

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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**April 18, 2009 1:00 pm**

**Coralville Public Library Coralville, IA**

**Speaker: Don Lovell**

Our own CVIDS member Don Lovell is coming directly from the CanAm meeting in Canada to present his slides and show us exciting things happening in the daylily world in Iowa. Don Lovell has moved his entire garden from an acreage to a farm and is hoping that all survived the move. There are over 5,000 seedlings planted at the farm that should be blooming in July. Don has a striped line that is jumping leaps and bounds that you can see at the Regional. He also has spiders, unusual forms, large full form flowers with edges, blooms of edges no eyes, and both dips and tets.

**Coralville Public Library** 1401 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville, IA

**Directions from East or West:** Get off I-80 at Exit 242 (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Coralville Exit), and go south on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for two-thirds of a mile. At the traffic lights by the Iowa River and Power Company Restaurant, turn right onto 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue for about a mile to the Library (1401 5<sup>th</sup> Street). The library is on the right (north) side of that road.

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Pay Your 2009 Club Dues!  
Due by April 30<sup>th</sup> for Club Plant  
Eligibility. Send to:  
Bob Moore, PO Box 25  
Morning Sun, IA 52640.  
\$6 for individuals, and \$8 for family.

## Hybridizers of Central Iowa

Our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature slides of the Central Iowa Daylily Society. Don Lovell will be host of the slide show.

Bob Wilson is a retired art teacher from Knoxville, Iowa. Bob is known for his tall and very beautiful spiders he has developed. Bob has several plants registered and on the market. Don Lovell states that he has an eye for the big and unusual in his well tended garden.

Phil Fass is an art professor at University of Northern Iowa. Deb Deemer and Phil have a 13-acre garden south of Parkersburg. Phil concentrates on saturated color, color patterns and form. He is also interested in spiders and unusual forms. His efforts are just on the horizon, but as of yet none are registered. Phil Fass will be hosting the garden judging workshop on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> as part of the Region One Tour.

Nan Ripley has been all over the country promoting daylilies and giving presentations. Nan has registered full form flowers with nice edges that are outstanding. She also has several registered spiders. Nan Ripley's huge garden will be showcased during the Regional tour.

Selwyn Rash is a rookie hybridizer moving fast. He has amassed an amazing amount of breeding material with some excellent seedlings to show with the best yet to come. Rash's garden will be part of the tour.

Kathy Larson has several registered plants. Crimson Banners was a knockout at the Minneapolis National Convention. She is working with broken color patterns using Peppermint Ice. John and Kathy Larson work with species and is developing hardy northern daylilies with great bud counts.

**Directions from South (HWY 218):** Exit HWY 218 at Exit 91 (HWY 1 Exit). Go north on HWY 1 for about 100 yards, until you reach the first traffic lights. Turn left onto Mormon Trek Blvd. Continue north, eventually passing Finkbine Golf Course on your right, until you reach the intersection with the Coralville Strip (HWY 6/2<sup>nd</sup> Street). Cross the intersection, heading north on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, until you reach the traffic lights by the Iowa River and Power Company Restaurant. Then turn left onto 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and continue for about a mile to the Library (1401 5<sup>th</sup> Street). The library is on the right (north) side of that road.

**Directions from North (HWY 1 from Solon):** Drive south on HWY 1 until you reach Interstate 80. Go west on I-80 until you reach Exit 242 (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Coralville Exit). Then follow the instructions described above for “Directions from East or West”.

See our CVIDS website ([www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)) Calendar for maps to assist you.

### **March 14th, 2009 CVIDS Meeting Minutes,** submitted by Nancy Carlisle, secretary

Vice President Mike Carstensen called the meeting together after everyone enjoyed a sumptuous potluck feast coordinated by Susan Minger with the Cedar Rapids area members bringing treats. Bob Papenhausen shared Whitey’s ice cream malts in honor of his birthday.

Name tags were requested to be found, and if lost to recreate them as it is very beneficial for members to know each other. Nancy Carlisle volunteered to make new ones if needed. Minutes were approved from the February meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Moore reported that the balance on hand is \$5,408.71. Virtually all of the ordered plants have been paid for. New members are joining our group.

Pollen Dobbers meeting will be held in Marshalltown on March 21. Ruth Coleman reported that Jamie Gossard will discuss his Diploid Conversion Hybridizing program. Show of slides will begin in the morning. Speakers will bring plants for the auction. Fliers are available, and registration can occur at the door.

CVIDS next meeting will feature Don Lovell and hybridizers of Central Iowa. It will be held in Coralville Library on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

North Liberty Plant Sale will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring your lilies and perennial plants marked. Pictures are nice to have available. Zora Ronan has agreed to coordinate advertising. She questioned who had the banner. Jean Hecht does.

Upcoming National events are near for the Iris lovers. Tall Bearded in Kansas City and Siberian in Minneapolis. American Hemerocallis meeting is being held in Orlando in May.

CVIDS Plant Distribution and Auction of remaining plants will be held on May 23 in West Liberty at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in the Floral Exhibit Hall. A donut breakfast will be available with time for members to peruse the purchased plants. Clay is working on the list of members

eligible for plant drawings. Membership desires a list printed in the next newsletter.

The CVIDS Garden Tour for daylilies will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the members who will be opening their gardens for our tour. It was brought up about possibly coordinating a tour of members’ iris gardens in May. Discussion was held on the proposed meeting in September for a potluck and member plant auction. It is proposed to hold it in Scott County Park, but this is not felt to be a central location of the membership. Perhaps Iowa City or Cedar Rapids would be a better location. Kent Park, Indian Creek, Squaw Creek, and Palisades were mentioned as possible locations. If anyone has connections in checking on these locations, they were asked to check into them and bring back information to the April meeting.

Notice was provided about CVIDS charter founding member Frederick McDowell’s death. A memorial plaque was sent to the services. Barry and Lynn Stoll attended. Motion by Jan Null, and seconded by Dave Appelquist to send \$100 to AHS in memory of Fred.

Barry led a discussion about establishing a memorial garden in Iowa City. Even though this was not accepted by the club in the past, perhaps we should pursue it again. Our membership is larger. Many gardens in Region One were influenced by Fred’s. Jackie Westhoff proposed that a garden could be incorporated into a City Park design. Others mentioned contacting Kirkwood, Iowa City, or Marion gardens, perhaps Project Green. Ruth Coleman suggested that a committee be put together in looking at options. Lynn Stoll stated that a person could be hired for a summer job and paid \$100 or so. Perhaps it could become an FFA or 4H garden project.

Stolls have discussed with Fred’s daughter Elizabeth about having one of their seedlings to be named in honor of Fred. There is a Munson daylily called Fred McDowell. Comments were shared by various members of Dr. McDowell’s impact into their gardening experience (see article on pages 5 and 6.)

One Eureka catalog was available. A Region One event schedule flier was available. Susan Minger brought up about food brought as a potluck. It is a feast or famine. Suzanne Minger volunteered to chair in Coralville. Motion made to have committees designated for each meeting. Bob Papenhausen showed gloves that he has purchased and is selling. All of the profits are returning as a donation to the club. Sign up sheet provided for order. M/S/C Minger/ Barry Stoll for meeting adjournment.

Program: Bob Papenhausen narrated a slide show as Barb had laryngitis. A preview of several of the CVIDS gardens on tour in July was shown, as well as pictures from the Ohio Region 2 meeting presenters of Joel Paulsen and Bob Faulkner. Lynn Stoll showed slides of their Walnut Hill 2008 and 2009 introductions. She discussed parentage and her goal of hybridizing sturdy northern daylilies. Seedling 0811, a cross of Bing Cherry Binge and Lake Effect will be considered by Elizabeth McDowell as the selection for Fred McDowell’s named flower. Order List can be obtained at their website:

<http://www.walnuthillnortherndaylilies.com/index.htm>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 18TH MEETING

CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TIME: 1 PM

Don Lovell, Former Region One RVP

### NORTH LIBERTY SPRING PLANT SALE

PLACE: GAZEBO, CHERRY AND DUBUQUE STREET, NORTH LIBERTY

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 9, 2009; 9 AM-1PM

### AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING MAY 11-16, 2009

KANSAS CITY IRISES.ORG

### AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLACE: ORLANDO FLORIDA

DATE: MAY 20-24, 2009

www.ahsregion12.org

### PLANT DISTRIBUTION MAY 23RD

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FLORAL HALL

MORNING: PLANT DISTRIBUTION, PLANT AUCTION FOR ALL MEMBERS

### TALL BEARDED IRIS SOCIETY MAY 29-30

2009 SALEM OREGON TBISONLINE.COM

### CVIDS GARDEN TOUR

PLACE: EASTERN IA, WESTERN IL GARDENS

DATE: JULY 11, 2009

### 2009 REGION ONE CONVENTION

PLACE: MARSHALLTOWN, IA

DATE: JULY 17- 19, 2009

See Flier or CVIDS website for more information.

### BRUCEMORE LAWN AND GARDEN SHOW

PLACE: BRUCEMORE GARDENS, CEDAR RAPIDS

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2009

### MONTICELLO PLANT SALE

MONTICELLO GARDENS

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2009

### FALL MEMBER PLANT SALE AND POTLUCK

PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

## Eligibility for Plant Distribution

(Excerpted from April 2001, December 2004, and February 2008 newsletter minutes)

1. Dues must have been paid in 2008 and 2009. (Paid by April 30<sup>th</sup> each year.)
2. Members must do **ANY TWO** of the Following:
  - a. Attend 2 club meetings.
  - b. Donate plants to a club sale.
  - c. Bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants.
  - d. Assist at club functions by:
    - i. Writing articles for the newsletter
    - ii. Give a club program
    - iii. Assist at plant sales
    - iv. Host a tour
    - v. Chair a committee

A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. The CVIDS group uses a portion of our funds to buy some choice daylilies. They are distributed to eligible members to grow for two years. At the end of the two years, the member keeps a plant equal to the original size (number of fans) they received. The fan increases are returned to the CVIDS group for the Silent Auction and sale in late summer. Members choose their plants by the lottery system. If a member is unable to be in attendance, a proxy may be assigned to select a plant as their name comes up. The treasurer needs to be contacted by the absent member prior to the plant distribution. If no proxy is designated, no plant will be chosen for them. See the eligible member list on page 4.

## PLANT AUCTION FOR MEMBERSHIP

There are always more plants purchased or received from the vendors as bonus plants. After the distribution, these wonderful plants are auctioned to the highest bidder. **ALL MEMBERS** may bid on the remaining plants. This plant becomes the property of the highest bidder and is **NOT** returned to the club later for silent auction. This year we have been blessed with an abundance of bonus plants from the growers. What a grand opportunity to obtain quality daylilies!!

## **CVIDS Members are Speakers**

Gerald Hobbs says that he was busy in March, speaking to several groups with the extension service.

Wanda Lunn has been presenting at several garden fairs.

Clay Dawson has been giving talks at the Orchid Show.

## **Bring Treats for April Meeting**

Suzanne Moffitt agreed to chair the April fest of foods at the meeting. If you are in the Iowa City area, expect a phone call from our gracious host.

## **Gold Coast Daylilies**

One of the vendors for our club plants is featured in the Spring 2009 edition of the Daylily Journal on pages 21-23. Stan and Bonnie Holley are hybridizing to produce high quality plants that will thrive across all regions.

## **July 17-19, 2009 REGION ONE**

Tour Gardens will be: Nan Ripley's Walkabout Gardens in Nevada, Don Lovell's garden in LeGrand, Turkey Ridge Daylily Farm in Marshalltown, and Selwyn Rash's garden located in Ellsworth. On Sunday, a Judge's Workshop will be held at the garden of Phil Fass.

### **A Hundred Flowers by Marion Schoeberlein**

A hundred flowers put on hats,  
A hundred robins sing,  
The trees sway in March winds that say  
We're celebrating spring.  
The grass looks emerald and young.  
The sky is growing wings.  
The world and I are glad to be  
Alive now as earth swings.

## Web Sites for your help

### **AHS Region One Website:**

<http://www.northerndaylily.com/index.html>

### **CVIDS Website:**

[www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)

### **Walnut Hill, Barry and Lynn Stoll:**

<http://www.walnuthillnortherndaylilies.com/index.htm>

### **International Board for Plant Genetic Resources:**

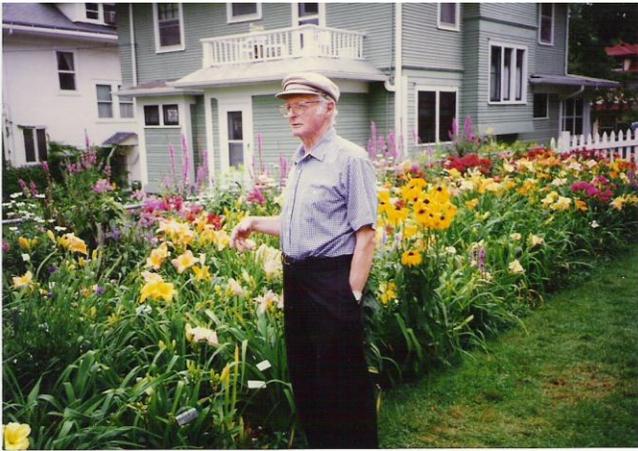
<http://www.biodiversityinternational.org/>

## **Members Eligible For Plant Distribution**

Carole and Dave Appelquist  
Sherri Baldonado  
Betty and Ken Capps  
Nancy Carlisle  
Mike and Jayne Carstensen  
Clay and Kathleen Dawson  
Donna Denley  
Jill Gardner  
Debra and Scott Hansen  
Jean Hecht\*  
Kay Hill  
Gerald Hobbs  
Kathy Kephart  
Lynne Kirkman  
Brenda and Roger Knipper  
Wendi Laake  
Marilyn Little \*  
Susan Minger  
Robert and Suzanne Moffit  
Lynn and Sherry Moffit  
Bob and Cathy Moore  
Mary and Verne Moore  
Sharon Murken  
Bob and Jan Null  
Barb and Bob Papenhausen  
Joyce and Steve Parsons  
Jonathan Poulton  
Jeanne Reynolds  
Keith and Sally Riewerts  
Zora Ronan  
Jerry and Kim Schoeberl  
Bev Seamans  
James Seamans, Jr  
Sylvia Seymour  
Robert Towler  
Shirley Waters

\* needs to pay 2009 dues by April 30th

Contact President Clay Dawson for any questions about the list



Fred McDowell of McDowell's Daylily Splendor Garden for the Region One Tour 1999. An AHS display garden featuring over 2,000 different cultivars, predominately large flowered tetras, with July blooming companion plants. He had outstanding collections of Moldovan, Stamile, Curt Hanson, and Benz daylilies. This garden was a Region One treasure. A large number of Region One daylily growers got started after a visit to his garden.

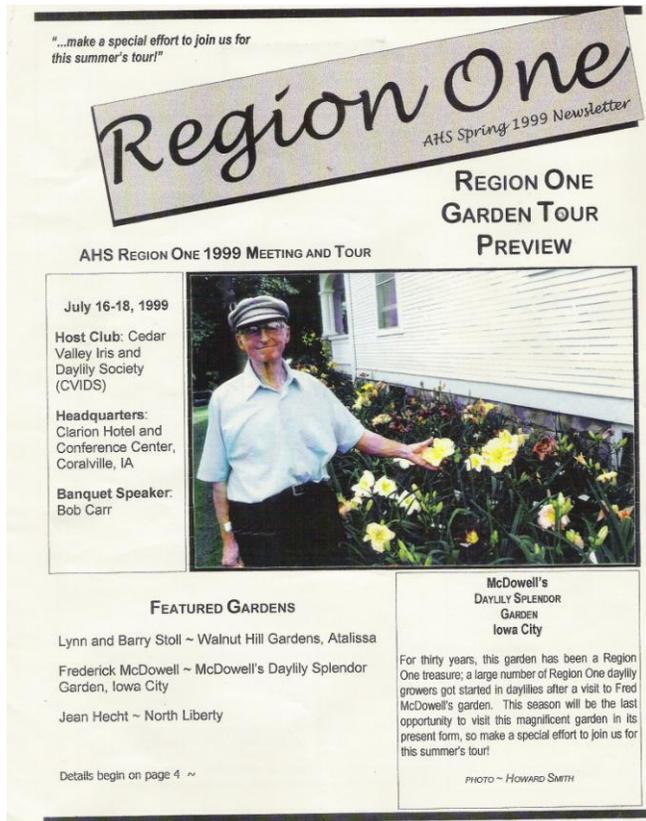
## Tribute to Dr. Fred McDowell

CVIDS members mourn the loss of our founding member Fred McDowell. Included are some excerpts of letters written by Fred.

June 2001: "We are honored to become life members of CVIDS, an organization with which we have felt a vital affinity since its founding. This recognition has formed a fitting conclusion to our forty years of growing daylilies in Iowa City. We are touched by your efforts to establish a bed of daylilies in our honor and we wish you success in this project. We in turn wish all of you the best of gardening years ahead and more striking and beautiful daylilies than ever in your futures."

From the Spring 1986 Region One Newsletter: "I became seriously interested in daylilies in 1966, after being introduced to them by Gretchen Harshberger. It was kind of a conversion experience. I concentrated on a summer daylily garden that would bloom from June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>. The rewards have been great. I am a collector rather than a hybridizer. I place much emphasis on how the plants do in the garden. I am not able to determine their garden potential sometimes for four or five years, when an excellent cultivar may already be beginning to be forgotten. So I grow both the old and the new. The future of daylilies is immense; I expect every season to be enthralled by some new daylilies."

Message from Karol Emmerick, March 11, 2009: "I had heard about Fred and his amazing garden ever since I got involved in daylilies. I read and re-read the articles he wrote. I'm not sure when I first met him - I think it was July 2000, when daughter Liz brought her mom and dad to our garden in Edina. When he saw my seedlings, he was insistent that I should start introducing them and that I shouldn't wait forever to do it."



Cover page of the Region One Spring 1999 Newsletter inviting members to attend his final season garden before moving to Des Moines.

Tribute continued.....

“What a boost to my confidence! I figured that if my things were good enough for Fred's critical eye, then I shouldn't be reticent. Each year since 2003 (when I first began introducing), he purchased some of my flowers for Liz - for her home in the Twin Cities, and then Kentucky, and then North Carolina, and then Florida. He visited her garden on a regular basis and sent me a lengthy letter after each visit with an extensive evaluation of each of my plants. He was a tremendous encouragement over the years - like wind beneath one's wings - and one of my biggest cheerleaders. We stayed in touch by mail and phone, and to the end, daylilies remained at the top of his mind. I am going to really miss him.”



Daughter Liz and her husband Rohlf taken by Karol Emmerich.

Gary Wiederhoeft in Region One Fall 1999 newsletter: “Fred says you need at least 2 days to see everything in his garden. There are just too many flowers to take in at one time. Even in one afternoon, one must walk around the yard several times, mentally dividing it into layers, or sections, so as not to miss anything. Believe it or not, there is a definite pattern to daylily placement. The newest acquisitions are started on the side of the house, then plants were moved to the bed that runs the length of the driveway. Eventually they get promoted to the back yard. It is like a treasure hunt, because

chances are what you saw here a year ago is now somewhere else!

Comments shared by CVIDS members at March 2009 meeting;

“Fred had an immaculate garden.

Fred and his flowers changed your life.

Many of our members got their start by touring “Fred’s”.

He knew how to mix in other flowers so that it truly was a garden.

Flowers pull you in, people make you stay.”

Fred answering an interview question: “Do you feel you have had any influence as a gardener?”

“It has been gratifying to me to share my knowledge, such as it is, with other people in this Region, as my many articles in the newsletter will attest. I have received letters of appreciation from readers of the Daylily Journal. My principal articles have been “Shall We Try to Establish a Hemerocallis Tradition?” June 1979; “Tried and True Tetraploid Daylilies” Summer 1981 and a survey of tets registered from 1973-1977 inclusive called “Growing the Proven Tetraploids Will Enhance Your Garden”. This was a 5-part article published starting in Spring 1984 through Summer 1985.”

Fred later published a series with Lynn Stoll in the Daylily Journal.



Alas, our time with Fred here on earth ends. Fred, thanks for the memories!