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WDS ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 1:00 PM Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road in Fitchburg.

David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss of Daylily World near Lexington, KY, are coming to Madison! They will speak on Saturday, October 13th at our WDS 2012 Annual Meeting to be held at the **Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road in Fitchburg.** The meeting begins at 1:00 PM and will be catered by Sara Ben-Ami.

Daylily World was relocated to Kentucky from Florida seven years ago, and in 2012 they introduced their first plants bred, born, and raised in Kentucky. Their aim is to introduce daylilies that can grow in the punishing extremes of Kentucky weather. If they will grow there, they will grow anywhere!

David is especially known for his doubles and truffles that are evolving into ever more complex patterns and colors. At the 2010 Summer Meeting his H. 'Margaret Tucker' stood out in several gardens - and now stands out in our own garden! He is also widely known for his stunning red flowers.

Mort's passion is patterned flowers. His H. 'Paper Butterfly' was the first widely acclaimed cultivar with a patterned eye. It's been on our club's Top 10 Poll for many years and it's always one of the first to bloom in many gardens.

You really don't want to miss this Meeting. It will put the cap on a very successful WDS Year.



H. 'Paper Butterfly'



H. 'Cary Grant'



H. 'Margaret Tucker'

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The 2012 WDS Annual Meeting is a special event. Not only will we be entertained by David and Mort, but you will be electing new WDS Board Members, you will be voting for your favorite daylilies, 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 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3RD!!!!

Calendar of Events 2012

October 13th (Saturday) 1:00 **Annual Meeting**,
Savannah Oaks Middle School, Fitchburg,
Speakers: **David Kirchhoff & Mort Morss**,
Daylily World, Kentucky

November 10th, (Saturday), 9-12 am, **WDS
Hybridizers Group**, Olbrich Gardens

Be sure to check our website for updates.

BIDDING WARS WDS STYLE

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

Not even a sunny summer day could stop our membership from descending on the Savannah Oaks school. Nor did a change in the format discourage participation. In an effort to keep the afternoon from stretching into early evening, the traditional Potluck part of this event was ditched in favor of a buffet full of finger foods. The tables were stacked full of delicious tidbits and morsels of goodness. After a smidgen of juggling, all plates and cups made it safely into the “step” auditorium. I don’t think we spilled too much, even though it was a small challenge to navigate the room.

Once everyone had taken their seats, the first order of business was to pull tickets and begin the selection of (and jostling for) the Adoption plants. The choices were plentiful and varied, with patterned eyes being the most sought (fought) after. After a brief food refueling break, we were off to the part of the day that separates the men from the boys, and the highest bidder from their cash. (What, you ask??? Well, I only spent \$2.00 U.S.**, but see confessional below.) The action was fast and furious with the bidding moving right along by our tried and true and skilled auctioneering duo of Bill Powell and Conrad Wrzesinski. Any slow spots were highlighted by the antics of Pat Sturdevant and myself, and were also augmented by the mother-daughter pair of runners, Sandy and Bobbi Raasch. The cash management team of Genni Kleckner and Diane Scharkey adeptly took in the money and kept the records straight.

Conrad provided the following summary of the day:

“Compared to 2011:

- The total number of plants auctioned was greater (113 vs 82, about a 38% increase),
- More WDS members won at least one plant (46 vs 30, about a 53% increase)
- The proceeds were also markedly better (\$1572 vs \$852, about an 85% increase).
- The lowest winning bid was \$5.00 and the highest was \$80. We did good!”

I couldn’t agree with him more! I have a passel of new children ready to grace the gardens next year, hooray!! And if not for the steadfast efforts of John Sheehan, procurement specialist extraordinaire, none of this would have been possible.

(**Plus about 120 dollars of funny , and FUN, WDS money!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Please, please plan on attending next year’s event, and save me from myself.



Co-chairs John & Genni check on last minute details



Diane Goodman won the bid for this one!



Carol Alvin likes the red one H. Ruby Grandeur

Photos by K Dwelle

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE

By Rosemary Kleinheinz

The 2012 WDS Plant Sale will go down in history as another record-busting event. With 300 fewer plants to sell, we generated \$28,750 in sales - \$1,133 more than last year!! WOW!!

Much of this success can be attributed to our 89 volunteers who worked together like a well-oiled machine. And from all the smiles, I could tell they had a lot of fun doing so.

June Johnson took over as Publicity Chair this year. That was the best move we could have made! A sampling of the sources shoppers gave for coming to the sale showed that every avenue she introduced such as Master Gardeners and garden club mailings, online calendars, newspaper articles about Karen Watson Newlin’s Better Homes & Gardens piece and open garden, and radio ads brought in customers. She knows how to do it! Thanks so much June!

Of the 4,716 plants available for sale, our club members donated all but 500. (200 came from a display garden and 300 were purchased.) For Tom and I, the best part was that the donors had their list of plants to us almost two weeks ahead! What a difference that made to our sanity the week before the sale. Thanks, folks!

A week before the sale Karen Watson-Newlin and I were on Larry Meiller’s “Garden Talk” show on WPR. We were there to answer questions from callers about landscaping with daylilies (which Karen is so good at doing!) AND, of course, to mention the upcoming WDS sale as often as possible. We were amazed that after 90 minutes of questions, we never got to the landscaping part. There was so much interest just in the subject of daylilies. Must be a hot commodity!

Something else we noticed - Out of the \$28,000 in sales, less than \$5,000 of that was generated by our members (plus 2,841 in WDS\$\$!) This showed us that we are definitely developing a sale that the public looks forward to - and supports.

During the plant prep days our two additional plant dividers got plenty of use - even from folks who swore they didn’t like them - until they tried them. Several members have asked if we could put together a club order with a discount. The inventor has offered a special price if we order at least 10. Let me know if you are interested.

I’m running out of room, but must thank all of our volunteers again, especially the chairs, Gene Dewey, Diane Goodman, Genni Kleckner, and June Johnson, for a job well done. We couldn’t achieve such success without each and every one of you.

Each volunteer will again be receiving a Certificate of Appreciation giving them free admittance to the Annual Meeting in October. If you did volunteer and haven’t received your certificate, please let me know.

Photos by Conrad Wrzesinski & leanor. Rodini



Gene Dewey & Janet Gordon keep the labels coming!



Diane Scharkey likes those dividers!



John Sheehan made sure these ladies had a free plant.

“DISCOVER COLUMBUS’ PASSION FOR DAYLILIES” AHS 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Jennifer Polnaszek

It was a long drive from northcentral Wisconsin to Columbus, OH. But well worth the effort. This was my first AHS National convention and not to be missed!

Region 2 and the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society hosted this extravaganza. The gardens were beautiful, even after the ravages of an unseasonably hot, dry summer. The early spring weather pushed bloom schedule up about 2 weeks, giving us the opportunity to view middle to late season blooms we would otherwise miss.

Our travels included Amity Bloom, the garden of Charles and Cynthia Lucius, also co-chairs for the event. Their 7 acre garden featured many sculptures, a water feature, and of course beautiful beds of daylilies as far as the eye could see.

Jamie Gossard’s Heavenly Gardens was just that! We had a chance to view a hybridizer’s operation, complete with mature seedlings fields, new seedling barn, and display gardens filled with his many newer hybrids and future introductions.

Doug and Stacey Sayers’ Angel’s Paradise Gardens featured a spectacular landscape design that covered 2.5 acres. Daylilies were delightfully interplanted with evergreens, shrubs and other perennials.

We also visited the beautiful Deep Ditch Gardens of Donna Kowalczyk and Osman Gardens both north of Columbus. The latter featured a bed dedicated to women hybridizers. It was truly unique and inspiring.

The Hensley Garden was an intriguing example of creativity in a limited space on a typical neighborhood lot. The winding paths drew one through a well-designed garden of vines and evergreens, with bright colorful borders of daylilies and other perennials.

At Marlee Farms, we all admired the Region 2 hybridizers’ seedlings and lamented that so many were no longer in bloom. There were however some spectacular blossoms remaining. Among them was Steve Williams seedling for which he received this year’s Englerth Award for Hybridizing Excellence.

We had the opportunity to explore the Ohio Hybridizers’ Historic Daylily Gardens at the Franklin Park Conservatory. It was fascinating to walk through 90 years of change in daylily bloom and form.

The Awards Banquet and Daylily Auction dinner were great fun. We got to meet new daylily enthusiasts, catch up with old friends, and soak up info and advice from resident hybridizers.

We came home with lots of good ideas for landscaping with daylilies and anxious to go to work. And of course, looking forward to the 2013 annual convention in Minnesota hosted by Region 1.

Photos by Jennifer Polnaszek



Which pretty flower should win the Englerth Award?? It's hard to decide!



All it takes is a camera, umbrella and beautiful flowers! H. Rocket Booster



*H. Big Bird's Friend
J. Gossard*

RECAPPING THE DAYLILY SEASON

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

With the warm temperatures in March, some of the early daylilies began to stir. Conversations soon turned to the prospect of an early spring and a longer growing season, which could result in the possibility of considerable daylily rebloom. These hopes were dashed with much cooler temperatures in April and periodic frosts extending into early May. The summer ushered in record temperatures and drought. This combination of events resulted in withered scapes, bud drop, shorter bloom season and unsightly foliage. Some daylilies went into early dormancy while others did not bloom at all.

Though this was not the daylily season that was anticipated early on, there were still eye-catching flowers to see in our own gardens, further evident on the WDS Daylily Tour and open gardens. Though rebloom was disappointing, ‘Stella’s Ruffled Fingers’ and ‘Simply Scintillation’ did send up a second set of scapes to brighten our garden. Currently providing a focus of September color is rebloom on Bill Powell’s ‘Hoosier Papa’, with more buds still to open.

After the trials of the spring and summer it is important to provide extra care for the daylily garden before winter approaches. Providing adequate moisture in very important for root system development and to prepare for spring emergence. This is especially true for newly planted daylilies you may have purchased at the WDS Sale or Auction, or if you have an adoption plant. Adding mulch will also help preserve moisture and prevent damage from winter thaws and refreezing. These steps will help make bright the daylily season that awaits us to enjoy next year,

OUR NEIGHBORS' SUMMER MEETING

By Sue Christoffersen

Bruce and I attended the Region 1 Summer Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa this summer. The convention, hosted by the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, was held July 20-22, 2012. The Hotel at Kirkwood, a beautiful new hotel on the Kirkwood Community College campus was the site of the convention. The community college has a restaurant and hotel management major, and the accommodations and food were the best we've had at a regional meeting.

The group had an auction on Friday night which was run by Paul Owen. Paul is the fastest auctioneer that I have seen at a convention. If you bid on something, or decided to quit bidding, you had to react fast. I bought the daylily H 'August Wedding' which was hybridized by Phil Korth. H 'August Wedding' is going to be in the new area that I am creating. The bed will have a variety of whites, with pastels behind them and darker colors behind the pastels.

Unfortunately the garden tour on Saturday wasn't as spectacular as usual because of a lack of rain and the early bloom season. However I did see an outstanding daylily that I had never seen before, H 'Marlene Dietrich', a clear shell peach pink self double hybridized by David Kirchoff in 2004. The most unusual thing that I saw on the garden tour was a corn crib that the hostess used as a gazebo. Luckily for us the gazebo was in the shade, so it was very pleasant to sit and have treats in there.

Margo Reed, from Woodhenge Gardens, was the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening. She is continuing to work on hybridizing spiders, especially tall spiders. The daylily H 'Margo Reed Indeed' is up for the Stout Award this year. This daylily was hybridized by Margo's husband Jim Murphy in 2004. It isn't categorized as a spider, but as an unusual form. This beautiful white daylily is 28" tall.

Next year I hope we are able to go to the National Convention which is being held in Bloomington Minnesota from July 25-27 2013.

A PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC!

By Rita Thomas

On June 24, 2012, the day of the WDS picnic, the weather was perfect - not too hot, a light breeze and abundant sunshine. The drought hadn't really hit hard yet, so the lawns and gardens were still green and healthy. Our extraordinarily early spring forced many plants to bloom up to four weeks ahead of their usual time. The asiatic lilies were nearly finished blooming, the phlox paniculata was beginning to bloom and more than 30 of my daylilies were in full bloom.

The weather was only surpassed by the food that members brought to share. There was plenty to eat and drink at Tower Hill Park and lots of delicious desserts to enjoy while folks wandered through my garden.

Hosting the WDS picnic was a delightful experience. Never was there a kinder group of people. Thanks to all who helped to make the picnic successful and to all who attended.

A DAYLILY ELECTION WDS POPULARITY POLL

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

After replacing H 'Primal Scream' last year, will 'Moonlit Masquerade' retain the honor of being the most popular daylily among WDS members for 2012? It is time to take note of your 10 favorite daylilies. Everyone attending the WDS Annual Meeting will have the opportunity to vote for his or her ten favorite daylilies. The results of the WDS 2012 Poll will be published in a future issue of Wisconsin Daylily Society Newsletter and posted on the WDS web site with an accompanying photo from member gardens.

Below is a list of the WDS 2011 Top Ten favorites.

1. 'Moonlit Masquerade' Salter – 1992
2. 'Primal Scream' Hanson – 1994
3. 'Ruby Spider' Stamile – 1991
4. 'All American Chief' Sellers – 1994
5. 'Bela Lugosi' Hanson – 1995
5. 'Paper Butterfly' Morss – 1983
7. 'Designed To See' Grace – 1998
7. 'Red Volunteer' Oakes – 1994
7. 'Strutter's Ball' Moldovan – 1984
10. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' Gossard – 2004
10. 'Victorian Lace' Stamile – 1999

Pictures of earlier WDS Top Ten daylily favorites can be viewed on the WDS web site (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org>).

WDS HYBRIDIZER GROUP

By Pat Sturdevant

The WDS Hybridizer Group will meet Nov. 10th at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, in the meeting room upstairs from 9:00-12:00

The focus of the meeting will be on pictures of seedlings and the growing conditions that hybridizers faced this summer.

The group will continue the conversation at Ellie's Family Restaurant if enough are interested. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and if you have questions, please feel free to contact me at patsturl@hotmail.com or 608 244-1551.



Rita has the cutest potting shed! And every tool is on its assigned hook! I love it!

IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN! (NO, NOT BETWEEN DEMOCRATS & REPUBLICANS) IT'S FOR YOUR WDS BOARD!

At the 2012 WDS Annual Meeting, you will again have an opportunity to vote for your board members for the coming year. Currently we have four board members who have served for two years and are willing to serve for another two years if elected. Mike Stafford, Rita Thomas, John Sheehan, and Wilma Brouwer-Herwig have placed their names on the ballot. In addition, Francis Kleckner has indicated a willingness to once again place his name on the ballot. A short introduction of each candidate follows. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. (You can even nominate yourself!!) BE READY TO VOTE FOR 4 INDIVIDUALS.

Our thanks go to the candidates for being willing to serve.

FRANCIS KLECKNER: What began 13 years ago with a few daylilies has expanded to approximately 1000 registered cultivars, 100's of my wife seedlings, and a great variety of companion plants. New cultivars are added every year with the ones being replaced going to the WDS sale.

I previously served two terms on the Board as Vice President. I hope to bring an open mind to keep the WDS aimed in a positive direction.

WILMA BROUWER-HERWIG: I am an active and dedicated member of the WDS. I participate in many club functions. I'm usually one of the last to leave, helping making sure that all is neat and tidy. I was Chair of the Garden Tours from 2007 (co-chair in 2006) through 2011. 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've served on the WDS Board for six 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 continue serving all of you by being re-elected to the Board.

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.

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 managed to shoe-horn about 200 daylilies into an already full garden in 4 years; and at the expense of many other genus, I might add.

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, including the Olbrich Garden tour in 2011. It was photographed for Garden Gate Magazine in 2008.

I have served as a board member of the Wisconsin Hardy Plant Society, president and treasurer of the Fitchburg Garden Club, nine year Olbrich Conservatory docent and 7 year Master Gardener Volunteer. I fulfill some of my MGV hours at the Hospice building on E. Cheryl Parkway and served on its Garden and Grounds Committee. I recently began working with Prof. Hasselkus at Longenecker Gardens. 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 position 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.

MORE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS!!

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.

For 2012 our sale proceeds have generated \$1,500 for WPR and Larry Meiller's Garden Talk. In October Wisconsin Public Radio will conduct their fall pledge drive. During the Garden Talk show that week our \$1500 will be offered as a matching challenge grant from the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Listeners will be encouraged to call in with their pledge and WDS will match it up to \$1,500.

This is great publicity for us as well as a terrific way for us to express our appreciation for the opportunity they have provided us to promote daylilies and, of course, our sale.

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

1. They must be a Wisconsin-based non-profit and must either have a horticultural mission or use the funds for a garden-related project.
2. They cannot receive it two years in a row.
3. 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 next year's sale, submit your nomination to Rosemary Kleinheinz by **Friday, October 3rd.**

Downsizing My Daylily Collection

By Gene Dewey

One of the regrets a gardener has when leaving his/her home of many (like 42) years is “what will happen to the garden?” When Bea and I found out that an apartment meeting our specifications was available at Oakwood University Woods, that regret was right there in front of my face and mind. When I questioned the Oakwood Sales Staff about the possibility of having a plot here for some of my hems, I was pleasantly surprised to have the answer, “would you like to have our horticulturist call you?” A few days later I had a cordial call from one of the two horticulturists. Practically before I knew what was happening, she was asking me if I would like a plot in which to plant some of my plants. Of course, I answered in the affirmative! The next hurdle was how to assure that some plants could be removed from our yard as we moved or afterward. Our realtor gave us wording to put in the listing contract such that we could take up to one half of the daylilies any time into the fall.

Then reality set in...how to choose 20-25 cultivars from 175 or so. In the following days as I deadheaded and observed the buds which had opened overnight, I began to accumulate a mental (and then later) written list of possible candidates for a smaller garden. Here is the list which is now settled upon.

Of course, the first selection was BETH DEWEY (Bill Powell, 2007) named for our late daughter. It is a unique plant, often with a bouquet of fully opened flowers on any given day and darker colored buds, partially opened for the next day's blooms. Bill described it as having a yellow throat, but I call it a heart of gold, just like Beth's.

Now, in no particular order are the rest:

VENUSIAN HEAT (Gossard, 2003): acquired last year, this was a late addition to this list, as I discovered that I had inadvertently allowed RUBY SPIDER to go the WDS Sale; this shows promise for a showy tall plant in a better gardening year.

BILL NORRIS (David Kirchoff, 1993): lives up to its description—sunny gold self.

BLUES MUSIC (Salter, 2005): acquired when Hiram, John & I went to the Minneapolis National and stopped on the way back at Northern Lights Daylilies, this hem has a wonderful hint of blue in the eye.

BLUEBERRY BREAKFAST (Rose, 1988): from the Prochaskas' garden, I enjoy the touch of blue in this beauty before breakfast time.

TOPGUNS BUTTERBALL (Bob Scott, 2005): a bus plant at last year's Region 2 meeting, this doubles most of the time and the butter yellow glows. I want to see what it does as it increases.

TANTRA BOOGIE (our own Linda Ball, 2010): a pleasing rose claret bi-tone unique crispate on 40" scapes.

CANADIAN GOOSE (by longtime WDS member Robert Griesbach, 1979): a luscious mid-late red which always looks great.

MINDANAO DEEP (Judith Weston, 1996, an early speaker for WDS [Mindanao is one of the Philippine Islands]: a mid-late velvety almost black red chosen by Bea as the time to move drew near.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY (Dottie Warrell, 2001, a Region 2 hybridizer): a red violet crispate ufo, showing great promise after a year and a half in the garden. I need to see more of it!

INSTANT CELEBRATION (Korths, 2006): Eleanor Rodini and I divided this plant we saw in 2009 in the Korths' garden. It looked like a winner. From June to August this year there was a toss up in my mind among this beauty, EL DESPERADO, and MOONLIT MASQUERADE; Wisconsin's own hybridizers need to be displayed in their state, thus it won!

HURRICANE BOB (Bob Schwartz): This tall, huge (8.5") beauty is too showy and nice to leave behind.

SWINGIN' MISS (Soules, 1990): An oldie but goodie; this year the clump, planted in May '08, was a huge bouquet every day. Hybridized by one of Hiram's good friends.

JOAN SENIOR (Durio, 1977): Another oldie admired early on in Hiram's garden, this was moved several times until it found the right place to be beautiful. I hope such a spot is found here.

HEAVENLY ANGEL ICE (Gossard, 2004): a wonderful white ufo, beautiful in earlier years, underperformed in this year's drought; I hope to see better blooms next year.

STRAWBERRY CANDY (Stamile, 1989); my favorite of the Candy series.

TODD MONROE (Scholar, 1974): This was planted next to COMIC STRIP, probably by happenstance; however both bloom prolifically; the scarlet in the former is repeated in the latter's eye zone—a marriage made in heaven! However, for the last two seasons I have thought that POCKET CHANGE (Crochet, 1985), a deep red with a wider white edge would make a nice twosome, so I am putting them to each other in the new garden.

PINEWOOD PURPLE MIST (Korth, 2001): I really like the Korths' cultivars; this is a nice purple which won out over some other very nice purples for the move.

PRIMAL SCREAM (Curt Hanson, 1994): How can anyone not have this wonderful daylily in his/her garden?

LONGLESSON SHOWOFF (Melanie Mason, 1998): This formed a nice, very showy clump in two years; Melanie is one of my favorite persons in the daylily world. I visited her beautiful country garden in eastern New York on a beautiful late summer day when we were in Albany with our ill daughter—it was a respite to be remembered.

ASIATIC PHEASANT (Knower, 1973): Another oldie which is coming into its own after struggling a bit; a striking gold ufo which needs another chance at becoming a star!

ESCAPE INTO FANTASY (Curt Hanson, 2006): A nice cream with lavender purple eye & narrow edge.

And last, but by no means the least, for this Election year, CORAL MAJORITY (Richard Norris, 2004): In all the hassle of downsizing our belongings and fine tuning this list, there was the inevitable forgotten last double check before the WDS crew came to dig on August 13th. It was one of the last plants dug, and even then I did not come to my senses. I lauded this hem's virtues to the group around me and calmly went about my task at hand. Imagine my horror at the label printing station during Sale Prep when I saw my beloved CORAL MAJORITY come through for labels. I asked Genni to pick out the two best plants for me and arranged for Eleanor Rodini to pot them up for me until the time came to plant this wonderful winner in the new digs on the west side of Madison.

So, come next season, give me a jingle (230-3373), and I will be pleased to show you how these are doing at this great place on the West side of Madison.

WDS TOUR 2012 HIDDEN DAYLILY GARDENS OF THE SAHARA!

By Vaughan James

Our summer tour was not really in the Sahara, but after weeks without rain and a week of 100+ temperatures one could wonder whether we were really in southern Wisconsin, or somewhere in the desert. On July 7, the WDS garden tour included seven gardens which were bright spots in the arid landscape. We received a WARM (>90°) welcome at all the gardens! I toured from east to west so I shall also “visit” the gardens in that order here.

A common theme for many of the gardens could be “the hidden garden” and the first two I visited were good examples. At Mike Stafford’s, there is a hint of garden along the sidewalk and driveway but that doesn’t prepare a visitor for the blaze of color in the sun-filled garden behind his house. He has a beautiful collection of daylilies and other perennials. Mike mentioned having a lot of daffodils and narcissus in the spring – a combination I also use. The foliage of these two groups seems to blend well together and the timing is great, with growing daylilies covering the dying narcissus leaves.

Next I visited Ritchie Rheume’s truly hidden garden. There is little evidence of a gardener in front of the house but after walking down the driveway, I entered a lovely garden space with trees, shrubs, mixed perennials and a lot of daylilies. The ponds and wandering paths give a greater sense of peace and seclusion than one would think possible in the middle of an east side Madison neighborhood. At the back there is a more open sunny area with a vegetable garden.

My next stop was the Kleinheinz garden. The evergreens and hostas in the well-tended front yard indicate resident gardeners, but do not prepare you for the vista as you round the house and view the park-like lawn in the large back yard, surrounded by beautiful (large) clumps of daylilies. Coming from my compact, crowded garden, it is wonderful to see flourishing clumps with spaces(!) between them. The flower display was wonderful and I always see one or two to add to my possible purchase list. While admiring a huge clump of ‘Michael Bennet’, a favorite, I had the chance to catch the “phantom photographer” who is always “snapping” at us, preparing to capture Tom Kleinheinz in pixels. The waterfall, pond, boulders, sculptures and hosta collection complete the botanic garden.

Onward to the Sheehan garden in Fitchburg which is the exception to the hidden garden theme with beautifully blooming daylilies right out to the front curb. (But then, how could you HIDE over 600 daylily cultivars on a standard city-sized lot?) John concentrates on recent introductions and collects a lot of different types of daylilies, including a number of unusual types and, as a dedicated hybridizer, has a flower bed in the front yard devoted to his creations.

It was back to the hidden garden theme with the remaining three gardens on the tour. At the Dewey’s, neatly arranged flower beds in the front indicate the dwelling of a gardener but don’t prepare you for the back yard FULL of plants. Brightly flowering registered daylilies and seedlings, hostas, miscellaneous perennials and annuals and an impressive row of raspberries at the back of the property are all arranged in a wonderfully orderly fashion in raised beds. It was great to have another chance to admire this garden labor of love before the Dewey’s move to an apartment at Oakwood University Woods. Gene has already arranged to do some gardening at Oakwood but, even with his organizational skills, he won’t manage to grow anywhere near as much!

At Ruth Horrall’s garden, there is little hint from the front of the house of the burst of colors that you see as you round the corner of the house to view the back yard. Curving flower beds and flagstone accents surround a grassy area and the garden is bright with daylilies, lilies and striking containers of annuals. Umbrella-shaded tables and chairs provided a welcome chance to rest and appreciate the surrounding flowers.

Late in the afternoon I made it to the Wrzesinski garden and was revived by the beautiful display of flowers. Once again, what you see in the front is only a small taste of the array of daylilies in the back garden where a more open, sunny area permits them to thrive. Introductions of over 130 daylily hybridizers are present, mixed in with an attractive variety of other perennials and intriguing stone benches. The shaded areas feature a variety of hostas and woodland plants.

It was a wonderful day of viewing contrasting gardens around the city. Thank you to all the people who invited us to view their gardens (AND to all who provided refreshments to revive the hot and weary “tourists” throughout the day).

After this garden filled day, I still hadn’t had enough! I visited two more open gardens that were not part of the WDS tour. The flower-filled yard of Hiram & Jane Percy and the beautiful spacious garden of and Rob & Karen Watson-Newlin were a perfect way to end a daylily-filled weekend.



Kathi Dwelle, the phantom photographer, and Tom Kleinheinz Photo by V James



Gene Dewey shares his garden for the last time on Fox Avenue. Photo by K. Dwelle



Ritchie Rheume has a garden to be very proud of! Photo by K. Dwelle

TIME TO CHANGE THE DUES??*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig*

That is one of the questions you will all have to answer when our Annual Meeting is conducted on Saturday, October 13. At our last yearly meeting, our President, John Sheehan, asked for your input on how to cut back on expenditures. For the past 4-5 years, the WDS spent more money than it took in each year, but that was by design as we had a balance in our Treasury that was quite a phenomenal sum and made our 'non-profit' status look like a rather large fib. We've finally whittled our largess down to a more petite size; consequently, the Board developed a tighter budget for 2012. It included cutting back on donations, having our picnic in Madison, sending our Newsletters and Membership Roster via the computer, booking speakers in tandem with the Milwaukee area club, and a few other cost-saving measures. John also sought your opinion on raising the dues. To be honest, this did not rank as high on the memberships' austerity scale (7th out of 10), but the Board has decided it is time to look at the issue seriously as we have implemented many of the other measures. Also, the WDS dues are low compared to the other two daylily societies in the state. The DSSEW (Milwaukee) and the Bad Buds (Green Bay) pay the following:

1 yr Single = 7.50 (Milw) / 7.00 (GB)	1 yr Family = 10.00 (Milw) / 10.00 (GB)
3 yr Single = 20.00 (Milw) / 18.00 (GB)	3 yr Family = 25.00 (Milw) / 27.00 (GB)

WDS members currently pay the following:

1 yr Single = 5.00	1 yr Family = 7.50
3 yr Single = 13.00	3 yr Family = 20.00
5 yr Single = 20.00	5 yr Family = 30.00
1 yr Business = 15.00	

The proposal that will be put forth for the "ratification by a majority of the members at the annual meeting of the Society" (WDS By-law Article IV) is as such:

1 yr Single = 8.00	1 yr Family = 11.00
3 yr Single = 19.00	3 yr Family = 30.00
5 yr Single = 30.00	5 yr Family = 45.00
1 yr Business = 23.00 with one free ad in our newsletter	

The final decision is in the hands of those who attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. The Board can only make recommendations on this issue. So, be there and voice your opinion through the power of your ballot. You will also be asked to vote on the election of Board candidates, what organization will get our 2013 5% Sale donation, and probably what daylilies made it onto your top ten this season. A lot to think about, but consider your choices carefully and let us know how you feel.

NOTE: THE INCREASE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL, SO YOU WOULD BE WISE TO RENEW NOW, EVEN IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP ISN'T EXPIRING. SEE THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

RENEWAL INFORMATION: The March 2012 Membership Roster includes, for each name, the year through which his or her membership is paid up;. If your name is preceded by "2012", your renewal is needed. Not sure? call or email Gene Dewey, 608-230-3373 or gldevey@wisc.edu.

Membership News**New email addresses:**

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New Members:

In Durham, NC: Jeff Kanters; in Black Earth: Carolyn Zilinski; in Cambridge: Jane Spindler; in Madison: Debra Cook, Dana Denny, Anna Goebel, Jack Kear, Valerie Ma, Paul Novak, & Chris von Kohn; in Middleton: Cindy Bauer, Janet Wells & Burr Fraser; in Racine: Peggy Shaffer; in Sun Prairie: Ken & Kim Walker-Daniels; in Tomah: Jean Calhoun; in Verona: Dan & Jackie Finley; in West Bend: David Ostrenga; and in Wyoming, MN: Paula Anderson.

We welcome these 21 members and look forward to meeting you at a future meeting.

I am quite certain that the WDS has the largest membership of any daylily group in Region 2: 383 individuals belong through single, family and business memberships! This is awesome!

Gene Dewey, WDS Membership Registrar

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Yes, after reading the dues news on the preceding page,
I do want to save money and renew my/our membership in WDS before the rates go up!!**

Name (s) _____
Business name (if needed) _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? Yes ___ No ___

Type of Membership (Please circle one). Memberships run from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.
To save even more money, we encourage you to renew for multiple years.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Business</u>
1 year - \$5.00	1 year - \$7.50	1 year - \$15.00
3 years - \$13.00	3 years - \$20.00	n/a
5 years - \$20.00	5 years - \$30.00	n/a

You may pay for the Annual Meeting meal and/or the membership with one check or WDS dollars.

ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION FORM

**Saturday, October 13th, at 1:00 pm
Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road, Fitchburg
Cost: \$10 per person**

MENU

Please indicate your preference for.....

- ___ Sliced Beef Tenderloin
- ___ Chicken Provencal
- ___ Spinach-Mushroom Lasagna (Vegetarian)
- Tossed Green Salad
- Wild Rice & Quinoa Salad
- (with grapes, pecans, celery, orange zest, and dried cranberries)
- Rolls & Butter
- Fresh fruit tart

NAME _____

Enclosed please find:

___ Certificate of Appreciation

___ Check for the meal \$ _____ + membership renewal (if needed) \$ _____ = Total \$ _____

___ WDS\$ for the meal W\$ _____ + membership renewal (if needed) W\$ _____ = Total W\$ _____

Mail this form, certificate & any payment to Gene Dewey, 6225 Mineral Pt Rd, C-57, Madison WI 53705-4571

***PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU INTEND TO EAT A MEAL AT THIS MEETING,
GENE MUST HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 3rd***