

# West Madison Agricultural Research Station

Madison, WI



The Wisconsin Daylily Society currently has over 500 daylily cultivars in six beds at West Madison Agricultural Research Station on West Mineral Point Road in Madison. Genni Kleckner and Lisa Imhoff manage the beds by procuring the plants from speakers at club meetings as well as northern and club hybridizers, and by carefully documenting the collection. The beds are dug four years after they're planted, and those daylilies are brought to our August club sale; then a few weeks later a whole new collection is planted in that bed.

The beds are an evolving project. We've been adding companion plants as we replace each bed, and we've added paths so visitors can easily find the name or get a closer look at a bloom.

New in fall 2025: The Darrel Apps Memorial Bed. The great hybridizer Darrel Apps died in the spring of 2025, and we've dedicated one bed completely to his introductions. They'll be dug for the sale every four years, the same as the other beds.

West Madison Agricultural Research station is conveniently located and open dawn to dusk. Parking is free and convenient to the beds. Benches overlook the beds, where you can rest and meditate on the beauty. With the great variety of daylilies on display, it's good to visit several times over the summer to catch earlies to late season bloomers. Be sure to post your favorites to the WDS Facebook page!

