

Jonathan Poulton has contributed to the success of Region 1 in many ways. His contributions began in 2006 when he joined the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society and immediately jumped in as an active member. Jonathan asked the club members if they had ever thought of creating a website. A resounding 'yes' began the process, and soon we had a club website. Jonathan's expertise in website design was instrumental in making this happen. Soon he formed a membership committee to increase and retain membership, and he coordinated formalizing a Members' Manual that includes our club's bylaws and operation manual. In 2012, Jonathan was part of the regional meeting planning committee.

Educational programs are an important way to promote daylilies. Jonathan has been an enthusiastic speaker. After retiring from the University of Iowa in 2010, Jonathan was able to devote more time to developing a program which detailed his research in the quest for a blue daylily. Jonathan has presented his program titled "In Search of the Elusive Blue Daylily" in Region 1, around the country, and even at the AHS National Convention.

Jonathan has been a frequent contributor to The Daylily Pioneer and won an AHS Newsletter Award for the 'Best Scientific Article' in 2016 and 2017. He is also the Scientific Liaison for our region.