

# The *CVIDS* Newsletter

For the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

Fall 2006

## **REMINDER!!! Fall Banquet RSVP due Nov. 1**

The Fall Banquet is to be at the **Davenport Iowa Machine Shed on Saturday, November 11, at 1 p.m.** The cost for non-members is \$14.50. RSVP's must be made by **November 1** to:

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or

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### **Directions to the Fall Banquet:**

The Machine Shed  
7250 Northwest Blvd.  
Davenport, IA

From I-80: Take Exit 292 (Ia 130W/  
Northwest Blvd.) Go south. The restaurant  
is on the right.

## **Greetings to New Members**

The club would like to welcome the following new members:

Shelly and Stacy Duwa  
-- Mt. Pleasant  
Cindy Seberg  
-- Mt. Pleasant  
Danny and Liang Visek  
-- Cedar Rapids  
David and Leann Tjarks  
-- Goldfield  
John and Norma Wright  
-- Jefferson  
Jeanne and Skip Reynolds  
-- Parnell  
Jonathon Poulton  
-- Iowa City  
Janice Wide  
-- Keota

There are now ninety-five members that have paid membership in the club. We encourage everyone to participate in as many activities as they can. We hope to see our new members at the upcoming events.



### **Treasurer's Notes**

August 26 was a great day for CVIDS members at Riverside Gardens in Monticello. The weather was perfect and the ads and e-mails brought in a nice crowd of buyers. The lunch was plentiful and delicious. Members enjoyed plenty of laughs and good conversation. The day's receipts were record setting!! Table sales netted \$1497.70; the auction brought in \$2221.83; and new memberships totaled \$30.00 for a net income on the day of \$3749.53. A big "thank you" to all the planners and other members who participated to make the day such a success. The current treasury balance is \$11,371.06.

Please start making your Club Plant '07 wish list and a list of suggestions for growers/hybridizers. All comments and ideas are welcome and will be considered as in the past.

Now is the time to order your '07 Eureka through the club. Your order can be placed with Kay Hill or Bob Moore.

We need all members to support the banquet by attending November 11. The food is great, we will have twice the space of last year, and members will judge the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Betty Miller Memorial "Peoples Choice" photography contest. Consider sending your reservation to Clay and Kathy Dawson early so they can get a count and make the final arrangements.

Thanks for your continued support of CVIDS.

Treasurer---Bob Moore

## From the desk of our President, Kay Hill :

The Region I meeting this year was in Fremont, Nebraska July 21-22. My granddaughter went with me and did most of the driving which was very much appreciated. We arrived about 3:30 Friday afternoon. After checking into our rooms, we found the meeting room and registered. I was delighted to see they had a sale table with many nice daylilies, so several "had" to be purchased.

The off scape show of daylily blooms was great! The biggest bloom was 'Denali' (Stamile '97). It was gorgeous! Made a mental note to get that one for my garden. The darkest one was 'Timbercreek Ace' (Lovell '04). My granddaughter liked that one. I may have to buy that for her next year.

Lee Pickles was the guest speaker Friday evening. He was as entertaining as always. It is a joy to hear him and see his hybridizing program.

Saturday morning we were up bright and early for breakfast and off to tour the gardens. The first two were in the country near Scribner, Nebraska. Richard and Helen Langemeier's garden had a lot of huge plantings of annuals all in bloom, new and old varieties of daylilies, beds of Oriental and Asiatic lilies, small water features, and a large water garden at the back of the property. Just down the road, at the Mark and Betsy Langemeier farm, we were greeted with the crowing of a rooster as we got off the bus. It was fun to hear that sound. We found out that they were the 4-H project of the teens in the family. There were beds of daylilies and a big vegetable garden with vegetables growing so large it was almost hard to believe what you were seeing!

The next garden was a city garden owned by Doug and Connie Moritz. Doug is a hybridizer and had some beautiful seedlings in bloom. He had a lot of newer daylilies that were all gorgeous. I was impressed by the dark green foliage on most of his clumps.

The next stop was lunch at the Hancock Home Farm and Gardens in Tekamah, Nebraska. A section of a big old barn is the dining room where a very nice buffet lunch was served. The farm was established in 1882 and has been in the family ever since. Richard and Patty Hancock moved to the farm in 1960. There hadn't been much landscaping done so in the fall the first hole was dug to plant a peony. Hole digging has never ceased. Doesn't that sound familiar! There were a lot of older daylilies and many different kinds of trees and shrubs. This is a Nebraska State-wide Arboretum Affiliate Garden Site.

The speaker for Saturday evening was Darrell Apps who gave an interesting presentation of his program. Then it was time for the auction. I did manage to get a few daylilies and, after a long day, we were off to our room with our treasures.

On Sunday morning we drove to a nearby town to visit the garden of hybridizer Jim Bernt. He had a beautifully landscaped back yard of many different trees and shrubs and large plantings of perennials. Most of his daylily beds and seedlings were outside of this area. Typical of a hybridizers garden: he doesn't deadhead. After a tour we were on the road and headed home. My granddaughter enjoyed the gardens and I enjoyed spending time with her and the Region I meeting. The next Region I meeting is July 18-20, 2008 in Huron, South Dakota.

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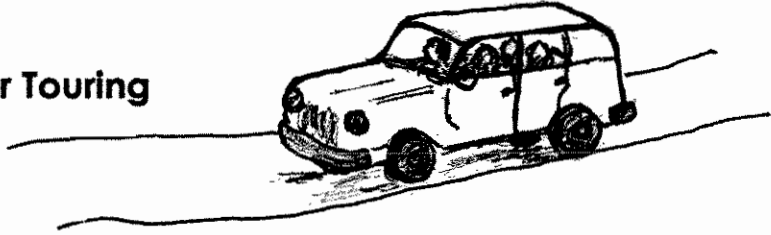
The National Convention is in Minnesota July 25-28, 2007. I hope you will plan to attend. If you have access to the internet you can get a registration form at the American Hemerocallis Society website. I will bring some copies to the banquet. It is limited to the first 600 people that register, so be thinking real hard about going. I have never been to a National Convention before but I'm planning on being at this one and I hope you are too. It is too close not to miss.

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From "Thoughts on Gardens" - Hancock Garden pamphlet:

Our dear Nebraska (or Iowa) weather is either too wet or too dry, too cold or too hot; but if you just stick around it'll soon be what it's not.

## Summer Touring



The leaves are beginning to put on their fall show and some of them are beginning to drop and linger under the trees before a gentle breeze sends them tumbling across the yard. Fall is officially here and ready or not, we all know what's to follow. How did that happen so quickly this year? Where did the time go? Wasn't it just a short time ago that I was poking around the garden beds, searching under dead foliage for those beautiful green spikes reaching out of the cool spring soil for the warm sunshine they had been denied over the long winter? And the trip to the Flower Factory in Wisconsin with Jean, Brenda, and Sharon... have five months really passed since our jaunt on that sunny May morning? The tulips were in full bloom, the red bud trees and flowering crabs were loaded with color and we were full of hope for another wonderful year of gardening. Our wagons were loaded with new purchases as we gleefully discovered new perennials that we'd only read about in garden magazines. Ahhh, the eternal optimism of springtime! Time for cleaning off beds, tilling and planting gardens, fertilizing and mulching, and aching muscles. The gardening season had officially begun. And in five short days, our spring sale in Davenport was scheduled.

Digging, dividing and labeling plants for the VanderVeer Park sale always gets my daylily juices flowing, and this year was no exception. Visiting with other club members about their new daylily acquisitions, the club plants that have been ordered, or the number of seedlings our hybridizers have started is always a highlight of the day. Plant sales and garden friends... what a great combination. But a real highlight of my gardening season has always been garden tripping with friends, and this year was no exception. Once again I toured the fields at the Peony Garden in Center Point during their open house. How many peonies does one really need? Is there a limit? I hope not, because every year I seem to find a couple more that tickle my fancy. I'm so grateful that my camera allows me to bring as many of these beauties home with me as my film allows. I can enjoy them for years to come and it's not nearly as taxing on my checkbook. (One must save for those daylily purchases which will be coming before long.)

I had the pleasure of visiting Kay and Kenneth Hill's garden on July 1 during their open house. For those of you who have not been to K&K Gardens.....GO! The beds are beautifully laid out and groomed, the plants are clearly labeled, and Kay's introductions and seedlings are lovely. One of my favorites was a double bicolor seedling that is not yet for sale. I'm hoping it will become available in the near future.

Another gardening highlight of my summer was the CVIDS garden tour. This year's gardens were absolutely delightful. Bev and Jim Seamans hosted us with the first garden of the tour. Their city lot included a nice balance of both sun and shade loving plants. The birds, bees, fish and yellow rubber ducks have all found a home in their garden. A stone walkway invited me to wander near the pond and enjoy the hostas under the shade tree and the daylilies along the fence. The garden shed with the covered porch absolutely intrigued me. The detailing in the porch supports all the way to the curtains in the window, the mailbox by the door and the bright yellow lawn chair made it fit beautifully into the yard.

Robert and Suzanne Moffit hosted the second stop on our tour, as well as lunch. What a wonderful yard and gardens they have on the hilltop overlooking the countryside. We enjoyed more immaculately groomed gardens and the expansive yard interspersed with antiques and garden art. There seemed to be a surprise around each corner. The beds flow from one area to another, and it's obvious that these folks work very hard planting and caring for the numerous perennials, trees, shrubs and of course daylilies in their large country yard. And once again, my attention was drawn to a little shed that was highlighted in

one of their gardens. It was accented by a section of picket fence, a window box filled with blooming annuals and even a picture of a chicken in the window. Hollyhocks, Russian sage, hostas and phlox are some of the companion plants that bloomed beautifully with the many daylilies. 'Sarah Christine', a big sunny yellow, 'Eyes on the Prize', one of Karol Emmerich's beauties, and 'Marquesas Island', were some of the blooming clumps that I captured on film. We enjoyed lunch under the shade of a huge tree in the front yard, under the tent set up especially for us, or on the front porch.

Our third stop was the garden of Lynn and Sherry Moffit. And once again, we were wowed by the expansive country yard, and the beauty of the many beds carefully placed throughout the yard and immaculately tended. We were treated to several forms of garden art created by Lynn. He works with wood, stone and metal and excels at all. The huge wind chimes hanging from a tree were amazing. The trellis by the house that was accented with leaves was one of his welded creations and a stone that he sawed multiple depressions into became a water source for butterflies and short legged critters. Sherry and Lynn have a multitude of lovely trees and shrubs, both large and small planted throughout their yard and did I say, everything was beautifully tended and immaculate? The daylilies bloomed brightly on the sunny edges of the beds and accented them with color.

The last stop of the day was the garden of Kenneth and Betty Capps and I'm sorry to say that I was unable to attend the end of the tour so I missed their garden this year. However, from past experience and visits, I can confidently tell you that I'm sure their garden was beautiful and also immaculately tended. I've had the past pleasure of visiting the Capps' garden during both iris peak bloom AND daylily bloom, and it has always been gorgeous.

CVIDS members, you were treated to some outstanding gardens this summer by some outstanding members. Thank you to all who worked so hard and were such wonderful hosts to the rest of us.

I also had the pleasure of visiting the garden of Jean Hecht, Sharon and Rachel Murken, Verne and Mary Moore and Gerald Hobbs this summer. And what beautiful plants I saw. Make it a point, as club members, to call other members and find time to visit their gardens. It will be a highlight of your daylily summer too....I promise.

The end of August brought our club together once again with the very successful fall sale and auction in Monticello at Riverside Gardens. Many of us went home with new additions to our gardens. Hopefully, they're all growing and settling in for that season that follows autumn...the one we don't care to think about on these beautiful fall days. Where did the summer go.....how did autumn arrive so quickly....and what's with all these daylily catalogs arriving in the mail?

Oh.....I understand now! It's time to start planning for another year of gardening.

---submitted by Jan Null

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**October 7**            Region One Fall Daylily Festival, Marshalltown

**November 1**        RSVP due for the CVIDS Banquet:  
                         Kathy Dawson  
                         563-285-6100  
                         or  
                         [chdawson@netins.net](mailto:chdawson@netins.net)

**November 11**      CVIDS Banquet - 1 p.m.  
                         The Machine Shed  
                         7250 Northwest Blvd.  
                         Davenport, Iowa

**January 13**        Tentative meeting dates for 2007  
**February 10**       Places to be arranged.  
**March 10**  
**April 14**

**January**            Kirkwood Winter Garden Fair

**July 25-28**        AHS National Convention  
                         Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota