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## 2010 WDS ANNUAL MEETING WITH GEORGE DOORAKIAN

By John Sheehan

This year the Wisconsin Daylily Association is finishing the year with a bang. George Doorakian will be flying out from Bedford, MA to be our special guest speaker for our 2010 WDS Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Savannah Oaks School on Lacy Road in Fitchburg. George will be talking to us about his recent advances in his daylily hybridization (emphasis on green daylilies) as well as his successes in combating deer damage to his daylilies; finally, he will discuss what he has recently learned about using rose plant fertilizer on his daylilies.

You can get a great look at George's Introductions at Mary Collier Fisher's website ([www.northeastdaylilies.com](http://www.northeastdaylilies.com)) (she distributes his plants). My favorite Doorakian introductions are: 'Malachite Prism'; 'Nancy Britz'; 'Rose F. Kennedy'; and 'Emerald Starburst'.



H. "Malachite Prism" by G. Doorakian

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The 2010 WDS Annual Meeting is a special event. Not only will we be entertained by George Doorakian, but new WDS Board Members will be elected, and B'Tayavon!, as usual, will be catering the event. You really don't want to miss it.

**To attend the Annual Meeting, read, fill out, and mail in the Annual Meeting Reservation Sheet located on the last page of this Newsletter. YOU MUST SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION!!!!**

*Editor's note: The photo's in this issue were taken by Kathi Dwelle, Pat Sturdevant and Rosemary Kleinheinz. Do take a few minutes to pull up this issue on our website to see them in color.*

## IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2011 EUREKA

By June Johnson

The 2011 "Daylily Wish Book" (a.k.a. Eureka) will soon be on press. The price of the new edition is \$46.20, but WDS members can buy it for \$34.65. That is 25% off the regular price. You can pay for it with WDS \$\$, US dollars, or a combination of both. Just fill out the form found on the last page of this newsletter, enclose payment, and send it to me, June Johnson, for receipt no later than October 23, 2010.

The Eureka's will be distributed at the January 2011 meeting. If you don't think you can make that meeting or you just want your copy sooner, you can send an extra \$5.00 for shipping, and you will receive it about the middle of December.

Let me know if you have any questions ([bjj@chorus.net](mailto:bjj@chorus.net) or 608-273-9875).

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## Calendar of Events 2010

October 23rd, (Saturday), 12:45 pm **Annual Meeting**  
Savanna Oaks Middle School on Lacy Road.  
**Speaker: George Doorakian.**

**Be sure to check our web site for updates.**

## ANOTHER GARDEN TOUR SUCCESS STORY

*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Chair*

Despite the change of date and the soaring temperature and the savage assault of Wisconsin's unofficial State Bird (MOSQUITOES!!), our own Garden Tour was a big hit. Many brave souls took to the highways to visit 6 widely varied WDS member's gardens. They ranged in size from smallish inner city lots to larger city plots to country acreage. Some had water features, some interesting garden art, some unusual trees and shrubbery, but all had a charm of their very own!

So, I would like to thank our six gracious garden hosts for taking on the task of preparing for and welcoming us into their yards for the day. And an especially large THANK YOU for allowing me to change the date on them to a full two weeks earlier than planned. Without that switch, I think that there would have been precious little in the way of daylilies to view. I also hope that all who took the tour enjoyed themselves and were inspired by the hosts' efforts. Thanks from all of us go out to Jane Gahlman, Jim and Kitty Fitzpatrick, Lloyd and Judy Ravet, Tom and Rosemary Kleinheinz, Ruth Horrall, and Theresa Seeley.

## WDS HYBRIDIZERS' MEETING

The Hybridizer group will be having their next meeting on Oct. 30th at Savanna Oaks Middle school on Lacy Road. Please note the new location! The meeting is from 10:00-4:00.

Bring lots of pictures and a brown bag lunch. Anyone interested in seeing what our hybridizers are doing is welcome to attend. We are always trying to get more people addicted to daylilies! New members are encouraged to check us out.

## Membership News

Enticed by the wonderful pictures in our sales tent and the enthusiasm of our friendly cashier table staff, twenty-five individual members and six families took the plunge and joined WDS. They come from Cambridge, Cottage Grove, Evansville, Janesville, Madison, McFarland, Mount Horeb, Oregon, Poynette, Prairie du Sac, Rio, Sun Prairie, Tomah, Verona, Windsor, and Wisconsin Dells (quite a good representation from south central Wisconsin, I would say), as well as Wayne, IL. The friendly folk who took the Badger Bus to the Region 2 meeting even recruited two members from Albion and Kalamazoo, Michigan!

Since there are so many new members as well as a few changes of information, a supplement to the April 2010 Membership Roster is inclosed.

As of September 10, we have 204 individual members, 68 family memberships (138 individuals), and 12 business memberships. **Go W.D.S.!!**

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

## THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, MARY

*By Diane Goodman*

This long over-due notice is to thank our Web Master or, in our case Web Mistress, Mary Wrzesinski for her efforts. In her quiet, unassuming manner, she has constructed and maintains the Website for the WDS and has gone way beyond the basics.

In her blog of this past summer, AHS Region 2 President Nikki Schmith wrote a number of flattering comments regarding the WDS. In regard to the Website, she stated "Their (WDS) website is colorful and well thought out. It has some awesome resources to picture galleries and includes scientific articles".

Needless to say, Mary is the unsung heroine of that dimension of the club. She has created a site that is as "beautiful" as it is "functional". If you have ever gone to our website, you know what I am talking about. As a club we are, indeed, fortunate to have her share her talents with us. Thank you, Mary for your contributions to our club. We really appreciate it!

## OLDER DAYLILY JOURNALS & AHS PUBLICATIONS

*By Gene Dewey*

Recently I was contacted by the librarian at Olbrich's Schumacher Library who asked that WDS remove various AHS materials from the 1990s thru 2002 as the shelving space was needed for the Library's own collection.

I have retrieved these materials which include scattered issues of the Daylily Journal and Region 2 Newsletter, six pamphlets which reprint articles on given subjects from the Journal, five volumes of the Hemerocallis Check List covering 1893-1993 plus some annual supplements (now superseded by the online AHS checklist of registrations), and annual lists of award winners (also available on the website).

Pat Sturdevant has volunteered to be the keeper of the collection. Some items may be borrowed and returned to Pat, while others may be given to members first come/first serve. Look for the Publications Table at the Annual Meeting and monthly meetings.

## A NOTE FROM GENNI

I would personally like to thank each and every one of you who brought food or helped with the food in any way for the sale.

Special thanks to Pat Sturdevant for the many hours she put in helping me with this. If we owe anyone WDS dollars for donating treats please let me know via e-mail or phone. kleckner@countrysspeed.com or 608-739-9160.

## 2010 WDS BOARD ELECTION

By John Sheehan

During our 2010 WDS Annual Meeting, our WDS Members will be electing 4 new WDS Board Members to 2 year terms. The election of appropriate individuals to the WDS Board is very important to our Club because the 8 Board Members give direction to our group and provide direct input in such areas as:

Speaker Selection	Door Prizes
Bus Trips	“In Memoriam” Donations
Adoption Program	Managing our Display Gardens
Donation of Club funds to local groups	Annual Sale

Please read over the CV Information submitted by the candidates below. Nominations will be taken from the floor. **BE READY TO VOTE FOR 4 INDIVIDUALS.**

**MIKE STAFFORD:** Daylilies are fun and reflect those who grow and “collect” them. In the 7 or 8 years I’ve been a member of WDS, I’ve had nothing but very good experiences with everyone involved in WDS and my running for the board of directors is my way to give a big thank you to all of those who have been so helpful. It is a group that has a large “welcome sign” out front and we should keep it lit.

**WILMA BROUWER-HERWIG:** I am a very active and dedicated member of the WDS. I participate in almost every club function and volunteer help at each event. I’m usually one of the last to leave, helping making sure that all is neat and tidy. I have been Chair of the Garden Tours since 2007 (co-chair in 2006) and expanded that event to include a bus tour of gardens from time to time. I have written a myriad of articles for our newsletter and have won a national award from the AHS for my article on Wisconsin’s own Nate Bremer from Solaris Gardens. I chaired the Boutique for our 2008 Region 2 Summer Meeting. I served on the WDS Board for four consecutive years, only taking the required one year off per the By-laws. I take great pride and pleasure in talking to as many of our members as possible at our great events. I would be pleased to get back to serving all of you by being re-elected to the Board.

**RITA THOMAS:** The WDS has the friendliest, most enthusiastic members of any organization I’ve ever belonged to. It is infectious. I’m not the most knowledgeable daylily grower, I’m not a hybridizer, and I don’t have the largest collection, but partly because of the great spirit of the group I’ve caught the bug and have come to appreciate what a fabulous plant the daylily is. I’ve become a great promoter of the genus; by managing to shoe-horn 145 daylilies into an already full garden in 3 years; and at the expense of many other genus’s I might add. I’ve sacrificed much for the genus already and am willing to sacrifice even more serving as a board member for this dedicated group of daylily lovers.

I started gardening at my Mother’s side when I was a tiny child and have continued gardening in one form or another all my life. My garden has been on several bus and local tours and was photographed for Garden Gate Magazine. Never mind that only pictures of two of my pots were ever published.

Presently I serve as a board member of the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, President of the Fitchburg Garden Club by default, nine year Olbrich Conservatory docent and 5 year Master Gardener Volunteer. I fulfill some of my MGV volunteer hours at the Hospice building on E. Cheryl Parkway and served on its Garden and Grounds Committee. You’re also likely to see me ushering at the Overture Center for the Arts and hopefully never have to see me serving the community meal at Luke House.

In my professional life; I retired from a programmer/analyst possession at Meriter Hospitals after 15 years, after a career as a real estate owner/manager for about 20 years, after a 5 year stint as a financial analyst in Chicago.

I’m so impressed by how this group is organized and operates, that my goal would be to support all that makes this group work so successfully and to work toward process improvement where possible. I look forward to meeting more people and learning more about those amazing Hemerocallis.

**JOHN SHEEHAN.:** If elected to the WDS Board, my goal is to work with the other WDS Board Members and the scores of WDS Club Members who make our Club such a success. Below is a list of some of the positions I have held while a member of the WDS: WDS & AHS Member since 1999; WDS Treasurer; WDS President; Chair of WDS Adoption Program; Chair of WDS Speaker Program; Chair of 2008 Region 2 Summer Meeting; Region 2 Publicity Director; Region 2 Vice President; Region 2 Awards & Honors Chair; AHS Garden Judge; AHS Exhibition Judge Trainee.



YOUR CURRENT BOARD AT WEST MAD AG

*L to R: Diane Goodman, Pat Sturdevant, Francis Kleckner, Barry Rowe, Vaughn James, Conrad Wrzesinski, Diane Scharkey, Janet Gordon*



**YOU ARE THE BEST--  
AND THE BEST MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Where else can you find an event that takes so much work, produces so much income, and makes so many people happy? The WDS Daylily Plant Sale, of course!!

The middle of August found 111 of us digging, dividing, and selling over 5,000 plants to many eager buyers. Of those 111 volunteers (a record, by the way!), at least a dozen were there helping all 8 days! Another dozen were helping for the first time. Together they turned in 2,884 WDS\$\$\$. That's a lot of hours and a lot of free daylilies! And judging from the two articles on the next page, it appears that everyone had a great time making it all happen.

We do owe a big vote of thanks to the Kleckners, the Percy's, and the other gardeners who invited us in to harvest their clumps of daylilies. Also to all of you who dug your own - and to the many who would have brought plants in if we hadn't pleaded that you wait until next year. We ended up with over 700 different cultivars, 189 of which were new to the WDS Sale.

Some memorable moments:

- When, during a torrential rainstorm on Friday, we had to work in ankle-deep water as Olbrich's parking lot drained down to the very spot we had chosen to set up our Prep Tent - and then their drain plugged up! No one went home with dry feet!

- When a bus of 44 from Milwaukee stopped at the tent before touring Olbrich Gardens. They left with many bags full. Thanks to the DSSEW and Milwaukee Master Gardeners for including us on your trip.

Sales for the weekend totalled \$21,520. This means that we are sending \$1,075 (5% of sales) to HospiceCare of Madison to be used in their gardens.

A big "thank you" to all, but especially to a few who make our job so much easier. Genni Kleckner and Pat Sturdevant kept us well nourished. Their hospitality tent set-up proved very popular. New ideas such as that are always welcome.

Thanks also to Gene Dewey who has kept our databases in good order. This past winter he successfully searched for a label with better adhesive. What a difference they made! Mike Alvin and Diane Goodman organized the seven digging events, and Diane also coordinated the rest of the volunteers and took charge of setting up the sale tent. We couldn't do it without you!

Each volunteer will again be receiving a Certificate of Appreciation giving them free admittance to the Annual Meeting in October. This is just one of the many ways you can share in the fruits of your labors! If you did volunteer and haven't



*Even Lloyd's feet were wet!!*



*Milwaukee shoppers!*



*Barry Rowe likes this part best!!*

**WHO SHALL RECEIVE 5% OF OUR SALE PROCEEDS IN 2011???**

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

After the August daylily sale the Wisconsin Daylily Society makes a Charity Recipient Award consisting of 5% of the sale proceeds. WDS Members nominate the candidates for this charity award. The winner is selected by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

To be considered for the Charity Recipient Award, a nominated organization must meet the following criteria.

1. The organization receiving the funds must be a Wisconsin-based non-profit and must either have a horticultural mission or use the funds for a garden or plant-related project.
2. Once a non-profit organization has received the Wisconsin Daylily Society Charity Award from the WDS Daylily Sale, it is ineligible for nomination the following year.
3. Nominations must be submitted to the WDS president by a date to be determined by the Board each year. A brief one-paragraph description about the organization must accompany the nomination, describing how the organization meets the first criterion.

To nominate an organization to receive 5% of sales proceeds from the 2011 WDS Daylily Sale, submit your nomination to Janet Gordon by Friday, October 15th. A brief description of why the organization deserves the award must accompany the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by email to Janet at [jgordonis@charter.net](mailto:jgordonis@charter.net) or mailed to her at 5841 Pond Road, Madison, WI 53718.

## ***THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING***

*By Ted Strait*

Over here, in our portion of the Great Frozen Wasteland of the Upper Midwest, there are a number of dedicated gardeners that often speak of the mythical Great Madison Daylily Sale. Some will just smile softly when the topic of their trip to Mecca is raised. It must be a very satisfying experience. It was no surprise when my bride of many decades suggested we check out the Great Madison Daylily Sale. I, of course, responded with the normal and dutiful, "Yep, okey dokey, You Betcha, sounds good, should be educational, how big a truck should I rent."

On that first Saturday, we purchased a coupla zillion dollars worth of dirty roots and wilted greens. (And it was not even eat-able!) Returning on Sunday was a whole new revelation. One/half price!?! I backed up the land yacht, and proceeded to abuse the checking account even further. We joined the WDS that day mostly to be on the mailing list.

After several years of attending meetings and sales, we decided to become *participating* members rather than casual *attending* members. This means, of course, occasionally getting hot and dirty willingly. Since this is a daily activity in our own gardens, it would be no big deal.

Our first adventure was to help 'dig' for this year's WDS adoption and auction event. We were greeted by several dedicated WDS volunteers who were very helpful, friendly, and were genuinely interested in our story. It was easy to decide to get hot and sweaty with these people again.

So it's on to the big event, the WDS Daylily Sale at Olbrich Gardens. We decided to make a long weekend of it, so we signed up to work Thursday and Saturday. On Thursday, we were warmly greeted by the assembled crazy people and quickly joined in. Who would think that ripping and tearing clumps apart could be that much fun? It was actually the banter between true friends that provided the entertainment.

We missed the excitement of Friday, only to be told many stories about standing in waist deep water with an electric cord wrapped around a leg while wielding sharp cutting implements. It may have bothered some of the 60'ish workers, but the job got done. Very impressive. (note: '60'ish' refers to the number of volunteers working in a very soggy environment, not the average age of the .....well, you know what I mean.)

We arrived on Saturday without a clue what we may be asked to do. It was very easy to keep busy and feel like we were contributing. My usual response to a customer's question was, "Beats the crap outa me, but I'm sure we can find someone who knows.....". And I was always able to find someone who knew the answer, or at least made something up that sounded really impressive.

Sunday we went back to shop, again. There were times when the workers outnumbered the customers and times it was busy enough to put the shopping on hold and help as needed. In preparation for the Closing Ceremony at 3:00, the sides of the tent were lowered. As a novice I assumed it was to signify the sale was over. But, I was told it was really to keep the blood spatter contained within the tent. Now that's what I call a Closing Ceremony!!!!

As we rolled down the road to the western slope of the Great River basin, (um, here's a hint, it's Iowa), we had time to reflect on our experiences of the weekend. Sure, it was Hot, Wet, Sticky, Muddy, Smelly, Bloody, Mosquito Infested, and a few more adjectives not suitable for print here.....But we had a terrific time. It was fun to work with interesting people with similar obsessions. The people of the WDS Family have welcomed us warmly and seem to really appreciate our efforts. For that, I say Thank You. You have made the experience of volunteering for the WDS something we will happily repeat, many times.

I must stop this dribble now..... I need to go outside and dig some @!#@#%\$ holes.

Ted Strait, Diana Strait and Abby too.

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## **MY FIRST DAYLILY SALE EXPERIENCE**

**In a word, WOW.**

**In a phrase, "It was awesome".**

*By Terry Greene*

I had been to the sale many years before but never knew what went on behind the scenes. I volunteered for the dig on Tuesday and loved it! Everyone was very nice and took pity on the new member with only 10-12 daylily varieties in her garden....everyone else had hundreds! I have been looking for an organization where I can be with like minded individuals who have a common thread/passion in their life that I also have in mine ... gardening. Well, I have found a few people who like to get their hands dirty, eat great food, work hard, and who, most importantly, love to laugh.

So, it was awesome, and WOW I had a great time...count me in for next year's sale - I will be in the tent on Friday dividing and really getting dirty. By the way, I've doubled my collection! Yippee!

**2010 WDS ADOPTION/AUCTION EVENT**

*By John Sheehan*

About 75 WDS Members attended the 2010 WDS Adoption/Auction Meeting held at the Savannah Oaks School in Fitchburg on 1-Aug-2010. After enjoying a pot luck luncheon in the school cafeteria, everyone retired to the “Step Room” for the distribution of Adoption Plants and the sale of the Auction Plants. The 2010 Adoption Plants had been purchased during the last couple of years by John Sheehan at Regional Meetings, at a National AHS Convention and at the Internet Daylily Auction Site using WDS funds. Each of these Adoption Plants has been grown at the Sanners’ Garden for at least one year and the plants were maintained by the Sanners, other WDS volunteers and Donna Sheehan.

Every WDS/AHS Member present received at least one Adoption Plant-many received two. About 46 different introductions were distributed (about 72 Adoption Plants total). The Powerpoint Presentation helped everyone visualize the Adoption Flowers and, along with the printout of the plant descriptions, made choosing the Adoption Plants easier. The recent rise in popularity of patterned daylilies caused ‘Barcode’, Butterfly Cove’, and ‘Tricolor’, to almost fly off the tables. Again, the Adoption Plant giveaway was a big hit. After the Meeting, it was suggested to John that he procure more purple, late blooming, and UFO daylilies for the Adoption Program—He will. If you have suggestions about which types of daylilies for John to buy for this Program, please contact him. (See your WDS Roster).

Next, Emcee, Conrad Wrzesinski auctioned off about 78 plants most of which had been 2007 Adoption Plants. After each Adoptive Parent kept a double fan of his/her plant, the rest of each plant was returned to the WDS to be auctioned off to offset part of the costs paid by the Club to buy and maintain the Adoption Plants. About \$2000 was taken in in cash and several hundred more in WDS Dollars. Nice going WDS Members!!

I want to offer a special thanks to Genni Kleckner for organizing the pot luck luncheon and for “harvesting” the Auction Plants. Also I wish to thank the following folks who dug and potted the Adoption Plants at the Sanners’: Mike Alvin, June Johnson, Vaughan James, Pat Sturdevant, Diana and Ted Strait, Barbara Kasper, Conrad Wrzesinski, Lane Revenal, and Tom Kleinheinz.

**WDS TOP TEN POPULARITY POLL**

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

With our bloom season so early this year, even the “lates” have given up their last. However, it is once again time to recall the fond memories of those special daylilies that caught our attention during that beautiful time of year. The annual WDS Top Ten Poll of our daylily favorites will be conducted at the Annual Meeting. In the 2009 WDS Top Ten Poll Pat Stamile’s “Ruby Spider” received the most votes. What ten daylilies will be the most popular this year? The choice is yours.

A complete listing of previous WDS Top Ten Poll daylily favorites with accompanying photos from member gardens can be viewed on the WDS Web Site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

Hmmm, I wonder. Could this year’s be.....



*What?? I owe how much??!*



*Oh Conrad -- you're such a clown. We can't believe anyone would pay THAT much for that daylily!*



*A little of this and a little of that. Oh my!!*



*J Murphy's "Margo Reed Indeed"???*



*B Schwarz's "Hurricane Bob"*



*G. Brooker's "Michael Bennett"???*



*P Korth's "Forever Rosemary"???*



## THE TALE OF THE BIG RED & WHITE BADGER BUS

Once upon a time - July 15th to be exact - twenty-two WDS members set out for the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Ohio on the big red & white Badger Bus - better known to Region 2 folks as the Wisconsin Bus. All went well on the long, 10 hour ride, arriving in time for the Region 2 Annual Meeting.

That evening the bus was able to rest up as everyone enjoyed an evening of food, fun, friends and daylilies, of course.

Bright and early Saturday morning the trusty Badger Bus joined several other buses - though none so handsome - as they transported over 200 folks to the first of eight beautiful tour gardens. Despite the fact that bloom had passed its "peak", every garden provided one with beautiful daylilies. In fact, without so many blooms vying for one's attention, everyone was able to enjoy each blossom in all its glory. That is, they could until that darn whistle summoned all back to the bus for a trek to the next garden.

All went well until the next-to-the-last stop of the day when the dear Badger Bus just couldn't go any further. After all, it had carried a heavy load uphill and down, all around eastern Ohio in VERY hot, humid weather. The hostess at this garden must have wondered where she would put 50 guests for the night!

However, after much tinkering and many phone calls, it was decided that one of the other buses would come to take everyone on to the last stop of the day, the beautiful Kingwood Center. At the same time, a repair crew was sent on a 10 hour trek from the Badger barn in Madison to get that big bus running again.

During their 2-3 hour stay the Kingwood Center, the travelers had plenty of time to evaluate all the seedlings in the Englerth Award Seedling Bed and pick their favorite. The gift shop was kept open an extra hour, giving everyone a chance to spend money! Best of all, an air conditioned room was made available for their comfort. Such a beautiful place to have to wait! Even the peacocks were welcoming.

In the meantime, back at the hotel, dinner was postponed for an hour and John Sheehan paced the floor waiting for the Englerth ballots to arrive so he could get them counted before he had to announce the winner during the Awards ceremony. Eventually the gardeners arrived back at the hotel, tired and hungry, but otherwise unscathed. And thanks to Nikki Schmith, our RVP, the ballots were all counted! The evening program proceeded with a delicious dinner and a delightful presentation by Dan Bachman. He has lots of new plants coming down the pike we will surely be looking for.

As the evening came to an end, the big question on everyone's mind was "Will the Bager Bus be ready to move out in the morning?" It was!! The repair crew arrived at 2:00 a.m. and did what repair crews do, and had the bus ready for another day. It made it to the rest of the gardens as scheduled. On the ride home to Madison, Pat Sturdevant arranged for everyone to enjoy a delicious lunch from Panera Bread. Thanks Pat! Late that night the big red & white Badger Bus pulled into Madison, bring to a close an eventful, happy Summer Meeting.



*Oh dear! Now what?*



*So many pretty flowers!*



*The bus made it to Willow Brook Acres!*

### OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

Since the last issue of the newsletter, we have received word that WDS member Jill Reynold's father Earl has died. A card was sent to her and we received this lovely note in reply.

"I'm writing this to say THANK YOU for the beautiful card and the extremely thoughtful donation to the AHS in my father's memory. You don't know how much it touched my heart to receive the card and note. I've always heard that you come for the flowers and stay for the people when you discover daylilies, and this illustrates perfectly how true that is. I'm not an elegant writer, but I hope that you understand how sincere I am in this and how much it meant to me when I opened the card and saw what was written there."

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On another note, in January our community lost a very special man, Art Johnson. It was later discovered that he had considered the WDS a very special group, and it was suggested in his obituary that memorial contributions to WDS could be made in his honor. We did receive several checks. That was a pleasant surprise.

## JAN'S (DAYLILY) FANS

*By Janet Gordon, Club President*

The exciting and busy season for WDS enthusiasts began with a Garden Party at the home of Kitty & Jim Fitzpatrick. The weather was gorgeous, a little hot but not a drop of rain in sight. Due to the conditions this year, our plants were about two weeks ahead of schedule. This means we enjoyed not only delicious food and friendly camaraderie but also many daylilies and other plants. There were door prizes galore so everyone went home with a new gift to treasure. Thanks to the Fitzpatrick's for being such wonderful hosts.

Once the season started rolling, one event quickly followed another. John Sheehan is to be congratulated for organizing the transportation to the Region 2 Summer meeting. I'm sure all who attended toured some lovely gardens and had more plants added to their "wish list".

Our own garden tour hosts and members who opened their gardens for visitors need to be given kudos for all the time and work involved in getting their gardens ready for and welcoming visitors. All the gardens I visited were a joy to see and it was quite evident they are the pride of the owners. Of course, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, the Chair, deserves special thanks for organizing the garden tours this year. That in itself is quite a job, but she also had maps and written directions from one garden to another which was immensely helpful.

In August, we had the annual potluck, plant auction and adoption program. We were able to preview the plants available, thanks to Vaughan James for supplying pictures and Conrad for putting them on our website.

The plant auction was led by our own auctioneer, Conrad Wrzesinski, who did a fine job as usual. An auctioneer is only one of the many hats worn by Conrad. He is the person in charge of disseminating data via e-mail. He and his wife Mary keep our website running and information up to date. He was also Chair of the Photo Contest and has been invaluable to me as a novice president of the WDS. There are so many behind the scene activities done by club members, it's no wonder WDS and all the activities are so successful.

I especially want to thank Francis Kleckner for the many times he led the meetings when I had other previously planned activities or emergencies. Francis you have done a fantastic job and I sincerely appreciate you stepping up when needed.

Our yearly fund raiser, the daylily plant sale, was again a success. Rosemary & Tom Kleinheinz are the Chairs, but I can't even fathom the hours of year-round work they do getting everything organized and prepared so all is in readiness for the multitude of club volunteers willing to help in any way they can. I'm sure the plant sale is being reported in another article, but Rosemary will not give themselves the credit due for all the work and time spent on this project. They deserve all the praise we can give.

Diane Goodman worked endlessly organizing the groups involved in digging the plants and helping in many of the gardens. Thank you so much; without the donations and people to dig and transport the plants, we wouldn't have had such a wonderful and varied selection.

Genni Kleckner, Chair of the Hospitality Committee had her hands full making sure all the food and drinks were available for us. She also had her hands full holding down the tent during the storm! Genni helped financially by having her son sell us pizzas at half-price. He also supplied other items to the food tent before he helped in dismantling tables. That was really a family effort and much appreciated. Genni has also seen to it that we have plenty to nibble on at every WDS gathering. Thanks Genni.

Gene Dewey, Membership Chair, keeps our roster up to date and keeps the Board and Chairpersons informed of membership changes via emails. He will be collecting money or gift receipts for the Annual Meeting coming up soon and making name tags for those attending. Plan to come to this event as we will be voting for new Board members in addition to having a catered meal and guest speaker.

I apologize for anyone I've failed to mention anyone, it was not intentional. I am so impressed with all the behind the scenes work done by so many. Whenever you see one of the aforementioned people and anyone else you know that has worked above and beyond the call, please thank them for time and effort spent helping make WDS a success.



*Left: Our Garden Party hosts, Jim & Kitty Fitzpatrick with June Johnson and Ruth Horrell*

*Right: Their beautiful garden and our big white tent*





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**Orders must be received by October 23th.**

**ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

Saturday, October 23th, at 12:45 p.m.  
Savannah Oaks School on Lacy Road in Fitchburg.  
Cost: \$10 per person

**Menu**

**Please indicate your preference for.....**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Horseradish Sauce
- (Or) \_\_\_\_\_ Feta Zucchini Sun-dried Tomato Quiche (Vegetarian)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Danish Potato Salad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tossed Green Salad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rolls & Butter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carrot Cake

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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GENE MUST HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19TH.***