

D. YEARLY CLUB ACTIVITIES:

At its October and November meetings, the CVIDS Board begins assembling the club calendar for the following year with the goal of offering programs and events of broad interest to our members. To facilitate this task, the Board welcomes suggestions from the membership regarding potential programs, speakers, and meeting locations. Furthermore, it is eager to learn of events at local, regional, and national levels that our membership might enjoy.

Regular club meetings are usually held on the 2nd Saturday of January, February, March, April, and October and are both social and educational events. The social hour and potluck lunch begin at noon. Programs begin at 1:00 PM and adjourn at approximately 3:30 PM. In addition to regular meetings, CVIDS offers its members the following:

- A Spring Plant Sale (first of two scheduled fundraisers open to the public) is usually held in early May in North Liberty from 9 AM to noon.
- The Club Plant Distribution and Live Auction are usually held in mid-May. A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. Each year, CVIDS will use a portion of its funds to buy some choice daylilies that will be distributed in the spring to eligible members to grow in their garden for two years. Excess plants are sold (first of two scheduled fundraisers open to club members only) at auction after the distribution.
- A Club Garden Tour that includes lunch is held in early July. This is a fun day, during which 50-60 club members visit 4-5 gardens belonging to CVIDS members living in a given part of southeast Iowa and western Illinois.
- The Fall Plant Sale (second of two scheduled fundraisers open to the public) is usually held from 9 AM to noon on a Saturday in late August at Riverside Park, Monticello.
- The Fall Club Plant Return (involving both Silent and Live Auctions) is usually held the same day as the Fall Plant Sale and includes a potluck lunch. Two-year-old club plants are returned and auctioned (second of two scheduled fundraisers open to club members only).
- A year-end Banquet is usually held in early November. The social hour and Betty Miller Photo Contest viewing begin at 11:00 AM. Dinner begins at noon followed by programming and/or business meeting (includes election of new officers). The banquet adjourns at approximately 3:30 PM.

- The Betty Miller Photo Contest was started in honor of Past President Betty Miller and is usually held in conjunction with the Fall Banquet.
- The CVIDS Newsletter is sent out electronically approximately six times a year as a form of communication and information. Printed copies are mailed to members that lack internet access.
- The Website (www.cvids.org) is maintained as the club's main form of communication and archives.

Dates and activities may change to accommodate other activities such as the AHS National and Regional meetings and seasonal circumstances.