

SWAP & SEEK 2016

Hi Everyone,

The Swap & Seek Committee has come up with what it thinks is a much improved method of finding those very special plants on your wish list from among our fellow CVIDS members' gardens! Here's how it works:

1) If you wish to take part, please sign up at the May 21st club meeting or the July 9th Garden Tour, providing your name and e-mail address. If you don't have e-mail, please provide your home address and phone number. If you're not planning on attending those meetings, please send your contact information directly to Jonathan (jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu; 729 Alpine Drive, Iowa City, IA 52245) by July 10th.

2) Create your "Wish List". This is an alphabetical list of cultivars that you hope to obtain from other participating members. There is no limit to the number of cultivars that you are seeking nor are there any restrictions regarding their year of introduction.

3) Make an inventory of plants in your garden from which you could spare one, or multiple, double fan divisions. Use this inventory to create your "Swap List", again keeping in mind that there is no limit to the number of cultivars nor do they have to be the very latest intros. (Some of our gardeners have collections and welcome cultivars to add to a theme bed. For example, Nancy Carlisle added an old Trimmer, "Pumpkin Moonshine", from Jackie's garden to her food garden last summer. Perhaps someone is wanting to interest a grandson in daylilies and promises a bed of dragons..... "Dragon King", "Dragon Fang", "Magic Dragon"....you get the idea!).

Your "Swap List" should include: (a) the cultivar names in alphabetical order, (b) hybridizer, (c) year of introduction, (d) ploidy, (e) season, and (f) bloom description. The AHS Database Search (www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/) is a good source for this information.

As was the rule for last year's event, please keep in mind that CVIDS club plants that are due to be returned to the club for the Silent Auction in August 2016 or 2017 are NOT eligible for this year's Swap and Seek. This would include all Club Plant cultivars from 2014 and 2015.

4) Next steps for those with e-mail access: By August 1st, Jonathan will e-mail you the master list of participants and their contact information. It will then be up to you to contact other participants that have e-mail access, sending each of them your "wish list" and "swap list" as e-mail attachments. Whether you prefer to use Excel or Word to create your two lists, please convert your final documents into pdf files before sending them to other participants. This will allow folks to open up your lists without difficulty. Finally and most importantly, please mail printed copies of your lists to swap participants that lack e-mail access.

5) Next steps for those lacking e-mail access: Please type or hand-write your lists and mail them to Jonathan by July 21st. He will scan your lists and send them to all participants via e-mail or U.S. mail by August 1st.

6) Then the fun begins! Each person contacts the grower of any plant(s) they are interested in, and any and all negotiations, bargains, sales, etc., are totally between the two growers. Because we no longer have the Eureka as a guide of cultivar worth, traders will bargain any deals that are personally acceptable to them - 1 for 1 "even" trades, 2-3 older plants for one newer cultivar, 4 fans for 2 fans, clump for clump, etc. Likewise, you make your own arrangements for transporting your swapped plants - by private car, the August sale in Monticello, U.S. mail, etc.

We hope there are many who are able to add some exciting, new-to-their-garden plants through our Swap and Seek activity this year. And those next season's blooms will remind them again of CVIDS friends and the wonderful camaraderie we share through daylilies!

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