

# The *CVIDS* Newsletter

For the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

April/May 2006

## March Minutes

The program for the meeting "Introduction to Daylilies" was presented by Gerald Hobbs. He showed slides and talked to the group about the basics of growing daylilies--explaining some of the terminology; giving ideas for planting in your landscape and with other plants; and then showing some of his hybridizing results.

Kay Hill, president, opened the meeting with 32 members giving the name of an early iris or daylily or giving a "sign of spring". There were also 3 guests present.

### Announcements made:

- 1.) Betty Capps' Mother died March 8 on her 111 birthday. Our deepest sympathy to Betty and her family!
- 2.) The spring sale at Vander Veer Park, Davenport is Saturday, May 13 from 12-4 p.m. Set up is after 8 a.m.
- 3.) Lynn Stoll is writing a series of articles for the Daylily Journal that may be of interest.
- 4.) Kim Edge, Bob Moore, and Jan Null will get together at the spring sale to set some rules for a club photo award in honor of Betty Miller. Fifty dollars is to be set aside for prizes to be given at the club banquet in the fall.

Bob and Cathy Moore donated a daylily banner for a door prize. It was won by Brenda Knipper.

Bob Moore passed out a list of plants that had been confirmed for the spring distribution and auction.

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## Mark Your Calendars !

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| May 13 | Sale at Vander Veer Park, Davenport<br>Club members should be there by<br>9:30 a.m. |
| May 27 | Plant Distribution and Auction at<br>the home of Jean Hecht, North Liberty.         |



## Club Spring Sale

Saturday, May 13  
Vander Veer Park  
215 Central Park Ave.  
Davenport, Iowa

Members should arrive around 9:30 a.m. for set-up.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-80: Exit #295A south on Hwy. 61 (this is also Harrison St.) About 2 miles turn left at Central Park Ave. The park is on your immediate right. Park by the Conservatory. The park is between Harrison St. (61 south) and Brady St. (61 north) on Central Park Ave.

Barb and Bob Papenhausen are the committee chairpersons for the sale. They request that those who brought tables in the past let them know if they can do so again. Members should bring daylilies and/or iris plants labeled and priced. Please send plants with other members if you are unable to attend. You are also responsible for bringing your own chair and, if you wish, beverage and snack (lunch). PICTURES help with sells.

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## Welcome New Members !

The club wishes to welcome the following new members:

James Seamans Jr. - Iowa City  
Michael Carstensen - Long Grove  
Cathy and John Morgan - Iowa City  
Anna Clark - Lisbon  
Roxanna (Ricki) Onstott - Mt. Vernon  
Scott and Debra Hansen - Marion  
Orlyn and Kathy Brunssen - Anamosa  
Carol Sears - Cedar Rapids  
Brenda Garbe - Cedar Rapids  
Gloria Johnson - Cedar Rapid  
Terry Jackson - Cedar Rapids

## April Minutes

The program for the April meeting was the AHS slide show "Gardening With Daylilies" by Sarah Sikes and presented by our president Kay Hill. It gave a basic approach to daylilies--showing landscapes, cultivars, division of a clump, preparing a planting area, hybridizing and the seedlings. It also gave some pointers on etiquette when visiting others gardens.

The roll call for the month was to name a pink or white daylily or iris or to name your favorite Easter candy. Twenty-nine members and five guests were present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$4287.05. Committee reports were given:

SPRING SALE - Barb Papenhausen (page 1)

PLANT DISTRIBUTION - Jean Hecht and  
Bob Moore

It was voted to have a continental breakfast. Distribution to begin at 10 a.m. Members may arrive at 9 a.m. to view plants.

CLUB TOUR - Bev Seamans

Tour will start at 9:30 a.m. (article with directions in newsletter).

SUMMER SALE - Jan Null

Information was presented from an inquiry into Brucemore's Garden Fair. Other suggestions were given. Sharon Murken volunteered to check with Noelridge Park to see if it would be possible to have the sell there Aug. 26.

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### Directions to the home of Jean Hecht for PLANT DISTRIBUTION:

**105 N. Dubuque St.  
North Liberty, IA 52317  
Phone (319) 626-6159**

From I-380: Take North Liberty exit (#4 CoRd F)  
Go east on Penn St. into N. Liberty to  
Dubuque St. Turn right (south). Jean is  
on the right. You can park in the school  
lot across the street.

From I-80: Take exit #240 north on Hwy 965 to  
N. Liberty. Turn right on Zellar St. (by  
Casey's) to Dubuque St. Turn left. Jean  
is on the left. Park across the street.



## Plant Distribution

from Bob Moore

### ATTENTION!!!!

Club members and daylily aficionados mark your calendars for the Club Plant Distribution and Auction to be held on May 27, 2006. The morning's proceedings will start with a continental breakfast and a chance to look over the plants at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. will be the club plant distribution followed by the auction of the plants remaining after the club plants have been selected. The event will be held at Jean Hecht's residence in North Liberty.

Every club member is invited and encouraged to attend. Club plant eligible members **should know that there will be an outstanding selection and a wide variety of plants, including 13 cultivars of Karol Emmerich.** For all members, including new and nearly new members, there will be 40+ great cultivars for auction. At least 23 plants have a minimum bid of \$30 or less. Minimum bids are set at half of grower's price or half of Eureka average--meaning that great plants can be purchased well below market price. Please attend, have some fun, and support your club if it is at all possible. If you are unable to attend, your club plant selection may be exercised by proxy with any member including me. If you wish to bid on plants that may be in the auction, you may send those bids with instructions to me at [rdcsmoore@louisacomm.net](mailto:rdcsmoore@louisacomm.net) or PO Box 25, Morning Sun, IA 52640. I will be conducting the auction and I will see that your bids are entered and your instructions followed.

When all growers/hybridizers have submitted their "final" list, I'll compile a plant list with descriptions and minimum bids and distribute it to the members. I'm sure there will be an "add/delete" list with final changes available on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to emphasize that this event is for ALL members. It will be a fun time and a great chance to support CVIDS. If you have questions, please contact me or talk to me at the plant sale at Vander Veer Park. Thanks to Jean for volunteering to host this club function again. I am hoping for a large turnout and to see you there. Please remember to bring your chair.

Bob Moore  
Club Plant Chairman



## A Letter from the President:

Dear Members,

This has been a very busy spring. I am enjoying the early spring flowers and the migrating birds coming through our area. We still have some pelicans on the Cone Marsh but don't expect to see them around much longer. We were told of some Oriole sightings so have our feeders ready for them (so far no Orioles). My perennials, especially daylilies, are growing like mad and I assume you are all busy too with your gardens and getting your daylilies and iris prepared for the late spring and summer blooms.

We have had some very interesting meetings so far this year. I'm looking forward to an exciting rest of the year starting with our Spring Sale in Davenport Vander Veer Park. If you think your daylily clumps or iris aren't big enough to divide yet, please come and enjoy the day and maybe we can interest you in buying some plants that we will have for sale.

Next we will be meeting at Jean Hecht's to distribute the club plants. The plant committee has worked very hard to obtain the plants many of you requested and they are going to have some very nice selections. Those of you that are not eligible to choose a plant this year will have an opportunity to bid on the extra plants. ( Bob's article)

July is a very busy month beginning with our club tour July 8. (Bev's article) The hosts and hostesses are working hard to present their gardens for your special viewing, so please plan to attend. The National Convention is July 14 in Long Island and the Regional Meeting in Nebraska is July 21-22. If anyone needs information on registration for the Regional, please contact me.

In August we will have our silent auction and everyone will have an opportunity to send in a bid on the club plants members have been growing the past two years. The committee working on the silent auction will be sending out information later this summer. I'm still working on a site for the Fall Sale. I will have more information on a suitable site at a later time.

Our last meeting of the year is our Banquet held November 11 at the Machine Shed in Davenport. Come to have good food, fun, and fellowship.

Happy Gardening,

Kay

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## It's Iris Month!!



**Did you know** that there are more than 200 species of iris and thousands of named varieties?? Hybridizers keep producing many new varieties each year.

Iris are hardy, long-lived perennials that require minimal care. They are considered the "backbone" of home gardens because they bloom when few other plants do--after spring bulbs and before peonies. They are usually one of the first plants, especially the tall-bearded ones, grown by beginning gardeners. Iris get their name from the Greek word for "rainbow" as they are available in many colors as well as bicolors. They have been adapted to every region of the United States.

Iris usually bloom from April through July. Some rebloom again in the fall. They grow from a thick, fleshy root called a rhizome or from a bulblike root.



Principal types are bearded, beardless, crested and bulb. The tall-bearded, or German, is the most common. The dwarf iris (4-9" tall) are just finishing their bloom season in my garden. Japanese and Siberian are among the beardless varieties. Other iris include crested, yellow flag, sweet iris and Louisiana.

Iris come in many sizes from six inches to six feet tall. Blooms can be from one inch to one foot across. Most require full sun and good air circulation. Bearded and crested iris need good drainage to avoid rot. Beardless types need moist soil--slightly acid. They are good planted near ponds and streams.

Did you know that if your iris are planted too deep they won't flower? Some of the experts suggest planting depths determined by your soil type and location. The best time to plant iris is in late summer--August and September--allowing time for the plants to establish themselves before winter.

Club members Kenneth Capps and Jerry and Kim Schoeberl grow many different iris. They are beautiful to see in large numbers!

--- Brenda Knipper

*Hope everyone is  
enjoying their spring!!*



## CLUB TOUR

The Club Tour this year will be held on **JULY 8** and begin at the home of Bev and Jim Seamans at **9:30 a.m.** After a visit of approximately one hour, we will go to Robert and Suzanne Moffit's home, arriving about 11:15 to 11:30. We will tour their gardens and enjoy lunch at their home. Departing about 1:15 to 1:45, we will make the short trip to Sherry and Lynn Moffit's home to tour their gardens. As many of you know, Kenneth Capps has been under the weather this winter. We will leave his garden as a tentative visit at this time.

### **To Bev and Jim Seaman's Home--3117 East Court, Iowa City 319-338-4427**

There is no parking on Court Street. You will need to park on Raven (1/2 block before my house) or on Dartmouth (1/2 block after my house). The driveway will hold 4 cars.

**Coming from the East on Interstate 80**, take the Herbert Hoover Highway Exit 249. Turn left onto Herbert Hoover Highway for approximately 2 miles. Turn left at Scott Boulevard (stop sign). Continue to East Court Street (stop light) and turn right to 3117 E. Court (approx. 3 1/2 blocks).

**Coming from the West on Interstate 80**, take exit the Mt. Vernon/North Dodge exit 246. Turn right when you come off the interstate and go approx. 1/2 mile (remaining in the center lane) and turn left onto Scott Boulevard/Dubuque Street (stop light). The first stop sign is First Avenue--go straight. The second stop sign will be Herbert Hoover Highway/Rochester Avenue (go straight). Continue to East Court Street (stop light) and turn right approx. 3 1/2 blocks.

**Coming from the South on Highway 1**, continue on Highway 1 which becomes Highway 6. Continue on Highway 6 (you will pass, Menards, cross the river, pass K-Mart, Bon-Air Mobile Home Court, and the Moose Club). Turn left onto Scott Boulevard. There will be a stop sign at Muscatine Avenue; go straight. The next stop will be Court Street (stop light). Turn left onto Court and go about 3 1/2 blocks.

**Coming from the North on Highway 1**, continue to Scott Boulevard/Dubuque Street (remaining in the center lane) and turn left onto Scott Boulevard. The first stop sign is First Avenue--go straight. The second sign will be Herbert Hoover/Rochester Avenue (go straight). Continue to East Court Street (stop light) and turn right approx. 3 1/2 blocks.

### **To Robert and Suzanne Moffit's home--2878 315<sup>th</sup> Street, N. English 319-664-3829**

From Jim and Bev's home, go back to Scott Boulevard and turn right. Continue to Highway 6 West and turn right onto Highway 6 (this is a T-intersection). Highway 6 West becomes Highway 1 South. Continue on Highway 1 to the Kalona Cheese Factory and turn right onto F67 (there will be a flashing overhead yellow light at this intersection). Continue on F67 to TT Avenue (approx. 10-11 miles--F67 is a very straight road, TT Ave. is the first curve). Turn right on TT Ave. and then left on 315<sup>th</sup> Street to Robert and Suzanne's.

### **To Sherry and Lynn Moffit's home--2705 Keokuk-Iowa Road 319-664-3585**

From Robert and Suzanne's home turn left out of the driveway to S Avenue. Turn left onto S Avenue. Turn left onto the pavement which is F67 and take the first gravel road to the right which is S Avenue. Follow S Avenue until you come to the Keokuk-Iowa Road (the first gravel road to the right). Proceed to Sherry and Lynn's. There is an old barn close to the road on the right hand side of the road. The turn to their property is shortly after the barn.

*Capps: take 78 west off <sup>44 MI.</sup> 218 to CR.*