

CVIDS Meeting Minutes (April 12, 2008)

Location: Washington Public Library, Washington, IA. Time: 1 PM.

PROGRAM: Sherri Baldonado, Species of Iris. Sherri showed a Powerpoint presentation that included pictures of Tall Bearded, Dwarf, Siberian, Louisiana, Japanese, Crested, Sweet, Zebra, and Spuria iris. She shared the history of iris, their care, and sources to purchase from. Members shared their personal experiences from their gardens with several varieties. Ken Capps felt that Schreiners (schreinersgardens.com) was a very reputable source with excellent customer service. Cathy Moore had ordered Spuria from comancheacresiris.com. Kim Schoeberl shared that it takes only 2 days in a row of greater than 70 degree temps for the iris borer to hatch. Jackie Westhoff recommends being diligent in checking the garden daily; squeezing the stalks can help clear the garden of pests. Several members had no success with Dutch bulbous iris. They were annuals in our zone.

The **BUSINESS MEETING** was called to order by President Clay Dawson at 2:00. 36 members answered the roll call of: Your earliest blooming daylily.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES were corrected to add Kim Schoeberl to the committee of the aprons.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$5,264.38 is in the account at the moment. No income, no expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

FARMERS MARKET SPRING PLANT SALE: Mike Carstensen reports that there has been a significant split among the 2 Farmers Market groups. Two of the major vendor groups are leaving the Davenport Levee and going to North Park Mall. The Freight House Market will remain. His recommendation is to not participate at this time related to the division. He presented several options: 1) Participate with Davenport Vanderveer sale. Friday evening would be the Friends sale that we could not be present and Saturday would be the public sale. This date is May 2nd. 2) Participate with the Hosta Club of the Quad Cities on Sunday, June 1st at Duck Creek. Drawbacks to the options, limited exposure on the VanderVeer sale and the date is very early with our cold, wet spring. The Hosta Club date is on a Sunday. Jean Hecht suggested North Liberty as a potential site with the same date. She had contacted the major in the past and he felt this could be an option. Help would be needed for advertising, stories and communication. Zora Ronan suggested the state wide Master Gardener web based bulletin and the WMT Master Garden hort line. Suggestions were made on using similar advertising of the fall sale as it has been excellent. The Community Bulletin Board, Penny saver, North Liberty, Cedar Rapids Gazette and Press Citizen are possibilities. Keith Ronan mentioned that the Advocate News runs a feature article when an advertisement has been purchased. Wendi Laake agreed to help coordinate mailings and some publication. Nancy will keep the membership apprised of the decision of when, where at by email and paper distribution.

Joyce Parsons, Dave Applequist M/S/C to investigate the North Liberty Sale Option with date of May 17th.

WEBSITE UPDATE: Jonathan Poulton reported that there have been triple the hits to the site (www.cvids.org) in the past month. The contributions have been good with many members' daylily and iris pictures now being on the site. Items may be forwarded to Jonathan via e-mail, flash drives, and CDs. Hard copies of photographs are also fine. He'll scan then before uploading to web. His son, Christopher got his drivers licence and has not been as active in helping. It has been a steep learning curve for information. Club members applauded his efforts.

FALL BANQUET: Saturday, November 1, 2008. Nancy Carlisle reported that the rental deposit had been submitted and the date secured. The location is a Touch of Class Banquet Hall and Convention Center located at 5977 Mount Vernon Road SE in Cedar Rapids.

PLANT DISTRIBUTION: Saturday, May 24th at Rex and Kathy Kephart's place. 1860 Taylor Ave, Wilton, IA 52778 (563-732-3764). Begins at 11:00. A Brunch will start at 10:00, and the plants may be viewed prior to the start of distribution. Bring folding chairs to sit under the trees. (Pray for a beautiful sunny day, but her house can accommodate us, if it rains.)

PLANT DISTRIBUTION LIST: Bob Moore reported that 2 new ones will be added along with more as the extras that the growers provide start arriving. A correction to the list is Cupid's Cupcakes is a double, Daddy's Little Girl is not a double.

GARDEN TOUR: No new information. Date is July 12, 2008.

MONTICELLO FALL PLANT SALE: Saturday, August 30th. No new information.

APRONS: Barb Papenhausen reported that the design was not completed yet. The designer has redone his image, as he was not satisfied with it. Committee will check on the finished product before placing the order.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLANT SALE LABELS: Bob Moore has a full roll and will not order more this year. If members need tags, contact him. Tags were distributed.

PLANT SALE QUESTIONS: Several members queried how to label plants for the sale. Guidelines were to have a picture in a plastic baggy attached to the plant or have a picture available for persons to see. Pricing is from 2 to 10 dollars. Newer, identified cultivars can bring in more. It is an individual decision for the pricing.

DOOR PRIZES: Prizes donated by Nancy Carlisle. Yankee Candle garden set: Joyce Parsons, Yankee Candle tea candles: Deb Hansen, Calendars: Zora Ronan and Shirley Waters. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Plant Sale Update: See flier.

Jean Hecht has secured the site in Penn Meadows Park, North Liberty. Please bring marked plants at least one hour prior to start of sale. Help with set up, take down and working will be needed. Several members have previous commitments for that date. (Farmer's markets, graduations, dance recitals and even the national daylily meeting happen to fall on this date). Bring the banner, tables, and chairs to sit on. Pass the word to you co-workers, friends, relatives, even your enemies (we take their money too!). Distribute the flier wherever you are going in the next few weeks. With the change of location this will be really important to help make this a great sale.