

CVIDS Meeting February 14, 2015 at Johnson County Extension Office, Iowa City

CVIDS members got an early meeting start with an 11:00 AM potluck lunch. Fifty-eight members were able to hear educational presentations by Barb Papenhausen on Soil Amendments and by Sherry McCarville and Karmin Mullins on Essential Oils.

President Nancy Carlisle called the business meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Approval of the January minutes as printed – (M/S Gary Oster, Dave Appelquist)

Treasurer, Sherri Baldonado, reported Zora Ronan has begun purchasing Club Plants. Plant stakes may be ordered through the March meeting. Payment for AHS Guide to Daylilies should be made to the treasurer. At this time, we have a balance of \$10,355. Treasurer's report approved – (M/S Donna Denly, Sylvia Seymour)

Committee Reports:

Membership chair, Jonathan Poulton, reported working on the photo member book, packets for new members, and a flyer on information about daylilies and upcoming events. These items will be helpful to new members and potential members. Jonathan also made a final call for 2014 photos for the web. He is especially in need of photos from the fall plant sale and the garden tour at Sylvia's.

Nancy reported for **Club Plant Distribution** chair, Zora Ronan. Purchase of this year's club plants has begun in earnest.

Photo Contest chair, Sylvia Seymour, encouraged all to take photos and enter in next fall's contest.

Silent Auction chair, Heather Harroun, encouraged all to use these non-gardening months to check the website to verify which club plants they need to return this year. As spring unfolds, be sure to let her know as soon as possible the status of your club plant and the number of fans you expect to return.

Nancy called for volunteers for the Officer Election Nominating Committee. The committee will nominate candidates for Vice President and Treasurer. Those interested in being on the Nominating Committee should contact Nancy.

If members have ideas for celebrating the 25th anniversary of CVIDS, they can put their ideas on a card and place in the blue bucket. Ideas taken from the floor included a plant swap. People could submit a list of plants they had to share or would be interested in obtaining. Jackie Westhoff, Keith Riewerts and Jonathan Poulton volunteered to be on a committee to work out details for the swap.

Possible locations for the May plant sale were discussed. Scott Feddern reported that Noel Ridge was eliminated after finding out a sale would not be allowed there. Indian Creek Nature Center was eliminated based on discussion and vote at last month's meeting. Colleen Hansen reported that the Wilton city-wide garage sale would be May 2. We could use a space next to Garrison's Greenhouse on Hwy 6 at no charge. A \$5.00 fee would include us in city-wide advertising for the event. The final option would be the Environmental Learning Center at Muscatine on April 25 or May 9. There is a \$25.00 fee to file a request to use the facility. Further clarification is needed, but an additional fee of \$35.00 may be needed after the request is approved. Jonathan Poulton moved and Gary Oster seconded to have our plant sale at Muscatine on May 9. Motion carried. Colleen will take a check to secure our application for facility use. Nancy asked for volunteers, including a chair, to work on this committee. There is a signup list which had circulated for Indian Creek. Those volunteers may be interested in continuing to work on the spring sale. Kathy Kephart will work on Facebook publicity.

Nancy reported that several Charter members are willing to host the summer garden tour. It appears that both a North and South tour will be held on separate dates, likely on different weekends.

Location for the Aug. 22 Silent Auction/Plant Swap was discussed. Gary Oster moved and Mary Moore seconded to hold the event at the Jones County Fairgrounds (just down the street from the previous location at the Monticello Park) subject to the approval of the Fair Board. Motion carried. This event will include the silent auction, live auction, plant swap, public sale, and possibly a speaker.

Keith Riewerts made the second presentation of the proposed changes for Club Plant Eligibility. After good discussion and clarification of several examples, Rex McCreight offered the following friendly amendment. Under point 1, the banquet (which includes a business meeting) would be included as an acceptable club meeting. An additional point 12 would be added to include the summer garden tour as a separate activity. Jonathan Poulton seconded the amendment. Amendment carried and will become part of the proposal which will be up for a vote at the March meeting. As clarification, it was stated that questions about point 11 (other activities) should be presented to the Board on a case-by-case basis for their decision on qualifying contributions.

A number of lucky people went home with a door prize.

Motion to adjourn – (M/S Keith Riewerts, Clay Dawson)

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Hankemeier, Secretary