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JOHN KINNEBREW COMING SATURDAY!!

By John Sheehan

This coming Saturday, April 22, 2006, our WDS Guest Speaker will be **John Kinnebrew** from the Kinnebrew Daylily Garden in Scottsmoor, FL. The meeting will take place at 1:00 PM at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station, 8502 Mineral Point Road, Verona, WI.

For years John and his family have been introducing big, brightly-colored, TET daylilies with complex, pleated edges--sometimes with interestingly patterned eyes. To see images of their stunning 2006 releases (and previously released flowers), go to their web site at: www.kinnebrewlilygarden.com.

I really like his 2006 release called H. 'Paula Nettles'-- a 6" TET with a wild, flaming, toothy edge and a peach-amber base color. Another beautiful 2006 release is H. 'Twice is Nice'--a relatively unusual Kinnebrew double yet still retaining a ruffled edge. Perhaps my absolute favorite Kinnebrew Introduction is H. 'Spacecoast Sea Shells'--a 2004 release which has a purple picotee edge and a big purple eye surrounding jagged yellow-green "shells." This is one of the images used on our club's shirts.

Bring your checkbook to the meeting. John K. is expected to have some of his newer introductions to auction off at the meeting (1/2 of resulting income will go to WDS & half to JK).

You really don't want to miss this meeting with John!!



Spacecoast Sea Shells

Photo by Conrad Wrzesinski

(I wish you could see these pictures in color. They are gorgeous!!)



Spacecoast Cherries & Cream

Photo by Genn Kleckner

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Calendar of Events 2006

April 22 (Saturday) West Madison Ag Station
1-4 pm John Kinnebrew ("Spacecoast" series)

May 21 (Sunday) 1-4 pm West Madison Ag Station
Speaker: Conrad Wrzesinski, Digital Photography: From Mega Pixel to Printed Picture

June 25, (Sunday) Garden Party at Norma Briggs's
Home in Oregon 4:00 p.m.

July 15 Daylily Garden Tour

July 13-16 National Convention, Long Island, NY

July 21-23 Regional Summer Meeting, Cleveland

July 30, (Sunday) Auction/Adoption Potluck
Picnic

August 12-13 Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich

October 21 (Saturday) Annual Meeting with Jamie
Gossard, Fitchburg Community Center.

Check our website for updates.

GARDEN EXPO SUCCESS

Garden Expo has come and gone, and we, again, owe a BIG thank you to Chris Zeltner for a job well done, and to so many of you for your help during the weekend.

As far as our club is concerned, it was a smashing success! A cadre of very enthusiastic member volunteers signed up 45 new members, as evidenced by Gene's list below! Great job!!

Membership News

In this issue we list 45 (yes!) new members to the WDS! We obviously had some good recruiters working at the Garden Expo this year. Our new members who come from all over the state plus Freeport, IL are listed by locality for ease in finding other daylily fanciers in your town.

Amherst: Eleanor Ligman; **Baraboo:** Cynthia Albrecht; **Beaver Dam:** Shannon Barniskis & Rita Goeller; **Belleville:** Judy Hoenisch; **Berlin:** Mary Lausch Arrigoni; **Columbus:** Sandra Columbus; **Cottage Grove:** Michelle Wake; **Eau Claire:** Susan & Kaul; **Evansville:** John Kono; **Freeport:** Mary Schneider; **Hartland:** Katy Luedke; **Janesville:** Cindy Gazze; **Lake Delton:** Mary Hesper; **Lodi:** Sarah & Palmer; **Madison:** Joe Corry, Lynne Fell, Cindy Fry, Sharon & Richard Gasrud, Mary Jane Jones, Kathy Marie, Joanne Peterson, Kristine Peterson, Bonita Reamer, George Simousek, & Margery Weiland; **Marathon:** Mary Bohr; **Marshall:** Leonard Huebner; **McFarland:** Susan Poneh-Hundt; **Merrimac:** Nola Purcell; **Middleton:** Marcia Geiger & Diane Yee; **New Glarus:** Joy Hansen; **Oregon:** Diane Scharkey; **Pardeeville:** Emily Hefko & Robert Weiss; **Prairie du Sac:** Ann Black; **Reeseville:** Judy Bronner; **Stoughton:** Jackie Cooley; **Sun Prairie:** Ann Schlimgen & Patty Wright; **Verona:** Linda Straughn; **Watertown:** Maryann Dubree; **Waukesha:** Betty Padgett; and **Wisconsin Rapids:** Mary Gokey.

We welcome all of you, look forward to meeting you at our meetings, and encourage you to take an active part in our activities, especially the plant sale in August.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

By Jane Pearcy

April is election time in Wisconsin. As you cast your ballot for municipal, state, and county offices, think about WDS and consider becoming a candidate for the board. Our WDS election isn't until October, but the nominating committee will welcome, anytime, names of those willing to run. If you are interested in running, please contact Jane Pearcy at 845-9249 or pearcyj@mailbag.com.

FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY

For our February meeting Mark Dwyer came from Rotary Gardens in Janesville to bring us a breath of spring, some beautiful pictures, and some great ideas to enhance our daylily gardens.

After 8 years as landscaping manager at Rotary Gardens, he has had LOTS of experience with many different kinds of plants.

Mark believes that the right companion plants will compliment and enhance all plants including our beloved daylilies - as if anything could make them better!! Seriously, I must concede that he had some good points. Companion plants, whether they be perennials, grasses, woodies, conifers or annuals; whether they are tall as a foliage backdrop, short in front of the bed, or in between the plants; whether they bloom before, during or after the daylilies, can add so much to our garden beds.

OUR FIRST PHOTO CONTEST

Forty-five pictures were submitted and assembled, and at our February meeting the votes were counted. The winners and their gorgeous blooms were:

Genn Kleckner - H. 'Joan Hood'

Joanne Rowe - H. 'Lilting Lavender'

Karen Watson-Newlin - H. 'Intelligent Design'

Conrad Wrzesinski - H. 'Banned in Boston'

Each will receive 15 WDS \$\$ and their winning entries will be enlarged and displayed at next year's Garden Expo. In the meantime, you can view the winning entries on our website www.wisdaylilysoc.org.

A huge THANK YOU to Conrad Wrzesinski for handling the technological stuff necessary to bring the contest to fruition. We couldn't have done it without him.

The question has been asked - what do we do with the enlarged pictures from prior years? Save them for the Summer Meeting in 2008? Door Prizes? Silent Auction at one of our meetings? Gifts to the winners? What do you think we should do with them? Send suggestions to me at trklein@charter.net.

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

2 WDS Shirts \$25.00 each

Size: Men's Large Color: Tan

One w/ purple & white 'Spacecoast Sea Shells'

One w/ red & yellow 'Wings of Chance'

Jane Gahlman has them. Let her know that you want one to wear at the Regional Meeting, our own meetings, and of course, at the Sale in August..

**THE FRIENDS OF THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY ARE HAVING THEIR 6TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE,
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FERNS GALORE

By Jean Bawden

On April 15th, the fern queen of the west coast arrived in Madison for a talk co-sponsored by the Wisconsin-Illinois Rock Garden Society, The Wisconsin Daylily Society, the Hardy Plant Society, and the Madison Area Master Gardeners, and held at the University of Wisconsin Horticulture Building. Judith Jones, owner of Fancy Fronds nursery, (one of the premier fern nurseries of the U.S.), gave a lively and informative foray into spores, crosiers, and hardiness as she showed slides of numerous species and cultivars that are hardy in northern climes.....and a few that push the limits for us. Her nursery carries hundreds of ferns..... and I fell in love with several (once an addict; always an addict!). My favorites were Adiantum venustum and Dryopteris tokyensis, but there are about 10 more on their heels! For those of you who are willing to try to resist their siren call, Judith's website is www.fancyfronds.com. Two of the books that she suggested are Ferns for American Gardens by John Mickel and The Plantfinders Guide to Garden Ferns by Martin Rickard.

After the program, John Mather, of the Rock Garden Society, gave a tour of the Horticulture Greenhouses as a bonus. On behalf of the Rock Garden Society, I would like to thank the WDS for co-sponsoring the event. We have limited funds, so your help made it possible for us to have this wonderful speaker. About 1/3 of the participants were WDS members.....I hope that you all enjoyed the day.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO SHARE

Were you one of the lucky winners who left a WDS meeting last spring with a new perennial to add to your garden? Do you have an unusual perennial that needs to be divided this spring? Or do you have some summer bulbs just waiting to be planted? Bring them to the April, May or June meetings. Door prize drawings will be held. Who knows what treasure you will go home with.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE



TO THE REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING IN CLEVELAND JULY 21-23

ATTENTION OPEN GARDEN TOUR LOVERS

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Chairperson

If you have enjoyed touring members' gardens in the past, this may be the summer for you to offer your own private haven for inclusion in the WDS 2006 Garden Tour, scheduled for Saturday, July 15.

We all love to wander about in gardens created by someone else, to admire the time and effort it took to make it beautiful, to wonder at the ideas that have been brought to life, to drool over a particularly fetching display, to be lost in the beauty of another's creativity. Maybe it's time to show off your own garden and simply delight in watching as others drink in the fruits of your labor. Your patch of loveliness need not be mammoth in size nor have hundreds of the newest daylilies. We are plant people and we recognize and appreciate heaven no matter what the square footage is or how many cultivars are presented.

We would like to include up to six sites in our tour this year and hope to hear soon from WDS members eager to show their stuff. We provide the directions, signs, and advertising, and you provide the floral regalia. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide pleasant weather.

Please, if you want to be one of our tour destinations, E-Mail me or my co-chair Sally Yaeger, call us, or contact us at the April meeting. Don't be shy. We want to see all of our members flower showcases someday. Why not make this the year for yours?!!!

**LOOK WHAT'S COMING JUST IN TIME...
...to take great daylily pictures!!**

Did you receive a new digital camera for Christmas? Or have you had one for awhile, but would like to know how to make better use of it's features? Or are you merely technology impaired like a lot of us? Whatever the case, be sure you plan to be at the May 21st meeting from 1-4 pm at West Madison Ag Station, when Conrad Wrzesinski will present a session on Digital Photography: From Mega Pixel to Printed Picture.

What do mega pixel, optical zoom, USB, memory card, jpeg. etc. have to do with good daylily pictures? What features should you look for in a new digital camera? Learn the answers to these questions and many more.

In his non-daylily life Conrad is the Director of Technology Services for the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District. He has also taught grad courses on using digital images at Edgewood College.

At this same meeting in May, Conrad and John Sheehan will have a power point presentation of this year's ADOPTION PLANTS for your viewing. John has been working hard to get all of the pictures available so that we can also view them and the Auction plants at the Annual Picnic

THE HOTTEST EVENT OF THE SUMMER

What is one great way to see lots and lots of daylilies in just 36 hours??? It's also a great chance to get better acquainted with WDS members and meet daylily fanatics from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. All you have to do is plan to attend the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Cleveland July 21-23 – and travel there on a red and white Badger Bus!

If you've never been to such a meeting, I hope you will plan to go. When the time comes for us to host the summer meeting in 2008, you will then know what is meant by such terms as "bus plants", "boutique", "goody bags", and such. Besides, once you have experienced the excitement, you won't want to miss another Regional Meeting.

An added bonus: you will be able to visit 8 gardens including Curt Hanson's Crintonic Gardens. Curt is the guy who brought us PRIMAL SCREAM, BELA LUGOSI and the 6 ft tall NOTIFY GROUND CREW.

Let Gene Dewey (608-255-0858 or gldewey@facstaff.wisc.edu) know that you want to ride on the bus. You can find a registration form on our website. Just plan to be there!!

A FAVORITE SITE

Have you checked out our website lately? Mary Wrzesinski has made a LOT of information available. You can always find past issues of the newsletter there, as well as an up-to-date Calendar of Events. There is a link to Region 2 and the Summer Meeting where you can download a Registration Form. If you are connected to the web, you are always able to find pertinent information at www.wisdaylily.org. Be sure to bookmark this address as one of your favorites.

PLANT SALE NOTES

As we start planning for our Plant Sale in August, we are on the lookout for someone who has lots of daylilies that need to be divided. Perhaps that person(s) would like to have some help doing so? Might this be you? Contact the Kleinheinzes at 608-221-1933 or trklein@charter.net.

For the past several years Chris Zeltner has rounded up volunteers for our sale. This year she will be in New York for two weeks in July and would like to have someone who can help her take and make phone calls to fill up the slots. Can you help her? Let her know 608-873-5257 or zeltner@chorus.net

OLBRICH HAPPENINGS**LEAF MULCH SALE**

Members Only, April 20, 1-5 p.m.

Public: April 21, 1-5 p.m., April 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bags (approx. 45 lb) for \$5.00. Bulk quantities available.

SPECTACULAR SPRING PLANT SALE

Members Only, May 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

General Public, May 5, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., May 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

LET'S PARTY!!

Our annual Garden Party Potluck in June gives us a chance to enjoy a member's garden when daylilies aren't the focus. This year Norma Briggs, one of our newer members, has agreed to be our hostess – upon the recommendation of several folks who have said that her garden is just beautiful.

This is how Norma describes her little piece of Heaven. *The Briggs garden is 12 miles south of Madison on a hillside. It is quite varied: there is a prairie, a small woods (oak, cherry and aspen), a wildlife pond where deer drink and heron fish, a vegetable garden, and, close to the house, a more formal area with flower beds, fishpond, a contemplative garden (raked gravel and rocks) and rock retaining walls.*

Right now the woods are full of daffodils, chionodoxa and scilla. When you come to this year's Daylily Garden Party you will see the clematis and lilies in bloom.

Personally, I can't wait to see this jewel in Oregon.

Do plan to bring yourselves and a dish to pass on Sunday, June 25th at 4:00 p.m. Directions to Norma's will be in the June newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM

by Ruth Horrall

Marianne Schumacher served as WDS' first secretary and has been a faithful member of our Society since its founding. She died on January 24, 2006, of ovarian cancer. Most of her adult life was spent in a home in East Bristol with her husband, Donald, and their children. Her life began in Muscoda, Wisconsin, on February 28, 1938, as the second of seven children. In addition to rearing her own seven children, Marianne worked about fifteen years for Dane County's Housing Authority. When her children were young, she also worked as an assistant teacher at St. Joseph's Parochial School. Her last seven years of employment were with WPS.

Her children and friends remember her most as an honest and caring mother and friend and a faithful supporter of her local Catholic Church. Marianne collected antique furniture and depression glass, but probably her abiding hobby and love was irises. As a member of the Iris Society, she served as secretary for a number of years. Her passion for irises drew her to Detroit to attend a National Iris Convention held there. She loved birds and all of nature and was very well read regarding iris and hemerocallis culture. Evelyn Thompson described her as "more of an Irisarian than a Hemerocallian." At the time of her death, she was the secretary of Region 8 of the Iris Society, a task her son, Richard, has agreed to assume. She had also been RVP for the Region 8 Society at one time.

Marianne survived a considerable personal tragedy of a house fire and the arduous task of rebuilding her home and life after suffering great losses. When I spoke with her son, Donald, he said he and his siblings are still in the difficult process of disassembling their mother's household. At present, they are uncertain about the fate of Marianne's sizeable iris and daylily collection.

Rosemary and Tom Kleinheinz gratefully remember her diligently cleaning and refiling cultivar pictures during August daylily sales. She rarely missed working at our sales. Her loyal presence will be truly missed. WDS will be donating \$200.00 to AHS, honoring her years of service to WDS.

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