

## **President Nancy's Message: August 2016**

“Gratitude should always be our first response for all the blessings in our lives. Our second response should be to live a life worthy of all of the blessings we have received.” Matthew Kelly

I have been grateful this past month for the great friends that CVIDS has provided me over the past few years. We had great weather for our member tour on July 9<sup>th</sup>, with fun, fellowship, gravel road circling and just spectacular gardens. Thanks for those who hosted and helped with the tour. It was just a picture perfect day.

It was an emotional week as well, while talking with Mary Moore and knowing how much that Verne wanted to be home and to be able to see his friends and to show off his garden. He got to be home and blessings to Keith and Sally Riewerts for taking Verne on his final tour of his garden. A dear friend and a Life that was well lived, Thank you Verne Moore for sharing your love of the earth and red daylilies with the friends you made in the past 26 years as a CVIDS charter member.

It is with great sadness that I must report that CVIDS charter member, Verne Moore passed away on July 12th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the Moore family. Cards and messages can be sent to Mary at 489 Hodgin Road, Springville, IA 52336. Verne's obituary can be accessed at the [www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org) website. The funeral service for Verne took place on July 18, 2016, at Springville United Methodist Church, Springville, and he was buried with military honors at the Wilcox Cemetery in Viola. Mary shared that she has really appreciated the cards, calls, and persons who attended.

## **Tribute from Jonathan Poulton**

The following tribute was written by Jonathan Poulton for Facebook, and is being reprinted here.

“I am sure that I am not alone in saying that I miss Verne greatly. He was a very special person to me, one of a kind. The day after his passing, I posted a tribute to him on our CVIDS' Facebook page.”

"As many of you already know, I got into daylily hybridization quite by chance while vacationing with my family in Door County, Wisconsin, in 2006. I was trying to navigate us to a beach on Lake Michigan but instead got us totally lost. However, as a result, we had the great fortune to pass by the home of daylily hybridizer Ron Mickelson, whose garden just beckoned us to stop and take a tour. Ron kindly showed us around and encouraged me to try my hand at hybridizing. “It’s easy,” he said. “Anyone can do it. Just cross pretty with pretty and see what you get!” He was right. Anyone can make a

cross in about 30 seconds flat, but choosing which parents to use in the breeding process requires lots more experience! Within about six weeks of returning from Wisconsin, I'd made several successful crosses and had lots of black, shiny seeds to show for my "hard work". But I didn't know how to germinate these beauties, so I resorted to the internet, only to find that CVIDS was holding its summer daylily sale on the following Saturday in Monticello. I arrived promptly at 9 AM and was greeted by many "hemaholics". The first club member that I dared ask for advice regarding daylily seed germination didn't hesitate, she just said, "Oh, you should talk to Verne Moore. He's that friendly gentleman over there." And that's how I met Verne and his wonderful wife Mary. "Pleased to help, Jonathan," he said. "This is how I do it". He didn't know me from Adam, yet during the next half hour he told me all his propagation secrets and then he introduced me to other CVIDS members. Well, that started for me a journey of daylily hybridization that is now in its tenth year. Along the way, Verne was very helpful and encouraging. He liked to be kept up to date on the seedlings that I felt were showing the most promise. "Have you got that true blue one yet?" he'd ask with a twinkle in his eye. Yesterday, I learned that Verne passed away in the afternoon. I already miss him greatly. No, Verne, I haven't been lucky enough to get that true blue one yet, but I'm having a lot of fun (and at times, lumbar pain) trying, and it's thanks to your kindness, humor, and expertise that I have come this far. This morning, I selected several blooms from my daylily seedlings and constructed a "path of daylilies". I would like to dedicate this path to Verne. Rest in peace, my friend."



## **AUGUST 20, 2016 CVIDS Fall Sale and Auctions, Potluck and Meeting**

Don't forget! Make sure August 20<sup>th</sup> is on your calendar! It is a jam packed day long event. Our 26<sup>th</sup> annual fall daylily and companion perennial sale, a meeting, a potluck and a live auction, and receiving the plants you won in the silent auction of our well cared for, returning Club plants of 2014 and older daylilies. We also have some iris rhizomes that the Schreiner company sent as bonus plants from our order to be sold at the live auction. The iris that were bid upon at May club plant distribution are here and will be disbursed to the winning bidder.

**Where:** at the Monticello Youth Center and outdoor PAVILLION, Jones County Fairground, 800 N. Maple Street, Monticello.

Set-up starts at **8 AM**, the public sale begins at 9 AM to 11:30. Lots of helpers are necessary for set-up and running the sale, assisting members of the public with their sales.

Bring your tagged, clean, priced cultivars and any companion perennials. The silent auction committee can always use a few more hands in the plant return categorizing held in the air conditioned Youth Center.

Please consider bringing something to share at the potluck lunch. Plan for lunch to be started after the end of the public sale and clean-up after 11:30. After the potluck lunch, brief business meeting, we will be auctioning returning club plants that haven't been snapped up by the Silent Auction bidders as well as the additional iris bonus plants that were received. I am looking for a **volunteer** to be the **auctioneer** for the live section of the auction day. Hope to see you there! Always lots of fun and camaraderie!

**Additional Iris Rhizomes were received as Bonus Plants.**

***These will be available at the Live Auction on Saturday, August 20.***

***Bet The Farm:*** TB Amoena 35 White & dark purple Schreiner 2015 M Fra \$50.00

***Care To Dance:*** TB Amoena 35 Cream rose Schreiner 2013 M \$28.00

***Flip:*** TB Bitone 40 Purple Schreiner 2016 Mla

***Great Falls:*** TB Reverse amoena 36 Blue Schreiner 2016 M \$60.00

***Purple Panache:*** TB Bitone 37 Purple Schreiner 2016 M \$50.00

***Rings True:*** TB Emma Cook 37 White & purple Schreiner 2016 M Bonus

***Table For Two:*** TB Bitone 36 Brown Schreiner 2016 VE Bonus

A Slideshow of the bonus rhizomes is available on the [www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org) website under the Bulletin Board section. They are gorgeous. Thanks to Zora Ronan, for obtaining lovely iris for our members.

**Iris Presentation at meeting:** Nancy Carlisle will be conducting a 15 minute presentation about dividing iris rhizomes, treating for iris borers, at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SWAP AND SEEK** Right now the 14 participants are sending to each other as e-mail attachments their "wish list" and "swap list". It is not too late to still be part of the swapping action. Check out the list on the Bulletin Board who is already involved and send them an email. Then the fun begins! Each person contacts the grower of any plants that they are interested in, and any negotiations, bargains, sales, etc., are totally between the two growers. Traders will bargain for any deals that are personally acceptable to them (e.g. 1 for 1 "even" trades, 2-3 older plants for one newer cultivar, 4 fans for 2 fans, clump for clump, etc). Likewise, they are making their own arrangements for transporting swapped plants (e.g. by private car, at the August sale in Monticello, via U.S. mail, etc). We hope that many more of you will be able to participate next year in another avenue of obtaining new cultivars to your gardens through this event. And those blooms in the following seasons will remind you of CVIDS friends and the wonderful camaraderie that we share through daylilies! I participated last year and Verne brought me a lovely plant that I have treasured even more since his passing.

**Silent Auction:** We are very grateful to Heather Harroun for running the Silent Auction again this year. As the bid sheet indicates, more than 45 club plants are returning to CVIDS after being in members' gardens for the past 2-3 years. **ALL MEMBERS** are now invited to make bids on any or all of these cultivars. Take a moment to peruse the bid sheet and see whether there are any that you'd like to have in your garden. ( Bid sheet is available at [www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org) under the bulletin board tab. Descriptions of the plant are also available under the Club Plants tab. Check out the AHS website database for pictures and other information) Then, place your bids on the sheet and return it to Heather by email, phone call or text before August 17th. Here are a few instructions that Heather has kindly provided.

1) Please mail your bids to: Heather Harroun 11723 – 238th St. W. Illinois City, IL 61259. You may also text them (or leave a voice mail) to 563-554-0028 or **preferred method** of emailing to [jhsharroun@outlook.com](mailto:jhsharroun@outlook.com). PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENDING OF HER E-MAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED! **No money** is to be sent at this time! You pay in Monticello at the silent bid table.

2) Make your bids in uneven dollar amounts. For example: \$22.47, not \$22.00.

3) The **minimum** bid is the amount listed.

4) Cultivars with ???? in the bid amount are plants that Heather does NOT know the status of. They may be coming, they may not be coming. You may bid on them if you wish but she may not know until the 20th if they are returning back. IT is a **responsibility** of the club member to let Heather know, and to get the plant to Monticello.

5) Any single fans will be awarded at ½ cost of the highest bid.

6) Do your homework! If there is a plant you really want (especially the more expensive ones), contact the person who grew it to get a report on its performance. This is the very reason we purchase these plants! It is to try them out in our gardens.

7) Bidders will be notified of their winning bid by **August 19th**. Winners must pick up and pay for their plants at the Monticello sale. If unable to do so personally, they should arrange for a proxy to collect and pay for their plants, letting Heather know this arrangement.

8) In case of ties in pricing bid, the earliest postmark or e-mail wins.

9) If more fans come back on August 20<sup>th</sup>, than were expected, the next highest bidder(s) will receive the plant.

**Kudos** for the Silent Auction Committee Team, Heather Harroun, Sara Hankemeier and Diane Derganz. Heather will be stepping out after this fall. We are looking for some additional volunteers to help learn the process.

### **October 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Washington County Conservation Center, Ainsworth:**

Lyle Moen is on the conservation board in Washington County and has secured us a wonderful meeting location for our annual hybridizers' roundup and meeting. Put it on your calendar. If you as a Hybridizer would be interested in participating in this fall's roundup, contact Jonathan Poulton by e-mail (jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu) or phone (319-354-1735; answering machine available) at their earliest convenience. I who will probably never create a new daylily, find it fascinating to see what others have created. Did you look at what Sue Kramer had in her garden during the tour?

### **Central Iowa Daylily Society**

CIDS is inviting us to help them celebrate their **30<sup>th</sup>** anniversary as a club. The group is holding the celebration on September 17, 2016 at the Marshalltown Community College.

The 30th anniversary speakers, Gennie and Francis Kleckner, are from Wisconsin and they will talk about their Hybridizing program and about the National Convention they will be hosting. You can find their garden information at

<http://www.workinprogressgardens.com> . Put CIDS annual Pollen Dabbers Symposium on your March 17-18, 2017 calendar. Barrie Mathes is one speaker, the other is yet to be determined.

### **Betty Miller Photo Contest**

Our annual Betty Miller Photo Contest was started in 2006 in honor of Past President and hybridizer Betty Miller. She had a passion for photographing daylilies and mentored several CVIDS members on how to take good photos. Her photos were featured in “Eureka” and daylily catalogs from 2001-2004.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest held in 2015 had the following categories: (1) Large flowers, (2) Doubles, (3) Unusual forms and spiders, (4) Clumps, (5) Landscapes (photo must include daylilies or irises), (6) Hybridizers’2015 seedlings, and (7) Novelties. (e.g., garden sculptures, birdhouses, animals, etc. but the photo must include daylilies or irises). First place winners in each category received \$25, and the Grand Prize winner received \$50. Names of winners as well as their daylily photos are posted on the website and recorded in the Newsletter. Expect similar rules this year. Get out those beautiful photos and start submitting. Send a printed 4x6 photo with no enhancements to Sylvia Seymour at 1722 W 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, IA 52806. Sylvia Seymour and Mary Jo Duffy have volunteered to help with this project, but they need more volunteers. Please let President Nancy know about your willingness to help.

**Elections: Upcoming in November 2016.** Please become involved in an active role in this Society. Openings for President, Secretary and Newsletter Editor are available. Contact the election Committee of Jonathan Poulton and Nancy Carlisle with your leadership involvement.

**National American Hemerocallis News:** Region ONE of the AHS has a new Officer: Congratulations to our own Zora Ronan, who will be the Region President for the next 2 years. She helped lead CVIDS members well during her term of president. I have confidence in her same leadership ability for the five states of Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and the province of Manitoba. (AKA Region One of AHS) The website has taken on a new look under Jonathan Poulton’s creativeness. Check it out at <http://www.ahsregion1.org>.

Kudos go to **Gerald Hobbs** for receiving a national award. His was for a well written article that was published in Region One’s Daylily Pioneer. You can find his article in our February 2015 CVIDS newsletter Archives. **Jonathan Poulton** received a “Best Scientific Article” national award for his article in the Daylily Pioneer (Spring/Summer 2015) on “Inching closer to understanding daylily spring sickness?”.