Winter Meeting, “Summer Dreaming in Springfield, IL”, will feature Guest Speaker Dr. Laura Deeter from The Ohio State University discussing “Hortus Mustus: Plants you Gotta Have”. Other presenters are Karol Emmerich (Springwood Gardens), Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossman (Northern Lights Daylilies) and the Prochaskas (Foxwood Gardens). To get more information, go to <https://adsregion2.org/winter-meeting/>.

February 25th – The WDS February Meeting featuring the Hybridizer Showcase Part 2 will be at West Ag and starts at noon

March 18th – The WDS March Meeting will be at West Ag, starting at noon and will feature Don Wolff of Wolff’s Daylilies: <https://wolffsdaylilies.plantfans.com/>

April 15th – The WDS April meeting will feature David Robinson of Heavy Petal Daylilies: <https://www.facebook.com/heavypetaldaylilies/> The meeting starts at noon and will be at the UW Extension Office at 5201 Fen Oak Drive in Madison

May 13th – The WDS May meeting will feature Chad Bush of Colorful Chaos Daylilies: <https://colorfulchaosdaylily.weebly.com/>. The meeting will be at the Goodman Center at 214 Waubesa Street in Madison and starts at noon

June 14th – 17th – The American Daylily Society 2023 National Convention, “Grand Ole Daylilies”, in Nashville! Registration is now open, visit <https://ahs2023national.com/shop/> to register and get the details. Thanks to WDS, youth registrations are FREE!

July 21st -23rd - The Region 2 Summer Meeting, “In the Middle of the Mitten” will be held in Lansing MI. WDS is planning on having a bus for members to attend

August 5th – The WDS Adoption Auction starts at noon at Glacier Creek Middle School in Cross Plains

October 28th - The WDS Annual Meeting will Feature Tom Smoulder of Smoulder’s Daylily Garden <https://smouldersdaylilygarden.com/>. The meeting will be held at the Doubletree in Madison at 4402 E Washington Ave.



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YOUTH SEEDLING CONTEST

2025 ADS National Convention

Hosted by Puget Sound Daylily Club, Seattle, WA

1. Must be an ADS member at the time of entrance of the contest through the time of the 2025 Convention.
2. Must be 18 and under when entering the contest.
3. All seedlings must be entered on or before May 15, 2023.
4. Limit 3 Seedlings.
5. If you want your seedling returned you must pay for the postage.
6. You do not need to attend to win.
7. Must have complete contact information, for winners to receive their prize.

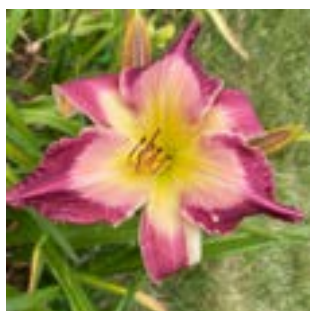
There will be first, second and third place prizes:

1. Registration fee paid to ADS 2026 National Convention
2. \$250.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry gardens
3. \$100.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry gardens

Tip: convention will be in mid July, so mid-late and late season seedlings will be most likely to bloom during convention.

Please contact Leigh Ann Hines for more information on entering and where to send entries:

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tankesley-Clarke Plant Buying Opportunity!

Eric Tankesley-Clarke is taking orders through the end of the year and gave us outstanding prices- much lower than typical!!! He is limited on some stock, so before sending him your order, please take a moment to email him at: adamgrove.garden@gmail.com to ensure he has stock!!! He will be sending the order to Rhonda Veroeven the first week of May so we will have plants for our May meeting. Check your email (November 7) for the order form with the special prices for the club for those that were not able to attend the annual meeting.

Articles for Upcoming Newsletters

Do you have an idea for something you would like to see in the Newsletter? Have you ever wanted to tell a gardening story or share something you have learned with the rest of WDS? Consider writing an article for the WDS Newsletter! The club needs YOU to make the Newsletter the best it can be! No idea is too big or too small. Email Shannon at solcottster@gmail.com to get started!

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WDS 2023 PHOTO CONTEST

BY CONRAD J. WRZESINSKI

Now is time to revisit the photos of your daylily eye candy to enter in the WDS 2023 Photo Contest! This marks the 17th anniversary of the WDS Photo Contest. For inspiration the winners in each category from last year's photo contest are posted on the WDS web site (<http://wisdaylilysoc.org>). Contest winners will receive a certificate for free plant of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August.

Email your entries to Conrad Wrzesinski at: conradwrz@gmail.com. The deadline to enter is Monday, February 6, 2023. Please indicate which category you are entering for each photo.

2023 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 categories of their choice. With a family membership, each family member may submit four photos for the contest. Remember to indicate which category you are entering each photo.
- 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 Facebook or use in WDS presentations.

WDS 2023 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.



2020 Winner - Scott Elliott

Category 2: Clump

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



2021 Winner - Cynthia Wadsworth

Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape

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



2018 Winner - Becky Robinson

Category 4: Creative Artistry

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



2019 Winner - Barry Rowe

THE VERY LATE OF THE VERY LATES

by Conrad J. Wrzesinski

To have a daylily in flower would be most unusual in the midst of the fall tasks of raking leaves, cutting back spent foliage and scapes, and cleaning up garden debris. This is not a garden fantasy, but a welcome reality in our garden. This year the first bloom on Arlow Stout's daylily 'Autumn King' was on September 1st. Now almost two and half months later 'Autumn King' is still in bloom with more buds to open. The bright cadmium yellow flowers pictured in the photo from our garden brightens the fall landscape. Sadly, with cold below freezing November temperatures settling in, the remaining blooms will not open, otherwise the bloom on 'Autumn King' would be a welcome Thanksgiving guest. On the bright side, we have had almost two and a half months to enjoy 'Autumn King', The Very Late of the Very Lates.

Autumn King



In way of background, Arlow Stout registered 'Autumn King' in 1950, as a Very Late Dormant Diploid with height of 54 inches and 4.5-inch flowers. In our garden 'Autumn King' has scapes with 8 more branches and bud count of 45 to 50 plus. The large number of buds waiting to open as seen in the background of the 'Autumn King' photo, helps to bring about a long bloom season.

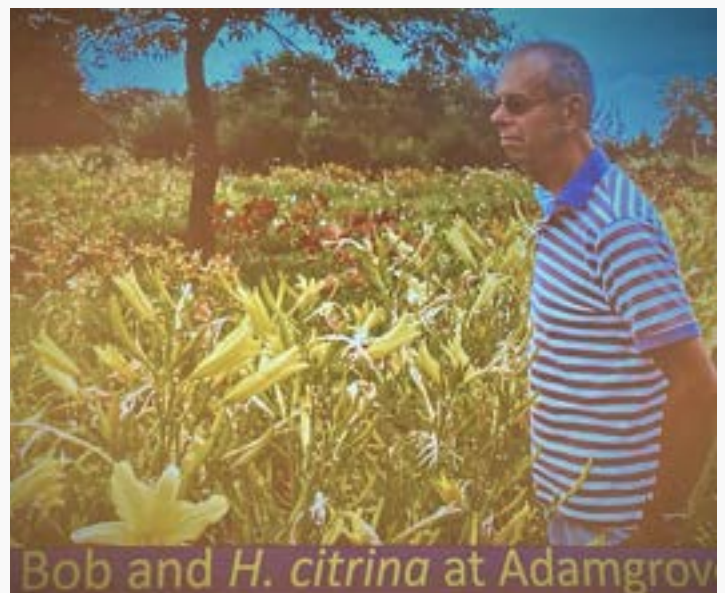
The WDS Annual Meeting Featuring Eric Tankesley-Clarke

By Shannon Meyer

The October 29th WDS Meeting was full of surprises. From a close to last minute change in speakers to a catering catastrophe, it was a bit of a wild ride. But we managed to make the best of things thanks in large part to Eric Tankesley-Clark stepping up to the plate as well as hotel staff (even the maintenance man) jumping in to help with the meal. Just like in our gardens, things don't always go as planned, and sometimes things turn out even better than expected. Other times, the breadsticks come out late, the chicken is chewy and there's not enough to go around.

One thing that can always be counted on is the love of daylilies we all share and the camaraderie that we enjoy as a club. President Monique Warnke started off the meeting with great news: the club made money this year, and there will be a Summer Region 2 Meeting in 2023! We also welcomed new Board Members Tom Marling, Ann Miller Holman and myself. Monique also announced that over \$42,000 was made at the August Sale this year, which is one of our highest amounts and something we can all be proud of.

Once the various WDS Officers' reports were approved and upcoming WDS meeting dates were announced, it was time for Eric Tankesley-Clarke to tell us about Adamgrove and his hybridizing journey with his partner Bob. What originally began with one potted plant became a very successful business specializing in both Iris and Daylilies. While Eric focused on iris originally, it was Bob who brought his love of art, history and music and incorporated those passions into his daylily program. Bob worked on large singles, diploid near whites, miniatures and smalls, large diploid doubles, mini doubles, double spiders, UFs large and small, and plants with dark scapes.



WDS Annual Meeting continued

With such a large and varied hybridizing program, you would expect Bob to keep very careful records and breeding protocol; however, Eric pointed out that Bob's hybridizing consisted of him "mashing" together pollen and spreading it around. They first introduced Frank Kropf's Africa in 1987, a striking near black diploid with a glowing orange throat.



'Africa' by Kropf-Tankesley-Clarke

In 1990, they first registered their own flower, Spinneret, an amber yellow semi-spider reminiscent of the subtle colors Bob loved in 50's and 60's abstract art.



'Spinneret' by Tankesley-Clarke

Bob did not like eyes and preferred smooth patterns, and both Bob and Eric liked flowers that were more three dimensional and could be seen and admired from multiple angles. They registered Trickster, the first UF Double, in 2004. Trickster is a great example of a flower that is anything but two dimensional!



'Trickster' by Tankesley-Clarke

In 2008, both Bob and Eric were retired and were able to devote themselves fully to their garden. Sadly, in 2012 Bob had a stroke and Eric found himself having to cut back on their program and narrow their focus. They continued to hybridize together until Bob passed away in 2020, a huge loss to Eric and the daylily world.

WDS Annual Meeting continued

Today, Eric is focusing on spiders, doubles and reds. Some of his most recent introductions are Vizier, a bright flame red layered double, Cue, a mini orange/red bitone, and Perseus, a 10 inch rose red bitone spider.



'Vizier' by Tankesley-Clarke



'Cue' by Tankesley-Clarke



'Perseus' by Tankesley-Clarke

We were lucky enough to have over 30 Tankesley-Clarke plants to bid on in the post meeting auction and were given the Adamgrove 2023 price list and order form for many more.



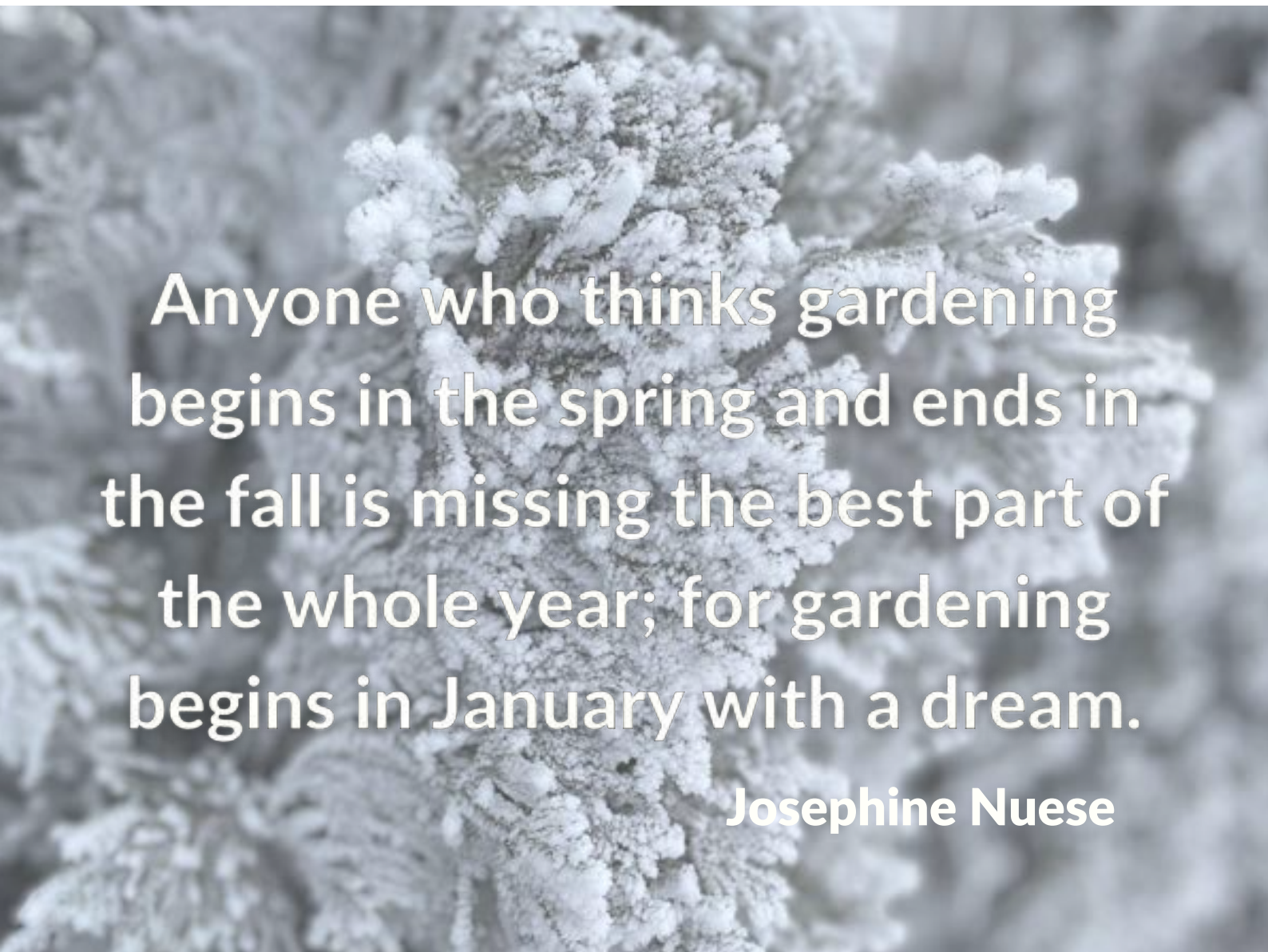
'Vizier' by Tankesley-Clarke

The auction was followed by the raffle of some truly excellent prizes. I was especially pleased to see two planters full of peony seedlings! The peonies went fast and while I missed out on those, I will be able to comfort myself in the warm embrace of the soft throw blanket I did manage to win.



Thank you everyone for making this event a success. I can't wait to see what the next year holds for WDS!

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Anyone who thinks gardening
begins in the spring and ends in
the fall is missing the best part of
the whole year; for gardening
begins in January with a dream.

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