

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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From the President

Hello CVIDS Members,

I have enjoyed the many spring bulbs blooming in my garden and look forward to the next round of color. My next project is to get some annuals potted for the front of the house and the patio. Lyle and I have used 2 pallets of mulch and look forward (hopefully) to less weeding and less watering.

Thank you Wanda Lunn for the inspiring and colorful presentation to the club on April 22. We appreciate your talents and knowledge and your willingness to share with the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society. We had 37 members participate. Thank you for joining us. There is always something new to learn about gardening so thank you for sharing. Please contact me if you have a program you would like to present via Zoom.

Thank you to Jonathan Poulton for telling us about his seedlings that are planted at Cornell College in Mount Vernon. What a wonderful contribution to the landscape plan. I am sure students, staff and visitors will enjoy the new color you and Susie have provided.

We are cautiously preparing for our annual August day of plant sale, plant return, silent auction and meeting. I need volunteers to proceed with the plant sale duties. Please read the information from Diane and open the attachment to see the plants you need to evaluate and return. This is a long day for the club members and we hope that we can meet in August and proceed with our activities. If we are to resume CVIDS activities, members need to be involved by volunteering to take on leadership and volunteer roles.

Nancy Rash, President CVIDS

Nancy Rash, Newsletter Co-Editor (Serious)
Lyle Moen, Newsletter Co-Editor (Fun Stuff)

A Presidential Reminder:

DUES ARE DUE

**CVIDS Dues are \$10 per person
for a one-year membership.**

Make check payable to CVIDS. Please send your check to:

Shelly Lett, 1673 Garfield Avenue, West Branch, IA 52358.

From the By-Laws: "Membership dues are for a calendar year and will fall due on January 1. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1." We accept dues all year. The April deadline is to qualify for earning a CVIDS Club Plant. If you have not paid dues for 2021, please mail dues to Shelly Lett.

Open Gardens 2021

It is not too early to decide to host a CVIDS Open Garden in 2021. The Open Gardens in 2020 were well attended and a welcome opportunity to see our daylily friends in person. If you want to host in 2021, you will need to send me the date(s) you want guests, the rules (masks or not), your name, address, directions and open times. A short description is nice too.



Guess Who's Garden

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CVID CLUB PLANTS INFORMATION:

FROM DIANE DERGANZ

The list of club plants to be returned August 2021 is being sent with the May Newsletter. It also indicates those non-members as well as those who haven't paid their dues. Please contact Nancy Rash if there is a question about dues and/or membership for 2021. We hope all plants can be returned. All current and past participants will be contacted in July when we send out the evaluations. We just want to remind everyone to watch and make notes on how their plants have done in the garden in respect to their hardiness, scape/branching, flower and distinction. Those are the areas to be evaluated in our survey and will be rated on the bid sheets distributed to club members in late July. I hope we have a nice selection of plants this year and that more members will participate in the auction. Thank you. Diane Derganz

The date for the August Plant Sale and Club Plant Distribution needs to be confirmed. Please watch for the announcement of the August date. We need a chairperson or persons to organize and coordinate the plant sale. A volunteer is needed ASAP. Please contact Nancy Rash so we can move forward with the usual format for the CVIDS events in August.

CVIDS CALENDAR

Diamond Dusted Daylilies in the South 2021 National Convention Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, 2021 The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society (MGCLS) invite you to the 2021 ADS National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS. <https://ahs2021national.com/> SEE YOU THERE !!!

June Tentative Program : Hostas

July Region One Summer Meeting in Marshalltown Cancelled

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and the derecho that severely damaged many Iowa gardens, the 2021 American Daylily Society (ADS) Region One Meeting has been canceled.

For the convenience of our Garden Judges and those who want to become new Garden Judges, ADS Region One will offer Garden Judges Workshop 2 (GJW2) at three different locations during daylily bloom season in July 2021. For more information see: <http://region1daylily.blogspot.com/>.

More Region One news at: <http://www.ahsregion1.org/R1-events.shtml>.



A Real Rarity

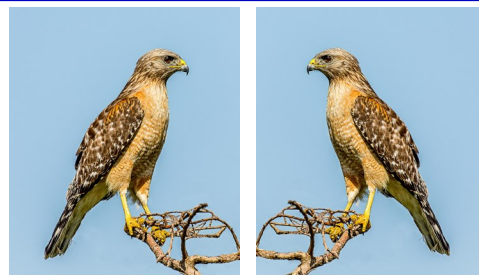
Along Highway 92 just west of Marr Park, if you are lucky enough to spot it, usually resting on the Power Line, is a "White Hawk". Typically it is a Red-Tailed Hawk, only mostly all white, very unusual, and I want to photograph it if possible.

It is known as "Leucistic" Red-Tailed Hawk.

"Leucism is a condition in which there is partial loss of pigmentation in an animal resulting in white, pale, or patchy coloration of the skin, hair, feathers, scales or cuticle, but not the eyes. (Different than albino in which the eyes are pink).

Nancy & I have seen the White Hawk twice while returning from Marr Park maintaining our Prairie Planting site at the Conservation Education Center, and then yesterday, Andy Dahl stopped by our home and stated that he had just seen it also. It is definitely a goal of mine to photograph, which won't be easy as Andy stated that it is very wary.

(I was able to photograph the Hawk on Thursday, April 8, 2021: See photo above).



Weaving Plant Collections Into Your Garden by Wanda Lunn April 22th



In the beginning there was a cornfield. Planting Iris in rows can be boring, so in 1990 to 1995 Wanda planted in an area 3 feet wide around her house, with the backside of the house 135 feet long. Daylilies were planted according to height, lilacs were added, and she began joining Garden Clubs and started trading Iris and Daylily plants while mixing new beds with Iris and Daylilies. The beds around the house widened to 10.5 feet wide as climbing roses were added along with more plants. In 2003 a tornado damaged trees and changed the shade to sun. Beds were created along fence lines and those beds got wider as her Iris collection grew to over 300 plants. Between 1996 and 2000 her garden included 400 Daylilies. A garden can grow and change over time. Peonies became contagious to Wanda and were added also. 30 Clematis were added which creep on house and fences.

One must thin out plants to make room for more plants.

1. Take inventory; identify/name garden areas; take photos; note where, size, color, names
2. Label cultivars to know when not in bloom
3. Remove awkward, over grown, diseased plants
4. Remove duplicates (similar looking)
5. Sort out your plants: Does this plant deserve to be in my garden; Maybe a friend will want them

(Program continued next column)

Zoom Program Continued:

For perennial plants spacing is important to give them room to grow; can plant in clumps By mid-summer the area is all filled in with blooms. Planting spring bulbs brings color in April, while you will have other bloomers in July. Tall and Dwarf Bearded Iris need sun and air and can be planted in the front and side edges of beds. Allium was also added. The beds are never sleeping there is always something blooming. Lilacs can be planted for privacy as well. Clematis grows on fences, arbors, obelisks, trellis, and add to height to middle or rear of garden and privacy.

Plant plants for different textures and colors to add interest to the garden. Spring blooming peony bushes can be planted in the back rows of the garden area. True lilies are elegant and can be 6 feet tall. Different heights of plants can be located in different spots in the flower beds. Bleeding Hearts and Columbine add color in the spring. Take lots of photos of gardens to show color, combinations, beauty, and flaws. Don't be afraid to change your garden as your tastes change.

**“Every Plant Must Earn It’s Time In My Garden”
“Commune With Nature”**

Wanda’s garden is open to visitors at any time, please call ahead to check what is blooming.

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Notes by Lyle Moen

For more true lily information:

<http://www.iowaregionallilysociety.com/OurLilyGardens/OurLilyGardenshome.html>

Note CVIDS members Dave and Sue Kramer, Jackie Westhoff, Don Lovell and Nan Ripley are Iowa Regional Lily Society members and can provide information, display gardens and lilies too!

(As per the IRLS Website)



Sharing the Delight of Daylilies by Jonathan Poulton

Over the years, our good friend Gary Oster had often asked us whether we'd like to donate daylilies to Cornell College in Mount Vernon. It finally came to fruition last year when we were downsizing our Alpine Drive and Duffy plots prior to moving to Colorado. Gary mentioned that Cornell had a small flower bed that he'd like to fill with our seedlings. So, Susie and I dug about 35-40, and I transported them to Cornell where I was greeted by Gary and their chief groundskeeper. They helped me unload, and then I returned to packing boxes for our imminent move. In late June, Susie and I returned to Iowa for a family funeral and visited the Cornell bed to see how things had turned out. Our understanding was that the college gardeners were going to plant our seedlings and, indeed, as we turned the corner, we saw that they'd done a beautiful job. Only one seedling was blooming at that time, a daylily kid resulting from a cross involving a Dan Trimmer patterned introduction that we'd purchased several years earlier. We were delighted to be asked to donate daylilies to Cornell College, from whom we later received a Thank You letter of appreciation.

If Gary's magnificent daylily collection at the college is on this year's Open Gardens list, may I request that you also visit our daylily bed and let me know if the seedlings survived your very challenging Iowa winter. The bed is down the hill on the south side of campus. I'm sure Gary would give you directions. If you spot a seedling that you particularly like, look for the plastic tag bearing the plant's number, and I could tell you its parentage. We heartily encourage you to donate your daylilies to interested parties. It's a great way to transfer to others your love for the greatest plant species in your garden.



This is Not a typical "Tree House"
This is a Sycamore Tree ON a House
Cari's house in Cedar Rapids following the derecho

Adages:

"Don't be worried about your Smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years."

"I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out."

"I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit."

"I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web."

"A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money, so I got up and searched with him."

"It's weird being the same age as old people."

"I see people about my age mountain climbing; I feel good just getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance."

Marriage Counselor: "Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?"

Me: "To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers."



1st Annual Quilt Amana Show

All Quilt Photos by the Editor's Editor



Above: Jane, from Victor, Iowa, has quilted and given over 100 Quilts of Valor to Veterans in the Victor area.

Below: My Favorite of the Quilt Display "How can you make a quilt pattern that jumps out at you in 3 Dimension? It really impresses me." *The Editor's Editor*



Above: Barb, from Ft Morgan, CO, displayed her quilts at Amana by request. She has won a 1st place award at the National Quilt Museum at Paducah, KY. **AND THAT'S ALL FOLKS !**

