

February 2010 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Nancy Carlisle, Secretary.

Coralville Public Library, IA

President Mike Carstensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Approval of the minutes as published, Motion, Second, Carried - Barb Papenhausen, Gary Oster. Treasurer's Report: Bob Moore stated that there is \$7,036.02 in checking, after paying the deposit for the Fall Banquet Hall and all but two of the plant growers supplying 2010 Club Plants.

Old Business:

Kirkwood Garden Fair: Sherri Baldonado reported that many persons stopped by the CVIDS booth. Sharon Murken had printed out newsletters to distribute. Our membership cards were distributed. It was felt to be a worthwhile project.

2010 Club Plants: Bob Papenhausen distributed a printed list of 2010 Club Plants. These have been confirmed for shipping. Barb has added information regarding zones to the list by researching the growers' statements. The suggested price column represents half of Eureka or the growers' prices. This is where the bidding will start. Mike and Clay will meet in March to draw up the list of members eligible to receive Club Plants.

Committees: Mike distributed a list of committees that members signed up for at the January meeting. Members are to gather after the meeting and discuss their project and select a chairperson. Thanks to Jayne for typing this up. Members are still welcome to sign up for their choice.

CVIDS Club Daylily Tour: This will take place on July 10th. Nancy Carlisle will chair. Members that have already volunteered their gardens are: Ken and Kay Hill, Barry and Lynn Stoll, Jonathan Poulton, and Joyce and Steve Parsons. These are all in the center of our membership area surrounding Iowa City. Potentially, several other gardens could be viewed that day.

Secretary Position: Mike reminded the members that the Secretary position will be open in November. It may be split into two positions, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. See Mike if you are willing to volunteer.

Plant Sales: It has been suggested that Bob Moore needs help at the public sales so he is not overwhelmed with the collection of money. Suggestions were to have pre-made tally sheets for the public at the Monticello sale and to have tables outside the gazebo for members to help tally up sales and present a sales slip for payment then to Bob.

Condolences: Kathy Dawson presented the report on the condolences that were sent out. Notes of appreciation were read from Kim Schoeberl, Jan Null, Don Early, and Sherri Baldonado. Shirley Waters personally thanked the group.

New Business:

Club Plant eligibility determination meeting will be held by Clay and Mike and will be reported at our next meeting and published in the April Newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

CVIDS member, Jonathan Poulton, PhD, enthralled the membership with his presentation “The Creation of a Blue Daylily”. He explained how most flower colors are due to carotenoids (yellow, orange), chlorophyll (green), anthocyanins (red, purple, mauve, blue), and absence of pigment (white). As mankind acquires a better understanding of biochemical pathways leading to these pigments and is now able to successfully transfer genes between species, plants with novel hues (e.g. blue-violet roses and carnations) have entered the market. He reviewed strategies that a variety of plants use to produce anthocyanins that appear blue to human and pollinator eyes and how true blue daylily cultivars might be created by genetic engineering.