

The CVIDS Newsletter

From the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

December 2001

Notes from the Fall Banquet

by Reva Allen

Thirty people attended the CVIDS dinner held at the Colony Inn in Main Amana on November 11th. Conversation at each of the four tables was interesting and enjoyable, as evidenced by the decibel level at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone also enjoyed the meal, as evidenced by how quiet it became once the food arrived.



The Colony Inn in Amana was the site of our fall banquet.

Following the meal, R.D. Sjolund of Wilderness Studio in Solon provided an introduction to digital photography. He explained that digital photographs capture images on computer chips rather than film, and these images can be downloaded into a computer. He described and displayed different types of cameras and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each. He also emphasized that, for creative photography (including photographs of flowers), one needs to use a camera on which variables such as shutter speed and lens aperture can be adjusted.

Dr. Sjolund illustrated the use of other forms of digital equipment related to photography. Film scanners provide an alternative to digital cameras. They scan negatives or slides taken with non-digital cameras into a computer. Imaging software, such as Adobe Photoshop

Elements, allows for a wide variety of ways to manipulate an image. Digital printers incorporate variations in inks, papers, and sizes of images they can print.

This was an extremely enjoyable and informative presentation. Everyone was impressed with the array of equipment Dr. Sjolund brought with him and demonstrated and appreciated his willingness to linger after the presentation to answer everyone's questions.

Business Meeting

Reva Allen presented the proposed slate of officers:

- President: Betty Miller
- Vice President: Jean Hecht
- Secretary: Kim Edge
- Treasurer: Gerald Hobbs

Reva moved to accept the slate, and Ken Messer seconded the motion. The slate was elected unanimously.

The Treasurer's report will be presented in the next newsletter.

Next meeting: Betty said she will have an officers' meeting at which a proposed meeting schedule and program topics will be discussed. The outcomes of this meeting will be reported in the newsletter.

Gerald announced that he has planted 2,300 seedlings that will be blooming for the regional meeting.

Barry said that Lynn has slides taken at the Boston Regional that she is willing to show at a meeting. He also expressed his view that it is too early to be alarmed about daylily rust, since we don't yet know whether it will survive the winter in Iowa.

Thanks were expressed to Betty for making the arrangements at the Colony Inn and to Kim for her ongoing work with the newsletter.

In Attendance: Barry Stoll, Gerald and Elenora Hobbs, Jean Hecht, Jan Null, Sharon Murken, Betty Miller, Reva Allen, Joy Adams, Kay and Kenneth Hill, Marjorie Cornelius, Donna and Clifford Helgens, Sylvia Seymour, Cassie and Courtney Wil-
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Message from the President

By Betty Miller

First of all I want to thank the Stolls for all their leadership and hard work put forth for so many years on behalf of our club. They have earned a much deserved rest. For any organization to function its members need to take turns at the tasks. We hope they will continue to give this club their guidance, knowledge and time.

It is with some reluctance I accept this job which you have asked me to do. Our club faces some difficult decisions as we try to carry out the activities and fun we have so enjoyed in the past. Last year we wrestled with the 3 "R's" — rules, regulations and rust. This year you may wrestle with "How to impeach the new president"! The nomination committee told me I could appoint committees or do whatever I wanted to do. Isn't that AWESOME?! So in light of that the officers met and organized meetings for this winter and discussed the committee assignments. The first name on the list will be the chairperson and responsible to see the task is organized on time. I will serve as ex officio member of each committee and please contact me if you need more help. It will take the cooperation of the entire membership to host the 2003 Regional. If for some reason you can not perform your task please notify me AND the second name on the list. I would especially encourage all of our new members to attend this winter's meetings as I am setting up some speakers that can answer all those questions you want to know but are afraid to ask. The January agenda will include Gerald Hobbs who has introductions you can find in most of our gardens. He will be giving you information on hybridization and the registration of a flower. Gerald received the Region I Service Award for 2001 and has been an anchor for our club since long before I joined. Our southernmost member, Francis Ater will be coming up from Kahoka, MO in February to show slides from his garden and give you some tips on what to look for in a seedling. In March Lynn Stoll will be showing the slides she took at the National Convention in 2001 held in the Boston, MA area and give us her viewpoint of the National Conventions. Don't miss these top notch speakers! We will also be voting on some important issues concerning the club plants and sales. We need your opinion! Any suggestions for additional activities, programs, or changes that will make our CVIDS club even better will be greatly appreciated.

How nice it was to see so many members and family at the fall banquet. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful fall day in Amana with good food, good friends and a highly entertaining speaker. One of the points I received is if you take out a second mortgage and buy that new \$1500 digital camera, in two years you probably will be looking for someone to buy it for \$200. Isn't that kind of like us daylily people who buy that brand new 2002 introduction? In two years maybe someone will still love it as much as we do and want to buy it for \$20. But then, it is really those two years of PURE JOY in between that counts, isn't it?

Your 2002 CVIDS Committee Assignments:

See Betty's President's Message and the Officer's Meeting Notes for more about these assignments!

Spring Sale Committee: Sylvia (Chair), Lynn, Barry, Marjorie, Gary

Fall Sale Committee: Donna (Chair), Joy, Jan

Banquet Committee: Marilyn (Chair), Sharon, Kay, Cassie

Silent Auction Committee: Jean (Chair), Jackie W., Reva, Kim

2003 Regional Committee: Gerald (Chair), Ken and Susie M., Frances, Verne, Kenneth C., David, Jim

If you are a newer member and were not assigned to a committee but would like to participate, we welcome your help! Please call Betty at (319) 695-3447 or let her know at a meeting.

CVIDS Officer's Meeting, December 3rd, 2001

By Kim Edge

In attendance: Betty Miller, Jean Hecht, Gerald Hobbs, Kim Edge and Elenora Hobbs.

We met at Betty's house to organize the club for the upcoming year. Betty had reviewed last year's club activities in which we had eight events, including meetings. She recommended we do similarly this year. Betty had programs set up for our winter meetings. She wants to start the meetings with a roll call and have people answer a question, to encourage everyone to say something at the meetings.

Betty then moved on to the five committees she had set up for our events: the spring sale, fall sale, banquet, silent auction, and the 2003 regional. She had already assigned our longer-term members to each group. We discussed whether it would be a better idea to let people sign up voluntarily to the groups, but Betty felt for the sake of expediency we could try it this way for a year and see how it works. See your committee assignments on page 2.

Betty also brought up the idea of changing the time that the club dues are due to January instead of April. We felt this change was more trouble than it was worth.

We then set tentative dates and places for the winter meetings (see page 4).

In our January meeting we will need to discuss and vote on whether the club will be ordering

plants and having the spring sale. Please attend! We will also need a treasurer's report so we know how much money we have.



Some ideas grew at our officer's meeting.

We then discussed what some of the projected expenses will be for the regional we are sponsoring in a year and a half. Gerald and Ken Messer have already been working on this and have invited Ted Petit to be the speaker. We will need to pay for the airfare and hotel for our speaker, make deposits on the buses we will rent for the tours, and buy auction plants to sell at the Saturday auction following the banquet. Theoretically all our expenses should be covered by the registration fees but if they are not, we may deduct the remaining expenses from the auction pot before we send the money on to Region I.

Some other issues that will need to be investigated are the group's non-profit status, whether we as a club will be donating to Region I for their newsletter, and whether we will donate to the AHS's Joe E. House fund for rust research.

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kinson, Jacquie Hodgson, Jackie Westhoff, Connie and David A. Wells, Mary and Verne Moore, Ken and Susie Messer, Richard Sjolund, Kenneth and Betty Capps, Bev and Jim Seamans.

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Upcoming Events:

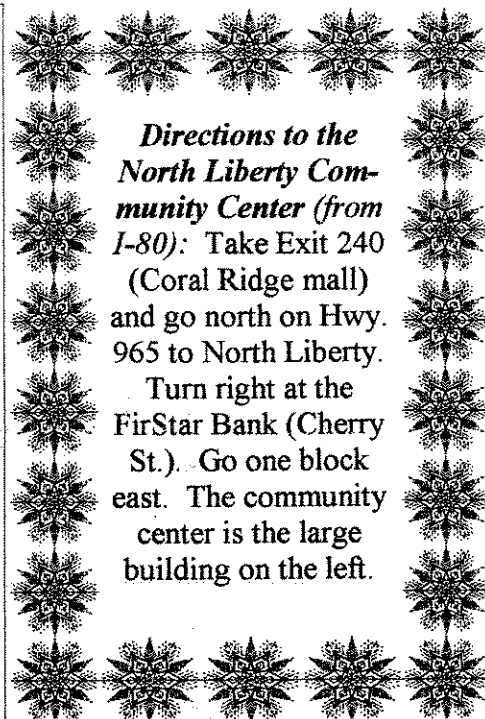
January CVIDS Meeting, Sunday, January 13th, 1 p.m., North Liberty Community Center. Gerald Hobbs will speak on hybridizing and registering daylilies. We will also be discussing and voting on whether to order plants for the club this year and have the spring sale, so please attend.

Tentative Winter Meeting Schedule:

February CVIDS Meeting, Saturday, February 16th, 1 p.m., Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main St., Washington, Iowa. Location is one block east of the northeast corner of the town square. Frances Ater will speak on the topic of seedling selection and show slides of his garden.

March CVIDS Meeting, Sunday, March 10th, 1 p.m., North Liberty Community Center. Lynn Stoll will speak and show slides.

April CVIDS Meeting, Sunday, April 28th, 1 p.m. location and topic to be determined.



Directions to the North Liberty Community Center (from I-80): Take Exit 240 (Coral Ridge mall) and go north on Hwy. 965 to North Liberty. Turn right at the FirStar Bank (Cherry St.). Go one block east. The community center is the large building on the left.

NEW MEMBER UPDATE! *A warm welcome our newest member, Jacque Hodgson from Vinton, Iowa! Jacque, we look forward to swapping gardening stories with you...*

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