

# 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:

### ADS Region One Summer Meeting

**\*\*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

Guest Speaker: Sandy Holmes, [Riverbend Daylily Garden](#) (Bellbrook, OH)

Starts 11AM with social hour

## DUES ARE STILL DUE

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

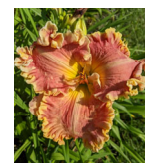
Please send your check to: Jackie Westhoff, 6161 32nd Avenue, Shellsburg, IA 52332.

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.”

## Former CVIDS President Passes Away

Elma 'Kay' Hill, who served as CVIDS President in 2006-07, passed away on April 1, 2023, at UnityPoint Hospital-Allen Memorial of Waterloo. She was 82. A memorial service was held on April 13 at First Baptist Church in Muscatine. Burial was to take place in Swank Cemetery at a later date. [OBIT](#)

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



## Betty Miller Photo Contest

Sept 7th Emailed from Rachel Moeller:

This is your first reminder that the November banquet is coming up fast and with that is the photo contest

Rules and Procedures for the Betty Miller Photo Contest are as follows:

1. Send printed photos 4x6 inches. to Rachel Moeller, 4600 Condor Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761. Deadline for the postmark Deadline is October 31st. Or can be given to Rachel Moeller or Joy Adams at the October 14 meeting.
2. No modifications or enhancements like Photoshop are allowed.
3. Cropping and centering are allowed .
4. Please include when mailing or handing them over to Rachel Moeller or Joy Adams. Each photo on the back has your name, category and direction arrow (arrow up for printed photos) for display orientation.
5. There is a maximum of 2 entries per category per person.
6. Questions may be directed to Rachel Moeller [rachelmoeller3240@gmail.com](mailto:rachelmoeller3240@gmail.com) or Joy Adams [adams.joy14@gmail.com](mailto:adams.joy14@gmail.com)

## Photo contest categories:

- 1) Vern Moore Memorial—any red daylily
- 2) Gerald Hobbs Memorial—large ruffles
- 3) Any daylily bloom that is not a double, unusual form, or spider
- 4) Doubles
- 5) Unusual form and spider
- 6) Hybridizer's seedling—no registered flowers
- 7) Clumps—Daylily or iris
- 8) Landscapes—must include daylily or iris
- 9) Novelties—e.g. garden sculptures, animals, etc. Must include daylilies or iris
- 10) Iris

Sincerely

Rachel Moeller

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Sept. 7, 2023

Dear CVIDS members,

After a very miserably hot week, Saturday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> in Monticello turned out to be great. The heat subsided and it cooled down giving us a beautiful day.

It's always interesting to see how our auctions and sales went and I've attached an overview from 2018 through this year for your review.

However, here are some other facts from that day that are also interesting. The number of cultivars being brought back by members was down from last year's average of about 50 to 36 this year. Of the 14 holdovers from previous years, only 4 were returned and the remainder have been lost or held over.

Back in 2020 when these club plants were distributed, 61 members received a daylily. Of that number, we lost 12 plants due to members who were no longer active, had passed away or the plant died or was destroyed. Thirty-two cultivars thrived, were returned and the remaining 17 are being held over to 2024.

The highest price paid was \$76.25 by Peggy Daniels for "For Better For Worse" (Tom Appelquist) with "When Hearts Kaleidoscope" (Heather Harroun) a close behind receiving \$75.25 from Jackie Westhoff. The least paid for a cultivar was \$24 by Lyn Hafner for "John Cribb" (Linda Jones).

"Pool of Siloam" (Diane Derganz) received the most bids with 10 and "Purple For Penny" (Gary Oster) received 6 votes.

Daylilies that did not get sold in the silent auction were sold after lunch in the live auction. There were 24 doubles sold averaging \$37.81 each. The most bid was \$85 each for two of "Barb's Brightest Star", a hybridized 2022 introduction from our own Barb Papenhausen and Heather Harroun. There were several plants that went for \$20 or less.

The silent and live auctions for iris were also successful having netted \$750. Along with the iris purchased this year from hybridizers by Diann Pavelka, a large number of very nice iris were donated by Jackie Westhoff and were auctioned off.

In conclusion, all the silent and live auctions did very well thanks to those members in attendance who purchased the plants.

Chairperson of the outside public plant sale, Val Linder, reported that many customers came early (before 9 am.) in order to, according to them, “get any daylilies”. This resulted in about 95 percent of the daylilies on the tables at that time being sold. Also she reported that many of our own members did not get their plants to the sale by the requested time of 8:30 am. However, there were about 40 daylilies brought in between 9:30 - 10 am. which did give later arriving customers a good selection.

Advertising for the public sale was an ad in the Monticello newspaper two weeks prior as well as a flyer ad one week before the sale. Promotional signs were placed in town that morning directing the public to the fairgrounds.

In conclusion, the members who attended had a nice time, a tasty potluck, fun buying and bidding on a beautiful day at the end of the daylily season. I'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way with all the work that goes into an event like this.

We've had a very busy year in 2023 with the huge project of hosting the Region I summer meeting in Muscatine. Co-chairpersons, Nancy Carlisle and Keith Riewerts were given a round of applause for all their months of work. Also acknowledged were the members' tour garden hosts, the Harroun's, Riewerts', Hansen's and Lett's. The group also thanked those who had their gardens open to attendees as they traveled onto Muscatine.

All in all, as Nancy Carlisle said, “it takes many hands to make it work and work it did.”

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Derganz, Silent Auction Chairperson, Committee members and assistants – Sara Hankemeier, Pat & Pete Connolly, Judy & Rex Raub and Dick Palmer

# Sell, Sell, Sell







Bid, Bid, Bid







The following article written by Kris Henning will appear in the Fall 2023 Pioneer

**The garden of Darrin and Shelly Lett,  
West Branch, Iowa**

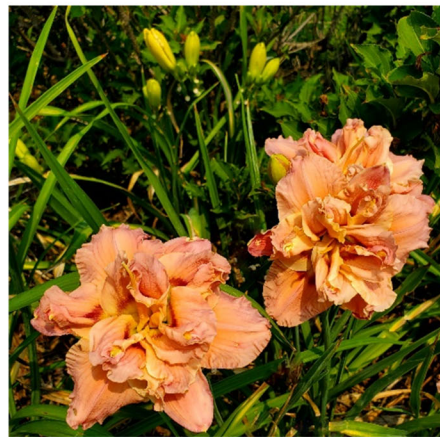
**Kris Henning**

Darrin and Shelly are two of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet. When our bus stopped at their home, you could see the love and pride they have for their property. They moved to their acreage in 2014, started raising vegetables and then Shelly started hybridizing daylilies and iris. Their gardens have expanded to include a 5 A. vegetable truck garden, iris gardens to the rear of the house, and several large daylily gardens which include Shelly's hybridizing program, all while both of them work full-time off the farm. Throughout the beds were many whimsical and antique items to accentuate the beds. I was attracted to Shelly's pastel double seedling that she calls 'Clara Mae' after her Grandma, whom she credits with her mother as giving her the love of flowers. Shelly told me that her 'comfort zone' is a day of weeding and hybridizing in the gardens, and Darrin says that he's living his dream with his wife on their property. They both consider it their

little slice of heaven. I think a lot of us did, too!



Darrin & Shelly Lett



Shelly's seedling, 'Clara Mae'



Lett garden by the road with seedlings

## **Looking for Two Specific Daylily Cultivars**

Nancy Rash recently received an inquiry from a member of the Chicago Daylily Society requesting help to locate two specific daylily cultivars. They are 'Joanna's Summer Bonnet' (Hill-K., 2002) and 'Amanda's Intrigue' (Salter, 2000). If you have either of these and would be willing to share, please contact Nancy, who has the pertinent contact information.