

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is not too soon to make plans for the exciting meetings this year. Several are close to home and worth thinking about.

CIDS will host *Pollen Dabbers* on March 8 and 9 in Marshalltown. Guest speakers will be Bill Waldrop and Michael Bouman. If you can't spend Friday night, Marshalltown is close enough to make it a day trip. All the details are at: <http://centraliowadaylilysociety.com/>.

Karol Emmerich is hosting her annual Spring Fling on April 28 from 1 to 4 PM at Springwood Gardens. According to Karol, 'This is a day for learning, or perhaps just breathing in the humid warmth of the greenhouse while walking the rows of delicious daylilies.' More information is in *The Daylily Pioneer*, Fall/Winter 2012.

The AHS National Convention is from July 24 to 27 in Minneapolis. In addition to tour gardens and seminars and new daylilies, it is an opportunity to meet daylily growers and lovers from around the county. I personally think the highlight of the conference will be at the **Scientific Forum on Thursday at 4:00 pm**. Jonathan Poulton will present "In Search of the Elusive Blue Daylily." The Hybridizers Forum will immediately follow this session.

Zora Ronan

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## "MEET THE MEMBERS" PHOTO GALLERY UPDATE

In May 2011, Jonathan Poulton and Keith Riewerts published a photo gallery titled "Meet the Members" that included photos of over 75 CVIDS members. This brochure, which is not accessible *via* our website but has instead been available at club meetings upon request, has helped folks put names with faces. Because the feedback from this venture has been overwhelmingly positive, Keith and Jonathan will be publishing an update in early March. If you are new to CVIDS and would like to be included in that update, be advised that you have until mid-February to: (1) have your photo taken by Keith at the February meeting in Solon, or (2) send an e-mail to Jonathan ([jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu](mailto:jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu)) attaching a photo of yourself. The gallery publishers look forward to hearing from you.

## MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12 MEETING

Donna Denly, Secretary

The January CVIDS meeting was held at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Jay McWherter spoke to us about photography and gave many tips on taking good pictures. It was a very enlightening presentation.

Zora Ronan spoke briefly about the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), the newest award winners, garden judging and how the process happens, and the Awards system.

Our business meeting was opened at 2:40 pm with the approval of the corrected minutes (M/S Jonathan/Sylvia). We went over the income/expense report from 2012 that was handed out. The proposed 2013 budget report was discussed and approved (M/S Colleen/Gary O.).

The club voted to give all charter members (all who joined in 1990) free membership from now on with the club (M/S Keith/Monica). It is a small token for all they have contributed over the years.

Gary and Sherry are going to check into a bus tour later in the spring. Zora is checking on a bus trip to the AHS National later in the summer.

Jackie announced two upcoming conventions, the North American Lily Show in Des Moines (June 26-30, 2013) and the 2014 National Hosta Convention in Cedar Rapids (June 11-14, 2014).

Members signed up to help with the Winter Garden Fair (Feb. 16, Kirkwood, Cedar Rapids) and The Art of Gardening (March 16, Muscatine) coming up.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm, and door prizes were awarded.

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## Driving Directions to Solon Public Library (320 W. Main Str.)

**From the north:** Take US Hwy 30 to Iowa Hwy 1 and turn south. **From the south:** Take I-80 to Iowa Hwy 1 and turn north (Exit 246, Dodge St.). From Hwy 1, turn west on Main Street (Hwy 382) and drive three blocks. The library will be just ahead on your right.

## AGENDA FOR FEB. 9 MEETING

- Welcome and roll call
- Approve minutes of the Jan. 12 meeting as published in the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report – Debbie Hansen

Gerald Hobbs will talk to us at the February Meeting about hybridizing. Some of our members are experienced hybridizers, but some of us barely know the basics of the birds and bees where flowers are concerned. Before the meeting you might find an interview that Karol Emmerich did to be a good primer.

In the summer of 2010, Karol Emmerich did a 30-minute interview with Prairie Yard and Garden that has been shown on public television in several states. It is about daylilies, the operations at Springwood Gardens, and daylily hybridizing. The interviewer did a great job making sure all the bases and basics were covered. Although it was well past peak in the seedling fields and most of the best things were bloomed out, it is still interesting visually. The first half of the interview covers the basics of daylily selection and care. The part about hybridizing (for beginners) is after the 2-minute break in the middle (which talks about the best time to divide perennials). The video can be seen on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07R-soH9joo> or at <http://video.pioneer.org/video/1882915651>. We may try to show this video at our Feb. 9 meeting, if all goes well with the computer equipment.

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## A NEW LOOK FOR THE CVIDS WEBSITE

During the past two months, Jonathan Poulton has been giving our website ([www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)) a new look. This transformation is almost complete except for some links from a few older pages. It would be very helpful to Jonathan if you would visit the website and provide him with some feedback ([jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu](mailto:jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu)), please. For example, are you able to access all pages without difficulty? Are you experiencing any difficulties moving between pages using the "Back" command at the bottom of each page? Are there any links that are not working? If you already have pages on our website, please review them and alert Jonathan to any desired changes. If you currently have no pages on the website but would like to have some, please contact him at your earliest convenience. Overall, do you like the new appearance of our website? Do you have any suggestions for improving the website's communications role and/or content? Thank you in advance for your help.

## TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CVIDS has traditionally met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. CIDS meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

### FEBRUARY 9

**CVIDS MEETING** (noon to 3:30 pm)

Solon Public Library  
320 West Main St.

Speakers: Lynn Moffit: "Amish Barn Quilts"  
Gerald Hobbs: "Hybridizing ABCs" (15 min)

### FEBRUARY 16

**WINTER GARDENING FAIR** (8 am to 4 pm)

Kirkwood Comm. College, Cedar Rapids

### MARCH 8-9

**CIDS POLLEN DABBERS**

Marshalltown Community College, IA

Guest speakers Michael Bouman and Bill Waldrop

### MARCH 16

**THE ART OF GARDENING** (8 am to 4 pm)

Muscatine Community College, IA

### MARCH 23

**CVIDS MEETING** (noon to 3:30 pm)

Coralville Public Library

Speakers: Master Gardener Deb Walser: "New Perennials for 2013"

Nancy Carlisle: "Garden Markers and Labels"  
(15 min)

### APRIL 13

**CVIDS MEETING** (noon to 3:30 pm)

Eldridge Public Library (not confirmed yet)

### MAY 11

**SPRING PLANT SALE** (9 am to noon)

Penn Meadows Park Gazebo, North Liberty

### MAY 19

**IRIS TOUR** (2:00 to 4:30 pm; TBA)

### MAY 25

**CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION & AUCTION**

(9 am set-up, 10 am start)

West Liberty (Muscatine County Fairgrounds)

### JULY 24-27

**AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Minneapolis, MN

### AUGUST 24

**FALL PLANT SALE** (9 am to noon), **POT LUCK**

**LUNCH & SILENT AUCTION** (noon to 3:30 pm)

Riverside Gardens Gazebo, Monticello

### OCTOBER 12 CVIDS MEETING

(Hybridizers' Roundup)

Coralville Public Library

### NOVEMBER 8

**CVIDS BANQUET & BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST** (Location TBA)