



Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society



August, 1993

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope by now whatever water problems you may have had this past month have subsided! While many Midwesterners have spent the summer struggling with a variety of disasters and inconveniences (and grumbling a lot), the daylilies, hosta, and Siberian iris clearly loved the rain. At least in our garden, we had the best daylily bloom ever, with exceptional bud count and branching and a very long bloom season. (Alas, the TBs were not happy at all this year!) We also have a bumper crop of weeds, gnats, and mosquitoes -- and, recently, seemingly hundreds of toads, which we hope are getting fat and happy on all the bugs!

Despite all the complications we had in holding the Region 1 daylily tour, our club put on a very successful and enjoyable tour that we can all be very proud of. Pat and Grace Stamile, who have attended many regional events all over the country, said that they had never been at a better one. They really enjoyed each of the four Saturday gardens that they saw; they felt that the gardens were outstanding in quality and variety, and offered many good cultivars to excite both the novice and serious collector. They also told us repeatedly how much they had liked the people they met and the spirit of the group as a whole. I thought that their garden judging session was very helpful -- and we were all awed by the slides of their future introductions, both Pat's large-flowered tets and Grace's tet minis.

I want to thank all of the CVIDS members who worked so hard to make the Region 1 tour a success. First of all, all of us are grateful to those who graciously agreed to have their gardens on tour: Joy Adams, Jerry and Lela Hadrava, Fred McDowell, Lynn and Barry Stoll, Gerald and Elenora Hobbs, and Gertrude Pheiffer. (This is a lot more work than anyone ever realizes unless they've done it!) Jerry and Lela Hadrava's The Blooming Hill provided the centerpieces for the banquet, which were subsequently awarded as door prizes. The Hadravas also acted as bus captains and helped with the auction. Gerald and Elenora Hobbs and Stolls' Walnut Hill Gardens donated enough daylilies for bus prizes that everyone on the tour received a free plant. Jackie Westhoff helped out as auction chairperson; Joy Adams clerked at the auction. Kay Hill, Renee Perkins, and Marilyn Little took care of the hospitality on Friday night. Fred McDowell's slide show on Friday night was a treat, as always, and set the mood for the Saturday and Sunday tours. Jeff and Linda Licht drove the two vans for the Sunday tour. Many members of the group also helped out by collecting door prizes from their local merchants, providing plants for the regional auction, and taking care of a lot of little details to help everything go smoothly. I would also like to thank Terry Powell of the University of Iowa Conference Center for her help with all the many details for the conference. (Terry also helped with the banquet menu, including recommending "that dessert you could die for"!) Finally, thanks to Dr. Richard Sjolund and the Department of Biological Sciences, who provided official sponsorship for our conference.

Lynn's knee is much improved, though she still can't go up and down stairs and is pretty wobbly on uneven ground (like our hill!). I thought she did a yeoman's job in conducting the business meeting the Saturday night of the tour, even though she was in extreme pain. She and I are looking forward to seeing you all again at our plant sale and potluck at Riverside Gardens in Monticello on Aug. 21. (See reverse for details and map.) As noted on the reverse, we'd appreciate any help in digging plants for the sale -- Lynn isn't going to be digging much of anything for awhile!

REMINDER: CVIDS ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE

Don't forget that our annual plant sale and potluck will be held Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Riverside Gardens, Monticello. This is our only fund-raising event. We hope all members will be able to contribute plants, help with digging and labeling, and/or help out at the sale itself. Please label all plants with name, color, and price, at a minimum. Choice items might also include year of introduction and list price. **Please bring your labeled iris, daylilies, and companion plants to the park at 9 AM so we can have everything nicely laid out by 11 AM.** Club plants from the mail auction will be distributed to the winning bidders before the public sale starts at 11. There will also be some club plants available which were not bid on in the auction; these will be priced at the "minimum suggested bid" in the auction, which is approximately half of the average price listed in the current edition of Eureka Hemerocallis. We will have our potluck after the initial rush (*we hope!*) of public sales subsides; last year this happened about 1:30.

Please price your plants; the members working at the sale may not be familiar with the varieties and may not know what they are worth. Iris and daylilies will be sold as bare-root plants and should be clearly marked with name and color. Older named varieties will be priced at \$3-\$5; "unknown yellow daylily" or "red seedling" for \$2. Newer varieties should be marked with hybridizer and year of introduction, if known, and priced appropriately. Companion plants should be potted, if possible, and labeled. These will ordinarily be priced at \$2-\$5.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the sale. The Stolls would also appreciate volunteers to help with labeling and digging of iris and daylilies on Aug. 18-20. They have a great many plants they would be happy to contribute to the sale, but only limited time to dig, divide, and label after they return from their vacation on Aug. 16. If you can help out with the sale or preparations, or have plants to contribute but can't bring them to the sale yourself, please contact the Stolls (946-3471).

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Cynthia Kermode, R. R. 1, Box 115A, Viola, IL 61486
Kenneth Messer, 1624 Morgan, Keokuk, IA 52632
Joanna and Darrell Hepker, 903 Sunrise Circle, Muscatine, IA 52761

We all look forward to getting to know you during future club activities!

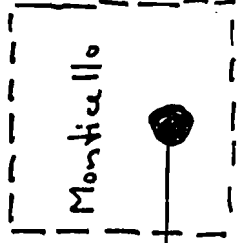
CLUB NEWS

At the Business Meeting of Region 1 of the American Hemerocallis Society held last month in Iowa City, Lela Hadrava was elected to a 2-year term as the Regional Vice President. Congratulations, Lela!

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Highway 151

To Cedar Rapids



3rd Riverside St. Gardens

1st St

Main

151

US 30

Mt. Vernon

Johnson

Iowa City

Maguoketa River

Cement Rd.

Purple house

Wagon Wheel Restaurant

2 Stone Pillars

Woods

Adams

MONTICELLO