

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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President Mike Comments:

Hello Everyone –

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and are ready for Christmas. It is hard to believe another year is almost done.

Looking back, I think the club had a nice year. We had good turnouts at all of our functions, and I want to thank everyone who volunteered this year and hopefully get more people involved to make next year better yet.

The club has a lot of new members signed up, so next year let's make a point of making them feel welcome.

Our January meeting is at the Coralville Library on the 8th. Barb called and said she has a few photos of club plants that she can show which will give us something to look forward to this spring. Is anyone else tired of winter already?

The Eureka's showed up at the end of last week, and I will bring them to the January meeting. If you need them before then and are willing to pay for the shipping, I would be glad to ship them for you.

Have a very Merry Christmas and see you next year.

Mike

PS – A couple of weeks ago Riverside Gardens found my car key that I'd lost last summer at our Fall Sale during their fall clean up. I must have been blind, as I looked in the area they found it in many times.

Minutes from Nov. 13 Banquet

Deb Hansen, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Mike Carstensen at 1:11 p.m. This was the Annual Banquet with 57 members present. A luncheon was served.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$14,102.28 on hand at start of the day.

Mike Carstensen announced 24 new members last year. Need to get new members involved. Someone needs to welcome new members.

Regional 2012: Jackie Westhoff reported there will be an article in the newsletter with details. They will be asking for participation on various committees and would like everyone to help in some way. The date for the 2012 Regional is July 21 & 22 at the new Kirkwood Hotel on Kirkwood Community College campus.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mike Carstensen stated the website is being updated. The Board will meet the first or second weekend in December. They will be scheduling monthly meetings.

Club Plants: Set a budget more for less versus newer plants. Barb Papenhausen needs to get order ready and budgeted. A vote carried for a budget of \$5,000. M/S/C Carole Appelquist and Clay Dawson.

Further Club Plant Discussion: Barb Papenhausen stated newer plants could be \$100. Gossard has some new plants at \$300. Prices drop slowly in the North and quicker in the South. Newest plants are sometimes a single fan. Two years has a better price point. Bob Moore stated statistics that over the years more newer plants have been selected.

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2011 Dues

It's time to pay your 2011 Club Dues! Due by April 30th for Club Plant eligibility. Send to Bob Moore, PO Box 25, Morning Sun, IA52640. \$6 individual, \$8 family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 8

CVIDS MEETING

1:00 PM, Coralville Public Library
Papenhause's: 2011 Club Plants

FEBRUARY 12

CVIDS MEETING

1:00 PM, Marion Public Library

FEBRUARY 19

WINTER GARDENING FAIR

8:30 AM, Kirkwood Community College
Cedar Rapids

MARCH 12

CVIDS MEETING

1:00 PM, Washington Public Library

MARCH 18-19

POLLEN DABBERS, MARSHALLTOWN IA

(Marshalltown Community College)

APRIL 9

CVIDS MEETING

1:00 PM, Eldridge Public Library (tentative)

MAY 29-JUNE 3, 2011

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING

"Iris-istible Victoria" British Columbia

MAY 26-29, 2011

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION

Baton Rouge, LA

JULY 22-24

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY REGION ONE CONVENTION

Bloomington, MN

Guest Speaker: David Kirchhoff

BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST: GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND UNUSUAL FORMS, SPIDERS, & VARIANTS WINNER



Sherry Moffitt: Pink Seedling

DIRECTIONS TO CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY (1401 5TH ST.)

Take I-80 to Exit 242 (1st Ave. Coralville Exit); go south on 1st ave for 2/3 mile. At the traffic lights by the Iowa River Power Co. Restaurant, turn right onto 5th St. Continue for about a mile. The Library is on the right (north) side of the street.

From the South (Hwy. 218): Take Exit 91 (Hwy. 1 Exit). Go north on Hwy. 1 about 100 yards to first traffic lights. Turn left onto Mormon Trek Bldg. Continue north, passing Finkbine Golf Course on the right, until you reach the intersection with the Coralville Strip (Hwy 6/2nd St.). Cross the intersection, heading north on 1st Ave., until you reach the traffic lights by the Iowa River Power Company Restaurant. Turn left onto 5th St and continue about a mile. The library is on the right (north) side of the street.

MINUTES FROM NOV. 13 BANQUET (CONT.)

Clay Dawson stated Barb Papenhausen has been doing a good job. Need neat plants rather than newer plants. Mike Carstensen commented they will be seeing how many people are eligible for club plants. Jackie Westhoff recommended, if you would like something specific, to let Barb Papenhausen know of your interests in particular plants. Barb would like these lists immediately. Keith Riewerts motioned to keep the same criteria and ability for members to put in a request for the selection. Jan Null seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Barb Papenhausen applied and was approved for an outdoor display at the Botanical Center in Davenport, Iowa. There will be 70 different varieties. Barb will donate her plants and Bob Towler will donate spider plants. Barb is asking for donations for the signage, Preen for weeds, mulch and cash. No labor is needed. Barb signed up for a 3-year membership to the Botanical Center. There is also a grant that will be used for this bed. Barb received notice they qualified for an AHS Display garden at their home.

Clay Dawson motioned for a \$500 donation from CVIDS for the Botanical Gardens project. Gary Oster seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Scott Hansen stated the majority of gifts at the banquet were donated by Papenhause's. Keith Riewerts stated that a request could be sent out for donations to the annual banquet. Keith motioned with humor for Papenhause's to continue to provide their donations. Motion seconded by Mary Moore. Motion approved by humorous consensus. Suzanne Moffit reported Robert Moffit grows gourds for the annual meeting as his donation. Gerald Hobbs brought some bulbs to share.

Results of Betty Miller Photo Contest: See page 4.

Sylvia commented on the outstanding participation, with 15 people participating. The judging was very close. She may change categories if she heads the picture contest next year. Bob Papenhausen motioned Sylvia Seymour organize the picture contest next year. Scott Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by humorous consensus. Drawings were made for various door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!

With our membership roster on the rise the past few years it's not surprising to see old and new members alike surveying faces during meetings, wondering just who some of these people are! Since we're all mutually smitten with daylilies, Nancy Carlisle thought it a great idea to hear from each one of us about how that interest / love affair evolved and the path that led us to CVIDS.

Starting with this issue, each newsletter will feature as many garden biographies as possible until all members are heard from, so get busy and write a little something about your life's garden experiences to share with our group! In this issue, we hear from Jackie Westhoff.

"My earliest recollection of gardening was alongside my grandfather, dropping pea seeds in rows, watching bees swarm around the grape vines, and pulling crisp stalks of rhubarb. Grandmas each had flower borders, as did my mother and most of our neighbors. As a young mother I grew vegetables; didn't have time for growing many flowers. But the day came when my son hit a ball through a window, the park became his new baseball diamond, and I finally claimed the backyard for my own. I filled my new beds with perennials of all kinds and became fascinated with seasons of bloom and companion plants. I invited myself whenever I could to the inspiring gardens of Jim and Joy Adams, and made weekly visits to the perennial sales of Sheryl McMullin at Tralee Farms.

It wasn't long before I had to find a way to support my growing flower habit, and it made perfect sense to begin selling excess perennials as a means to that end. By 1989 I had established a modest business in Monticello. The following year someone told me about a daylily garden in Iowa City, tended by a retired English professor, so I took my mother that summer to visit. It was a day that changed my life FOREVER! I joined the newly formed group called CVIDS and made the acquaintance of Fred McDowell, the Hadravas, Stolls, and Jean Hecht. The passion had begun...and the focus of my flower business became the growing and selling of daylilies.

By the time I moved my inventory from Monticello to rural Vinton in 1996, I was growing 25 different Siberian iris, a few hostas and true lilies, and 450 varieties of daylilies. "My Savanna Nursery" spent

the next 9 years expanding in many directions; I was now selling shrubs, over a hundred varieties of hosta, and many dozens of Asiatic and Oriental lilies.

Unfortunately, as my business grew, my participation in CVIDS activities necessarily suffered. During my early years of CVIDS membership, I served one term as Treasurer, and later as Region One Publicity Director under the Presidency of Lela Hadrava. For nearly 20 years I've attended either a National or Regional each summer, and occasionally gone "touring" with Jean Hecht; all great opportunities to shop for myself and my customers.

After a failed attempt to purchase the rented ground my gardens occupied in Vinton, my nursery and its plants made one last and final move to its present location - a hill with lots of trees north of Shellsburg. The move was daunting - my inventory had more than doubled - and after months of digging and planting, every clump was in the ground, or potted plant buried for the winter, by mid October, 2006. Home at last!

The past four seasons has seen a transformation of this long abandoned property. The old house and 45' long trailer are gone, as are the mountains of junk haphazardly dumped amongst the trees. In their place is my new home, surrounded by expansive brick-edged beds filled with 200 varieties of true lilies, 750 varieties of daylilies, and hundreds of companion plants for sun and shade.

In 1992, I proposed a fundraiser to fellow board members of Riverside Gardeners in Monticello, an organization founded by Jim and Joy Adams to convert a neglected city property into many beautiful gardens tended by willing townspeople. I soon became the chairwoman of what was to be a hugely successful 1993 tour of the Adams' amazing sprawling gardens and their spacious, one-of-kind stone manor, designed, built and uniquely furnished by Jim. With dozens of eager Riverside members and volunteers we divided into committees, planned every aspect of the event, and delighted in playing host to some 900 visitors one sunny Sunday afternoon.

I'm anticipating another very successful gardening event in 2012. Combining the participation of our multi-talented membership with the enthusiasm of our Tour Committee, CVIDS will provide a memorable experience for Region One Members that will be both educational and fun for all who attend!"

2010 BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Single Daylilies:



First Place: Clay Dawson, Rock Solid



Second Place: Zora Ronan, Song Triumphant

Unusual Forms, Spiders, & Variants:

First Place: Sherry Moffit, Pink Seedling (see page 2)



Second Place: Nancy Carlisle, Mascara Snake



Third Place: Doug Jones, Helix

Double Daylilies:



First Place: Doug Jones, Moses Fire



Second Place: Clay Dawson, Siloam Pritchard Petit

Third Place: Sherry Moffit, Siloam Double Classic

Landscapes:



First Place: Sherry Moffit, Cats



2nd Place: Clay Dawson, Tree Landscape