

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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MISSION OF CVIDS

“Founded in 1990, CVIDS is a scientific, educational, and social organization whose mission is to promote the genera *Hemerocallis* (daylily) and *Iris*. Its purpose is to educate our members and the general public about all aspects of growing daylilies and irises in eastern Iowa and surrounding regions. To further these goals, this organization provides lectures, garden tours, plant sales, and fellowship among its members and with members of other groups with similar goals.”

Quick view of upcoming in 2023:

****June 10 = CVIDS Club Meeting** to discuss the Region One meeting. Marion Public Library ; 1101 6th Ave, Marion, IA, Meeting Community Room B

****July 14-16 Daylilies: The Pearl of the Region One** at The Merrill Hotel, Muscatine, IA

Featured Tour Gardens:

Heather and Jim Harroun, Illinois City, IL

Darrin and Shelly Lett, West Branch, IA

Keith and Sally Riewerts, Long Grove, IA

Colleen and John Hansen, Wilton, IA

Featured Speakers:

Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossman, Northern Lights Daylilies

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DUES ARE STILL DUE

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

Please send your check to: Jackie Westhoff, 6161 32nd Avenue, Shellsburg, IA 52332.

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.”

ADS Region One Summer Meeting

****August 26 = Club Plant Return, Iris Sale, and Auction** at the Monticello ISU Extension Expo Center. Starts 9-11AM with public plant sale; 11:15AM Potluck, followed by 12PM Auction

****October 14 = CVIDS Annual Hybridizer’s Roundup** at the Washington Public Library, 115 W Washington St, Washington Starts 12PM Potluck, 1PM show

****November 11 = Annual CVIDS Fall Banquet** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville Starts 11AM with social hour

If you have any ideas for a presentation, please contact Darrin Lett and Heather Harroun.

Inside This Issue - Old and New Stuff
Shelly Lett, Newsletter Editor
(Serious and Fun)



Region One Summer Meeting...

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society cordially invites you to the ADS Region One Summer Meeting. Titled "Daylilies: The Pearls of Region One", this fun event will take place on July 14-16, 2023, in Muscatine, Iowa (known as Pearl City). On July 15, participants will tour four gardens in SW Iowa and W Illinois. The featured speakers at the banquet will be Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom ([Northern Lights Daylilies, MN](#)). An ADS Garden Judges Workshop 2 will be led by Phil Fass on Sunday morning in the garden of Dave and Sue Kramer in Cedar Rapids.

Eleven open gardens will be also be available to visit:

Frank & Mary Ancell (Muscatine County)

Jane & Bob Bancks - B & J Gardens (Scott County)

Deb & Brian Bentley (Muscatine County)

William Blair and Virginia Houser (Johnson County)

Cornell College, Mount Vernon (Linn County)

Barbara McCreight (Cedar County)

Gary Oster (Cedar County)

Joyce & Larre Petersen (Cedar County)

Tom & Linda Jones (Des Moines County)

Dave & Sue Kramer (Linn County)

Bruce & Becky Whitaker (Van Buren County)

June 15—17

American Daylily Society National Convention ("Grand Ole Daylilies") Nashville, TN
[Convention](#)

[How to Plant and Care for Daylilies](#) from the Farmer's Almanac

Thoughts from the Editor:

The recent lack of rain has made it hard to pull weeds/grass in my flower beds, as I'm sure the other tour and open gardens agree. Grass and weeds (including poison ivy) are my enemies this spring. So far, only a small spot on my right arm, just beyond where the cuff of the glove ends, is my only poison ivy spot. I'm sure I will have more, as I keep going.

Either deer or bunnies have been pruning some hosta. Poor things are just stems. I did not sprinkle Repels All, as I usually do, in the gardens. It stinks and does keep the critters away. And speaking of, I just saw a doe with her little baby in the flower beds out front. I had to take a picture through my window. Guess I will sacrifice a few.

A blooming season is coming to an end. The iris are almost done blooming in my beds. I haven't seen a scape yet on a daylily, but I haven't really had time to looking either.

And then this heat. Stay hydrated my friends!

Shell

