

CVIDS Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2019

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Pre-meeting – Keith Riewerts facilitated a pre-meeting from 11:30 – 11:45 AM to discuss planning for the 2020 Regional Meeting. Keith passed out a handout that listed the various sub-committees, who has signed up to help with these committees, and slots that still need to be filled.

The **CVIDS Club meeting** was called to order by President Nancy Rash at 12:45 p.m. after a delicious potluck lunch. She welcomed new member Jessica Kelley, who was in attendance, and welcomed all other members as well.

Inquiry from the audience - Gary Oster asked if the club meetings could be held in a more central location, i.e. Iowa City. The group discussed this briefly, saying that the board decided on the locations this year so that the same people wouldn't always have to drive the farthest distance.

Presentations followed:

“Overview of 2019 Iris Club Plants” by Diann Pavelka and LeAnn Pisarik. Diann showed slides of the club Iris plants from the following hybridizers:

1. Darlin Wilkerson's irises
2. Joe Pye Weed's Gardens – Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks' irises
3. Indian Creek Iris' irises

Diann and LeAnn hope to go to Minnesota to get more irises.

Barb Papenhausen distributed list of club plants (also on the website) and went through the slides.

“My CVIDS Club Plants: Caring For The Most Important Plants In My Garden” by Keith Riewerts and Diane Derganz. Keith gave tips on how to plant and care for your club plant. They also gave tips on how to dig up and present your club plant for the sale. When you receive a plant, if not able to plant it immediately, put in pot with drainage, using good soil. Put coffee filter in bottom of pot. Put in soil and create cone in center. Put plant roots over the cone, add more soil. Could also set in bucket of water for a few days, but do not put the water over the crown. Some say good to soak in 10% bleach to clean off the roots. Be sure to apply fertilizer. There are many varieties. Milorganite is good time-release fertilizer– available at Theisens \$8/bag.

When dig plant, use hose to wash soil off the root. Good looking plants sell better. It is good to have a photograph of the plant for sale.

Diane explained how to earn points to be eligible for a club plant each year. This information is in the Members Handbook, which is on the CVIDs website. She also explained the criteria for evaluating your club plant to determine if it is ready to be divided for resale after two years.

The AHS website has an online portal with more information about evaluating daylilies. You can download publications/books at no cost.

There are 78 club plants due to be returned this year in August for the silent auction. That includes 24 hold-over plants from previous years. Keep original, bring back any increases. Bring back double-fan only. Keep for another year if only single fan. Diane will email everyone an evaluation form 1 month before the Silent Auction. Can add any comments about the plant. This helps others learn more about each plant. Label plant when bring back for auction. Let Diane know if plant doesn't do well.

CVIDS Business Meeting

The CVIDS official business meeting was called to order by President Rash at 1:40 p.m., after presentations. Fifty-two members were present.

Secretary's report- Susie Poulton thanked Shelly Letts for taking the minutes at the club's last meeting on March 9, 2019. The minutes did not get posted on the website, so Susie read the minutes to the group. Jan Rogers motioned to approve, Gary Oster seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report: Shelly Letts gave an updated treasurer's report and shared the balance of the CVIDS account and the Regional Conference account.

President Rash shared a report from Heather Harroun and Deb Bentley regarding the Muscatine Garden Fair that was held on March 9, 2019. (This was the same day as the March CVIDS meeting). Three new members joined at the Muscatine Garden Fair. Heather and Deb looked for potential vendors for the 2020 Regional meeting and shared some photos of vendors at the Muscatine Garden Fair. Please give Keith your ideas of interested vendors for the 2020 Regional meeting.

Keith Riewerts announced that the Club's Spring Public Plant Sale will be on May 11 in the Muscatine Environmental Learning Center, Discovery Park Pavilion. Members are asked to bring daylilies, other plants, garden tools, garden clothing, etc. to sell at this sale. Please be sure to label plants with yellow or purple labels, which he has available today. Members are also asked to sell their newer cultivars. Including a photo of each plant is helpful. You can put one photo with a group of the same plant. Set-up will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the sale will go from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Muscatine Garden Club and the Muscatine County Master Gardeners will also be selling plants. The local 4-H club will have a bake sale.

Volunteers are needed for other upcoming CVIDS activities. Members are asked to sign up on the sheets at the front table.

We have an urgent need for a Webmaster and Fall Plant Sale Chair and someone for the Off-Scape Daylily Show, if we will have it again this year.

Summer Open Gardens - Gary expressed concern that we aren't having a club garden tour day. With so many members, he thought that there would still be a good number interested in a

garden tour even though the National and Regional Meetings will be fairly close to us. The group was reminded that this decision was made with a vote at a previous meeting. Instead members are invited to have their own personal open garden and dates would be posted on the website and in the newsletter. Please give the date for your open garden to Nancy and Jonathan.

Member Health Concerns and Updates - Jan Rogers is having major surgery. Shirley Waters passed away from pneumonia. The link to her obituary was posted on the web page.

Announcements - Registration forms are available from Jonathan for AHS' National and Regional Meetings.

Next CVIDS Events:

1. May 11, Spring Plant Sale, Muscatine 8 AM to Noon, Muscatine County Environmental Center.
2. Club Plant Distribution – Set-up will be on May 17 starting at 9:00 a.m. The Club Plant Distribution will take place at Floral Hall, West Liberty Fairgrounds on May 18. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for plant viewing and refreshments with the distribution beginning at 9:30 a.m.. See Website for Available Plants. Please bring breakfast foods to share. There will be a plant auction after the distribution has concluded.
3. Fall Banquet is November 9, 2019: Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Speaker

Door prizes – The winners of today's door prizes included Barbara MCCreight, Joyce Parsons, Jonathan Poulton (fern leaf peony), Keith R., Sue Kramer, Barb Papenhausen, Darin Letts, Linda Jones, Pete Connolly, Jessica Kelley, Gary Oster, Mary Ancell, and Gerald Hobbs.

Shelly Letts motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mary Jo Duffy seconded the motion, all members were in favor.