

The *CVIDS* Newsletter

For the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

March 2007



January Meeting

As many of you remember, the weather was not very nice for our meeting January 13 at North Liberty. Twenty-two members braved the elements to attend. Bob Towler gave a short program on the Quad Cities Botanical Center. He explained how it got started; its mission and programs; and some of the goals for the future. Suggestions were made to possibly furnish daylilies for a garden in honor of the club founder, Fred McDowell. Bob said he would look into this.

Roll call was to name something you are looking forward to see bloom this year or to name your favorite sports team. Lee Pickles will be guest speaker at the banquet which will be Nov. 3 this year. Suggestions were made for meeting places. Verne Moore, Susan Minger and Zora Ronan volunteered to help at the Kirkwood Garden Fair with Bob Moore. Members voted to spend \$4000. on plants again this year and voted to donate \$100. for an endowment in the name of Steve Moldovan to AHS. It was suggested that we again have the fall Photo Contest with more categories and having them all People's Choice. Verne Moore will be the chair.

Kay Hill read a note from Joy Adams and a card from Barb Papehausen thanking members for remembering Bob since his back surgery.

Zora Ronan asked for an explanation of plant distribution eligibility. Jan Null reminded us that important club decisions needed to be voted on by the members.

Scott Hansen won the book Daylilies-A Fifty Year Affair as a door prize.

PAY YOUR DUES

Please pay your dues by April 30.

\$6 indiv.

\$8 family

Send to Treasurer Bob Moore - P.O. Box 25
Morning Sun, IA 52640

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



March 10 - 1 p.m. Meeting at the Scott Co. Library, 200 N. 6th Ave. Eldridge, Iowa

Program: Schoeberl's - "IRIS"

Directions: Hwy # 61 north of Davenport. Take Exit #127 (CR-F45) also E. Le Claire Rd. west toward Eldridge. The library is to the right.

April 14 - 1 p.m. Meeting at the Marion Library, 1095 6th Ave. Marion, Iowa

Program: Nan Ripley and Don Lovell

Directions: From I-380 take Blairsferry exit to Marion Blvd. Turn Left. Turn Right on 10th St., Left on 6th Ave. Library is on right.

From intersection of Hwy 13 & Hwy 151: Go west on 151 into town. Turn Left on 10th St. Turn Left on 6th Ave.

There is a parking lot east of the library and across the street.

May 5 - Vander Veer Sale
215 Central Park Ave.
Davenport, Iowa

The park is located between Harrison St. (#61 south) and Brady St. (#61 north).

Members donate iris and bareroot daylily plants--divisions from their gardens. Please label the plants with the name, color, hybridizer, size and price. These are sold as a fundraiser. It is a chance to purchase some good daylily plants. Pictures help with the sales. Members are responsible for their own seating and lunch.



February Meeting

The CVIDS meeting on Feb. 10 was attended by twenty-six members. They answered roll call by naming a daylily on their "wish list" or naming their favorite past U.S. president.

Vernon Ohlendorf, master gardener, past teacher, and environmentalist from Muscatine, gave a talk on "Rain Gardens". They are man-made bioretention cells or depressions in the landscape that collect water runoff, filtering it and letting it slowly absorb into the soil to improve water quality.

Business: The Vander Veer Sale will be Saturday, May 5. Mention was made that Riverside Gardens of Monticello was asking for a charge of \$100 to use the house and gazebo for the summer sale. It was voted to have the sale there again this year. Verne Moore was wondering about setting rules for the photo con-test. Suzanne Moffit, Barb Papenhausen and Dave Appelquist volunteered to be on the committee with Verne to set these up. Barb Papenhausen made a motion that decisions for plant purchases should be made at the Fall Banquet to have a better chance at purchasing the choice cultivars. This was voted on and approved. Members are asked to make out their lists of requested plants to give to the committee at the banquet.

Kay Hill, president, announced that AHS was having a voucher program to encourage membership. New members will receive a voucher to purchase from selective gardens. Old members that purchase a three year membership and life members can also get one of these vouchers.

Pollen Dabbers' meeting - Sat. March 17 at the Community College - Marshalltown, IA.

Bob Moore donated a Cedarthorn Calendar for a door prize. It was won by Tracy Miller.

REMINDER!! Your dues are due by April 30. If not paid by then you will lose club plant eligibility.

If your address label has a yellow mark on it YOU NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES.

MAY 26 - DISTRIBUTION followed by SPRING SILENT AUCTION

Bob Moore has purchased plants for the distribution from Brown's Ferry Gardens, Bell's Daylily Garden, Chattanooga Daylilies, Partridge Hill Gardens, Sassafras Garden, and Jordan's Daylilies. He has lists of the plants that were spoken for.

Plant Distribution will be May 26 at the home of Kathy Kephart -- 1860 Taylor Ave, Wilton, Iowa. It will be followed by Spring Live Auction for which all club members are eligible.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PLANTS

To be eligible for a club plant in May 2007 members must have paid their dues for 2006 and 2007. Dues are to be paid by April 30 each year. If not paid by then you lose eligibility for a club plant. Also, members MUST DO ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) Attend 2 club meetings.
- (b) Assist at club functions (spring or fall sale, tour, banquet) or write articles for the newsletter, or give a club program, etc.
- (c) Donate plants to a club sale.
- (d) Bid in the Silent Auction.

A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. The club uses a portion of our funds to buy some choice daylilies. They are distributed to eligible members, by the lottery system, to grow for two years. At the end of this time, the member keeps a plant equal to the size (number of fans) they received. The increases are returned to the club for the Silent Auction and sale in late summer.

There are always more plants purchased (or bonus plants) than the number of members eligible for a club plant. These are auctioned after the distribution. Everyone has a chance to acquire some choice daylilies. All members may bid on the extra plants. These become the property of the highest bidder and are not returned to the club two years later for the silent auction.

Confirmed Club Plants

The following plants have been confirmed for the distribution and live auction in May:

Across the Universe	Ageless Beauty
Alexa Kathryn	Antique Smile
Apricot Pizzaz	Art Apart
Ashwood Dark Side	Belle Cook
Big Bill	Big Ross
Blackberry Boogie	Bullfrogs and Butterflies
Carved Pumpkin Pie	Choo-Choo Perfection
Christmas Beau	Country Jazz
Crazy Ivan	Crystalline Entity
Dixie Dream	Don't Mess With Me
Dumb Blonde	Edge of Shangrila
Eleanor Sparrow	Executive Decision
Eyes of a Child	Fear Not
Fluffy Puffy	Foggy London Town
Forsyth Comanche	Free Lee
Gemini Jack	Gerrie Frankenberger
Grand Floridian	Groovy Chick
Happy Halloween	Hasty Point Plantation
Heavenly Curls	High Stepping Charlie
Holy Ground	Holy Moly
Homemade Peach Ice Cream	
Honey Crunch Cupcake	Horatio Alger
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	
Hurricane Swirls	In the Heart of It All
Janet Benz	Jelly Filled Donut
Johnny Cash	Joshua Slocum
JT Davis	Judy Farquhar
Kaley Michelle	Key Lime Special
Kitty Wells	Klaatu Barada Niktc
Lady Betty Fretz	Lavender Reflections
Living Legend	Lotsa Dots
Love on a Wire	Magnificent Dad
Margo Reed Indeed	Max Pickles
Moment in the Sun	North Wind Dancer
Orchid Waterfall	Painting the Roses Red
Performing Magic	Places in the Heart
Playing With Sharks	Poets' Reverie
Punxsutawney Phil	Remembering Joan
Reyna	Sassafras Rose
Sergeant Major	Shake the Mountains
Shores of Time	Singular Sensation
Skeezix	South of the Border
Spacecoast Sea Shells	Stephanie Payne
Sunrise Sunset Beautiful	Tennessee Border
Tim Kornder	Tranquil Waters
Up Mill Creek	Voodoo Magic
Webster's Pink Wonder	What Was I Thinking
Whistle Stop Tour	Worth It All
Zahadoom	Zephyr's Song

There may be a few changes to this list before the distribution. The final list is put together when the plants arrive. Usually there are some additional plants added.

Remember: The live auction is for all club members!!!

PRUNING



It is about that time of year to think about pruning -- the removal of part of a plant for the benefit of all of the plant. It is done to direct growth, to improve health, and to increase production.

Understanding the growth habits of each plant is important to know. You also need to determine what you want the plant to do before you make any cuts. Resources are readily available to help you. County extensions, nursery people and libraries have a wealth of information.

Most pruning is done in late winter or early spring. However, shrubs that bloom in early spring should be pruned after they flower or you will be cutting off the blooms for the year. Your approach to pruning can vary from pinching buds to cutting out big branches. You can direct the growth of a plant, shear it into a specific shape, or cut out branches to improve circulation.

Proper tools make the job of pruning easier. There are a variety of sizes and shapes. Shears are used for small diameter branches; loppers for more leverage on somewhat larger ones, and pruning saws for larger cutting. Tools should be sharp. Cuts should be made above buds that point out from the plant, an entire branch should be taken out, or old growth cut to the ground. Some plants require a little pruning each year; some just a little in their lifetime; and some only when they are injured. Pruning paint is not recommended on cuts as the sap will become its own sealer.

HAPPY GARDENING!!