

# The CVIDS Newsletter

## January Meeting Minutes

Our January 11, 2003 meeting was held at the Washington Public Library. Betty called roll. We welcome the guests present who joined the club: Brenda Knipper and Robert and Suzanne Moffit.

The treasurer's report said our balance as of 11/23/02 was \$6,759.36. Gerald has made a \$200 bus deposit which will be recouped from the Regional monies. He has also purchased tote bags to give attendees. We will be hosting the Regional on July 11-12th.

Under Old Business, Frances Ater will be auctioneer for the Regional. We discussed whether to pursue establishing a daylily bed in honor of Fred McDowell. Kim had spoken to the Iowa City Parks Department and they had expressed a willingness to have such a bed and had suggested three different locations. It was voted unanimously to continue to investigate this. Kim will try to get information from the Iowa City Parks Department about maintenance for such a bed.

Under New Business, Betty asked for three volunteers to be on a nominating committee for the fall elections. Out of the four officers, three want to be replaced. There were no volunteers, but Betty will bring it up again.

Betty read David and Connie Wells' Christmas card and passed around a card for club members to sign. David is being treated for cancer at the Mayo Clinic.

We discussed reducing the number of newsletter issues per year. Post-card reminders will be sent out as meeting reminders with less frequent larger issues to contain meeting minutes summaries and accounts of club events.

Kay will chair the banquet committee this year. Marilyn will stay on as a member of that committee. Other committees will stay the same.

We discussed how much to spend on plants this year. Last year we spent \$1200. We eventually decided to spend \$1300, with \$500 ordered from Iron Gate and \$400 ordered each from Steve Moldovan and Curt Hanson. We will continue the same procedure as last year, with members who want a guest plant picking one out and the leftover plants being auctioned off in a live auction in the spring.

Jean talked about the Region One cookbook. We can order some as a club in the future.

Jean needs to know what to do about club plants for the coming fall silent auction. She needs to know by the middle of June how many fans you

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will have for the club. Contact her by snail mail, e-mail or phone. (Jean Hecht, 105 N. Dubuque St., North Liberty, IA 52317, #(319) 626-6159, jhecht@mchsi.com) She wanted to know what to do about single fans. It was decided that if no one bids on a specific single fan in the silent auction, the member should not dig that plant in the fall to retrieve the single fan but let it grow another year.

At the February meeting we will discuss the upcoming Regional. Bob Wilson will speak about ornamental grasses. Our March meeting will be on March 16th and Don Lovell will speak about his hybridizing program. The Spring Plant Sale at Vander Veer Park in Davenport will be held on Sunday, May 4th. We adjourned.

## February Meeting Minutes

The meeting took place on Saturday, February 8th, 2003 at the Washington, Iowa Public Library. Betty called roll by asking "What daylily are you looking forward to seeing bloom in your garden for the first time this summer?"

Our speaker, Bob Wilson of Knoxville, Iowa, then presented a slide program on spiders, variants and unusual forms of daylilies, which he also hybridizes. Our business meeting was held after his program.

Under Old Business, Bev Seamans agreed to help Kim with the potential Fred McDowell daylily garden we are working on with the Iowa City Parks Department. We also voted to hold the distribution of club plants at the spring sale in Davenport on May 4th, with Sylvia's house as the location if it rains.

Under New Business, Jackie proposed a club trading program. If you are interested, you would make up a list of daylilies you are willing to trade and bring the list to the next meeting. You can trade by average Eureka value and dig the plants in either the spring or fall. Susie Messer suggested we hold off on a trading program until after we hold the Regional and Jackie concurred. Jean brought up that Region One is selling cookbooks to raise money. We decided to buy 15 as a club and sell ones we members don't purchase at the spring sale or give them away as door prizes at the Regional. We then worked on planning the Regional we are hosting in July. The tentative theme is "Mississippi River Blooms". Gerald has lined

up a printer to print programs for the event at the cost of \$169 for 150 copies of a 12 page booklet. Marilyn Little and Bob Moore have volunteered to work the registration tables on Friday night and Saturday morning. Ken is the registrar for the event. We decided not to provide snacks in addition to the Friday evening meal. We will have an informal off scape flower show, without a formal vote of favorite flowers. We will try to obtain the peg display board the Don Lovell of the CIDS uses. We also decided that CVIDS will not hold a plant sale for our club's benefit that evening. Susie and Ken mentioned that they are planning a skit for Friday evening before the hybridizer's slide show. For Saturday, the buses and bus captains are taken care of. We will need bus plants and Betty wrote down the names of people willing to donate bus plants. Betty asked if we want to have a contest where registrants vote on favorite flowers they see at the display gardens. We decided to, and four people volunteered to count the ballots that day. We decided against having a cash prize for the winner. The next topic was the plant auction for the benefit of Region One. Sylvia moved and Ken seconded a motion to buy \$500 from our speaker, Ted Petit and another \$500 from Tim Bell's nursery. Jean pointed out that Ted Petit has volunteered to donate plants to cover his travel expenses. However, because of AHS rules, his travel expenses are not considered auction expenses, so those plants become the property of CVIDS and will not be auctioned for the benefit of Region One. Francis Ater has

volunteered to be the auctioneer. Jackie and Sylvia volunteered to clerk for the sale together. Jean and Dianne volunteered to set up the plants in sale order and take them to the auctioneer. Jan and Verne will be runners to take the plants to the buyers. Jean will prepare the list of plants for sale to give out to the registrants if Ken and Susie Messer will e-mail a copy of the plant list ahead of time. Suzanne and Sherry will serve as cashiers and take in the money from the auction. Barry agreed to check with Lynn about supplying slides of the auction plants to be shown at the time of sale. We will have Region One cookbooks, certificates for 2004 daylily calendars, a couple of Eureka's and some gambling-related items for door prizes. Susie will work on the banquet decorations with a friend. Nothing elaborate is needed. The \$65 fee for the conference will pay for 4 meals and a bus tour. Because breakfast will be catered in to the gardens, the club decided not to make additional snacks to be served in the gardens, but cold drinks would be offered.

Betty offered garden videos for anyone who would like to borrow them and Gerald and Betty offered back issues of the Daylily Journal for anyone interested in borrowing them. The meeting adjourned.

## March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on March 16th, 2003, at the North Liberty Community Center. We started the meeting *two minutes early* (12:58 p.m.)! Betty introduced our speaker, Don Lovell and he gave a slide show presentation of his and other Marshalltown-area daylily hybridizers' programs.

Betty then called roll by asking what the members fertilized their daylilies with. We added two new members, Donna Hostetler of North Liberty and Deb Brown of Cedar Rapids. Welcome, Donna and Deb!

Betty reviewed what jobs people had volunteered to do for the Regional at the last meeting. Kim updated the club on the search for a

site for a daylily bed in honor of Mr. McDowell. We are now hoping to hear back from the Longfellow Elementary School. Jean announced that the Moldovan and Hanson plants will not arrive by the May 4th Vander Veer Park sale as neither one ships until late May. We decided to have Jean try to postpone the Iron Gate shipment until late May as well and hold the plant distribution and auction on Saturday, May 31st, at 9:30 a.m. at Jean's house in North Liberty. Sylvia reminded us that the spring sale at Vander Veer in Davenport opens at 10 a.m. for sale to Friends of Vander Veer and 11 a.m. to the general public, so we should arrive by 9:30 to set up.

We found out after the February meeting that at last year's Regional, they ordered \$2000 worth of plants for auction. We had planned to spend \$1000, but in light of that discovery we upped the order to Tim Bell to \$1000 for a total expenditure of \$1500.

Clay Dawson mentioned that there will be an orchid show and sale on March 22-23rd at the IMAX theater in the Quad Cities.

Gerald gave a treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$5,099.71. Betty adjourned the meeting.

## Planning Committees for 2003

**Spring Sale**—Sylvia, Lynn, Barry, Sherry Moffit, Gary

**Fall Sale**—Donna, Joy, Jan

**Banquet**—Kay, Sharon, Bev and Marilyn

**Fall Silent Auction**—Jean, Jackie W., Kim

**2003 Regional**—Gerald and Susie M. (co-chairs), Ken M., Francis, Verne, Kenneth C.

*The first name listed is the committee chair. If you are a new member and were not assigned to a committee and would like to participate, please call Betty at (319) 695-3447!*

## Upcoming Events

**CVIDS Spring Plant Sale**, Sunday, May 4th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Vander Veer Park, 215 Central Park Avenue, Davenport, Iowa. For more information on this event, see page 8.

**CVIDS Club Plant Distribution and Auction**, Saturday, May 31st, 9:30 a.m. at Jean Hecht's home, 105 N. Dubuque St., North Liberty, Iowa. The club will provide juice and pastries at 9:00 a.m. with the distribution and auction to follow at 9:30 a.m. Directions to Jean's house from I-80: Take Exit 240 (Coral Ridge Mall) and go north on Hwy. 965 to North Liberty. Turn right on Zeller (an intersection with stoplights; a Casey's General Store is at this intersection). Take Zeller to Dubuque Street. Turn left. Jean's is on the left side of the road. You may park in the elementary school parking lot across the street from her. Jean's phone number is #(319) 626-6159.

## **REGISTRATION**

**\$65 by June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$75 postmarked after June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$45 youth (17 and under)**  
**\$55 youth after June 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

**Friday evening meal**  
**(program and slides)**  
**Saturday bus tours**  
**Lunch**  
**Banquet and program**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO CVIDS**  
**(Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society)**

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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLOOMS

### Gardens On Tour

"The Little Florida of Region One" —that is how we think of the area with its warm southeastern Region One climate and the quantity of hybridizing in the area. The four gardens on tour are all hybridizers' gardens and more; many other interesting daylilies and plants will delight visitors.

The ATERS' garden is an interesting mix of trees, vines, shrubs, perennials, annuals, herbs, and vegetables. Of most interest will be over forty varieties of ornamental and native grasses, over five hundred hosta varieties, plus a few sports and several seedlings of their own and others. Their daylily collection numbers over 1,500 of which there are doubles, several hundred spiders, some species and seedlings from species, several "old timers" as well as the "modern fat things".

The hybridizing program uses several seedlings from other hybridizers as well as named varieties. The aim is for something different or significantly improved upon. Types they are working on are "spidery doubles", "streaky ones", large blooms, curly cascades, and variegated foliage. Their seedlings have numbered from 150 to 800 per year, with a ten year average of around 500-600 per year. There should be some shockers and surprises for everyone to enjoy.

Oh yes, for the water gardeners, they have half of the shore line of a five acre lake from which their ten-year-old son Joshua caught some ten-pound catfish. They also have a half acre pond with a pair of white swans, Louisiana iris, and bog plants. A small water pond by their gazebo (built by Francis for their daughter's wedding) has koi and goldfish. And yes, the lagoon is productive as well, growing duckweed and moss for a pair of swans.

There are also collections of heuchera, ferns, hibiscus, rose of Sharon, clematis, Oriental and Asiatic lilies. You will find something to enjoy here!

HOBBS' HILLTOP GARDEN sits on a southern slope high on a hill with a view in the distance of the Mississippi River. There are about three acres of lawn, daylilies, hostas, ornamental grasses and various perennials. There are about 400 named daylilies, many of them from Florida hybridizers that have done well in this microclimate. These are large established clumps for your viewing pleasure—not just two or three fans. The Hobbs' have about 2,300 two-year-old seedlings for 2003 that show their latest selected seedlings from past efforts, some of which may become future introductions, and a couple of dozen past introductions.

Seventy varieties of newly transplanted hostas are under four apple trees. They lost the 137-year-old white oak which they were under so they had to be moved late last fall. A small pond with a waterfall and goldfish sits snugly under a Japanese maple as a focal point. Long rows of various miscanthus grasses serve as hedges.

This is a lot of area with much to see!

The MESSERS' garden is a new garden, as they moved into their home in December of 2002. The landscaping will improve over the years but the priority of this coming season is to plant grass seed in the early spring of 2003. In lieu of landscaping, the Mississippi River across the road makes a great and large "water feature". Three hundred (plus) cultivars and possibly 2,000 to 2,500 seedlings will be on display. Their preference in daylilies is for round and flat forms, ruffled edges, patterned throats and variegated foliage. They like surprises (at least, daylily surprises!).

DEBORAH WHARTON'S garden is a secluded country site down a long lane off a gravel road, surrounded by trees. Her garden is that of an artist and her most important quest is for color. She has a bog garden filled with miniature cat-tails, bamboo, and Louisiana, Spuria, Siberian and Japanese iris. For continued color she has many heirloom roses planted on a berm in front of the extensive front porch of her home. Her daylily beds form a wandering, informal cul-de-sac interspersed with larkspur, verbena bonariensis, and clematis. She says that she probably has more seedlings than named daylilies. Her prime emphasis in hybridizing is for color—(as an artist?). She also wants the flowers to be rain proof, so she can see a good color after a morning rain. Important also is that they absolutely must take the winters without mulching, and have good branching and a long bloom season.

Come and enjoy the pets and a musical surprise!

*(This was written by Gerald Hobbs and edited by Kim Edge with help from Jean Hecht and Kathy Lamb.)*

## OPEN GARDENS

There are several open gardens nearby for Friday and Sunday visits. Two of these gardens are within six miles of the motel. Heidbreder's have about 550 varieties of hosta along a walk in the woods and generous plantings of daylilies and ornamental grasses (2292 Hillcrest Road, Donnellson, IA, 319 - 835 - 3017). Berry Pine has several hundred potted perennials in a clearing nestled in a grove of pines. They also sell a lot of heirloom and new herbs, unusual perennials, heirloom roses, pines and shrubs (2466 Henry Ladyn Drive, Montrose, IA, 319 - 463 - 5676).

Denny's Greenhouses Ltd is the largest retail and wholesale business within a 100 mile radius. They have 54 greenhouses on 4 acres with 300 annuals and perennials. They have several potted daylilies and they may have a special daylily days sale (1746 346 Avenue, Wever, IA, 319 - 372 - 1020).

Tender Top Water Gardens is an inspirational garden with 3 large ponds with koi and water plants and supplies galore. They also have 200 hostas, daylilies, dwarf conifers and perennials. One pond is 24 feet by 28 feet and another pond is 20 feet by 30 feet and it is very nicely landscaped (2902 406 Road, West Burlington, IA, 319 - 752 - 3305).

Tim Spangler has 700 named, labeled daylilies with unusual traits for hybridizing. He has lots of doubles, some 2 ½ inch miniatures, big eyed doubles, purple spotted flowers, very pronounced streaking, gold edges unrelated to Southern breeding of gold edges, 12 inch variants and one curled 360 degrees. These are on a two tiered rock wall garden. He also grows about 100 cacti, 300 hostas (150 potted) and various grasses (2226 E US HWY 136, Carthage, IL, 217 - 357 - 3603). His web site is: [www.spanglersdaylilies.com](http://www.spanglersdaylilies.com)

Garden Ray's by Cindy Krogmeier is a retail and landscape nursery that has hosta, ornamental grasses, aquatics, planters, topiaries, shrubs and small landscaping projects. She also gives topiary classes (2313 Johnson Street Road, Keokuk, IA, 319 - 795 - 2693).

## Plants for Spring Auction!!

By Jean Hecht

Once again, we have decided to auction off half of the spring acquired club plants. This year we have ordered \$500.00 from Iron Gate Gardens (Van Sellers and Vic Santa Lucia), \$400.00 from Crinonic Gardens (Curt Hanson), and \$400.00 from Moldovan Gardens (Steve Moldovan and Roy Woodhall).

The date for the auction distribution is Sunday, May 31st, with the auction/distribution starting at 9:30, being preceded by juice and pastries at 9:00 at Jean Hecht's home in North Liberty.

I will ask for lists of what these nurseries will be sending, but I suspect we may not know some of the plants that we will be receiving until they arrive. I'm going to try and arrange for delivery the same week as the meeting so there won't be time to send a list of the plants out via snail mail. Those of you who have supplied an e-mail address will receive a list as soon as the plants arrive. If other people want a list, I guess you'll have to call me at (319) 626-6159. If I get some tentative lists from these guys I will certainly send them out to everyone.

The actual distribution/auction procedure will be the same as last year. We will draw names and allow eligible members to choose one plant of their choice which will be taken home and raised for two years, with the increase to be returned for the fall club auction at that time. The remaining plants will be auctioned that day, with the minimum bid being half the Eureka catalog price.

It does get a bit complicated for those who are unable to attend, but would like to bid on a plant and/or receive a club plant to baby sit. If there is a plant that you wish to bid on, send a bid to Jean. Please make your bid an uneven amount (e.g. \$19.47) to avoid duplication of bids. The mail-in bids will become the opening bid in the auction. If no one else bids, the plant is yours. If you really want the plant, ask a friend to bid for you.

If you can't attend the meeting and would like a club plant to baby sit, give Jean a call and leave a list of names, in the order of preference. Depending on when your name is drawn, you will more than likely receive a plant that you want.

I do hope I can get lists of the plants to be sent in time for everyone to receive the list. It will make things much easier for everyone. But, if I don't receive a list, we'll manage. Please don't hesitate to call or write me anytime with questions. My address is 105 N. Du-  
buque St., North Liberty, IA, e-mail: [jhecht@mchsi.com](mailto:jhecht@mchsi.com)



COME  
TO THE  
MEETING  
AND GET  
SOME  
GREAT  
PLANTS!



# CVIDS SPRING PLANT SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2002

**PUBLIC SALE:**

**11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. VANDER VEER PARK**

**215 W. CENTRAL PARK AVENUE**

**DAVENPORT, IOWA**

**(FRIENDS OF VANDER VEER SALE:**

**10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.)**

Directions to Vander Veer Park:

From I-80, exit onto Highway 61 South (Exit 295A) and take this in to Davenport. In about two miles you will reach the intersection of Highway 61 (now called Harrison St.) and Central Park Avenue. Turn left. The park is on your immediate right on Central Park Avenue between Harrison and Brady Streets. The plant sale is near the conservatory on the north end of the park. Parking lots are available in the park.

Please be there at 9:30 a.m. to set up. The sale begins at 10 a.m. for Friends of Vander Veer members and at 11 a.m. for the general public. The sale lasts until 3 p.m. or until we sell out. We are only allowed to sell daylilies and iris at this event! Please label all plants with name, color and price, at a minimum. Choice items might also include hybridizer, year of introduction, and list price.

Please bring your labeled iris and daylilies to the park by 9 a.m. so we can have everything nicely laid out by 10 a.m. Iris and daylilies will be sold as bare-root plants. If you need labels, the club has purchased some which you can obtain from Gerald Hobbs; call him at (319) 372-4178. We recommend that named varieties be priced from \$3-5, really nice varieties from \$6-8, and unknown varieties and seedlings for less. If possible, try to bring some pictures of the daylilies or iris you are contributing. People always ask up, "What does this one look like?" It's really helpful to have some pictures so we can show them, not just tell them. Posters with colored pictures of daylilies and iris would be especially helpful. Bringing along blooms is also good for sales—and for everyone's pleasure. We hope all our members will be able to help with the sale in some way, and help make this our most successful spring sale ever!

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