

COVIDS April 2018 Newsletter

Keith's Quips

April 6 and 1-3 inches of snow predicted this weekend... Arrgh! As you've heard me say before, I am "garden anxious!" My snowdrops have gotten the message though, as they are still blooming beautifully, snow or no snow.

I've had cataract surgery this month and the cold has helped to keep me from trying to do too much, as the doctor has ordered. I am pleasantly surprised to have brightness and colors better than ever following this surgery! I've always needed strong glasses for distance vision. Now I need glasses for close up vision. I'm anxious to see how it affects my photography vision. Now, if only I could fix my hearing as magically.... but then, Sally has always claimed that I have selective hearing!

Rex McCreight says Hi to everyone and is looking forward to sitting on the porch as soon as it warms up. When Sally and I went to visit Rex, I picked up all the "potluck materials" from Barb and am looking for someone (or two) to take charge of bringing these things (plates, cups, silverware, etc.) to our meetings. Barb and Rex and Gary Oster have done such a wonderful job of this. A very special thanks goes to them!

We are excited to see at the April 14th Marr Park meeting the 2018 Club Plants that Jackie and Diann have ordered on our behalf! If your family name starts with M-Z, please don't forget to send Jonathan as e-mail attachments pics of your favorite/best daylilies from 2017 for the 15-minute talk. His e-mail address is: jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu. Alternatively, please bring hard copies of photos to share with the attendees.

Then on May 12, our combined Spring Public Plant Sale is at the Environmental Learning Center in Muscatine from 8 a.m. till noon. Last year was financially record-setting! Let's keep up the great work.

And on May 19, we will meet at 9 a.m. in Floral Hall at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds at West Liberty for our Club Plant Distribution and Live Auction. Don't forget that clean-up for this event is needed too. Thanks in advance. Set-up for this event will be on Friday, May 18, from 9 - noon. Please come and help if you can and get a preview of the plants.

More info at our meeting at Marr Park next Saturday. Hope to see you then.

Stay warm!

Keith

CVIDS Meeting Minutes March 10, 2018
St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall

President Keith called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He asked if any new members were present and there was none. Keith took roll call of members present whose last names began with A-L, asking them to share their favorite daylily and a photo if they had one. There was a wide variety of daylilies, including Lavender Blue Baby, Barbara Mitchell, Primal Scream, Big Bird, Velvet Ribbon, Terrible Swift Sword, Heavenly Blue Eyes, Rose F Kennedy, Hilton Magic, Chariot of Clouds, Black Panther, Red Dragon Sunrise, Starfish Prime, Beautiful Edging, Ruffly Duffly Dude, and Weird Science.

Announcements – Jill Gardner shared a children's book that she purchased, titled My Grandparents' Daylilies. Barry Stoll's mother and Susie Poulton's mother passed away recently. Both thanked the club and members for their condolences.

Presentation - The presentation was given by Callie Wetjen Wiebold, *Raising Monarch Butterflies (Gardening for the Butterflies)*. Callie raises monarchs in her home, tags them through the Monarch Watch agency, then releases the butterflies. Callie explained monarch migration, ideal sites for breeding monarchs, good nectar flowers, and the effect of insecticides on the monarch population.

Business meeting - Keith called the business meeting to order at 2:15 pm. He thanked Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen for taking minutes and collecting membership renewals at the February meeting. There were no changes to the minutes posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Kramer reported a healthy bank balance as of Feb. 28, 2018.

Upcoming events:

March 17 - Art of Gardening Fair at Muscatine Community College – Keith and Nancy Carlisle will host our table. Nancy prepared the gift basket. We need 1 or 2 more people at the table. Scott F is taking the class, so he will help during lunch.

March 16 and 17 – Pollen Dabbers, hosted by CIDS in Marshalltown – several members are attending. This is also the Region 1 Winter Meeting. More information, including the program and registration form, are available at www.cvids.org/board.html

March 16-18 – IRLS – Des Moines Flower, Lawn and Garden Show

October 6 – CVIDS October meeting, the Hybridizers Roundup, will take place on the first Saturday of this month, as CIDS will be holding its meeting on October 13.