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*You and your family
are wished every wonderful gift
of the season!*



THE RIGHT START FOR YOUR BEST GARDEN EVER!!

Plan to be at the **West Ag Research Station on Mineral Point Rd. on January 11th from 1-4 pm** to meet Sherry Combs, director of the UW-Madison Soil & Plant Analysis Lab within the Department of Soil Science. She has a lot to tell us about the soil in which our beautiful daylilies grow. She will introduce to us the concept of soil, what it is and how the structure of soil impacts the growth of our plants. She will also discuss fertilizers and applications, and can provide information and tips on amending soil, whether it's clay, sand or loam.

With advice like this, you will know what to do once the weather warms and you can get back into your garden. Plan to be at this meeting with your questions for Ms. Combs.

GARDEN JEWELS

Last February a snowstorm prevented us from enjoying our own private showing of Jean Bawden's Garden Expo presentation "Daylilies, Jewels in Your Summer Garden Necklace". Jean has generously agreed, once again, to share it with us. Let's brave the snow and cold and come to the **West Ag Research Station on February 22nd at 1:00 pm** to enjoy some beautiful daylily pictures, Jean's expertise, and warm camaraderie among our daylily friends. Before the day is done, you will have also voted for winners of the 4th Annual Photo Contest.

Please note: We will not be issuing a February supplement. The dates for the January, February & March meetings are noted here.

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Calendar of Events 2009

January 11th, (Sunday), 1-4 pm, West Ag Research Station, **Speaker: Sherry Combs**
February 13-15th, **Garden Expo**, Alliant Center
February 22nd 1-4 pm, (Sunday) West Ag Research Station **Speaker: Jean Bawden**
March 18th (Wednesday) Olbrich Gardens, 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting **Speaker: Darrel Apps**
Joint Meeting with Hardy Plant Society
April TBA
May TBA
May 20-24, **National AHS Convention**
Lake Mary, Florida
July 10-12th, **2009 Regional Summer Meeting**
Naperville, IL
August 2nd (Sunday) 1-4, **Adoption, Auction & Potluck**, Fitchburg Comm. Center
August 15-16th, **Daylily Plant Sale**, Olbrich
October 24th (Saturday) **Annual Meeting**, 1-4 pm Fitchburg Community Center

Be sure to check our web site for updates.



GARDEN EXPO IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

By Diane Goodman

Please take a second and think of the seasonal song "Let It Snow". Holding that thought, now think of the Garden Expo of last year. The challenge is to see if you can find the link. In case you don't recall, "The weather outside was frightful" (with sub-zero temperatures and gale force winds blowing snow to such a high degree that the Interstate was shut down). The next line is something like, "Inside was so delightful" (with treats and treasures to delight any gardener). The lyrics continue with, "And since there's no place to go"....the Garden Expo was the place to be.

Just in case you missed it last year, mark your calendar for the Garden Expo of 2009. It will take place February 13-15, 2009 at the Alliant Energy Center of Madison, Wisconsin. Friday evening it is open from 4-9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be numerous sessions and workshops to attend. There will also be many vendors with items to entice the best of us.

WDS has a booth and is in need of members to be there for two hour shifts during the weekend. On Thursday afternoon the booth needs to be erected, and on Sunday afternoon it needs to be taken down. Call Chris Zeltner at 608-873-5257 if you would would like to help during the weekend. You will have a wonderful time sharing your interest in daylilies with others. Besides, it is a fun way to earn WDS dollars!

Now, cross your fingers, light a candle, or whatever you need to do to help the weather be more accommodating for this year's Expo. See you there!

2009 REGION 2 WINTER SYMPOSIUM

By John Sheehan

If you already have the winter blahs, I have just the thing for you. The 2009 Region 2 Winter Symposium will be held from February 27th to March 1, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio (just a stone's throw from Cincinnati).

Organizers Dan Bachman and JR Blanton have invited such noteworthy speakers as Gerda Brooker, Bob Faulkner, Jamie Gossard, Dan Trimmer, Gil Stelter, Brenda Macy, and Steve Zolock. Presentation topics have not yet been announced.

In addition to the above speakers, there will be the usual great food, an awesome daylily auction and a chance to meet with many of our Region 2 friends. There will also be offered the Garden Judges Workshop I and the Exhibition Judges Clinic I.

Detailed information will be included in the Region 2 Newsletter which should be mailed out by the end of the second week in December. By the end of December, there should be a downloadable information sheet available at the Region 2 Website.

I hope to see some of our WDS Club Members there!



OUR FOURTH ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

With the blast of cold temperatures outside, it is time to cozy up with your photo memories from the daylily beauty of last summer and enter the Fourth Annual WDS Photo Contest.

At the February general meeting WDS members will vote for their favorite photos. The top four winning photos will be displayed on the WDS web site and featured in the WDS Garden Expo booth in 2010.

The winning daylily photos from the 2008 contest were: H. 'Little Dreamer' by Timothy Fehr, 'Indy Firecracker' by Diane Goodman, 'Moonlit Masquerade' by Wendy Reichel and 'Brookwood Carved Ivory' by Barry Rowe. The winning photos may be viewed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

To enter the photo contest follow the contest rules below. If the photos are in digital format, email them as an attachment(s) to conradw@charter.net. If you are using a film camera, you need to have the pictures transferred to a CD. Walgreens, Walmart, Woodmans, etc. provide this service. Send the CD to Conrad Wrzesinski, 3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562. The deadline to enter is February 1, 2009.

Photo Contest Rules

- All entrants must be members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.
- Each entrant may submit a maximum of two photos. With a family membership, each family member may submit two photos for the contest.
- If an entrant submits two photos, only one photo may win regardless of the total number of votes each photo receives.
- The entrant submitting the photo must have taken the picture.
- Photos need not be taken in the member's garden.
- Photos may be an individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, or daylilies in a landscape (garden) setting.
- Photos must be submitted in digital form. (Higher resolution preferred.)
- Winning photos will be selected by vote of the WDS membership. Each member may vote for a maximum of three photos.
- Contest winners will receive an enlarged photo of their winning entry. The size of the photo enlargement may vary depending upon the resolution of the original image.
- The Wisconsin Daylily Society reserves the right to display winning photos at WDS functions, including but not limited to the WDS web site, Garden Expo booth, WDS scrap book, and other visual presentations.

A JOINT AFFAIR

In March, we will be hosting a joint meeting at Olbrich Gardens with the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society with Dr. Darrel Apps as our speaker. Stephanie O'Neal from WHPS has written such a great introduction to Dr. Apps that, with her permission, I am quoting here.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2009, our speaker will be Dr. Darrel Apps, one of the most highly recognized daylily breeders. Called "Dr. Daylily" by The New York Times, App's love affair with daylilies began 57 years ago, growing them under the eaves of the one-room school house he attended. His Woodside Nursery was one of the largest on the East coast (sold to new owners in 2007), with 14 acres in South Jersey producing more than 400,000 plants annually, including 300 hybrids that he produced from two distinct varieties. Ten of his hybrids have been patented, and he produced a line of everblooming daylilies marketed under the Happy Ever Appster® brand. These plants all descended from his famous 'Happy Returns', and extended the color range of rebloomers beyond 'Stella de Oro'. It is likely that many appear in local gardens, including 'Apricot Sparkles', 'Big Time Happy', 'Just Plum Happy', 'Red Hot Returns' and 'Sunset Returns', just to name a few. A graduate of UW-Madison, he also taught ornamental horticulture and did research at the University of Kentucky before developing the renowned Woodside Nursery.

When Dr. Apps retired in 2007 he moved back to his native Wisconsin, so now we can call him one of our own. Yes, even with it's snow and cold, Wisconsin is a nice place to live! Come help us welcome him back on **March 18th at Olbrich Gardens.**

A GOOD YEAR FOR GIVING

By Kathi Dwelle

Yes, it was a very good year. WDS made charitable donations totaling over \$10,000 in 2008, an all-time high. Although we aren't yet rivaling the Gates Foundation, we have much to be proud of. The list of recipients included:

- West Madison Ag Research Station \$2,500 (unrestricted)
- Olbrich Gardens \$2,000 (unrestricted)
- AHS -- Region II \$1,000 (for newsletter production)
- AHS - Region II \$400 (two memorial donations for members who lost their spouses)
- Madison Area Master Gardeners Assoc. \$1,400 (for an accessible garden for the community)
- Southeast Ohio Food Bank \$200 (in memory of hybridizer Steve Moldovan)

In addition, WDS donated daylilies worth \$1,874 to Olbrich Gardens and \$828 to West Madison Ag Research Station to enhance their grounds.

Madison Area Master Gardeners was voted to receive the 5% charitable donation from our 2008 daylily sale. Because of a tie in voting at this October's annual meeting, two organizations will share the donation gift in 2009 – Allen Centennial Gardens and Sauk County Master Gardeners Association to replace plantings lost in this year's flooding. Thanks to everyone for their many efforts over the past year which kept our coffers healthy and our generous gift giving possible.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Traditionally, as a year draws to a close it is a time reflect. Many notable events marked 2008 for the Wisconsin Daylily Society. We were enlightened by interesting presenters at our meetings; staffed a booth and brought in new members at Garden Expo; made increasing use of the WDS web site to post information about sales and activities, hosted a sell out Region 2 Summer Meeting, provided an adoption plant for all our members who were also members of AHS; auctioned a bevy of daylilies at good prices to our members; conducted a record setting Daylily Sale; and held a hybridizers meeting. In these events and other numerous activities we enjoyed the camaraderie of others.

Working together made these accomplishments possible. According to Rosemary, in the record setting 2008 Daylily Sale, 96 WDS members volunteered 1193 hours. This is just one example of the spirit that is part of the Wisconsin Daylily Society. On behalf of Board and myself I thank all of you for making 2008 a phenomenal year.

Looking ahead from the dormancy of winter to visions of summer in the garden enjoying the color, form and fragrance of daylily blooms, I wish you the best in 2009.

Conrad Wrzesinski

WDS HYBRIDIZERS' MEETING

By Pat Sturdevant

On Saturday, Nov. 1st, the Wisconsin Daylily Society held their first Hybridizers' Meeting. It was a great success with 21 people attending. Experience ranged from zero through 17 years. There were some that came just because they were interested in trying to hybridize. Others were beginners, with seedlings that they eagerly awaited to see bloom. And, we even had seasoned veterans with registered seedlings. It was a brown bag affair (lunch) with members bringing pictures of their crosses to share. A very spirited discussion followed. We talked about hybridizing daylilies for almost 6 hours!

Everyone said they would be interested in attending another meeting. So another date is being worked out for our second meeting sometime in March. Watch for further details. Anyone with questions should contact Jean Bawden 608 835-8907 or Pat Sturdevant 608 244-1551.

Membership News

We have twelve new members to welcome in this issue. They are spread all over southern Wisconsin:

Brookfield: Bob Koehne; Cedarburg: Barb & Jack Kramer; Hillsboro: Robyn Horrall-Tiller; McFarland: Kathy Carpenter; Madison: Cheryl Gokey & Jeff Wersal, Vaughan James; Milwaukee: Linda Bollech, Tobin Waters; Oregon: Tracey Nelson; and St. Croix Falls: Linda Anderson.

We hope to meet you soon at one of our upcoming meetings, starting in January.

If your mailing label has a date of 2008 following your name, it is time to renew your membership. A renewal form is enclosed for your convenience. We encourage you to renew for multiple years which will save you some bucks and save Barry Rowe, our new Treasurer, and me some work. Effective immediately, all membership renewals should be sent to Gene Dewey, 2125 Fox Avenue, Madison, WI 53711-1920. Thank you!

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

WHO'S DOIN' WHAT IN '09*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

It's once again time to present our decision makers for the coming year. Only one new face will grace the WDS Board in 2009...Barry Rowe, who has bravely agreed to be our new treasurer. He follows in the very capable footsteps of Kathi Dwelle who did an astounding job of keeping our finances straight and presenting her reports in a manner that was exceedingly easy to understand. Please find a moment to extend a kind word of thanks to Kathi and a warm welcome to Barry. Rounding out the Board (some of us rounder than others) are:

President - Conrad Wrzesinski
 Vice President - Francis Kleckner
 Treasurer - Barry Rowe
 Secretary - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
 Board Members - Diane Goodman, June Johnson, John Sheehan, & Pat Sturdevant

Also thank the equally valuable people who keep our records in order, or make our meetings and programs and newsletters inspiring, informative, interesting, and possible. Without them, there would be no WDS. They have all signed on to serve once again.

Adoption Plant Program - John Sheehan
 Adoption and Auction Garden Plot - Phyllis and

Don Sanner

Auction/Adoption & Potluck - John Sheehan, Jane

Gahlman, Conrad Wrzesinski

Auditor - Lloyd Ravet

Annual Meeting - John Sheehan, Conrad

Wrzesinski, Barry Rowe

Daylily Sale - Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz

Display Gardens - Tom & Rosemary Kleinheinz

Garden Expo - Chris Zeltner

Garden Tour - Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Guest Speakers - John Sheehan

Historian - this position is open. Please thank Judy

Ravet for serving in past years. Contact any Board member if you would like to take this job.

Hospitality - Pat Sturdevant and Terri Maliszewski-Kane

Membership Registrar - Gene Dewey

Newsletter - Rosemary Kleinheinz

Photo Contest - Conrad Wrzesinski

Popularity Poll - Conrad Wrzesinski

Webmaster - Mary Wrzesinski

THAT NEW-FANGLED TECHNOLOGY!!

Our latest roster indicates that there are only 44 members without email addresses. Are you one of them? If so, please try to hook up with another member who does have email service so they can let you know of notices from the President. It is so easy and inexpensive for Conrad to send reminders, important information, and late-breaking news via email, and we don't want you to miss anything!

WDS TOP TEN POLL RESULTS*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

In the latest Wisconsin Daylily Society Top Ten Favorites Poll conducted at the fall 2008 Annual Meeting, Curt Hanson's 'Bela Lugosi' was the clear winner with 41 votes. Forty-six percent of the WDS members voting selected 'Bela Lugosi' as one of their favorites. 'Bela Lugosi' has been a continuing favorite of WDS members. In the 2007 Top Ten Poll 'Bela Lugosi' came in second with 'Primal Scream' placing first. In the first Poll taken in 2004, 'Bela Lugosi' placed fourth.

In second place was Salter's introduction, 'Moonlit Masquerade', which received 36 votes. 'Ruby Spider', which placed 7th in our Poll, was the top pick in the 2008 Region 2 Popularity Poll.

Van Sellers' 2008 Stout Silver Medal winner, 'All American Chief' placed 3rd in the 2008 Region 2 Popularity Poll and made its first appearance in the WDS Top Ten Poll in 8th place. Below is a complete list of the 2008 WDS Top Ten.

1. 'Bella Lugosi' Hanson - 1995
2. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Salter - 1992
3. 'Red Volunteer' Oakes - 1984
4. 'Primal Scream' Hanson - 1994
5. 'Beautiful Edgings' Copenhaver - 1989
6. 'Strawberry Candy' Stamile - 1989
7. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile - 1991
8. 'All American Chief' Sellers - 1994
9. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss - 1983
10. 'Barbara Mitchell' Pierce - 1984

Pictures from member gardens of the Top Ten are posted on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylily.org).

A total of 89 ballots were cast with 188 different daylilies receiving at least one vote. Newer cultivars are becoming popular among WDS members. Karol Emmerich's 'Woman at the Well' (2005) received 15 votes and Jamie Gossard's 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (2004) received 17 votes. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' placed 5th in the 2008 Region 2 Popularity Poll. Favorites among the write in votes were 'Dragon King' (Kirchhoff - 1992), 'Jerry Hyatt' (Curt Hanson - 2004) and 'Michael Bennett' (Gerda Brooker - 2005).

EUREKAS ARE HERE!!

Our Eureka shipment has arrived and every last copy has been sold to eager members. The majority of you opted to pick up your copy at the January meeting, so plan to attend and get a little extra visual joy in the midst of winter. Those of you who included shipping in your payment should have received yours by now.

If you've changed your mind and now want your own copy, you can order a copy directly from Eureka, 59 David Biddle Trail, Weaverville, NC 28787 phone 800-537-3210, or fax 828-236-2226. Check their website www.gardeneureka.com for more information.

A PERFECT ENDING TO AN AMAZING YEAR!!

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig



Left to right: John Sheehan, Luddy Lambertson, Conrad Wrzesinski

Photo by Mary Wrzesinski

2008's Annual Dinner and Business Meeting was another record breaker! The room at the Fitchburg Community Center held the biggest crowd yet, the food from caterer Ron Ben-Ami was mouth-wateringly delicious, speaker Ludlow Lambertson wowed us with his creations, and potted daylilies went home with lucky raffle winners. How special is that?

President Conrad Wrzesinski warmly welcomed old hands and at least nine newbies alike. He then richly thanked a whole passel of people who made 2008 a memorable year...from the Board members to the Committee Chairs to the Summer Meeting helpers to the Sale volunteers to the Expo workers to the newsletter editor and contributing writers to the composer of the WDS Summer Meeting invitation song to the WDS Chorus and kazoo accompanist to the daylily donors to the people who help with set-up and clean-up at our events to the garden tour hosts, and to the wonderful WDS membership itself. He summed it up by encouraging us to give ourselves a big round of applause and declared that "We did good".

Treasurer Kathi Dwelle reported that the WDS was still solvent to the tune of over \$46,000 (wow – that is amazing considering we just hosted the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting)!! She then called attention to those people who had a green dot on their name badge. We were prepared to have them declared winners of some fabulous daylily or such but instead she just chuckled and said that their dues were due and would they kindly see her after the meeting. It was a dirty trick but we laughed right along with her! The Secretary's Report prepared by yours truly was approved. Incumbents Pat Sturdevant, Frances Kleckner, and Conrad Wrzesinski were re-elected and Barry Rowe won the seat vacated by Kathi Dwelle who declined to run for a second term. After tallying the votes for the 2009 recipient of the 5% donation from our sale, it was neck and neck for Allen Centennial Garden and the Sauk County Master Gardeners. By voice vote it was decided to split the donation between these two worthy groups. Lastly, Popularity Poll ballots were cast and the results will be published in this newsletter and on our website.

Having concluded the business part of the day, Conrad introduced us to Luddy (Ludlow) Lambertson from Art Gallery Gardens way down in Lake Helen, Florida. Luddy is an artist who works in several different mediums and uses color theory in developing his small but very concentrated and focused hemerocallis programs. They include out-of-the-mainstream shapes and forms, teeth and tentacles, unusual forms (UF's only, not floppy spiders), blue eyes, and patterns. He is inspired by spires, shrines, and towers plus he is an avid bird watcher; both his artwork and his daylily creations (including their names) reflect these interests. He readily admits that he likes his daylilies as ornate and weird and crazy as he can get them but he is not fond of big goopy edges and is therefore sticking to the toothy look. Prime examples are his H. 'Bed Of Nails', 'Jurassic Jaws', and 'Liege and Lief'. Luddy does not have anything against round ruffled things but because of his proclivity for architecture he prefers to perfect other shapes. Wide petals that raise up and forward with thinner sepals that fall back produce a very sculptural look that is one of his signatures. Good examples of this are his H. 'Magnificent Hummingbird', 'Rachel Lambertson', and the great 'Bird Talk'. Cool purples, lavenders, and bluish tones along with grays and silvers are what predominate in his lines although he has recently begun dabbling in other colors and is working on "Luddy-izing" them. The most difficult program he works on is the patterns. They can appear strong in the first part of the season only to fade away for the remainder of the year. Green is "up and coming" in his eyes and edges and this he feels could take patterns in a new direction. When asked if his beauties were hardy in our area, he said that he sends them regularly to the Upper Midwest and on into Canada and that many are to repeat customers. Conrad confirmed that H. 'Blue-eyed Butterfly' and 'Blue-eyed Curls' can be found in this part of the world and that he had recently added 'Bird Talk' to his own collection.

All in all, the day was fine and fun and Ludlow's talk was fascinating. WDS business was handled, good food was partaken of, an unusual hybridizing program was shown to us, some daylilies were taken home. It's hard to improve on that. Thanks to those who made the event a success.