

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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March 13th, West Liberty County Activity Building Meeting, 1:00 PM

CVIDS welcomes **Kelly D. Norris** as our guest speaker. He will be speaking "On the Short Ones" or Median Iris. Kelly is a horticulturist, plant breeder, and plantsman who hails from Bedford, Iowa. He is an award-winning author with two books to his credit. He will be bringing along copies of his Iowa Gardener's Travel Guide. This book is the first travel guide to Iowa gardens and nurseries. CVIDS' own Gerald Hobbs is featured in the Southeast Iowa section. Lynn and Barry Stoll's garden is also listed in the directory. Kelly currently manages Rainbow Iris Farm, a seven-acre nursery owned by his family. He co-edits the Bulletin of the American Iris Society. Kelly serves as a director of the Iowa Horticulture Society and has received a Presidential Citation

Award in 2009. Kelly Norris received his B.S. in Horticulture from Iowa State, where he is currently pursuing his M.S. degree studying rare woody plants. You can check out more information about Kelly at his websites (www.kellynorris.com and www.rainbowirisfarms.com). You may also want to visit www.medianiris.com and www.irises.org. Kelly will be bringing a gift membership to the American Iris Society (courtesy of AIS) as a door prize for one of our lucky members. For meeting directions, please see page 4. Members are encouraged to bring refreshments to the meeting.

President Mike's Comments

March is finally here! With the days getting longer, the sun feels warmer, and the seven-day forecast is showing temperatures sliding in the right direction. I am starting to get spring fever. I was able to be outside and start pruning but didn't get to see much of the garden, as most of it is still under snow.

I know that I am not alone in thinking that Jonathan gave a great presentation at February's meeting. Who would like to chair a committee for CVIDS creating the first blue daylily? Nancy has lined up Kelly Norris for our meeting in West Liberty. It promises to be another great presentation. I pray that the weather will be good, so all our members can make it to hear him.

We could still use another garden or so in the Iowa City area for our summer garden walk. It was proposed after the February meeting that maybe we could have a Spring iris walk - I will bring this up at the March meeting. If you have not been to a meeting yet and would like to volunteer for a committee, there are still openings. I hope to see many of you on the 13th.

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Pay your 2010 dues by April 30th for Club Plant Eligibility. Send to Bob Moore, PO Box 25, Morning Sun, IA 52640. \$6 for individual, \$8 for family.

February 2010 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Nancy Carlisle, Secretary.

President Mike Carstensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Approval of the minutes as published, Motion, Second, Carried - Barb Papenhausen, Gary Oster. Treasurer's Report: Bob Moore stated that there is \$7,036.02 in checking, after paying the deposit for the Fall Banquet Hall and all but two of the plant growers supplying 2010 Club Plants.

Old Business:

Kirkwood Garden Fair: Sherri Baldonado reported that many persons stopped by the CVIDS booth. Sharon Murken had printed out newsletters to distribute. Our membership cards were distributed. It was felt to be a worthwhile project.

2010 Club Plants: Bob Papenhausen distributed a printed list of 2010 Club Plants. These have been confirmed for shipping. Barb has added information regarding zones to the list by researching the growers' statements. The suggested price column represents half of Eureka or the growers' prices. This is where the bidding will start. Mike and Clay will meet in March to draw up the list of members eligible to receive Club Plants.

Committees: Mike distributed a list of committees that members signed up for at the January meeting. Members are to gather after the meeting and discuss their project and select a chairperson. Thanks to Jayne for typing this up. Members are still welcome to sign up for their choice.

CVIDS Club Daylily Tour: This will take place on July 10th. Nancy Carlisle will chair. Members that have already volunteered their gardens are: Ken and Kay Hill, Barry and Lynn Stoll, Jonathan Poulton, and Joyce and Steve Parsons. These are all in the center of our membership area surrounding Iowa City. Potentially, several other gardens could be viewed that day.

Secretary Position: Mike reminded the members that the Secretary position will be open in November. It may be split into two positions, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. See Mike if you are willing to volunteer.

Plant Sales: It has been suggested that Bob Moore needs help at the public sales so he is not overwhelmed with the collection of money. Suggestions were to have pre-made tally sheets for the public at the Monticello sale and to have tables outside the gazebo for members to help tally up sales and present a sales slip for payment then to Bob.

Condolences: Kathy Dawson presented the report on the condolences that were sent out. Notes of appreciation were read from Kim Schoeberl, Jan Null, Don Early, and Sherri Baldonado. Shirley Waters personally thanked the group.

New Business:

Club Plant eligibility determination meeting will be held by Clay and Mike and will be reported at our next meeting and published in the April Newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

CVIDS member, Jonathan Poulton, PhD, enthralled the membership with his presentation "The Creation of a Blue Daylily". He explained how most flower colors are due to carotenoids (yellow, orange), chlorophyll (green), anthocyanins (red, purple, mauve, blue), and absence of pigment (white). As mankind acquires a better understanding of biochemical pathways leading to these pigments and is now able to successfully transfer genes between species, plants with novel hues (e.g. blue-violet roses and carnations) have entered the market. He reviewed strategies that a variety of plants use to produce anthocyanins that appear blue to human and pollinator eyes and how true blue daylily cultivars might be created by genetic engineering.

SPRING PLANT SALE

May 8, 2010, 9:00 AM

North Liberty Gazebo

Needed: All members to help and donated plants to sell

Our own CVIDS members are selling plants from their own gardens to the public. Bring your divisions of daylilies and companion perennials. Please mark or bring a photo along. It really helps to persuade buyers of their beauty come blooming time. Many hands make light work. Credit is earned toward your next year's club plant for bringing plants and for working the sale. Set up will start at 8 AM with plants available for sale starting at 9 AM with probable finish at 1 PM, although we do have the gazebo for 8 hours.

North Liberty Gazebo at the corner of North Dubuque and East Cherry Street, North Liberty, IA

A Hundred Flowers

A hundred flowers put on hats,
A hundred robins sing.
The trees sway in March winds that say
We're celebrating Spring.

The grass looks emerald and young.
The sky is growing winds.
The world and I are glad to be
Alive now as earth swings.

Marion Schoeberlein as printed in
Birds and Blooms, March 2008

Save the Date in July 2012!

CVIDS will host Region One Daylily meeting and tours.

Jackie Westhoff is the Chair. Jamie Gossard has agreed to be our speaker. A Progress Report will be given at our next meeting. CVIDS will need all members to step up and serve on committees. What FUN!!!

Name 2012 Regional Theme

Please submit your entry for naming the daylily regional meeting. A prize will be awarded of \$5.00 discount towards registration to the event. See form in newsletter for entering.

CVIDS.ORG Website Update

Certainly the highpoint of our website additions this month has been completion of the 2010 Club Plants Photo Gallery. Thanks to the Papenhausens, photos of nearly 200 cultivars are now available for view. Go take a look, if you haven't already done so. What a wonderful selection! This year's Plant Distribution will be particularly exciting. You will also find that web pages for Gerald Hobb's Hilltop Gardens and the Stolls' Walnut Hill Gardens have been updated and now include 2010 price lists and photos of new introductions. If you have anything for the website, please contact Jonathan Poulton.

SPRING SCRAMBLE

Spring is finally on its way! All of these are common flowers.

1. Wrtlngou
2. Ptlui
3. Gineelb rteah
4. Ncythhai
5. Snpay
6. Plepru fowlcnoeer
7. Siafchu
8. Bnumrviu
9. Dliffoa
10. Scrouc
11. Kbanelt rowfel
12. Ogwdodo

Plant Distribution followed by a Bidding Auction

Saturday, May 22, 2010, in West Liberty

Come visit the plants from 9 to 10 AM. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut or bagel while ogling your choices. The Floral Hall is an enclosed building on the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in West Liberty Iowa. Indoor bathroom facilities are within a short stroll.

Barb and Bob Papenhausen have done an incredible job of selecting plants for this year's round of plants. Vendors have been very generous in their additional bonus plants for an amazing variety of very new and very popular plants for your selection. See the list and pictures at our website (www.cvids.org).

To be eligible to receive Club Plants, members must have paid 2009 and 2010 dues and completed **ANY TWO** of the following:

- a. Attended 2 club meetings in 2009.
- b. Donated plants to a club sale.
- c. Bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants.
- d. Assisted at club functions by:
 - i. Writing articles for the newsletter
 - ii. Giving a club program
 - iii. Assisting at plant sales
 - iv. Hosting a tour
 - v. Chairing a committee

In return, members will have the privilege of receiving a plant of their choice in a lottery draw to grow in their garden for two years. Members are asked to help evaluate the characteristics and hardiness of their chosen cultivar in this area. It is expected that the member will treat this plant with kindness, yet let the plant experience the same growing conditions that make our Eastern Iowa area a unique one. The member will be bringing the increase back in the fall of 2012 for that year's silent auction. At that time, the plant increase will be awarded to the highest bidder. This is a way of getting remarkable plants in our gardens by doing some work to help keep our club a fun, vibrant, and healthy organization. (Sounds just like what we do to keep those plants going.)

Auction for Plants, May 22

A brief break will be taken after the earned plant distribution to organize the remaining plants. Subsequently, a bidding auction will allow all members to participate in obtaining the remaining plants that were not chosen. Half of the Eureka average price is a suggested starting point for the initial bid.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE SOME PLANT THAT IS WANTED BY JUST ABOUT EVERYONE. MAKES FOR A FUN EVENT!

March 13 CVIDS Meeting at West Liberty - Meeting Directions

From the East: Take I-80 West to Exit 259. Turn Left onto X-40. Go South into West Liberty. Turn Left onto North Columbus Street. Go to Stop Light. Continue straight across RR tracks to East First Street. Turn Right. Proceed 3 blocks into Fair Grounds. The County Activity Building is the first large building on the grounds.

From the West: Take either of two ways: 1) Interstate 80 East to Exit 259. Turn Right onto X-40, and proceed as above, or 2) Take Hiway 6 from Iowa City east for about 17 miles into West Liberty (Hiway 6 becomes North Columbus Street). Proceed as above.

Pollen Dabbers

March 26-27, 2010

We have been invited to attend the Central Iowa Daylily Society 2010 Pollen Dabbers meeting, featuring speakers Richard Norris of Ashwood Daylilies (www.ashwooddaylilies.com) and Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery (www.slightlydifferentnursery.com).

Friday evening features the slides of CIDS hybridizers. Saturday morning is hybridizers slides, and afternoon is the featured speakers. The Auction begins at 4 PM. Rooms have been reserved at the Super 8 in Marshalltown. For more information contact Don Lovell (dmlovell@aol.com).

2010 Region One Summer Tour July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010

The Central North Dakota Daylily Society is ready to knock your socks off as you visit some wonderful gardens and listen to Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens for the evening banquet speaker.

Garden Judges Level One and Level Two Workshops will be held. A juried Daylily Art Exhibit will be held by the Bismarck Arts and Gallery Association.

All for the nominal cost of \$100 sent by July 1st.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 13, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FAIRGROUNDS

TIME: 1 PM

Speaker: Kelley D. Norris

MARCH 26-27, CIDS POLLEN DABBERS

PLACE: MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME: FRIDAY, 5:30-8 PM; SATURDAY, ALL DAY

Speakers: Richard Norris of Ashwood Daylilies and Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery

APRIL 10, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: MORNING SUN COMMUNITY CENTER & LORA ROCK GALLERY

TIME: 1 PM

Program: History and work of local artist Lora Rock

URL: <http://www.cvids.org/Apr2010meeting.html>

MAY 8, North Liberty Plant Sale

PLACE: NORTH LIBERTY GAZEBO, at intersection of East Cherry and North Dubuque Streets

TIME: 9 AM - 1 PM (8 AM set up)

MAY 22, CVIDS CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FAIRGROUNDS, FLORAL HALL

TIME: 9 AM Donuts and plant review, 10 AM plant distribution

Plant auction for all members to follow

MAY 27-29, AHS 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLACE: VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

URL: <http://www.ahsregion5.org/national/>

MAY 31-JUNE 5, AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING

PLACE: MIDDLETON, WI

URL: <http://www.madisoniris.org/Convention/Welcome.htm>

JUNE 25-27, AHS Region Eleven Summer Meeting

PLACE: ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

URL: http://www.safehavengardens.com/2010_regional.html

JULY 10, CVIDS GARDEN TOUR

PLACE: IOWA CITY & MID-EASTERN IOWA

JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1, AHS REGION ONE 2010 SUMMER MEETING

PLACE: BISMARCK/MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA

URL: <http://www.northerndaylily.com/Region1NorthDakota2010.html>

AUGUST 28, MONTICELLO FALL PLANT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

PLACE: MONTICELLO RIVERSIDE GARDENS

TIME: 9 AM

Silent auction to follow noon potluck

NOVEMBER 13, BANQUET & BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST

PLACE: A TOUCH OF CLASS BANQUET HALL, MARION

TIME: Noon

CVIDS Members Gardens on Display, Saturday, July 10, 2010

Kay and Ken Hill, Joyce and Steve Parsons, Jonathan Poulton, and Barry and Lynn Stoll have agreed to be garden hosts for this summer's open garden tours. The committee of Nancy Carlisle, chair, Shirley Waters, Lynn Stoll, and Mike Carstensen will be planning the route and organizing a meal location. Anyone else in the Iowa City or central area that wishes to volunteer to have their garden open, please contact Mike or Nancy.



Guess whose seedlings these are! Hint: Bicolors!

