

**“O fateful Flower beside the rill----The Daffodil, the daffodil!” --
Jean Ingelow**

“Quotes from Keith”

March is going out like a lion in my neck of the woods, a VERY WET lion. I emptied out nearly three inches of water from my rain gauge today, March 31. I always get lily-anxious about this time of the year. It seems the cold will never go away and the beds will never dry out. There is so much to do, beds to clean, soil to amend, fertilizer to apply, seeds to plant, weeds to pull, etc., etc., etc.

March was a good month though. Our garden fairs were a success. Thanks so much to Barbara McCreight, Ginger Pruess, and Heather Harroun. Special thanks to Barbara for all her work in preparing a raffle basket and to Heather for donating one of her own Daylily books. I think it was the one on doubles. The daylily table covers were found, and we made many new friends. And Heather suggested that we join with the Muscatine Garden Club and with the Muscatine Master Gardeners Club for our May 6 Spring Plant Sale. And that is going to happen! Working with CVIDS member Deb Bentley, who happens to be the president of the Muscatine Garden Club, and with the president of the Muscatine Master Gardeners Club, Heather has facilitated this new event. A couple of changes to know about are that we will hold it at the main Education Center Pavilion and parking lot instead of the small area that we used for the past several years. Please bring a table for plants and a chair if you are able. Otherwise, if possible, bring pictures of your daylilies or whatever else you may bring to sell and have a price on your info tags too. It should be a lot of fun to meet and work with some new friends. And thank you again, Heather!

I am very much looking forward to hearing Nan Ripley's presentation on April 8 at Marr Park. Not only will she compare and contrast the differences and similarities between true lilies and daylilies but also provide some very useful information about “best times” for planting and dividing lilies. Be sure to come one hour early (11 a.m.) if you are a part of the 2020 Regional Planning Task Force. The minutes for our last meeting are on the web site.

President Keith Riewerts

Future Events:

April 8 Meeting: Our next club meeting will take place on Saturday, April 8, at the Washington County Conservation Education Center at Marr Park, 2943 Highway 92, Ainsworth. Google map directions are available at our website. On that day, our speaker will be daylily hybridizer Nan Ripley of Walkabout Gardens, Nevada, IA (website: www.walkaboutgardens.com). Her presentation titled "Genus *Lilium* and genus *Hemerocallis*" will compare true lilies with daylilies, but she'll also take this opportunity to show us some of her latest daylily creations. As is our custom, we shall start with a potluck lunch at noon with the main meeting beginning at 1 PM. Please consider bringing something to share at this luncheon. We hope to see you there. If you have never visited Marr Park, you'll be in for a real treat! This 125-acre park has diverse habitats ranging from woodlands to prairie to ponds. There are many excellent trails, including a handicapped-accessible one that encircles the lake. The conservation education center has wonderful nature exhibits. Come join us as we learn about the differences between *Liliums* and Daylilies. Along the way, Nan will show us her new and favorite garden lilies, daylilies, and statues displayed in her gardens.

May 6 Muscatine Spring Public Plant Sale:

Location: Muscatine Environmental Learning Center, 3300 Cedar St, Muscatine, IA 52761. Combined effort of three groups, Muscatine Master Gardeners Club, Muscatine Gardening Club, and CVIDS! We are going to try this to see how many new daylily enthusiasts we can bring in with added CVIDS exposure. It will be held on the parking pad in front of the Center. We will need some tables and awnings brought. As usual, bring clean bare root daylilies marked and reasonably priced. Other spring perennials are also welcome. Bring pictures if available. Flashiness always sells.

May 20 Club Plant Distribution of earned plants, and others to buy.

West Liberty, Iowa Muscatine County Fairgrounds, Floral Hall. We will start a half-hour earlier than the actual distribution. A Powerpoint of the plants that Zora Ronan obtained are available at our website. (Get ready to drool!). Now, will my number be the first pick of the lottery or the last? (Is that like asking Santa if you have been naughty or nice?). Attached is a list of persons eligible for distribution. Plants earned will be returning in 2019.

July 8, 2017 CVIDS Summer Garden Tour

The 2017 Summer Garden Tour will take place on July 8. There will be four stops on the tour, all along the I-80 corridor and reasonably close to each other. They are the gardens of Larry & Wilma Rettig (South Amana), Joyce & Steve Parsons (Conroy), Jim

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Seamans Jr. (Iowa City), Mary Jo & Joe Duffy (between Iowa City and Solon), and Jonathan & Susie Poulton (plot at the Duffy residence). Some photos from the Rettigs' Cottage-in-the-Meadow Gardens, kindly provided by Larry Rettig, are available at our website.

Recent Past Events:

Minutes of March Meetings: Available on our website are the minutes of the March club business meeting and the 2020 Regional Task Force meeting. We really had some interesting presentations at the March Meeting. Thanks, Sarah and Sam.

Muscatine Art of Gardening Report: March 18, 2017
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Muscatine Community College

It was an early morning and still dark when Ginger Pruess and Barbara McCreight left Lowden for Muscatine to help set up the Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society information table. We only had a half of a table. Not much room! It was definitely cozy. We shared our table with the Trees Forever representatives. Very nice people who we enjoyed visiting with. We were at one of the first tables in a long line going down both sides of a long hall. We had a captive audience of excited gardeners going to and from their classes. Although we did not get anyone to sign up a membership, we had a lot of interest. They really expressed interest in our upcoming plant sale in May.

I was tickled with the door prize that I quickly put together from Dollar General in Tipton on Friday afternoon for (\$14.00). (see picture). It even included a Yellow Siberian Iris and a Pardon Me Daylily to plant! Since our club is given this space at no cost, we felt it was important to contribute a door prize for the attendees. All the clubs and vendors provide something to give away. Heather Harroun donated a Daylily Book of her own! "visit and work with Keith and Heather.

This is also a wonderful time to get to know CVIDS members that help "man" the booth. Really enjoyed the visit and work with Keith Riewerts and Heather Harroun! We also got to meet one of our newest members Deb Bentley, who was there representing the Muscatine Garden Club. We enjoyed the lunch of a barbeque chicken or pork sandwich, grilled potatoes, onions & carrots, 7-layer salad and apple crisp for dessert, yum! Next time, we need to request a full table. It would also be nice to have a bi-fold display board. This would be a good investment. It could be used at future shows, our meetings, and the upcoming regional. (Submitted by Barbara McCreight)

REQUEST FOR HISTORIC DAYLILIES: Mike Anders, OHIO

I hope this message finds you well and ready for another exciting daylily season!

For the past 7-8 years, I have been trying to collect all the daylilies registered by Steve Moldovan and/or Roy Woodhall...approximately 515 different cultivars. Sadly, many of these, especially those registered before 1980, probably have been lost to time. At this point, I am missing 141 cultivars that surprisingly include 18 registered in 2000 or after!

Please find attached my latest list of the "missing" Moldovan and Woodhall cultivars. The daylilies listed that are followed by a parenthesis are those that I have possible leads for locating in an attempt to acquire them. (Just in case someone asks, I am quite familiar with the Moldovan collection in the Columbus, Ohio, Franklin Park Conservatory. I have donated several plants to that collection, and with the exception of only one cultivar, I do own a specimen of each Moldovan registration in the collection).

Over the past couple of weeks, I have reached out to all five of the daylily societies in Ohio, as well as the local daylily clubs throughout Region 2. Now, I am expanding my search to those local societies in the AHS regions that might have a member or members growing some of the "missing" Moldovan and/or Woodhall cultivars.

Would you please be so kind as to share the attached list with the members of the Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society, along with an explanation that I am trying to collect all these cultivars for a Moldovan & Woodhall historic garden. Even if someone has only one of these cultivars, I would be thrilled to be in contact with them.

Thank you for your kindness in sharing this information with your membership, and here's wishing you a beautiful spring and summer full of gorgeous daylily blooms!

My best to you, Mike Anders, 712 Redfox Road, Findlay, Ohio 45840, [419-889-8827](tel:419-889-8827)

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

American Iris Society Annual Convention, May 23-27, Des Moines IA

One of the features of the 2017 AIS Convention is a Saturday morning Symposium featuring three great speakers. Come to hear **Tony Hall** of the Royal Botanical Garden, Kew, on **The Juno Iris Species**, **Dawn Boyer**, the immediate past RVP of Region 17,

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with **Artistic Iris Arrangements**, and **Cathy Egerer**, the president of HIPS, on **Agnes Whiting and the Journey to Blue Rhythm**. Planned are also two days of garden tours. Do you remember the last time AIS had their Convention in Iowa? It was in 1950. The meeting was headquartered in Sioux City with trips to the Sass Garden (Omaha) and Whiting Garden (Mapleton, Iowa) featured.

Learn more about the 2017 Symposium at: <https://ais2017.wordpress.com/>

AHS Region One: Daylily Dreams in '17!

Hosted by the Daylily Society of Minnesota, July 28-30, 2017. Check out the website: www.ahsregion1.org.

Pictures: [Oriental Lily Rio Ingra](#) Courtesy Nan Ripley; Gift basket at Muscatine Art of Gardening, put together by Barbara McCreight.





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2017 Meeting Dates
Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

Meeting Dates	Location
11-14-2017	Carabelle Library Nancy Carlisle "What's in the Garden?"
FEBRUARY 14	Edgewood Community College Nancy Carlisle "What's in the Garden?"
MARCH 25	Whiteoak Garden Fair - Kirkwood, Collier
MARCH 31	Johnson County Extension Office - Sam McLeod, All About MacArthur, Grant Matthews from the local MacArthur 30 minutes. (DNC can add another 1.5-minute topic).
MARCH 28	Art of Gardening 9 am - 4 pm MacArthur Community Co
APRIL 8	Shelburne Gardeners Club, Maple Bank, Annamary Nancy Carlisle, Grant Matthews, and Nancy Matthews 9:00 am - 11:00 am
MAY 6	Spring Plant Sale - Monticello Greenhouses
May 20, 2017	Missouri Co. Fairgrounds Club Plant Sale - JK
June	No meeting
July 8, 2017	Iowa City, and beyond - CVIDS Garden Tour
Aug 26, 2017	Monticello Fairgrounds Plant Sale/Club Plant
Sept.	No meeting
OCTOBER 14	Carabelle Public Library Hybridizer's Host
NOVEMBER 11	Carabelle Ballroom Hotel and Conference Fall Banquet, Scott Elliott of Manchi Pe speaker.

For more information, call CVIDS president Keith Kiewertz at 536
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