

Oenothera organensis
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This plant has been in my garden since 2008 and came from "Special Plants" when Derry Watkins came to talk to the society. I have never seen it grown anywhere else.

It overhangs a low wall, in full sun. It is a somewhat sprawling plant growing 10-14 inches tall. The typical *Oenothera* large lemon yellow flowers stand singly on upright stems above the leaves, opening from narrow buds. The flowers open in the morning and stay open all day. A lack of dead heading doesn't seem to halt its profusion which commences in May and is still a mass now in mid-September.

After 10 years maybe I need to curb the spread which is about 2 feet. In winter it dies right down but I have never trimmed it back before spring. I've never tried to propagate it; it doesn't seem to set seed and new growth is very soft.