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## PAUL OWEN AND HIS "SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DAYLILIES" WILL BE HERE FOR THE 2009 WDS ANNUAL MEETING

*By John Sheehan*

On Saturday, October 24th, the WDS will mark the end of the year with our Annual Meeting, the highlight of which will be an appearance by North Carolina hybridizer, Paul Owen. The meeting will be held at the Fitchburg Community Center located at 5510 Lacy Road in Fitchburg and will begin at 1:00 PM.

Paul Owen of "The Slightly Different Nursery," located in Shelby, North Carolina, will visit Mad City to discuss his hybridization program and SHOW US what he has been working on for the past 10 years. In 1990 Paul began to grow unusual northern hardy perennials on his property located in the Pocono Hills of Pennsylvania. By 1998 the focus had shifted to daylilies with the goals in place to produce northern hardiness, drought tolerance, sun resistance, and overall garden performance in daylilies (all with pretty faces). In 2005 he moved his 1100 named cultivars (from other hybridizers) and 10,000 seedling clumps (his!) to Shelby, NC. Since then he has registered more than 50 beautiful daylilies including H. 'Butterfly Ann', a searing coral pink flower with a wide edge of gold tendrils; H. 'Quiller', a 7.25" unusual form flower with tubular (quilling) sepals; and, of course, the hottie, H. 'Lady Jane Percy', the flaming red-coral, 9 inch flower honoring our good friend from Verona.

While there are over 45,000 daylily plants at The Slightly Different Nursery, none are growing under "artificial" conditions (greenhouse, shade-house, chemical fertilizers). The seed is started in farm dirt, and grown for an average of 6-7 years before naming/introducing.

If you wish to check out Paul's hybridizing program ahead of time, just go to <http://www.slightlydifferentnursery.com>.

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The 2009 WDS Annual Meeting is a special event. Not only will Paul be speaking, however, new WDS Board Members will be elected; there will be lots of door prizes, and Ron Ben-Ami will again be catering a wonder dinner. Please come!!

**To attend the Annual Meeting, read, fill out, and mail in the Annual Meeting Response sheet located in this Newsletter. YOU MUST SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION!!!**

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*Hemerocallis 'Lady Jane Percy'*

### Calendar of Events 2009

October 24th (Saturday) 1:00 pm, Annual Meeting, Fitchburg Community Center  
**Speaker: Paul Owen**

**Be sure to check our web site for updates and all the pictures in COLOR!**

## WE PARTIED IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

*By Francis Kleckner*

Everyone who made the trip on the curvy and hilly roads to the rural Mt. Horab farm of Jeannette Golden was to be treated to a super afternoon of wonderful weather, beautiful gardens and camaraderie.

After being advised to park a short distance from the gardens, the walk seemed quick due to the anticipation of seeing a new garden. The sun was very bright but a nice breeze made it very comfortable and seemed to keep all of the bugs away.

Walking down the driveway one could see the tent for the food and the shade gardens. The shade was provided by two of the biggest Black Walnut trees I have ever seen. Below the trees were beautiful clumps of hostas. The one I remember the most was a very nice clump of Hosta "Guardian Angel," very beautiful. Planted among the hostas we found a wide variety of other shade perennials. All of the plants had been treated to a very thick layer of leaves for mulch.

Taking a walk around to the rear of the home one left the shade gardens and entered the many beautiful sun gardens. Mixed among the vast variety of sun perennials were many daylilies. Hemerocallis "Islope" was blooming for us. These gardens also had been treated to a very thick layer of leaves for mulch. Leading away from one side of these gardens was a trail that would take you around the serene pond.

The fact that there are many good cooks in the WDS was again proven by the wide variety of delicious food that was consumed.

A plant raffle was held with many taking home more than one plant. Our members are so generous when it comes to sharing.

The Garden Party was a huge success providing a beautiful afternoon in the country enjoying gardens, food and the opportunity to visit with friends.



*Jeannette Golden, our gracious hostess.*



*The Table of Plenty!!*

## WDS Popularity Poll

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

Though a few 'lates' still grace our daylily gardens, most of the summer bloom is a fond memory. It is now time to recall the fond memories of those special daylilies that caught our attention during the bloom season. The annual WDS Top Ten Poll of our daylily favorites will be conducted at the Annual Meeting. In the 2008 WDS Top Ten Poll Curt Hanson's 'Bela Lugosi' 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>).

## Membership News

Our new members garden in many places" Beaver Dam: Ed Ormont; De Forest: Lynn Manthe; Lake Mills: Chris Nolan; Lodi: Cliff Barbian, Suzanne Schmelling; Madison: Erica Anderson, Julie Baker; Marshall: Kayo Miyazaki; Monroe: Nina Binkley, Deb Kleppe; Plainfield: Peggy & James Morgan; Poynette: Dawn Blumenstein; Verona: Maria Donahue.

We welcome all of you to WDS and extend a special invitation to join us for our annual meeting on Saturday, October 24th at the Fitchburg Community Center (see details elsewhere).

Gene Dewey, Keeper of the Mailing List

## Excitement Reigns!

The air was buzzing with excitement as we arrived at the Fitchburg Community Center. That's where we were gathering for the 2009 Adoption/Auction/Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd.

John Sheehan started the parade of plants and food coming through the doorway. He had arranged for 68 plants to be adopted by 40 lucky people who are also members of AHS. Looking at those numbers you can see that many took home 2 new babies to care for over the next 3 years. Hopefully those plants will multiply like rabbits and provide many plants for our auction in 2012.

The parade through the door continued for almost an hour as members brought in their dish to pass and lots of plants for the auction from the 2006 Adoption Program.

As always, food comes first. About 1:00 pm we settled down to enjoy the delicious assortment of goodies laid out on the loooooong table. No one should have gone home hungry!

The Adoption Program followed. Tension ran high as we waited for our number to be drawn, each of us hoping that the plant we wanted would still be there when it was our turn.

When that table was empty our attention turned to the front of the room where our able auctioneers, Conrad W. and Bill Powell (with help from Francis & Jake Kleckner) proceeded to separate 35 members from some of their hard-earned money (or WDS \$\$). One hundred thirty plants brought in \$1749 which will be used to purchase the plants to be adopted next year. Winning bids ranged from \$5 to \$45.

Everyone departed with the knowledge that we would all meet again in two weeks at the Plant Sale. This is such an exciting time of year!

## NOMINATING AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2010 CHARITY RECIPIENT AWARD

*By Conrad J. Wrzesinski*

Each year the Wisconsin Daylily Society makes a Charity Recipient Award consisting of 5% of the proceeds from the August daylily sale. Candidates for the charity award are nominated by WDS members and voted upon at the annual meeting.

To nominate an organization to receive 5% of sales proceeds from the 2010 WDS Daylily Sale, submit your nomination to Conrad Wrzesinski by October 16th. A brief description of why you think the organization deserves the award must accompany the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by email (conradw@charter.net) or regular mail (3010 Elm Lane, Middleton, WI 53562).

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 a charitable contribution 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.

The 2009 WDS Charity Recipient Award from the recent WDS Daylily Sale will be split between Allen Centennial Gardens and the Sauk County Master Gardeners Association to help replace plantings lost in the flooding last year.

## HYBRIDIZER GROUP MEETING

*By Pat Sturdevant*

The Hybridizer Group will have its next meeting on Nov. 14 from 10:00 until 4:00. The meeting will be held at the West Ag Station off of Mineral Point Rd. Members, please bring pictures of your new seedlings. We are looking for ideas for meeting presentations. Be thinking! Please RSVP if you plan to attend so we can get the room set up with enough chairs. Hope to see you all there!

As in the past, please bring a brown bag lunch. & \$3.00 to cover the room reservation.

Happy Gardening!

“Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. We have much to hope from the flowers.”

- Sherlock Holmes in “The Naval Treaty” by Arthur Conan Doyle.

## WDS SALE NEWBIE

*By Barb Kaja*

Ever since Rick, my husband, and I joined the Wisconsin Daylily Society, I've been out of town or busy the weekend of our big Daylily Sale in August. Rick, however, got involved in helping right away and had made several friends and really enjoyed it. This year he encouraged me to work out my schedule so I could go with him and try it. I made sure I could and joined him this year in the Prep Tent.

What an operation! Rick knew his job would be dividing plants. I, however, being a newbie didn't know what I would be doing. I found Rosemary and asked her what she'd like to have me do. She guided me to a table of ladies that were labelling bags of daylilies. They welcomed me and showed me what they were doing. It was something I could do and I enjoyed getting to know the people at my table. Before long I was helping Rick bag daylilies after he divided them. I've come to the conclusion that the reason we have such a great sale is that everyone puts so much effort into making it great. I had no idea.

They also take great care of the volunteers. All day long there was an endless supply of beverages and food! I was amazed!!

I am encouraging you, if you have never worked at one of the daylily sales, try it! I did and I'll do it again. If you have a few hours or all day, they can use you. If you know a lot or a little they have things for you to do. From digging early in the week to cleaning up at the end, and everything in between, there's something for everyone to do. I got to know some very nice people who love flowers like I do. We got some really good deals on plants too! It doesn't get any better than that, does it? This newbie hopes she gets to meet you next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who worked so hard at the sale and made it so enjoyable for the rest of us.

## It's Eureka Time!

*By June (Eureka) Johnson*

The Eureka Daylily 2010 Reference Guide will be going to press soon, so now is the time to place your order for this daylily lovers' "wish book." What better way to spend a cold, dreary, winter afternoon than to peruse the colorful pages of the 2010 Eureka, 20th Anniversary Edition.

The price for WDS members is \$32.18. That's a savings of \$10.72 off the regular retail price of \$42.90. You can pick up your copy at the January meeting, or if you want it shipped to you, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00.

To order, fill out the order form found on the last page of this newsletter and send it to me along with your payment by check, WDS dollars, or a combination of the two. DO NOT SEND CASH. Make your check payable to Wisconsin Daylily Society. Questions? Email me (bjj@chorus.net) or call (608-273-9875).

**I must have your order by October 24th!**

**WELCOME TO MR. POTATO MAN***By Ruth Horrall*

How many WDS members can say their garden has been shown on television? Vaughan James – a new WDS member – can. On June 25 of this year, Wisconsin Public Television featured his garden during “The Wisconsin Gardener” program. Host Shelley Ryan interviewed him at length and was especially interested in the fact that Vaughan built a brick walk surrounding the house so his wheel-chair-bound father could “supervise” the gardening.

Vaughan holds a Masters degree in plant pathology from the UW-Madison and a PhD in plant pathology from Cornell. In 1986, he returned to Madison to assume a research position at the UW. This job required considerable travel time and field work. Having evaluated thousands of rotten potatoes rekindled an interest in flowering (more pleasantly fragrant) plants.

When both parents became ill in 1999, he moved from his apartment into their home to assist with their care. He redesigned and supervised the rebuilding of the family home to facilitate their healthcare. After construction was finished, the yard was a “mess”, and Vaughan has spent the last 10 years redesigning the garden in which there are now more than 1,500 different kinds of plants. Before he joined WDS, he had twenty daylilies; now, one year later, there are more than 200! (See his website [rvjdesigns.com](http://rvjdesigns.com).)

He gives great credit to “eureka moment” people. (You thought “Eureka” was just for daylily nuts.) He has been inspired by the following: His mother’s gift of a silk-screening kit when he was young sparked his love of silk-screening which metamorphosed into an avocation. (His floral and state history sweat shirts and cards sell at the Bethany Methodist Church’s annual Arts and Crafts Fair.) His father’s vegetable garden inspired his enduring fascination with plant life. UW professors Paul Williams, Doug Maxwell, Ed Hasselkus, and Walt Stevenson were his teachers for ornamental horticulture and plant pathology.

Now that he’s retired, Vaughan uses his knowledge of ornamental horticulture as a volunteer at the Arboretum, and he continues his long-term membership in the Bethany Methodist choir.

Hiram Percy’s ’08 garden tour infected Vaughan with the daylily bug, which prompted his joining WDS at the ’08 sale.

Welcome, Vaughan, to WDS. You’ve already participated in the ’09 sale. We hope you’ll share your rich knowledge of plants with our membership (and maybe design a long-sleeved daylily sweat shirt)! We are lucky to have you running for the Board!

*Vaughan and Roscoe**The brick walk winds through the entire garden.***A DAYLILY FOR ALL SEASONS?***By Conrad Wrzesinski**H. ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’**Photo by Conrad Wrzesinski*

In 2007 I received an end of the season sale circular from Dottie Warrell, with special pricing on her introductions. Perusing the sale circular, her introduction, ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ caught my attention. In the circular Dottie described ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’, as a bud builder with blooms from late June into September, with the unusual habit of blooming from proliferations along the scapes. The AHS registration database describes ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ as an Early Mid season UFO Cascade with a height of 48 inches and a 7.5 inch red flower with a yellow stripe above a green throat. I was intrigued and subsequently ordered ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’. A nice double fan arrived in good condition and was planted in late August of 2007.

Last year during the first season in our garden, ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ began to bloom on July 5th and continued to flower until August 29th. This year, a more established ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ began to flower on June 30th, as an Early Mid, and continued to flower through Mid, Mid Late, Late, and is nearing Very Late with mid September buds still to open. ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ is indeed a daylily for all seasons. The red flowers with contrasting yellow stripes on tall, straight scapes are bright spots in the daylily garden.

Look for some proliferations from ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ as door prizes at the Annual Meeting.

## AN HISTORICAL REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig

For once the Badger Bus, driven by our most-requested driver, Phil Broderick, left Madison at a civilized hour. As the Summer Meeting was being held in the Chicago area, we were able to take a leisurely pace to get there. An absolutely fabulous stop at Roy Klehm's Song Sparrow Nursery (a strictly mail order business) was enjoyed by all 32 WDS members on the trip. The only drawback was the rain that morning that had created MUD, MUD, SHOE-SUCKING MUD in the fields. Roy opened all the greenhouses for us and left it up to us if we wanted to go out to the daylily plots. Well, the decision was not hard for many of us adventurous types; hmmmmm, to tour ROY KLEHM'S fields or be stopped by a little mud????? Most of us took our turn at piling into his work van and bumping along out to the daylilies where we wandered about, slipping and sliding and losing a shoe or two. We were able to select from a large variety of his cultivars and his workers dug them for us on the spot. Many daylilies and also quite a few other uncommon perennials and woody plants were loaded onto the bus along with the potted daylilies he graciously gave each one of us. After a brisk hosing off of our feet, a warm cup of coffee and a pastry, it was on to the main event.

This year's happening was held in Naperville, Illinois and was hosted by the Chicagoland Daylily Society. This club has been in existence since 1963 and the tour gardens back then included those of James Marsh, Orville Fay, and Brother Charles Reckamp. These were some of the pioneers in the development of the tetraploid daylily, the creation of which has led to so much variety in our beloved plant.

After checking in and receiving our goody bag, it was off to see the Boutique. There was a very nice selection of wares that included stained glass, mosaic, and leaf casting garden art pieces, plus embroidered shirts, hosta, perennials, assorted signage, tote bags, jewelry, and clay pots. Also available were bargain daylilies. At four o'clock we traipsed out to the parking lot and were met by a jolly Leo Sharp, who created and personally gave us a potted Registration plant he named "Chicagoland Revolution". Later that evening we enjoyed a tasty buffet dinner, a talk by Roy Klehm who was instrumental in marketing the newfangled tetraploid daylilies and who had close personal relationships with the early pioneering hybridizers in the Chicago area. Rounding out the evening was a daylily auction with a real auctioneer. It was a hoot to hear him. And yes, I won a few bids.

We toured the six listed gardens all of Saturday and half of Sunday and were pleasantly surprised by a last minute additional stop. All seven gardens were unique and full of the owners' personalities and tastes. They were each a joy to see and varied from large to small, country to city, very sunny to a lot of shade.

When we returned from touring late in the afternoon of Saturday, we quickly showered and went down to the dining room for a formal dinner and the Region 2 Business Meeting. One of the highlights and honors for me was that I was presented with an Award Certificate from the American Hemerocallis Society for writing the best article about a hybridizer for a Regional Newsletter. I won for "Nate Bremer: A Hardy Wisconsin Dormant". That was pretty special and unexpected! Once the business part of the night was finished, keynote speaker Darrel Apps (a Wisconsin native) took the stage and urged us to think outside the box if we hybridize.

One o'clock Sunday afternoon found us once again on the bus and heading back to Wisconsin. A stop at Bob Ellison's business and hybridizing garden in Rockford allowed us to purchase his seedlings at a bargain price. This was a bittersweet stop as Bob has had serious health issues that require him to abandon hybridizing. What a loss for the northern daylily connoisseur. We did our best to save some of his last creations and promptly carted them off to the bus. Then it was truly time to get on home.

The Chicagoland Daylily Society put on a great weekend filled with beautiful gardens, yummy food, interesting speakers, and a wonderful Boutique. It's hard to imagine that they did all this with only a handful of individuals. Thanks for stepping up to the plate and giving us a fabulous show!



Garden tour hostess Liz Gilbert visits with Lloyd & Judy Ravet.



Roy Klehm and his wonderful staff at Song Sparrow



Vern & Sylvia Lowell are enjoying the ride.



You wouldn't!!

## YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

What more could we ask for? Beautiful, sunny weather and lots of customers to buy lots of our plants - more than \$24,000 worth - and this when nurserymen in the area were grateful if they took in \$500 a day! You who make up the WDS have definitely mastered the art of a successful sale.

Long ago you folks figured out that a successful sale takes lots of work by lots of people. Eighty-two of you spent a total of at least 1,552 hours digging, dividing, packaging and selling our plants. The best part is that you all seem to know what needs to be done, and you do it.

You have also made sure we have a lot of plants to sell. Thirty-six members came forth with a total of 5,333 plants donated from your own gardens. That means that, out of 6,272 that were offered for sale, 85% of them came from you! You will be receiving a receipt of your donation for tax purposes.

The Kleckners once again invited us to Muscodia to dig and divide 223 cultivars from their garden. That truck and trailer full contained 1,808 plants. What a gift! Thanks Francis, Genni, and Jake.

Then of course a little publicity never hurts either. With a prompt from our own June Johnson, a camera man from Channel 3 appeared on Friday afternoon to film activity in the Prep Tent and Sale Tent. He then set up a live interview with Susan Simon, Mark Kane, and Yours Truly on the 5:00 p.m. news broadcast. Many customers commented that they heard about the sale on TV. What you hear now is a round of applause for June.

Our special thanks go out to everyone, but especially to a few who make our job of chairing the event so much easier. Mike Alvin took over the job of organizing the "digs" this year. He's so organized that he already has five gardens set up to dig next year! Diane Goodman organized and recruited volunteers to fill all spots. (She tells me that's easy because everyone is so willing!!) Gene Dewey handles all the Hi Tech jobs such as managing our data base of cultivars and prior buyers. He also sees to it that the labels are printed. With all the trouble we've experienced in the past with labels not sticking, this winter he's looking for a better label that will work in our printers. Terri Maliszewski-Kane and Pat Sturdevant always make sure we are well watered and nourished. When she could see we were running out of steam later Friday afternoon, Pat even made a trip to KFC. That held us over until all was completed and cleaned up about 8:30 p.m.

Saturday morning arrived with sun shining down on the bright yellow and white tent in the middle of Olbrich's parking lot - and lots of customers waiting patiently for the 10:00 summons that we were open for business. Traffic through the tent was steady all weekend. By 3:00 Sunday afternoon the tent was full of volunteers just waiting to to be let loose to take home whatever was left. They went home with bags full. It sure doesn't take long to empty those boxes; and it doesn't take long to clean up the site since everyone stays to help. You folks are the best!! Another round of applause!

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

### A Follow-up To Our Last Newsletter

Do you recall the long list of struggling daylilies published in the last newsletter? Well, by the time bloom season came around (only about 1 week later than usual), we could see very little effect of the struggling that had occurred earlier. Guess that helps to reinforce the fact that daylilies are tough!!

The best part of the later season is that we still have buds and blooms on five different cultivars - and it's the 15th of September! We love it!



*June Johnson is still smiling!!*



*The Kramers admire H. 'Grandma Kissed Me'*



*Our youngest shopper!*



*Winnie & Lowell Grass are willing to take your money!*



## THE TOUR IN THE WILDERNESS

*By Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Tour Chair*



On Saturday, July 25 of this year 50 WDS members once again boarded another Badger Coach piloted by our all-time favorite driver Phil B. Well, we boarded, but we did not depart. Actually, we departed, but only drove a few feet before yours truly remembered that we had not loaded the lunches. In fact, the lunches had not even been delivered yet! A frantic call on a borrowed phone to our caterers of note, B' Tayavon, was met with puzzlement and a "you said 7:15-7:30". After a brief conversation, the issue was resolved, but we were stuck in neutral until they arrived. We had actually set the time of departure for 6:30 and except for the unnamed couple who read the info wrong, all had found their seats by then and were raring to go...they had the smell of freshly dug daylilies in their noses. All aboard were very patient with my gaff, however, and did not throw me off the bus even before the tour began! This little glitch taught me that you MUST follow up every email with a phone call. I will never, I swear to 50 of my fellow WDS souls, forget this lesson.

Once we hit the road, it was off to the north country where, hard as it is to believe, daylilies do grow and thrive. We picked up three relieved riders in Columbus who were wondering if they had been forgotten and then hit the road in earnest. That was until we ran into the Road Closed/Detour problem. You'd think that the bus company would research these things beforehand, but no, they do not. This is the second lesson I learned, do your own route checking and do not rely on the professionals you contracted with! Who'd have thought I personally needed to double-check the roads. The bus company sent me the route map, for Pete's sake!!! Thank heavens Phil, our tried and trusted driver, had his GPS along (can you believe that this is not standard equipment on all buses???). We took some mighty windy and narrow country roads and waved at a lot of perplexed small town and unincorporated burg folks. It actually was fun and we all had a good laugh, but man was I nervous about how far behind schedule we were. I tried preparing the first stop for our belated arrival, but got no answer...they were already out and about in the garden. I breathed a BIG sigh of relief once we hit Pine-Sva Road and saw Nate Bremer waving us into the appropriate parking spot. We were about a half hour behind schedule, which, considering the two large delays we had encountered, was not bad.

Our bus emptied out into the grounds of Solaris Farms (near Reedsville) rather quickly as there was a lot to see and to buy. We filled up several bays in the bus with bounty from Nate's place. As an added bonus, we all got a discount on our purchases. Thank you Nate!

Before we loaded up for the next stop near Suamico, the aforementioned (and troublesome) lunches were distributed and we ate them enroute to the Korth's. They were welcomed and delicious. Luckily we were back on track time-wise and Phil and Luell greeted us at their lovely Pinewood Gardens home at half past noon. They announced that they were selling their specially marked seedling clumps at a ridiculously low price and you should have seen the stream of WDS people rush to the back yard! I believe that we nearly bought every clump out there. They also had a special discount for us on their other cultivars and once again, another bay of the bus was filled up. Thank you Lu and Phil!

Now it was off to Abrams and a visit at Jo Ann and Mark Jankowski's Angelic Acres. This was only a short drive away and we arrived nearly on time. As we disembarked, the Jankowski's informed me that they had a bus plant for each and every one of us. Wow, was that ever a great and generous surprise! We had another buying frenzy here (with another discount) and barely had room for it all. Thank you Mark and Jo Ann!

A five minute ride brought us to the home and gardens of Sharon and Jim Prochaska. The flower-lined driveway pulled us into the gardens, but the RAIN drove us out a bit prematurely. Yes, rain! They hadn't had rain in weeks, but here it came pouring down on us. We saw most of their place, however, and a few hardy souls not made of sugar lasted the whole hour. Some more daylily purchases and garden objects made of old and interesting china found their way onto our overflowing coach. A soggy thank you to Jim and Sharon!

We stopped at a McDonalds a short way down the highway. I think we must have rattled their quiet, slow-paced world when 50 hungry people descended on them out of nowhere. It took a while, but we all were served. Now it was back on the bus and down to some serious freeway driving. To pass the two-plus hour drive home we popped in a movie. My choice of movie. And here comes my lesson number three: pick an action-type movie or at least one that is not what you would call a "chick flick". The movie THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL is one of my favorites and speaks volumes, but a quiet film is hard to follow on a bus filled with road noise. And the guys get soooooo bored. So, I have learned what constitutes a good 'road' movie and have filed that knowledge away with lessons one and two!

Phil remembered to drop off the members who we had picked up so belatedly in Columbus (I told you, he's our favorite driver for more than one reason) and at 8:30 p.m. he dropped off the rest of us and our enormous cargo at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride. As we dispersed to our separate homes, a tired but collective "that was a fun trip" echoed through the night air.

**ELECTION TIME ROLLS AROUND AGAIN***By Kathi Dwelle*

At the 2009 WDS Annual Meeting, you will again have an opportunity to vote for your board members for the coming year. Diane Goodman has completed one two-year term and may be elected for a second term. June Johnson has also completed a two-year term and will not be running again. Wilma Brouwer-Herwig and John Sheehan have both completed two successive two-year terms and are ineligible for re-election. Our thanks to all for their dedicated service to WDS.

Janet Gordon, Vaughan James and Diane Scharkley have indicated a willingness to serve on the Board. A short introduction of each candidate follows (if submitted). Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

Our thanks go to Conrad Wrzesinski and Kathi Dwelle for putting together this great slate of candidates, and to the candidates for being willing to serve.

**Diane Sharkey**

Growing up on a farm in Minnesota, my love and knowledge of plants consisted mostly of fruits and vegetables and a few common flowers. In 1973, I moved to Madison with a one-year-old boy and chose to stay at home raising him, so I turned the acre behind my home into garden and sold at Madison's Farmers' Market. I was a small seller compared to today; but, toting children with me I had double work but pleasant memories. The acre was sold; I stopped vegetable gardening and have since turned the half acre I live on into perennials, trees, & shrubs, and since belonging to the Daylily Society lots more daylilies and very little lawn.

I am a member of other garden societies: Master Gardeners, Hosta, Conifer, Woody Plant, and Hardy Plant where I have been an officer for many years as Vice President and the last couple of years as Treasurer. I enjoy each organization for what it has to offer; but, I find none of them as organized, with talented, friendly, hard-working people, nor the exciting ideas that the Daylily Society has. I see so many neat things that keep everyone in the organization involved and interested. I would like to serve on the board to help to continue the work of a successful organization, and if elected, I would work to keep the energy and great ideas of the group ongoing.

**Vaughan James**

I've lived in Madison my whole life, except for eight years in NY State for graduate school and my first job, and I've always been interested in gardening. My father always had a large vegetable garden and flower borders all around the yard. Eventually I realized plants could become my career and I studied ornamental horticulture and plant pathology and worked in plant disease research at UW-Madison. Ten years ago extensive remodeling of the family home provided the opportunity to plan and plant an almost completely new garden, and I've become extremely interested in growing a wide variety of woody and perennial plants. A focus on daylilies began last summer when I was invited to the Percy's open garden and came away with a LONG list of daylilies I hoped to add to my garden. The next step was the WDS sale, meeting a few people I knew who were working there, and being encouraged to join WDS. I've had great fun getting to know more people and more daylilies, and I've added substantially to my collection. This summer, first thing each day I'd tour my yard to look for the first blossom on any new plant and see if it met my expectations (most did). My garden contains a real mix of plants with most of the yard shadier than ideal for daylilies, but I've been delighted by the beautiful blooms I get and they have become a major element of my garden. A number of new daylilies were added this summer so I'll have the excitement of anticipation again next year.

I've truly appreciated the fellowship of WDS events, the knowledge shared by speakers and members, the gardens I've seen, and the chance to help with preparation for the sale in August. I would be delighted to be a part of the board and participate in planning future events for members.

**Janet Gordon**

My introduction to the Daylily world took place in Region 4. There I was active in our events and was able to attend many other Clubs' events while becoming an Exhibition Judge.

I knew my passion would not fade, so I became a life member of the AHS and also gave my daughter a life membership.

The move to Wisconsin, with all my cultivars, took a U-haul truck. After moving the flowers here, they had to be moved twice more before I could plant them where I now live. Part remain in my daughter's yard and we both enjoy annually what is left from the original plants.

If I am selected for the Board of WDS, I will work closely with the other members to help the club not only attain its regular fine programs and events, but help encourage others to become members.

**Diane Goodman**

About 10 years ago I joined the WDS and found a wonderful group of people who shared and encouraged my plant obsession. In that time, I have learned a great amount of information regarding daylilies from both the members of the club and the programs the club has offered. I've served on the board for the past two years and, yes, I would like to continue to offer my services to the club as a board member for another two years.

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**ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

**Saturday, October 24th, at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Fitchburg Community Center/Lower Level**  
**5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg**  
**Cost: \$10 per person**

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