

FANFARE!

Upcoming: Bill Powell and "The Search for the Next Pretty Face"

Sunday, April 14th, DSSEW welcomes daylily hybridizer Bill Powell who will share lessons learned from his years of hybridizing. A DSSEW member, Bill explains how he got started with hybridizing:

"I've been in the Daylily 'game' for most of my life. My grandmother had a huge lawn and garden at her rural Indiana home, and my first encounter with Daylilies as a child was walking to my grandparent's 'two-holer' outhouse which was surrounded by daylilies and trying to sneak a smoke using their dried scapes as cigarette substitutes at the end of autumn. Later I began growing them myself and bought a few cheap ones from Wild. I tried crossing them and succeeded in getting two seeds. Later, while working at a State Hospital in Indiana, I was involved in genetics research and inclined to 'make something new'. I pollinated and produced one homely, viable, daylily and raised it in a pot in my office; it had only two buds and flowers which were an ungodly plain tan color....I took them far into a city park and

planted them in a corner (a 'mercy transplant') so as to not alarm small children by their appearance.

Much later, I came to Milwaukee for graduate studies and crossed h. Fulva with another Wild's cultivar (not knowing fulva was supposed to be a sterile triploid) and got a seed which was ultimately registered as "Rosa Fulvultra"—it was fertile with both diploids and tetraploids. Mary and I ultimately moved to the country near Fort Atkinson and the 'disease' set in—we kept digging up more of our 35 acres and kept buying plants and seedlings....year after year. (Continued on Page 2)



'William Powell'
(Powell-W., 2015)

President's Report

Hello All,

I'm back! For those of you that don't know me, I was president a few years back. But when I was selected for the same job for the SouthEast Wisconsin Master Gardeners (SEWMG), I had to give up this job. SEWMG is a slightly larger organization with about six times the members we have. But it was an easy gig

compared to this job. All I really had to do was run the monthly meetings. And, of course, volunteer for other jobs. That said, I am glad to be back.

We had a wonderful meeting March 3rd with Zannah Crowe giving a presentation about the medical uses of plants. We even learned what killed Abraham

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Mid-2019 Calendar

April 14th 1 PM

Member and hybridizer Bill Powell will present 'The Search for the Next Pretty Face: Lessons Learned from Hybridizing'

May 19th 1 PM

Daylily Auction and Guest Plant Drawing
Rod Lysne of Northern Grown Perennials, Ferryville, WI will present a program on hostas and his daylily program

June 1st 9AM--1PM

Annual Daylily Plant Sale!
Brookfield Farmer's Market

July 17th 6--7:30PM

Garden Walk with DSSEW member Lew Silva

July 20th TBD

Bus trip to tour Wisconsin Daylily Society members' gardens in Madison area

All regular membership meetings are held at the FBBG Education Building in the Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park



Powell's Epiphany Farms

2018 President's Report (Cont.)

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Lincoln's mother. We did not have a great turnout within our group, but part of the problem was that the Region 2 meeting was going on at the same time in Indianapolis, so we lost a few members to that. But we had about 30 SEWMGs come to our meeting, so thanks to Ted Haasch for sending out the invite to them.

I have a book called 'Wicked Plants' by Amy Stewart. The subtitle is "The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities". So it is somewhat related to Zannah's talk. After reading this book, I am very wary of working in the garden without gloves.

By the way, a Poison Exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum is going on now. The following description is excerpted from the Milwaukee Public Museum website.

"The Power of Poison, a new exhibition organized by the American Museum of Natural History, is fatal fun where you will discover the complex role of poison from aphrodisiac and self-defense to lethal weapons and medical miracles. See how the toxins and venoms found in nature can be used for good and evil, and uncover why people remain obsessed with poisonous myths and legends to this day."

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 14th. Bill Powell will be giving a presentation, "The Search for the Next Pretty Face: Lessons Learned From Hybridizing". I first met Bill when my wife decided to get some daylilies a few years back, actually way back. She read about Bill and decided we had to make the trip to Fort Atkinson to check it out. For a few years he was our "go to" guy for daylilies.

Watch for more information about our Daylily sale. The sale takes place the first Saturday in June at the Brookfield Farmers Market. We need help bagging and tagging the daylilies before the sale, and more help is needed the day of the sale.

If you have any questions or comments, contact me at m-pawlak@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks,

Mark Pawlak

Upcoming: Bill Powell (Cont.)

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I heard the holy mantra of 'branching and budcount' and, when we began selling our leafy 'children' into bondage at 'Epiphany Farm', quickly learned customers didn't much care about branching and budcount and subtle pastel colors. They wanted In-your-face bright colors (preferably not orange or yellow). We grew more and more and tried odd growth mediums (epigenetic manipulation) and sold more and more and barely broke even. But, damn(!), what hard work it became over the years as we grew old! Over the years we met a lot of nice people, produced a kazillion 'pretty faces', composted thousands, and gave a lot away as gifts. We learned that it's wondrous to give free plants to little kids...ones they choose. Ultimately, we decided we needed to give it up...there were sales days when I was so tired from roasting in the sun and digging that I needed help to get up off the ground. So, we sold the last batch, gave abundant gift plants, kept some memorable seedlings to grace our new house, and donated thousands of plants to UW-Whitewater for their campus. Then, we mourned. Some of the seedlings and peculiar bits of advice and wisdom will be evident in the images and comments."



Powell Seedling

Meet-A-Member: Eileen Langyel!

By Patricia Adrian

It is my pleasure to introduce you to Eileen Langyel, a newer DSSEW member - and my sister - who hosts the Bag-and-Tag events! Last June she welcomed about 15-20 DSSEW volunteers who showed up bright and early to work. Her lunch was appreciated by everyone who attended. Perhaps you remember her haiku poems published in the January Newsletter.

Eileen began attending DSSEW meetings with me and joined last year. Her first daylilies were the Stella de Oro's from a garden center - a common variety, but the blooms are bright and cheerful. Then she bought more daylilies - she was hooked! She has two adult children, Sam and Natalie, and gardens with the help of her husband, Michael.



August and September find her busily canning tomato sauce, soup and salsa!

Eileen's favorite plants are daylilies and iris. All colors, all sizes. Newly retired from her dental practice, she hopes to have more time for gardening in 2019. DSSEW "is a wonderful addition as I put together my retired life." Eileen describes herself as an unsophisticated gardener, yet she raises much from the volunteers who shared their knowledge and tomatoes, peppers, onions and more in about 20 raised beds.

Be sure to say hello to Eileen when you see her, and come on out to our Bag-and-Tag at her home! She says she learned so much from the volunteers who shared their knowledge and passion for daylilies!

Rich Howard at the 2018 Annual Event!

By Duane Nickel

Rich Howard, from Ctdaylilies in Wallington, CT, showed his hybridizing program to DSSEW members and guests during our 2018 Annual Luncheon.

Rich has won several National Awards. His 2012 introduction 'Pawprints On My Heart' and 2013 'Yankee Pinstripes' have been awarded Honorable Mention.' Explosion In The Paint Factory' has also won the 2018 Eugene S. Foster award for best late-blooming daylily.

Rich uses a greenhouse for hybridizing and leaves from his neighbors for mulching. He makes 30,000 seeds, most of which he sells on the Lily Auction. Rich uses rootmaker pots to put his seedlings in. All introductions are kept outside in pots. He explained how he gets about 900 proliferations using Bop 10. Rich is working on Tet patterns, stripes, broken colors and teeth. He uses Nicole Devito's 2014 'Indefinable' to get broken patterns.

What with sharing speakers with BAD Buds in Green Bay, as we have for years, you get to spend several hours with them. Talking about politics, jobs, childhood, likes, dislikes and even daylilies. Rich and I found a Duluth Trading Post outlet store in Oshkosh on the way home. We stopped and shopped. That will

be a stop on the way to BAD Buds meetings from now on.

I was intrigued by Rich's 'Explosion In The Paint Factory' and got a double fan last year. Every bloom had the broken pattern as shown on his Website. This year I ordered 'Yankee Pinstripes' (pictured below) and am anxious to see how it blooms this year.



From left:

Sandy Martin, Wilma Brouwer-Herwig, Pat Sturdevant, Rich Howard, Sonja Kraft & Sonja's son Gavin Kramer.



Photo from
ctdaylily.com

What's Up With Minis?

By Patricia Adrian, Editor

I had always thought of the ideal daylily as one having a big, showy flower – and the bigger, the better. When a DSSEW member requested an article on the smallest in the Hemerocallis family, I knew I had a lot to learn!

I started my education at the AHS Website. The Plant Database includes statistics of all registered daylilies: height of the scape, bloom size, color/description, and usually a photo. I needed much more direction though, so I consulted some of our DSSEW members as well as members of the AHS 'Round Robin' email exchange. I also took a look at articles in the Daylily Journal archives. An additional resource was the Website's list of awards, three of which are given for small and miniature daylilies:

- ==> Florida Sunshine Cup -- awarded to the "hybridizer of the cultivar considered to be the best small or miniature flowering clump."
- ==> Annie T. Giles Award – awarded to the "most outstanding small flower whose greatest width is 3" or more, but less than 4.5", and
- ==> Donn Fischer Memorial Cup – awarded to the "most outstanding miniature daylily (registered under 3)".¹

Small and miniature daylilies comprise only 1.8% of over 83,000 registered daylilies, as of January 1, 2017.² But they are beloved by some hybridizers. In 1967, the small daylilies were few in number and tended to be shades of yellow. Clifton Merrill expressed the goal



'Crystal Blue Persuasion' (Salter-E.H., 1996) 2.75" bloom

for this category, "Gad! for a miniature with the texture of a dove, the substance of a hawk, the scape-height of an exclamation point, and the size of a period!"³ The early 70's saw hybridizers making significant progress, especially "the three Lucilles – Lenington, Warner, and Williamson."⁴ Still, they lacked the color range of larger daylilies. There were more small varieties to work with during the 1980's, and Harry McCrone's articles in the AHS Daylily Journal highlight many of them. As well, the articles are honest, practical, and downright fun to read. Some of his favorite miniature daylilies contain an entry in the AHS database, but I was unable to find photos for 'Amy Aden' (Aden, 1977) or 'Snoopy' (Warner, 1967).

In 1986, Elizabeth Salter described goals for her miniature daylily hybridizing program: true minis with 2 ½ inch blooms, a full, rounded form, and a wider color range beyond yellows. Her article will be of interest to other hybridizers, as it illustrates parentage for some of her registered varieties and describes her approach:

"Munchkin Moon' has proved to be one of the most significant parents of the group. Many lines that I am working with have this cultivar as a great-great grand-parent. Looking back, I would say it was a milestone in my miniature hybridizing program. In that one plant there was a fusion of all the qualities that I was searching for. The bloom was consistently

miniature. The form was very round, and the scapes were heavily budded and well branched."⁵

Salter has accomplished many of her goals, but she described the difficulty and frustration involved in achieving the elusive red miniature cultivar. Grace Stamile is another prolific mini/small daylily hybridizer beginning in the 1990's and continuing today.

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'Dead Ringer' (Salter-E.H., 1991)



'Elfin Magic' (Stamile-G., 2008)



'Broadway Baby' (Stamile-G., 1991)

1. AHS Website, <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/awards/>
2. Covington, Julie. 2017. 'Tiny Jewels in the Garden', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 72, Issue 1
3. Merrill, Clifton L. 1967. 'Dwarfs and Miniatures', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 21, Issue 4
4. Munson, R.W., Jr. 1971. 'Miniatures – 1971', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 25, Issue 4
5. Salter, E.H. 1986. 'Miniature Milestones', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 40, Issue 1

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'Mayor of Munchkinland'
(Herrington-T., 2010)



'Strat-O-Stat' (Eck, 2019)



'Bubble Bounce'
(Kamensky-Eck, 2018)

Currently, one of the best known hybridizer of miniature daylilies is Tim Herrington. His minis have won many of the AHS award categories in multiple years. Famous for his 'Cupcake' series of minis, "Tim's hybridizing goals are to create vigor, health, a long bloom period, eye appeal, rust resistance and distinction in his cultivars." ⁶ One of his most popular cultivars is 'Mayor of Munchkinland' (2010).

AHS 'Round Robin' contributor Suzanne Eck of Ponside Gardens, near Woodstock, Illinois, shared photos of her seedlings (above), some of which are dwarf varieties. See the bloom size as compared to her hand in the photo above. She is in the process of registering a couple of varieties known as 'talls and smalls' – small/mini blooms with tall scapes: 'Strat-o-Stat' (red crispate, 54" tall with 4.25" bloom) and 'Bubble Bounce' (pink round, 18" tall with 2.25" bloom, instant rebloom).

When to use mini and small daylilies? Of course, when garden space is limited, smaller varieties mean more plants to give more diversity of flower form and color. But these cultivars also make a good short border; they can be used as specimen plants amidst other lower perennials. Hybridizers say that many minis are FAST multipliers, an asset to their hybridizing programs. Perhaps the most famous mini, 'Stella de Oro' (Jablonski, 1975 – 2.75" bloom, 11" high), is used (and over-used!) in many business and residential plantings because of its easy care and reliability of bloom. It was awarded the highest AHS award, the Stout Silver Medal in 1985. One of Stella's progeny is the popular, 'Happy Returns'. The photo to the right was provided by AHS 'Round Robin' contributor, **Marifran Hiltz**.

It seems that there is great discussion about the appropriate size of the scape for the mini. Some suggest the ideal scape size is 12–15"; some like taller scapes. One of the most difficult problems for hybridizers is getting the foliage to be mini as well as the bloom – if foliage is too tall the bloom is hidden from view.

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'Stella de Oro' (Jablonski, 1975)



'Happy Returns'
(Apps, 1986)

6. Gamber, Bibbi. 2005. 'A Man and His Daylilies', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 60, Issue 2

What's Up With Minis? (Cont.)

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Hybridizers sometimes mention companion plants. Harry McCrone backs up some of his minis with Althea (Blue Bird and Diana, specifically). Smaller perennials and annuals can provide interest both before and after daylily bloom. Per Harry McCrone, "There are not many things as bad as a daylily plant after all the flowers are gone.⁷ Bulbs are a popular companion as they offer early season color long before daylilies bloom. Just remember that the foliage of mini daylilies will not offer the screening that larger daylilies do to hide the yellowing daffodil stems and leaves. Julie Covington recommends that "these tiny jewels seem to show to best advantage when planted in their own garden spaces so their larger cousins do not overwhelm them. Raised beds are also quite effective to bring them closer to eye level."⁸ Edna Lankart lamented the abundance of weeds in her gardens and quoted John David Miller as saying, "I have stopped worrying about them and now consider them as companion plants."⁹ That's my fallback position, too!

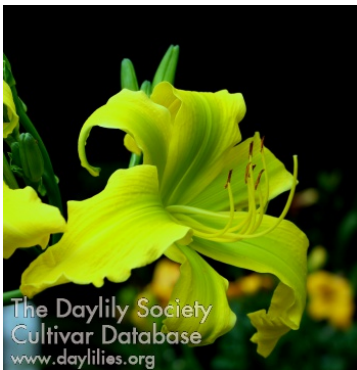
There are some drawbacks to the miniature and small daylilies. In Maryland, the older varieties tended to bloom quite early in the season when the weather was rainy and cooler. Blooms were often not at their best – the size was affected. Rain could ruin the bloom, and entire beds of minis may be finished blooming quite early. Newer mini/small varieties have a wider range of bloom extending into mid-season. AHS 'Round Robin' member, **Laura Teague**, points out that mini plants are much smaller than other daylily plants so they may not sell well at plant sales. It's good that most of them multiply quickly because one needs to package bigger clumps for sales.

Take a second look at the mini and small daylilies of today. There are some out there that are just perfect for that small, empty space in your garden.

Note: the upcoming DSSEW Plant Sale will offer one mini variety, 'Justin George' (Apps, 1995), 2" bloom and 34" tall, one of the 'talls and smalls' varieties.



'Justin George' (Apps, 1995)



'Green Bananas' (Herrington-T., 2016)



'Everybody Loves Earnest' (Herrington-T., 2005)

7. McCrone, Harry. 1985. 'Miniature Marvels', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 39, Issue 2

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9. Lankart, Edna. 1980. 'Random Thoughts', AHS Daylily Journal, Volume 34, Issue 3

The Enigma of Daylily Spring Sickness

By DSSEW Member Harold Steen

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary shows one definition of "enigma" as something hard to understand or explain. Daylily Spring Sickness seems to fall into this category. Experienced growers/collectors of our favorite flower recognize it when they see it (a daylily plant with a few or even all leaves twisted, often growing horizontally close to the ground, and plants with many leaves with brown ragged edges, almost seeming to be in some sort of death throes).

When you visit your perennial garden in April or early May when forsythia are blooming to see how your daylilies are growing, you may find a plant among all the healthy looking daylilies that fits the description above. Chances are good that plant has Spring Sickness. Authoritative references of the American Daylily Society (AKA American Hemerocallis Society) admit that after many decades of study, the cause of Spring Sickness is still not known, although it probably is not a disease. Nor is it caused by cold damage following shoot emergence, even if southern gardens are only minimally affected. See the enigma emerging here? At best, Spring Sickness may involve several known and unknown contributing factors. Bulb mites could be involved here. The good news is t



hat plants almost always recover with side shoots growing out to replace the stunted fans, and, on most occasions, seeing the infected plant flowering later in the season.

Until 2013, my Wisconsin garden had as many as 300 cultivars growing and I seldom saw more than a couple with Spring Sickness. I did note at the time that a few cultivars did seem somewhat more susceptible. To improve the infected plant's general appearance, I usually removed the offending fans, being careful not to damage the crown of the plant.

I would also put an extra handful of Milorganite® around the roots and give it special watering. Almost invariably, the plant would grow out of the Spring Sickness, and by August, there seldom would be any indication of earlier problems. My current gardens are four years old, and I have no explanation why none of my 55 plants have shown Spring Sickness symptoms (not that I would want any). The enigma continues.

There are good photos of Spring Sickness on the ADS web site daylilies.org which I reach via Google using search words "daylilies Spring Sickness".

All photos by Susan Bergeron, from AHS Website.



DSSEW Members Speak! The 'Enigma' of Spring Sickness in Gardeners ('Enigma' Borrowed from Harold Steen)

Gardeners sometimes show signs of a spring malady that actually starts in late winter and, in years like 2019, seems like it will never end. Give us a sunny day that gets above the freezing mark and we get the urge to check the gardens for what's beginning to show signs of life. The tips of daffodils seem to call us to action: Start Your Gardening! Too bad there is still snow, the ground is mostly frozen and there's still ice on the lakes. Instead of fretting, pacing the floor, and muttering about the weather forecast, here's what some of our DSSEW members do to shake their spring sickness.

Catherine Price shares her ideas:

"I have three vegetable gardens that I plant, so my main planning is around them. I keep all the information I need to know about the seeds I purchased and how they performed, so I know what is a keeper or trash. This is in a spreadsheet, so I can see my garden's performance over a few years. This includes any soil amending that I've done.

I also have a Garden Plan showing where my vegetables plots are, borders, and daylily bed. I note where my daylilies are on the plan, so I can keep track of them. I update my daylily spreadsheet for new plants and record pertinent facts, including a picture.

It's also my time to think about new beds ... do I want a new bed, if so what ... last year, I put in a butterfly bed in an overgrown area that I cleared out.

It's a time to check your tools to make sure they are in good order, and ready for spring planting.

I attend classes at Burlington Garden Center on Saturday mornings – free and pretty interesting. I like to attend the Garden Expo in Madison (February) and the Herb Fair at Boerner Botanical Gardens (May).

The most enjoyable thing I do is browse through 20+ seed catalogs, view all the on-line specials I'm sent, and review videos I've received over the year from various gardeners that I follow.

Last but not least are plants. I love my house to have lots of plants ... my husband says if he builds something a plant is on top of it before he turns his back. Plants provide oxygen and take out unwanted particles in the air, and they always make me smile. I just have to make a trip to the garden center to pick up one or two in the winter months. Also, it gives me a chance

to see what tools are coming up for the spring."



Ted Haasch gets the jump on spring by preparing new garden space in Fall.

"When starting a new bed, I start the fall BEFORE. I use a garden hose to shape the bed. I then spade the area over and leave the sod part DOWN. In the spring I then can shake off the dirt and get rid of the sod. I use MY compost to add to the new bed. I always raise the bed higher than the surrounding area. DO NOT get your soil from the FREE pile at the city recycling center!! Possible disease and/or jumping worm problem. Get soil from a Certified Landscaper!! Ask how they treat their soil. It must be treated to 131 degrees or hotter and turned for at least 3 days."

Feel free to contact Ted if you have any questions on Jumping Worms or his garden tips at thaasch@wi.rr.com or 414-425-7465.

Tip from the editor:

"I go to Florida a couple of times in the winter to visit my soon-to-be-94-year-old mom, where I can garden all year round in her standing-height garden planter and flower beds. Last January we took a ride to a nearby daylily 'nursery' and purchased a few for her flower beds. Floriday daylilies bloom peak is in May.

Like Catherine, I keep a spreadsheet and maps for all of my flowerbeds. I pencil in changes during the growing season and update them in winter – I sometimes impress myself with all the work I've done!"

DSSEW Members Speak! Companion Plants

Ted Haasch encircled his 3 largest beds with iris. He mulches the daylilies, but NOT the iris. Flowers bloom in his gardens from May through August. He welcomes visitors to his gardens, just phone ahead (414-425-7465) or email (thaasch@wi.rr.com).

Tip from the editor:

"Inside of my fenced daylily 'compound', I've added tulip bulbs, delphinium, phlox and painted daisies. These are plants that the deer and rabbits usually eat, so I finally get to see them bloom in this protected space. One daylily bed is encircled with daffodil clumps. False sunflowers (heliopsis) form the back border, and 'Royal Blue' Veronica edges the front. I also stick in garlic cloves wherever there is an empty space. They appreciate the extra water I give the daylilies. I wish I could tell you that the garlic repels deer and rabbits – it doesn't!"



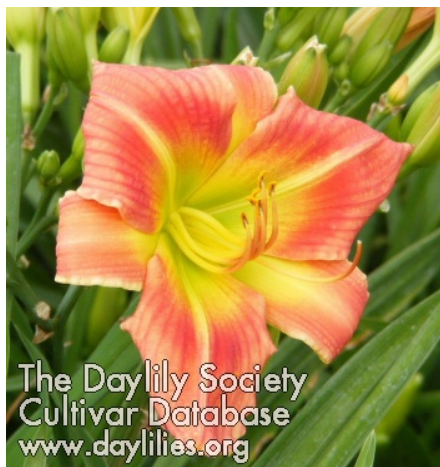
Editor's Daylily Bed - False Sunflower is the back border

DSSEW Members Speak! Smaller Daylilies

Harold Steen noticed a new series of daylilies at the Burbee Seed Company Website. Called 'EveryDaylily', these are smaller-sized daylilies with a 3" bloom that are suitable for containers. Note that this is not a variety registered with AHS.

Ted Haasch recommends smaller daylilies when garden space is limited. And he describes how to handle container-grown daylilies:

"Small /No Garden: No problem, many small variety daylilies. 3-5 inch flowers can be put in containers. Use a plastic container, no smaller than ½ bushel for easy storage in the winter. 2 or 3 can be planted and kept in the container. Put in a garage OR in a cold basement. If in a non-heated garage, cover with straw or layers of newspaper. AND, use a soilless mix for the planting medium. Go to www.daylilies.org to find smaller daylilies AND shop our sale in June, and ask someone there for help."



'Dixieland Five' (Herrington-H., 1991)



'Yutsie' (Enos, 2015)

In Memoriam: GARY RAATZ

By Barbara Nickel

Long time DSSEW Member and friend Gary Raatz passed away in February this year. Gary was Vice President and President of DSSEW 2003 and 2004. It was during Gary's presidential term that the guest plant program was started and remains a popular event. Gary and his wife, Linda, set up the first bus tour, helped promote the club with DSSEW logo patches and participated in many other events too numerous to mention. Gary and Linda attended the very first Picnic/Plant Swap, helped with dig, bag, tag, sale and replant. I always said Gary was the best partner I had at replanting unsold daylilies.

I met Gary at the Master Gardener training in the Thompson Building. He was an avid gardener with a love of daylilies, hostas, lilacs and especially peonies. Gary will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, his ability to enjoy himself and his ability to interact with others in a fun way.

Gary will be sadly missed by Duane and me and members of DSSEW.



From left: Duane Nickel, Doris Simonson, Gary Raatz
at a Bag-and-Tag



From left: Doris Fons, Unknown, Joanne Brill, Gary Raatz, Linda Raatz
and John Brill at the 2006 Annual.

May Speaker: ROD LYSNE, Northern Grown Perennials

Don't miss Rod Lysne, of Northern Grown Perennials in Ferryville, Wisconsin, our featured speaker on May 19th! His program will focus on hostas and daylilies. Check out his Website and you'll see he also offers great peonies. His advantage is that all plants are grown in a zone 4 area, so hardiness is guaranteed. Daylily growers: Rod recommends mulching daylilies.

Per the Website (<http://mwt.net/~ngp/information.htm>), Rod's goal is "to produce for the gardening public a diverse array of daylily hybrids which exemplify both beauty and hardiness for a wide range of settings. All our daylilies are field grown on our Wisconsin farm and nursery." Note that Rod also offers a number of daylily "minis".

Photo courtesy of Rod Lysne: 'An Orchid For Mother' (Lysne, 2019)



2019 DSSEW Guest Plant Program

By Robin and Lew Silva

There are many advantages to belonging to a garden club or plant society—the exchange of ideas, meeting new friends with similar interests, and, in the case of DSSEW, the guest plant program. Each year members of the Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin who maintain an additional membership with the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) have the opportunity to adopt a newer daylily introduction from premier hybridizers. This is a great opportunity to host a daylily in your garden that often sells for well over \$100 or is even sold out from the hybridizer.

Requirements are few: once again, you need to be a member of DSSEW and the AHS. You agree to plant and maintain the guest plant for three years; good soil, six or more hours of sunlight, water, and fertilizer. At the end of three years you may keep a double fan of your adopted plant and return all increases to the club along with the club plant marker. This year the guest plants will be adopted at the Sunday, May 19th meeting at Boerner Botanical Gardens. Cultivars available will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting. So, bring your “want” list.

May 19, 2019 is also the meeting in which guest plants adopted in 2016 are to be returned. They should be bareroot, free from clumps of soil or mud, in a plastic bag along with the club plant marker. If rain is predicted for Sunday please dig your plant a few days earlier. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Robin or Lew Silva at brokenmoon@milwpc.com prior to May 19th to schedule an alternate drop off. The guest plants to be returned are as follows:

Cultivar	Hybridizer	DSSEW/AHS member
Northern Tropics	Kleckner 2015	Roberta Mashlan
Lavender Prism	Kleckner 2014	Bonnie Paplham
Amethyst Eyes	Kleckner 2016	Ed Winkler
Plum Fairy Princess	Kleckner 2016	Jennifer Raymond
Black Eyed Bandit	Kleckner 2016	Helen Haasch
Because I Like It	Kleckner 2015	Susan Konkel
Sand Witch	Reed 2012	Jennifer Raymond
The Battle Belongs To the Lord	Ripley 2016	Ed Raymond
Surpassing Glory	Ripley 2015	Ted Haasch
Behold and Believe	Ripley 2014	Ed Winkler
Teeth of Gold	Ripley 2014	Pauline Halpin
Walking in the Light With Jesus	Ripley 2014	Pat Sturdevant
Lori's Blond Curls	Ripley 2013	Duane Nickel
Higher Power	Ripley 2013	Sandi Martin
Believer	Ripley 2012	Callen Strunk
Supreme Scream	Ripley 2009	Mark Pawlak
Lovie	M. Grossmann 2016	Judy Schmidt
Prom Kiss	M. Grossmann 2016	Ted Haasch
Queen of Camelot	M. Grossmann 2015	Lew Silva
Carnivorasaurus	M. Grossmann 2014	Robin Silva
Buttermilk Pie	R. Norris 2012	Wilma Brouwer-Herwig
Aleta Everett Adams	R. Norris 2014	Pat Sturdevant
Daniel Howard Norris	R. Norris 2013	Helen Haasch
Evidence of Royalty	R. Norris 2014	Sue Schimanski
Martha Edson Norris	R. Norris 2014	Glen Oechsner
Call off the Search	R. Norris 2015	Roberta Mashlan
Substantial Treasure	R. Norris 2016	Julie Oechsner
Bryan's Song	R. Norris 2016	Bonnie Paplham

Poetry Page

Arrival of Spring in Wisconsin: Overnight
By S.B. Patrick

Overnight the greening happens,
takes one by surprise,
retire with the dreary ebb of Winter,
freshness when you arise.

Overnight the grass hues deepen,
jewel tones by morn,
a sharpness in the color,
such concentrated form.

Overnight, nature is working,
a non-stop time-lapse scene,
with intensity and focus,
it presents first shades of green.

And though we long for Summer,
when heat and blooms shall peak,
the overnight awakening,
is the glimmer that we seek.

The green haze that surrounds us,
that first filter of new life,
illusion come into being
that seems to join us overnight.



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May 18, 2019
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January Program Summary: Local Hybridizers

By Patricia Adrian

If you missed the January meeting (like I did -- visiting with my mom in Florida), you missed interesting presentations by three local hybridizers and DSSEW members: Sonja Kraft, Carole Hunter and Ed Raymond. Our presenters discussed their programs, goals and shared photos of their 'progeny'. These folks are among the most patient and organized that you will find anywhere. Just imagine keeping track of thousands of seedling every year!

Sonja Kraft provided me with a summary of her program: "Polys and Patterns and Stripes. Oh My!"

"My 3 main focuses are on those three categories. While I do work some with Tets and other categories such as color changers and minis, probably the most exciting developments this past year were in the three areas I mentioned above. I raised between 8,000 and 10,000 seedlings per year on my small farm.

I would like to invite members and others interested to my open garden during the AHS Nationals this summer. I will have open gardens on Thursday, July 10 from 8-4, and on Sunday, July 14 from 8-4. My garden is a certified AHS display garden with over 800 registered cultivars and 20,000 seedlings in bloom. My address is 2998 Gaston Road, Madison, WI, and my phone number is 608-354-4294. Thank you!"



Photo by Sonja Kraft

'Polkville Princess' (Owen-P., 2010) x
'Yankee Pinstripes' (Howard-R., 2013)



Photo by Sonja Kraft

'Ultimate Illusion' (Gossard, 2016) x
'Secret Sentinel' (Salter-E.H., 2014)

March Program Summary: Zannah Crowe

By Sandy Muto

DO YOU KNOW WHICH PLANTS....

- Killed Nancy Hanks Lincoln?
- Ward off witches?
- Are a substitute for coffee?
- Are used to make harps?
- Are a very nutritious, yet commonly occurring plant?

No? Then read on to find out the answers on this fascinating topic. On March 3rd, DSSEW members and guests were educated and entertained by member Zannah Crowe, who presented "History and Folklore of Native Plants".

Zannah explained Binomial Nomenclature, a classification system used to identify organisms using a two-part Latinized

name for genus and species. This article will use only common names. Stories and folklore began with Native Americans and early settlers, and their uses of plants which helped in their survival, growth, and knowledge of medical remedies.

Zannah explained the concept of Doctrine of Signatures, which states that using plants and herbs resembling various parts of the body can be used to treat ailments for those body parts. For example, carrots for eyes, walnuts for brains, grapes for lungs, tomato for heart, sweet potato for pancreas, kidney beans for kidneys. this was an important part of Folk medicine from the middle ages until the early modern period. By learning about signatures in nature, they gained insight into the properties of plants and how they may be supportive to humans.

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Ready, Set, Photograph

Just a reminder that when you are strolling through gardens that are filled with daylily blooms, each more beautiful than the one before, use your camera! Point and click. Your photo may win the 2019 DSSEW Photo Contest! You'll submit your photo (usually in September) and voting happens at the October meeting. Be aware of the rules:

- ==>To enter contest you must be a DSSEW Member.
- ==>Entrant submitting photo must have taken the picture.
- ==>Photo must include a Daylily.
- ==>Maximum of two entries per category (Single Daylily and Daylily Clump)
- ==>Photos may be cropped, but not enhanced.

Nothing to it! Yours may be the prize winning photos published in next winter's DSSEW Newsletter!



Photo by Sonja Kraft

2019 DSSEW Plant Sale News

Save the date: June 1, 2019.

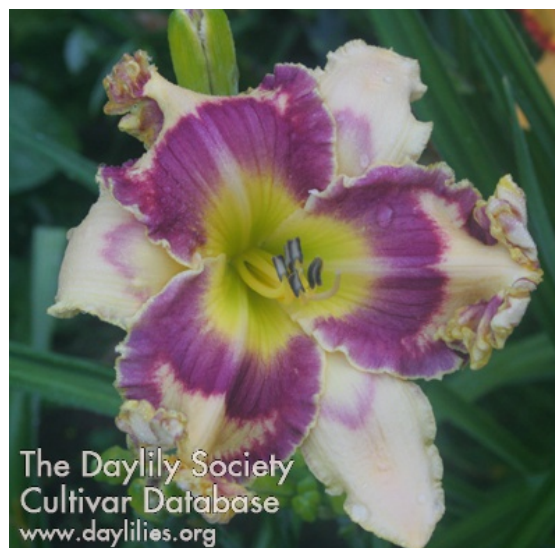
In fact, save the whole week of the sale! We'll be digging out the sale daylilies, bagging and tagging them, transporting them to the Brookfield Farmer's Market and selling them on June 1st. Sometime during the week of June 2nd, we'll be replanting whatever daylilies didn't sell. And we can use your help. You'll be hearing more in meetings and in e-mails preceding the sale. Please help us make 2019 the best sale yet!

The names of 11 daylily varieties are contained in the ridiculous paragraph below. Can you spot them? Look for them at the 2019 Plant Sale!

"I had a chance encounter with a mighty, mighty man, Igor F. Palocious, M.D. His Victorian garden dancing waters are always a pleasure to visit. They are a stunning contrast to his neighbor's matchless fire of flaming pumpkins. Be still and know that cedar waxwings are an unfolding paradox with beautiful edgings."



'It Stops At Garage Sales' (Clement, 2014)



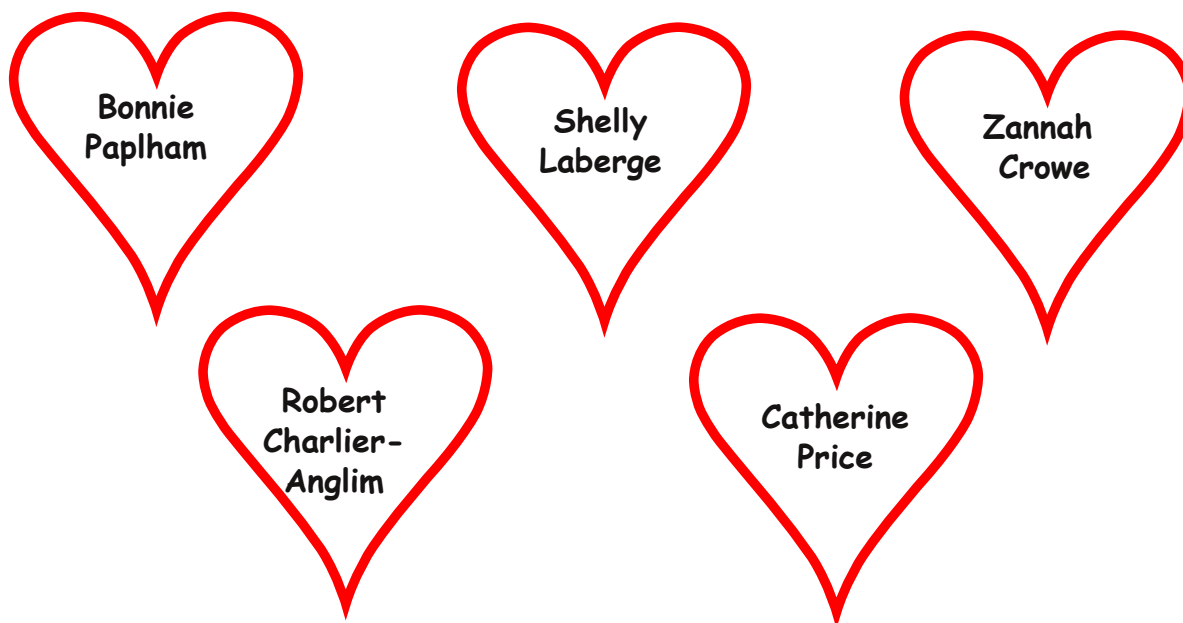
'Waldo Gone Wild' (Korth, 2012)

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2019 DSSEW Plant Sale News (Cont.)

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Several folks work behind the scenes to make sure you can do advance sale planning. The Master List of plants that we expect to be available at the sale is already posted on our Website, along with the first batch of photos. Photos will be placed on Facebook also. A big thanks to the following people: Bonnie Paplham (maintaining the Master List), Robert Charlier-Anglim (for passing on the photo process), Shelly LaBerge (for gathering all the photos), Zannah Crowe (for posting photos and Master List on the DSSEW Website) and Catherine Price (for posting on the DSSEW Facebook page).



March Program Summary: Zannah Crowe (Cont.)

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We can see how Native Americans and early settlers learned all they could about the plants all around them to help with their survival. We also learned that plants make up 25% of active ingredients in modern drugs. Zannah gave us many examples of plants and their EARLY uses:

- Wards off witches – St. John's Wort
- Skin Disorders - Dutchman's Breeches, Turtlehead, Fireweed, Merrybells
- Colds, Flu, Infections - Black-eyed Susan
- Wounds and Burns - Evening Primrose
- Upset Stomach - Wild Ginger, Spiderwort, Dandelion
- Poison Ivy - Jewelweed
- Wood for Harps – Witch hazel
- Tea - Anise Hyssop, Bee Balm, Basswood
- Cough and Asthma - Cup Plant, Basswood
- Natural Root Beer - Spikenard
- Substitute for Coffee - Beech Tree bark

Native Americans and early settlers learned which plants were toxic: Red Baneberry, Doll's Eyes, Milkweed, Elderberry, Jack-

in-the-Pulpit, and White Snakeroot. When Snakeroot is eaten by cows the milk and meat became toxic when drunk and eaten. This is the plant that killed Lincoln's mother. And, finally, the good old dandelion which was brought to this country by European settlers because it was so nutritious to eat, is rich in carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins and minerals, and could be used to treat scurvy, anemia, and digestive disorders.

Zannah is the third generation in the company and can be found at Johnson's Gardens, 8504 Highway 60, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, 53012. Contact them at 262-377-2500 and/or www.johnsonsgardens.net. Their slogan is "From Our Garden to Yours", and Zannah sure shared a lot of information with us. She opened our eyes to the importance of the Native Americans and early settlers, and how modern science can turn to them for help in our present-day medicine and supplements. I enjoyed her presentation very much.

Editor's Note: this article does **not recommend** using the above-mentioned plants for these purposes! Some plant supplements could interfere with prescription medications.

Garden Rescue by Flashlight

By Susan Blink Patrick

This is actually a true story about my dear neighbor's garden. Kathy's garden was right next door. When she moved to our neighborhood and started removing sod from her front yard I must admit I was concerned. Daily I saw the grass unearthed, a series of soaker hoses laid down, top soil, compost and mulch layered in by hand. And then, finally, plants were installed, small and tender. I was really worried. Things looked meager. Did she know what she was doing? How long would it take for this garden to fill in and look presentable to the world? After all it faced the street – it was a front yard garden – a very bold move I thought.

I went over one day to introduce myself while Kathy was working, setting up her garden. She was interested in having the shape of the garden beds complement the curve of her sidewalk. I learned a lot about Kathy that day as she spoke to me about her garden plans. She thanked me for my interest! Kathy's profession was Interior Design, her garden included a number of heirloom plants, her favorite color is purple and she hoped her garden would resemble her late mother's in terms of both offering peace and beauty. It was instant friendship for the two of us and let me tell you – Kathy knew what she was doing. Within a year that garden was a marvel. It was compact, full of variety, texture, coordinated color and had a bloom pattern that cycled superbly through our summer months here in Wisconsin. She knew where every dainty flower would appear and the garden had a playful, care-free arrangement of blooms and foliage.



'Dunwalke' (Rice, 2010)

Flash forward six years. Kathy is moving to Chicago! You can imagine my dismay. Who wouldn't miss such a gardening pal and inspiration right next door? She was the type of friend who could hand you a rose for your bud vase and make a very bad day start anew with a jolt of joy. As you might imagine, Kathy

stoically started a process of subdividing and removing plants from her garden. In an urban environment, she would not be able to maintain a similar garden. So, many heirloom plants were moved to her daughter-in-law's garden across town. She was pleased those plants would have a new home where she could visit! For days Kathy and her daughter-in-law dug and transported plants. During that time I also became a beneficiary receiving varieties of anemone, hosta, and daylilies from my generous gardening neighbor.

The day came for Kathy's move. Unbeknownst to Kathy, my husband and I had taken photos of her garden at its peak in July, giving them to her as a going away gift. She'd not had photos of her garden and loved having the memory of this special place captured for all time.



'KaChigga' (McMahon, 2013)

As I was getting used to Kathy's absence, our new neighbor moved in – a lovely lady with a desire for a low maintenance living arrangement. Oh how I wanted to plead for that garden – tell her it was self sufficient and really no trouble at all. It was not to be. One Thursday night as my husband was preparing to leave for Golf League, we noticed a bit of action in what we now called "Kathy's Garden". Our new neighbor's son told us it would all be removed the next morning! Kathy had generously left behind a still lush garden with a nice array of plants for the new homeowner. We stood there stunned! Why remove these gorgeous plants and add them to a compost heap we could not imagine.

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He graciously offered us anything we wanted, but the catch was we'd need to remove them that night. As any family with golfers knows, nothing messes with League night. However my husband left for the golf course that night with a promise of garden rescue to come. And true to his word, at 9PM after his golf game, was ready with spade in hand. By flashlight he rescued plants right and left. The following morning we planted our treasure in my garden not knowing what might make it until spring and what might not. We mulched the new roses, and dropped iris and lilies into the soil in any available spot we had, laughing once again at the rescue mission of the prior evening.

Seasons passed with planting mysteries revealed. Kathy's Japanese iris bloomed in our garden the next spring and her yellow Peace rose in summer. Her two toned red and white Asiatic lilies surprised us when they opened. My rose bowl was filled almost all summer long with a number of pale peach rose blossoms from a prolific transplant of unknown variety. A splash of orange/red lilies added a wonderful contrast to the Blue Spruce anchoring our garden, a fine result of our impromptu planting the year before. I sent a note to tell her of the rescue. She was delighted these plants were

"saved" by cover of night.

Now my friend Kathy has moved again – this time to a desert climate in California. She is as adaptable as a plant – a wonderful gardening role model and inspirational soul. I'll still e-mail her in the desert when I see a red fox in my backyard or a deer majestically checking out my garden beds in winter. Her garden will forever live on. Gardeners have a vague way of paying it forward, swapping plants with one another, even rescuing roses late into the night!



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