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## President Clay Comments

Thanks so much for all of the cards and well wishes. I am doing much better. I am able to walk with just a cane now. Kathleen has been a great nurse. It will be good to see people and get up to speed with what everyone has been doing. It has been just like a lost summer with everything that has been going on. See you soon. Enjoy the tours.

## July Club Tour

See Attachments for directions, letter from Jan Null

The July 12, 2008 garden tour will start at Roger and Brenda Knipper's at 9:30. Second stop will be Bob and Jan Null's. Lunch will be at the Pizza Ranch in Monticello. Susan Minger's garden will be after lunch, followed by the final garden of Verne and Mary Moore. The daylilies have been enjoying all of the moisture and should have some spectacular displays. A Very Special thanks to all of our host members for letting us share in their bounty and beautiful gardens.

## North Liberty Spring Plant Sale

Many thanks to Jean Hecht, Wendi Laake, and Zora Ronan for helping to chair and advertise the sale of plants. It was a

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## Clip and Dip Poison Ivy

Tis' the time of year when poison ivy (*Rhus radicans* or *Toxicodendron radicans*) starts showing up in gardens, hedges, fence rows, trees, telephone poles, and buildings. Poison ivy produces an oil called urushiol. All parts of the plant, leaves, stems and roots, produce and secrete the rash inducing oil. This oil must be removed from the skin using a strong soap and water. Water alone will not work. It is also not advisable to burn poison ivy because the oil can be carried in the smoke. Inhaling the smoke can result in serious consequences.

Several herbicides can be used to eradicate poison ivy (2,4-D, amitrole, dicamba, dichloroprop, glyphosate, imazapyr, mecoprop and triclopyr). Usually none of these products eradicates poison ivy in a single treatment. Multiple treatments in a single season or back to back seasons are required. Herbicides should be applied during periods of rapid poison ivy growth to ensure maximum kill. One of the best times to apply herbicides to poison ivy is just before the plants are blooming.

Randy Zondag reported having success with controlling poison ivy vines using the "dip and clip" method. This method involves dipping pruning sheers into glyphosate concentrate then clipping the poison ivy vine. Randy reports that this procedure is more effective than clipping the vine and then painting the severed stump with glyphosate. Apparently the time delay between clipping and painting is great enough to disrupt the flow of materials down through the stump to the root system.

For more information, see:

- \* OSU Extension Factsheet on Poison Ivy
- \* Purdue University Factsheet on Poison Ivy

from Buckeye Yard and Garden online

(Submitted by Sylvia Seymour)

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beautiful spring day (no rain) and a great visible location. Thanks to all of the members who brought plants and worked to help set up and tear down. The advertising worked, as several people came that said they heard it on the radio or saw it in the paper!

Treasurer Bob Moore reports that \$618 entered the treasury from the plants and sale of 4 aprons. Papenhausens took the excess plants and donated them to the Silvis Garden Club. Their fundraising sale was June 28<sup>th</sup>. Funds are being generated for a greenhouse. Their garden club included a nice note and praise in their newsletter (silvisgardenclub.org) Their members took the bare rooted plants and potted them for their sale.

CVIDS members that participated or donated plants are:

Spring Plant Sale North Liberty May 2008			
Name		Plants	Attended
Appelquist	Carole	yes	present
Appelquist	Dave	yes	present
Carlisle	Nancy	yes	present
Hecht	Jean	yes	present
Hobbs	Gerald	yes	present
Kephart	Kathleen	yes	no
Kirkman	Lynne	yes	no
Kirkman	Nathan	yes	no
Laake	Wendy	yes	present
Moore	Bob	yes	present
Moore	Cathy	yes	present
Moore	Mary	yes	present
Moore	Verne	yes	present
Murken	Sharon	yes	present
Null	Bob	yes	no
Null	Jan	yes	present
Papenhausen	Barb	yes	present
Papenhausen	Bob	yes	present
Poulton	Jonathan	yes	present
Schoeberl	Jerry	yes	present
Schoeberl	Kim	yes	present
Seamans	Beverly	yes	present
Seamans	James	yes	present
Seamans	James Jr.	yes	present
Seymour	Sylvia	yes	no
Stoll	Barrett	yes	present
Stoll	Lynn	yes	no
Towler	Robert	yes	present
Volquardsen	Valerie	yes	no
Waters	Shirley	yes	present

Please contact Nancy if your entry is missing or incorrect.

## TASTE OF THE HERITAGE GARDENS:

Johnson County Master Gardeners are hosting their 13th annual Taste of the Heritage Gardens at Plum Grove State Historical site. Soups, vegetable dishes, salads, breads, desserts, beverages based on heritage garden produce and 1850 recipes will be served.

Entertainment, door prizes, and guided tours of the gardens and the 1840 home of Iowa's first Territorial Governor, Robert Lucas, complete the festivities.

Wednesday, July 16 5:30PM to 7PM Carroll Street off Kirkwood Avenue in Iowa City

Cost: \$5 for adults. Further information is available from Betty Kelly. [blk106@earthlink.net](mailto:blk106@earthlink.net)

## Aprons

The committee has received the initial order of 24. Some aprons will be held in reserve for plant sales and special events. Other aprons may be purchased for personal use. Several persons have also ordered T-shirts and polos from the same company with the logo and design. The vendor would prefer we order as a group, as it is our design and he does not want to let anyone else have access to it.

## May Plant Distribution

Kathy Kephart hosted the plant distribution. Many kudos to the committee of Kathy Dawson, Keith Riewerts, and Gerald Hobbs. Thanks also to the persons who brought baked goods. It was a sumptuous feast. And the plants were great too! Thanks to Bob Moore and the organizers of the auction, the club generated \$2,501. Four aprons were sold. Food expenses were \$301.48. The Club Plants that were distributed will return for the silent auction in the year 2010.

## Jackie Westhoff

Jackie invites members to her display gardens and My Savanna Perennial Plant Nursery at 6161 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Shellsburg, Iowa.

Phone her at 319-521-1607.

Display gardens are open Friday and Saturday from 10-6pm, Sundays from 12-6 pm. You may also see pictures at the [cvids.org](http://cvids.org) website under Jackie Westhoff Photo gallery.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GARDEN TOUR: SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008

PLACE: KNIPPER, NULL, MINGER, AND MOORE GARDENS

TIME: 9:30 AM

Member garden tour. See pdf attachments for directions.

MONTICELLO RIVERSIDE GARDEN SALE

PLACE: MONTICELLO, IOWA

TIME 9:00, SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Public sale in the morning, silent auction distribution in the afternoon.

SILENT AUCTION DEADLINE

SUBMIT TO JAN NULL OR SHARON MURKEN

TIME BEFORE: AUGUST 16TH

Bid on special plants grown by members since 2004.

FALL BANQUET: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

PLACE: A TOUCH OF CLASS, CEDAR RAPIDS

TIME: NOON TO 4 PM

Our site was not flooded!! Make reservations with Nancy Carlisle or Marilyn Little.

Submitted by Jackie Westhoff

Here are the top reasons why gardening is better than sex:

#26- You can garden outside in front of all of the neighbors without being arrested.

#25 - Gardeners are not embarrassed explaining the birds and the bees to their kids.

#24 - If your regular gardening partner isn't available, he/she won't object if you garden with someone else.

#23 - It's absolutely acceptable to garden before you're married.

#22 - The Ten Commandments don't say anything against gardening.

#21 - You don't have to shower and shave before gardening.

#20 - You'll always be able to garden, no matter how old you are.

#19 - You'll never hear anyone say: "Is gardening all you ever think about?"

#18 - You don't have to hide your Gardening magazines.

#17 - Telling gardening jokes, and invite co-workers to garden with you is not considered workplace harassment.

#16 - Email with gardening content is not considered offensive material.

#15 - When you become famous, you don't have to worry about pictures and videotapes of you gardening being shown on the Internet.

#14 - Your gardening partner doesn't get upset about people you gardened with a long time ago.

#13 - It's perfectly respectable to enjoy gardening with a total stranger.

#12 - When you see a really good gardener, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you gardening together.

#11 - Every time you garden, you hope to produce fruit.

## REGION 21 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING

The annual fall meeting and public iris sale of Region 21 of the American Iris Society will be held in Ames. All interested gardeners and irisarians are encouraged to attend. The event is not limited to American Iris Society members. Registration includes the Friday night welcome dinner, Saturday programs, lunch, and banquet. Registration monies can be sent to Robin Shadlow.

August 8 and 9 Quality Inn & Suites Starlite Convention Center in Ames

Early-bird registration fee is \$50 by July 18. Registrations received after that date, including walk-ins, will be \$60. For further information, contact Robin Shadlow

16124 Shirley Street

Omaha, NE 68130

(402) 213-3414

or contact Kelly Norris, (712) 621-5399

### Top Ten Gardening reasons

#10 - Nobody will ever tell you that you will go blind if you garden by yourself.

#9 - When dealing with a gardening pro, you never have to wonder if they're really an undercover cop.

#8 - You don't have to go to a sleazy shop in a seedy neighborhood to buy gardening stuff.

#7 - You can have a gardening related calendar on your wall at the office.

#6 - There are no gardening-transmitted diseases.

#5 - No one objects if you watch the gardening channel on television.

#4 - Nobody expects you to garden with the same person your whole life.

#3 - Nobody expects you to give up gardening if your partner loses interest.

#2 - You don't have to be a newlywed to plan a vacation primarily to enjoy your favorite activity.

#1 - Your partner will never say, "Again? We just gardened last week!"

### CVIDS WEBSITE UPDATE

Warmest greetings from Southern England, where we are greatly enjoying everyone's traditional English gardens as well as far too much British food. We haven't seen any daylilies, but there is plenty of everything else! Tomorrow, we move further west to Budleigh Salterton, a seaside town on the English Channel, where I spent my teenage years. Famous for pretty much nothing, this sleepy town of about 3,000 inhabitants is the birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh, who sailed to America, bringing tobacco and potatoes back to Queen Elizabeth I. Christopher and I would like to let club members know that we will have far more time to work on the CVIDS website ([www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)) on our return (July 1). We look forward to receiving your contributions via e-mail, snail mail, or alternative means. We intend to develop a new page that would display photos of your favorite cultivars or seedlings. Depending on the number of contributions we receive, it might be Daylily (or Iris) of the Day or of the Week! Thank you for your support and encouragement of our website activities. As we were leaving for UK, we were very excited to see that the first daylily seedlings from our 2006 crosses were beginning to put up scapes. We'll be eager to return to Iowa City to check them out. Best wishes from the Old Country!

Jonathan and Christopher Poulton

## GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

Sylvia Seymour is hosting an open house on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5:30 pm. Northwest Boulevard exit is under construction. Access to West 59<sup>th</sup> is best from taking I-80 to I-280 and taking the Kimberly Road exit east into Davenport to North Pine Street or Division Street. Turn Left onto Pine or Division from Kimberly road and go until you reach 59<sup>th</sup> Street. Sylvia's house is on the north side of the street with most of the gardens in back.

Glenn and Sylvia Seymour  
1722 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, IA 563-386-9767

## Did You Know?

Wendi Laake featured her garden on the Scott County Master Gardener tour.

Keith Riewerts had a great story feature about his son being in the Navy in the Advocate News.

## 2008 Silent Auction Bid

(See attached pdf for letter, plant list, and bidding sheet) list was previously published in the February newsletter.

Send bid sheet with your name to Jan Null, 19448 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Monticello, IA 52310, or email [jlpn@n-connect.net](mailto:jlpn@n-connect.net) or Sharon Murken at [smurken@earthlink.net](mailto:smurken@earthlink.net) by August 16.

Make your bids in uneven dollar amounts.

Winners will be notified before the fall sale as to which plants they have won.

Plants will be delivered to the Monticello sale by the current grower for silent auction distribution. If you are the grower, it is YOUR responsibility to get that plant to the sale in Monticello. All plants available for auction NEED to be at the sale. If you cannot attend the sale, plants will be shipped as needed for an additional charge.

In case of ties, the earliest postmark or email wins.

If you wish to see the plant growing, contact the member to arrange a garden visit.

Jan and Sharon's bids are already made, sealed and in Brenda Knipper's safe keeping.

Ian Null and Sharon Murken, co-chairs.