

The CVIDS Newsletter

CVIDS Summer Club Tour Delights

by Kim Edge

On Saturday, July 13th, about fifteen of us joined in on an informal tour of four of our fellow members' gardens. What a fun time I had! The weather was absolutely delightful, and after 2 weeks of miserable heat and humidity we finally got a clear, dry, cool day! First off we started at Kay Hill's garden. Kay, I want you to introduce that yellow unusual form you bred! Maybe you could call it KAY HILL CRISPATA?! Kay has a lovely large garden of raised beds in rows and islands, surrounded by trees and hostas. She even had breakfast refreshments served up for us with tables and chairs in the shade on the lawn! Wow!

The next gardens on the tour were Marilyn Little's in West Liberty. I say gardenS because one garden just isn't enough for Marilyn! She gardens on her property and also her daughter's, and we got guided tours of both! I now need a dawn redwood (where in the heck am I going to put THAT?) and I couldn't help noticing that I also need to grow my own big clumps of ICE CARNIVAL and BEELZEBUB. Maybe we can arrange a trade of something between the two of us?

The next stop was Sylvia Seymour's in Davenport. The high point of this trip for me had to be

the fantastic lunch in the enclosed dining porch that looks out onto the gardens surrounding the whole yard. I'm not joking, Sylvia: you are now our permanent luncheon stop on every tour! And thanks to your daughters for waiting on us all hand and foot!

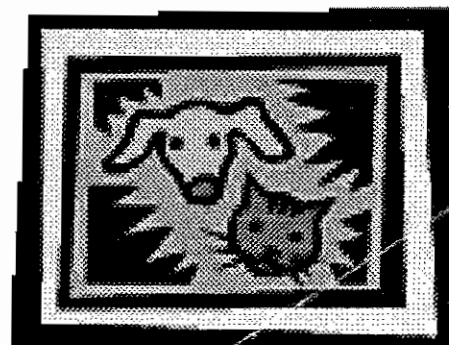
The final stop was the incredible estate of Gary and Holly Williams. So this is how the other half lives—an enormous, gorgeous sweep of lawn and trees set off with BIG collections of iris, ornamental grasses, hostas, Japanese maples (how do they grow so well for you?) contorted filberts, weeping trees AND daylilies, with a landscaped swimming pool and your own personal petting zoo of llamas and miniature donkeys! What a delight and they gave free Gator rides and served us drinks too. Fantastic.

Effusive thanks to all of our hostesses and hosts who so generously showed us all a great time in their gardens! Also thanks to Bitsy, Captain Morgan and Corky for being such darn cute pets! I couldn't have had a nicer day.



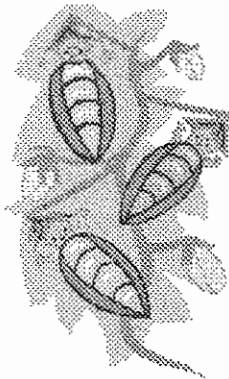
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👤 **Welcome to six** 👤
👤 new members, 👤
👤 Kathleen and Clay 👤
👤 Dawson of Long 👤
👤 Grove, Diane and 👤
👤 Richard Nelson of 👤
👤 Iowa City and Bob 👤
👤 and Cathy Moore of 👤
👤 Morning Sun, Iowa! 👤
👤 AND 👤
👤 A very fond farewell 👤
👤 to Reva Allen, who 👤
👤 has moved to Toledo, 👤
👤 Ohio to teach at the 👤
👤 university there! 👤
👤 Good luck, Reva! 👤
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Message from the President

I just wanted to report I am in Coon Rapids helping with James Richard, Riley Ann & Emily Jo who were born on 5-22-02 and are now home. It's feed, burp, sleep & poop for the trio (not always in that order) round the clock every 3 hours. Babies are doing great—all over 6 pounds and the doctor described them as feeders and growers. As for the caregivers, that's another story. We are tired, hungry, sometimes cranky and right now I could use a good burp. I have noticed that will reduce a babies waist-line 2 inches. Wish it would do the same for me! Went home last Saturday so I wouldn't miss the CVIDS summer tour. How exciting to see the four new gardens of our members. Kay & Kenneth's country



Babies are growing well in Coon Rapids.

garden has been a secret too long. What a beautiful garden with lots of the CVIDS plants and perennials well grown and tended in her beds. I loved Kenneth's two vine shade houses he made out of cattle panels. The first one already has many different kinds of vines growing and blooming over it. Marilyn's gardens, masses of color, cover several town lots and are full of many treasures. I don't know how one person is keeping all that up. We also got to see some of the plants that we could bid on this summer. Off to Sylvia's in Davenport for a wonderful lunch served with the help of her willing daughters. We ate in their new room built to overlook her garden. What a neat and tidy garden she has with many beautiful cultivars just waiting for our viewing. Peoples' wish lists kept growing longer than that line for second helpings of Sylvia's delicious pasta salad. Gary's garden in Milan, Illinois was another hidden paradise. He has one whole bed of over 100 of Gerald's seedlings blooming. I was especially anxious to see the bed with all the new

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things he brought back from the South this spring. Although new, there were several in bloom that showed great promise for the future. On my way home I stopped by the garden of our new members Clay & Kathy Dawson who had joined our tour. They are on several garden walks every year and I can see why. They have over 200 kinds of hostas plus a greenhouse full of orchids. They also are an AHS display garden, with their daylilies beautifully tended and displayed. Isn't it neat that over one half of the Iowa AHS display gardens belong to CVIDS members?

Anyway, it was a glorious day for any daylily addict. The season is always too short and it is hard to get around to see all the gardens that you want to. Till next time -

Betty

Time is running out~ don't forget to send Jean your silent auction bids by August 1st! If you have any questions you can contact her at (319) 626-6159 or jhecht@avalon.net

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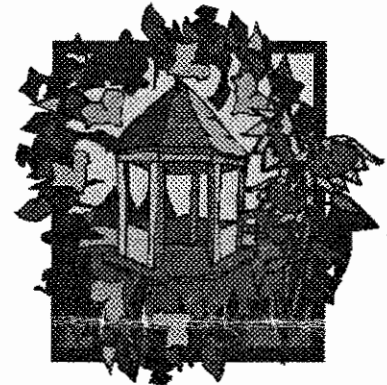


Sylvia's Super Pasta Salad

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| 1 lb. pasta (Sylvia used shells) | 2 c. Hellman's light mayonnaise |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1/2-3/4 c. white vinegar |
| 1/4 tsp. pepper | 1 can of sweetened condensed milk |
| 1 tsp. celery seed | 1 c. sugar |
| 1 c. chopped celery | 1 chopped red onion |
| 4 carrots, shredded | 1 chopped green pepper (optional) |

Cook pasta al dente. Mix spices and liquids; add veggies and cooked pasta. Chill overnight. Makes a large batch.

Plan to attend the CVIDS fall plant sale on Saturday, August 24th in Monticello!



Fall Banquet Committee is Planning

Fall banquet committee chair Marilyn Little is already kicking around ideas for our fall banquet this year. Right now the committee is considering having an afternoon event similar to last



Autumn banquet plans are stirring.

year's in the Amanas but without a formal speaker. Instead club members would be asked to report on outstanding performers in their gardens, or what they considered to be exceptional

about their gardens this year. That's something to think about! The time frame for the banquet would again be late October/early November on a non-football game weekend. We will discuss the club banquet plans more at a future meeting.

OUR ANNUAL CVIDS FALL PLANT SALE AND POTLUCK IN MONTICELLO, IOWA IS COMING UP!

Our fall sale will be held on *Saturday, August 24th (mark your calendar!)* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the gazebo in Riverside Park in Monticello, Iowa. Set-up starts at 9 a.m., and the potluck and dispersal of silent auction plant immediately follow the sale. Any club plants that were not bid on will be auctioned off live then. We hold the potluck around one as that is when the rush of public sales usually subsides. So please bring something good to eat!

Please label all plants with name, color and price, at a minimum. Height and flower size, and time of flowering is also nice to know. Choice items might also include hybridizer's name and year of introduction. Iris and day-lilies will be sold as bare-root plants. Please wash the roots well and trim back foliage. We recommend that named varieties be priced from \$5 up; unknown varieties and seedlings for less. Companion plants should be potted if possible, labeled and priced. **Please bring your labeled iris, daylilies and companion plants to the park by 9 a.m. so we can have everything nicely laid out by 10 a.m.** The sale lasts until 1 p.m.

Please price your plants; the members working at the sale may not be familiar with your varieties and may not know what they are worth. If you need some labels, CVIDS has purchased some rolls of them for club use. Give Gerald a call about acquiring some at (319) 372-4178. If possible, try to bring some pictures of the daylilies or iris you are contributing. Customers always ask, "What does this one look like?" It's really helpful to have some pictures so we can *show* them, not just *tell* them. Posters with colored pictures of daylilies and iris would be especially helpful. Bringing along blooms is also good for sales—and for everyone's pleasure. *Last year daylilies rust appeared in some of our gardens. To reduce possible spread of the disease we asked those who had seen rust in their gardens to please bring plants other than daylilies to the sale. Although the rust seems to have disappeared, if you have seen rust in your garden THIS YEAR we do ask that you bring plants other than daylilies. If it has not appeared THIS YEAR you are welcome to contribute daylilies again.*

We hope all members will be able to contribute plants, help each other with digging and labeling, and/or help out at the sale itself. We want to have a good variety of clean, fresh, healthy plants for sale! Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about this sale. Let's make this our most successful fall sale ever!

Directions to Riverside Park: The park is located on Highway 151 in Monticello, across from the Blue Chip Motel and Restaurant. You can park in the lot in the park or along the road-side in it.

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