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

WINTER'S CASUALTY

No, I don't mean lost daylilies; I do mean our February meeting that had to be cancelled because of snow! So that we don't have to miss out on Nate Bremmer's presentation, he has agreed to drive down to meet with us on Sunday, May 6th, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the West Ag Research Station on Mineral Pt. Rd.

Nate's daylily introductions are very diverse in height, color, and form; yet all have grown at Solaris Gardens for at least 4 years. Nate Bremer is performing a critical role--developing daylilies that are beautiful AND thrive in our cool northern climate. Another great feature of Solaris Daylily Introductions is that they are affordable. In the past 3 years Nate has introduced 28 new daylily varieties. Check them out at his website: <http://www.solarisfarms.com>. Better still, come to the meeting to hear him discuss his "babies".

"HOT SEX, FINE WINE, AND DAYLILIES"

This should be a very interesting presentation!! Phil Korth of Pinewoods Gardens, located in Suamico, Wisconsin, will be driving down to Madison to talk to the WDS on Sunday, May 20th, at 1:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room at Olbrich Gardens.

Phil and Luel Korth have been hybridizing tetraploid daylilies for ten years and have set a personal record by registering 15 for the year 2007. As Phil states at his website located at <http://daylily.net/gardens/pinewood/>, their goal is to develop high performance daylilies for northern gardens located in zone 4 or lower. That can be a daunting task in a zone where daylilies must survive winters with temperatures down to minus 20 degrees often with little protective snow. In addition to being tough, the daylilies that come from Pinewood Gardens must have adequate bud count, nice healthy foliage, and pretty faces. Phil will show us his latest daylily introductions and seedlings and explain to us how he combines growing plants in his basement under 150 watt bulbs with ruthless exposure of the plants to several Wisconsin winters to prove their hardiness.



H. 'Arnold's Daughter'
A Phil Korth introduction

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Calendar of Events 2007

May 6th, (Sunday) 1-4 pm West Ag Station
Speaker, Nate Bremmer
May 20, (Sunday) 1-4 pm Olbrich Gardens,
Speaker, Phil Korth
June 22-24 Region 2 Summer Meeting
July 1st (Sunday) Garden Party at the Kleckners' home in Muscoda
July 21st, (Saturday) Home Garden Tour
July 25-28 National Convention, Minneapolis
August 5th, (Sunday) Picnic/Auction/Adoption
Fitchburg Community Center
August 18-19 Daylily Plant Sale, Olbrich Gardens
October 20, Annual Meeting (Saturday) 1:00 pm
Fitchburg Community Center
Speaker, Karol Emmerich

Be sure to check our web site for updates.



SECOND ANNUAL WDS PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

Decisions! Decisions! At the March general meeting members of the Wisconsin Daylily Society voted for their favorite photos in the Second Annual WDS Photo Contest. The winning photos in alphabetical order by cultivar were:

- 'Champagne and Caviar' by Genni Kleckner
- 'Condilla' by Barry Rowe
- 'Delta Blues' by Harold Steen
- 'Heavenly Angel Ice' by Rosemary Kleinheinz
- 'Indian Giver' by Jean Bawden
- 'Mark By Lydia' by Tom Kleinheinz

Usually the top four photos are selected. This year there was a tie four-way tie for third place. The winning photos can be viewed on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylilyloc.org).

A total of 65 photos from 22 members were entered in the Second Annual WDS Photo Contest. The popularity of the contest has grown. Last year 45 photos were entered from 16 WDS members.

Members are reminded to take pictures this summer for next year's Photo Contest, which will be held in February, 2008. Photos may be an individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, or daylilies in a landscape (garden) setting. See a revised list of guidelines on Page 7.

Remember that we want to enlarge your winning entry for the Garden Expo booth in February. In order to come out with a clear enlarged image, you must have taken your picture with a high resolution.

"The Amen! of nature is always a flower."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

BILL POWELL GETS KUDOS FROM SATISFIED CUSTOMER

By June Johnson

On page 88 of the Spring 2007 Daylily Journal, Bill Powell is mentioned in the "Round Robin" as follows:

"William Powell from Wisconsin has introduced some really nice daylilies. With my spring order, he included one of his new intros Hemerocallis 'Frilly Jammies' (Powell-W. 2005). It is a very late bloomer, a cream apricot pink blend out of 'Smoky Mountain Autumn' (Guidry 1986). The color is quite unusual."

Bill and Mary Powell hybridize and sell daylilies from their Epiphany Farm near Fort Atkinson, WI. (262-593-8010)

A PARTY IN THE GARDEN

By Francis Kleckner

It is time to make plans to attend the 2007 WDS Garden Party on July 1, being held at the gardens of Francis, Genni and Jake Kleckner of rural Muscoda.

The Kleckner gardens consists of over 800 named Daylily cultivars, 350 Hostas and a wide variety of sun and shade perennials. The Garden party is being held at a slightly later date this year in hopes that the daylily bloom season will be well underway.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass; electricity will be available for anyone wishing to bring hot food. Drinks, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided.

For those who are interested, Conrad will be holding a hands-on digital photo class in the gardens, so remember to bring your camera. This will surely be a very interesting opportunity to tweak your digital photography skills.

There will be the usual plant exchange, so don't forget to bring something to share.

Take the trip into the country, enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow daylily enthusiasts and make this the most well attended Garden Party yet. The weather is predicted to be perfect!!

For those who prefer to drive themselves, ample parking is available. Directions to the Kleckners: Take Highway 14 West to Gotham, turn left onto Highway 60 West and go approximately 4 miles, turn Right onto Riverview Ridge Drive, go 1/2 mile, proceed straight ahead on Bogus Valley Lane, the dead end, approximately one mile and the Kleckner home is located on the left side of the road

Editor's Note: Conrad says that the Kleckners' garden is a very interesting, lovely garden of different levels and different degrees of sun and shade. It offers a great opportunity to discuss photography in sun vs shade.

...AND A PARTY ON THE BUS

Let's party all the way to the Kleckners' and all the way back! WDS has arranged bus transportation to and from Muscoda - **at no cost to you!** How can you beat that??

There will be 2 pick-up and drop off points. The bus will leave the Dutch Mill Rd. Park & Ride at 1:15 pm, and the front entrance of the DOT building at 4802 Sheboygan Ave (corner of Segoe Rd. and Sheboygan Ave.) at 2:00 pm. It is scheduled to be back in Madison no later than 8:30 pm.

To be sure we have a bus large enough to hold all who want to go, we will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the two meetings in May. If you don't expect to be there to sign the sheet, please let me (Rosemary) know, 608-221-1933 or by email trklein@charter.net, that you plan to come with us.

LET'S FILL THAT BUS!!

Membership News

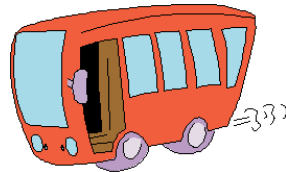
WDS has 32 new members, nearly all as a result of the Garden Expo, which obviously draws attendees from a large area of the state. By checking the enclosed 2007-8 Membership Roster, you may find that one of your neighbors has become a member. We welcome all of our new members:

Albany: Sue & Paul Rieder; **Beaver Dam:** Jennifer Giedd; **Black Earth:** Linda Colby; **Campbellsport:** Lonie Hall; **Cross Plains:** Helen Julius; **Dane:** Nancy Ripp; **Franksville:** Lisa DePratt; **Hartland:** Karen & Drew Timmerman; **Hazel Green:** Holly Cox; **Highland:** Fred Deines; **Jackson:** Tagneer Moder; **Lake Delton:** Jill Reynolds; **Madison:** Joan Bennett, Debbie Borenz, Susan Eichhorn, Vicki Goodman, Rebecca McCord, Carol Olsen, Reid Rossell, Mike Shah (rejoining member), & Sara Wills; **Marshall:** Nell Cummings & Jan Outhouse; **Monona:** Scott Toomey; **Oregon:** Carol Santulis & Mary Smith; **Oshkosh:** Belinda & Mark Zuehlke; **Princeton:** Kathy Kohlman; **Stoughton:** Ginni Cioffletti; **Sun Prairie:** Barb & Guy Peterson, Tracy Sargent, & Dee Steele.

If you have email, please keep us up to date with any email address change during the year, so that we can get late breaking news to you quickly. If you are on our email list and know someone on the roster who does not have email, buddy up with them so that he/she can get the benefit of late news items.

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

TAKE THE BADGER BUS TO THE REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING June 22-24, 2007 Evansville, IN



By Gene Dewey

We have arranged for a Badger Coach to take us to Evansville, IN for the Region 2 Summer Meeting. There still are seats for you on the bus, rooms in the meeting hotel, and a place for you at the meeting. If you wish to attend, get your registration form at http://www.ahsdesi.org/2007_convention/index.html and mail it before May 5 for the \$109 registration fee (\$130 after May 5), call the Executive Inn (877-424-0888) for a room (request the Daylily Group rate--\$80 & tax), and call Gene Dewey at 608-255-0858 to reserve a seat on the bus. The cost for the bus, plus scones and two box lunches, will be \$50 plus the cost of dinner on Sunday evening on the way home.

We are looking for an interesting garden to visit on the way down and, coming home, we will plan to stop at Newbury Daylilies where they have over 1,000 daylilies, 175 varieties of iris and 60 varieties of liliium for sale!!!! You can visit their website for a listing of all their plants, www.newburydaylilies.com.

Do plan to spend this weekend among daylilies and daylily friends. You will be glad you did!

EVERYONE WINS!

This is the time of year when everyone can win a door prize (or two!) That is, they can if you will bring a plant or two to share with others.

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 May or June meetings. Door prize drawings will be held. Who knows what treasure you will go home with.

A MINOR CALAMITY

Judging from what I've heard, many of you, like Tom and I, received your February newsletter in a little plastic bag with an apology from your Postmaster for it's mangled condition. I know for a fact that at least two of you never received yours because I had them returned minus an address label! Just a reminder, if your's was never delivered, or delivered unreadable, you can always print one (in color) from our website, (or have someone do it for you.)

It's obvious there was a problem at the post office. We are looking into reasons for the problem, and ways to avoid the same in the future.

GARDEN EXPO SUCCESS

While it was bitterly cold outside, it was warm with growing plants inside. Yes, 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.

The winning photo's from our first photo contest were admired by all who stopped by. Again a cadre of very enthusiastic member volunteers signed up 30 new members. That's two years in a row you have added many new friends to our roster Great job!!

PLEASE HELP!

Update from the 2008 Region II Bargain Plant Table Committee

By Ruth Horrall

OLDIES you've always wanted to grow (or replace due to Wisconsin winters), some newer MUST HAVES and many tantalizing cultivars by our own Region II hybridizers will be offered for sale at the Regional meeting we will be hosting in 2008. We already have received 60 plants which we have planted together in a rented plot and, of course, BOUNTIFUL increase is expected.

During our 2006 Annual Meeting, 10 members volunteered donation of plants. Thank you! The Committee will plant these cultivars also and harvest them for sale at the 2008 Bargain Table. Just prior to the 2008 meeting, we will prepare a list of all the plants that will be on sale and send it to the meeting registrants. Proceeds from the sale will go to WDS to help defray the Region II meeting expenses.

If it's at all possible, the Committee would appreciate receiving well-identified plants (the plants' and donors' names) at the WDS meeting on Sunday, May 20. An early planting date will ensure optimal growth and increase during 2007. Committee co-chairs are June Johnson and Ruth Horrall. Other members are Chris Zeltner, Gene Woehler, and Julie and Glen Oechsner.

WOW! BOB SCHWARZ CAME TO MAD CITY!*By John Sheehan*

Yup, Bob Schwarz came to Madison during the weekend of April 13th. It was a special event for the WDS.

First of all, Bob offered to hold an AHS Garden Judge I Workshop on Saturday morning. Eighteen WDS Members attended and completed the Workshop (their exams are being graded by AHS staff right now!). Most of these folks will complete the Garden 2 Workshop at the 2007 Region 2 Summer Meeting in Evansville, IN this June OR will complete that class at the 2007 AHS National Convention in Minnesota in July. If all of them do that this group of 18 WDS Members will join the ranks of Region 2 Garden Judges. "Is that significant?" you might ask. Indeed it is. As of today, there are only 7 Garden Judges in all of Wisconsin! "Why is that important?" You might ask. Garden Judges from all over the country vote annually for the AHS Awards that are given out each year. There are many more Garden Judges living in the south--they vote for plants they see in area gardens. Those plants are usually from southern hybridizers. That is why southern hybridizers usually win most of the annual AHS Awards. If more northern AHS Members became Garden Judges, more northern daylily hybridizers would win AHS Awards. As Martha would say, "That's a good thing!"

Saturday afternoon Bob discussed unusual form daylilies as well as his (and his lovely wife Mimi's) hybridizing program at Rainbow Daylily Garden in East Hampton, Long Island, NY.

When we talk about unusual form daylilies we use descriptive terms like crispate, twisting, quilling, pinching, cascading and spatulate. Bob showed us beautiful daylily slides from his garden and applied all of these terms to describe the unusual form flower patterns.

He then gave everyone a rundown of his newest introductions (and Mimi's too) as well as what new seedlings were in the registration pipeline. Especially interesting was Bob's technique of showing images of parents used in daylily crosses and then showing the "children"--some looked NOTHING like their parents! Three of his newest introductions particularly impressed the audience. They were H. 'Wigglesworth', H. 'Hurricane Bob', and H. 'Madam Bessemer'. These beauties had at least 7 inch blossoms, tall scapes, and showed all of the unusual form characteristics mentioned above.

To top off the day, Bob presented the WDS with 6 of his newer Introductions which were auctioned off to attendees to defray part of his travel expenses. Nicely done Bob!

MAY 1ST DEADLINE!

An AHS National Convention has never been so close to us before. The meeting in Minneapolis from July 25th to 28th promises to be great opportunity to see and mingle with those you have only heard about. It's also a terrific opportunity to see the results of nationally known northern hybridizers - up close and touchable.

Chairwoman Rita Schaben reports that there are still reservations available, but you must have them in by May 1st to receive the Early Registration Discount. You can find a registration form by using the AHS link from our website www.wisdaylilysoc.org.

*H. 'Laughing Giraffe'**A Bob Schwarz introduction**Photo by Conrad Wrzesinski***MANY VOICES HEARD**

Take a moment to notice how many different members contributed to this issue of our newsletter. It truly is YOUR newsletter. My thanks to those who helped; and I issue an invitation to all to send me your ideas.

NEW VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR FREE DAYLILIES!*By Conrad Wrzesinski*

The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) is offering new members who join at any level and current members who upgrade from 1 year to 3 year membership or from 3 years to a lifetime membership a \$25 voucher for daylily purchases from participating vendors. A year's subscription to the Daylily Journal (four issues) is included with each membership. Membership in the AHS also provides the opportunity for Wisconsin Daylily Society members to participate in the annual WDS plant adoption program held in August.

Individual AHS membership dues are \$25.00 per year or \$70.00 for three years. Dual membership (two persons, one set of publications) is \$30.00 for one year or \$83.00 for three years. A single life membership is \$500.00. A dual life membership consisting of two individuals living as a family unit at the same address (one set of publications) is \$750.00. Youth membership through the calendar year of the individual's 18th birthday is \$10.00.

A THOROUGHBRED COMES TO MADISON

By John Sheehan



*Above: H. 'Bass Gibson'
Below: H. 'Beam Me Up'*



John Rice flew in to Madison to help us celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. T'was a grand day!

John and his wife Annette operate Thoroughbred Daylilies near Paris, Kentucky where they display more than 700 varieties of daylilies and plant 30,000 to 40,000 seeds each year (at least we saw photos of Annette planting seeds!). The seeds are planted directly into the ground in very long rows with the seeds placed less than one inch apart. The resulting seedlings are analyzed for three years; the "keepers" are rescued and the rest--poof-- are tossed out!

To make things easier, the seeds, almost all TETS, and are planted in random order with no labeling of any kind to keep track of parentage. That certainly makes the planting step go by more easily! Since John and Annette do not do F1 crosses, this allows them to plant and evaluate the seedlings from huge quantities of daylily seeds.

Also making the hybridizing steps go more quickly and easily, the Rices own a large commercial greenhouse in which to carry out their crosses.

Their hybridizing goals are to produce beautiful, northern hardy, plants with varied faces--they are doing so!

John showed us many slides of his newest daylily creations which ranged from H. 'Bass Gibson', a bright yellow-orange blossom adorned with a wonderful array of twisty, snaggley, teeth to an unusual form, purple flowered plant called H. 'Trifecta' which has quilled and spatulate sepals. Another favorite that John showed us was called H. 'Beam Me Up'. This flower was purple/red, had narrow, partially cupped sepals, and greeted us with a most interesting yellowish-white triangular eyezone on the sepals and petals while a white streak reached out onto each of the petals.

To get a closer look at the plants of John & Annette Rice, visit their website at www.thoroughbreddaylilies.shoppingcartsplus.com

THIS MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE

Following our standard policy of sharing our sale proceeds with those who have helped us, the WDS recently mailed donations to Olbrich Gardens, the American Hemerocallis Society, AHS Region 2, and the West Madison Trial and Demonstration Gardens where many of our plants are tended with loving care and lots of mulch and weeding. Conrad has received acknowledgements from all, and wanted to share the following with you.

On a hand-written card was this message: *Thank you for your generous gift to the West Madison Trial and Demonstration Gardens. Your gift will assist us in continuing our outreach and education programs.*

Sincerely, Judith Reith-Rozelle

From Region 2: *What a nice surprise when I opened your envelope today! The Wisconsin Daylily Society has been so supportive of the Region 2 in the past, but today's \$1000 donation made my mouth drop and I immediately said, WOW! Thanks to all who made this gift possible. I know it's not easy to generate those kind of extra funds, much less to agree on how they should be spent. Your club can be assured the regional officers will continue to "invest" your donated dollars in the best ways possible to promote the daylily.*

Best wishes for continued success of your club and be sure to let all the members know how much the Region appreciates their generosity.

*Bill Johannes
Treasurer, Region 2*

**IT'S OFFICIAL!
GARDENING IS GOOD FOR US!!**

By Bill Powell



Dr. Chris Lowry and researchers at the University of Bristol in England studied rats and mice exposed to a harmless bacteria commonly found in the soil, *Mycobacterium vaccae*, and found that their allergic reaction to it produced an interesting side effect. The mice responded to exposure to *M. vaccae* with elevated levels of serotonin. A high serotonin level (having enough of it) is critical to avoiding depression or improvement in mood as depression is treated. Therefore, the mice that played in the dirt became less depressed (in a mousely sort of way). Members of mice depression support groups were doubtless overjoyed. But, seriously, this raises important implications for people...if we play in the dirt (no garden gloves) and are exposed to *M. vaccae* we are also likely to have an increase in our serotonin levels and be somewhat less depressed.

Some time in the recent past a similar experiment was tried with people dying of cancer and when they were exposed to the same bacteria they become more energetic and less depressed and though their length of life was not prolonged their quality of life was much better. But, since playing in the dirt is not a big money maker compared to making pills and medicines, the drug companies saw no financial benefit to it and terminated those studies. Dr. Lowery observed that "These studies help us understand how the body communicates with the brain and why a healthy immune system is important for maintaining mental health. They also leave us wondering if we shouldn't all be spending more time playing in the dirt." So, go play in the dirt, go skinny dipping in it, and get healthy. Invest in winter dirt dipping spas to combat seasonal affective disorders. Alas, however, simply 'talking dirty' is not a substitute for the real thing so just indulge in a moment of silence as you feel the earth and know that our bodies are made to benefit from doing so.

PHOTO CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

After two years of holding an Annual Daylily Photo Contest, the Board felt that it was time to revise and formalize our rules and guidelines to hopefully avoid questions, confusion, disappointment, and three-way ties. All are subject to change over the years as situations dictate. If you have suggestions, please pass them on to Conrad Wrzesinski.

- 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 enter the photo 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, power point and other visual presentations.

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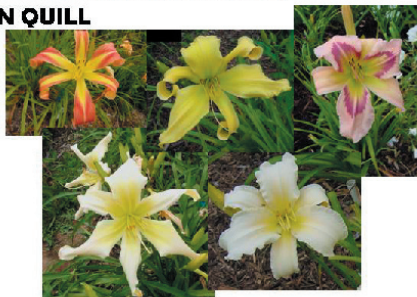


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We would love to have you come for a visit to the garden this summer, but due to road construction, we suggest you call ahead for appt. and directions.

NEW MEETING DATES!!

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