

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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From the President

We learned on May 18th that Gerald Hobbs was in Hospice Care. He passed away later that afternoon. Gerald was a Charter Member of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society and we will miss him. Gerald had a sense of humor and a wealth of knowledge about daylilies and their care and cultivation.

Lyle and I met Gerald and Elenora in July 1991 when we went to Hobbs' Hilltop Gardens. I ordered daylilies and a hosta that are still in my garden today. I also purchased 13 seedlings from Gerald. When we joined CVIDS in 2011, I re-introduced myself to Gerald and told him I still had the 13 seedlings. Gerald said, "Throw those away. I have lots better daylilies than those." Well, I still have a couple of the seedlings because I like them. I didn't toss the others out. As Gerald would have done, I passed them on to a friend that could enjoy them.

The club will be sending a memorial gift in Gerald's name to the American Daylily Society. We give our sincere condolences to member Steve Hobbs and to all members of the Gerald Hobbs Family.

Nancy Rash
President



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Nancy Rash, Newsletter Editor

Calendar

Open Garden: Tom & Linda Jones

Saturday July 13, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday July 14, Noon to 4:00 PM

14218-90th Ave., Burlington, IA 52601

319-752-2293 (Tom) 319-750-1600 (Linda)

Directions: Coming from the west into Burlington. Hwy 218 south to Mt. Pleasant. ** Take Hwy 34 East to Burlington. Take last Iowa exit (Main Street) Go North (right) as Main becomes Des Moines Co. Hwy X99. You will see Casey's on left and Case (CNH) on the right. Continue on X99 out of town approx. 2 miles. Turn left on Y-Camp Road, which is immediately after you cross the 2nd (and much smaller) bridge. You are now on gravel for 2 miles. Stay on the main road (don't take the left turn) and after taking a wide right you will now be on 90th Ave. Follow the road through some curves and up a steep hill. We are the first house on the Right after the hill. (There will be 5 houses on the left (west) before ours.) Coming from the North down Hwy 61. Take Hwy 61 to the intersection of Hwy 34, Take 34 East and proceed as above**

IF YOU ARE USING GPS IT WILL DIRECT YOU ON QUITE A BIT OF GRAVEL ROAD AND TO A CLOSED MUD ROAD!!

August 24, Monticello Fairgrounds:

Fall Plant Sale:

Club Plant Return and Club Meeting. Details are posted on the website. Diane Derganz will be in contact with members for club plant evaluations and return. Chairpersons: Jo Lynn Johnson, Kathy Ockenfels, Luella Johnson.

Member Survey

Thank you to the members completing the questions concerning the website, newsletter and photo directory. This will guide us as we continue to keep the membership informed. Please contact Jonathan or Nancy if you want more information about the results. With the retirement of Webmaster Jonathan, we felt it was important to have solid information to guide the next webmaster. Please contact President Nancy Rash or Webmaster Jonathan Poulton if you are interested in being the next CVIDS Webmaster.

NEW MEMBERS

We have three new members that joined on May 11 at the Spring Plant Sale in Muscatine.

Please welcome:

Deb Howard, Ada Whitworth, Karl Thielmann

All three are from Muscatine, IA.

The 12 Disciples of Daylilies:



Attending the beautiful service for Gerald Hobbs were the 12 Disciples of Daylilies: Nancy, Jonathan, Lynn, Sylvia, Carolyn, Ellen, Keith, Sally, Diane, Pat, Pete, and Lyle. Not available for photo, Barry. Following the service the group gathered at Fort Colony Restaurant in Fort Madison for further reminiscing and socializing as shown above.

May 11, 2019 Plant Sale: Muscatine



Cool, damp, wet, cloudy weather didn't diminish sales at the Annual CVIDS Plant Sale in Muscatine as Suzanne made



fantastic deals to clear the tables by 12:00 pm,
Hurray for Suzanne !!!

<<<< 39 Anyone ?

Happy Birthdays
Lynn & Jill



BEER GARDEN vs DEER GARDEN:

Have you ever felt like turning your Deer Garden into a Beer Garden and just let the Deer go wild ?

Tactical Evasion:

1. Choose deer resistant garden plants
2. Put up the right kind of garden deer fence
3. Use deer repellents ~ religiously
4. Deter deer by scaring them

MAY HAPPENINGS

May was a busy month for CVIDS members with the annual plant sale in Muscatine and the annual club plant distribution at West Liberty. In spite of all the rain before the sale, members came with wonderful daylilies and perennials from their gardens. We had some wonderful ideas for plant labels that can be noted for future sales. Thank you to all members that contributed by bringing plants and purchasing plants. Special thanks to Keith, Deb and Heather for chairing the event and coordinating with the Muscatine Garden Club and Muscatine County Master Gardeners. The trio of Jo Lynn, Luella and Kathy handled the finances.

The annual club plant distribution preparation begins with consideration of daylilies and hybridizers followed by the purchase and delivery “just in time”. Barb and Bob Papenhausen selected daylilies appropriate for our Iowa weather. The presentation in April by Keith and Diane will help each member care for their daylily properly and return the increase to benefit the club. Keith prepared the PowerPoint presentation and was the master of ceremonies for the day. Bob makes sure everyone eligible is called to select a daylily. Keith also made sure we all received the daylilies won in the raffle or purchased from the hybridizer at the Fall Banquet.

We are in the second year of providing iris for auction at the Club Plant Distribution. Thank you to Diann and LeAnn for making the selection, potting the iris and preparing the PowerPoint presentation. Be sure to watch the website for news of iris available at the April 24th meeting in Monticello. We appreciate having iris for our members.

Note the photo of members that came on May 17 to prepare the room and plants for the event on the 18th. Thank you for their hard work. The tables and chairs are cleaned and set.

MAY HAPPENINGS continued

Plants are unpacked, arranged and kept moist for the next day. There are so many “behind the scenes” tasks to make our club plant distribution day happen so I would like to thank and recognize some of those individuals. Joyce Parsons knows every member as she makes notes of attendance and contributions to qualifying for a club plant. Susie records the date dues are paid and keeps the membership list up-to-date and accurate. Jonathan as webmaster posts all of the updates and events and activities on the web so the rest of us can just click to see the lists and dates, plant photos, etc.. I think Keith and Jonathan make a road trip to be sure the latest photos of daylilies are posted on the website prior to the distribution day.

Heather prepares the spreadsheets for the auction and plant distribution and with Shelly the two ladies keep track of each daylily and iris that is selected by a member or purchased in the auction. Nancy Carlisle ordered and labeled the Kincaid Plant Markers that have been given annually to members with their club plant. She also secures the floral hall for the plant distribution. We appreciate the food, coffee and juice so a thank you to Karmin Mullins and her committee and to members that contribute to the breakfast. We give another thanks to Sylvia for being the hospitality chair. A huge thanks to all the members that came and participated in the club plant distribution day. We want and need all members to participate and to take on a leadership role. Please ask about the possibilities and join other members in the work and fun to make our club events and activities successful. Many members take on roles in the club and do the job without most of us knowing how it all gets done. Thank you for all that is done for the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society.

Q: What's worse than raining buckets?

A: Hailing taxis!

Q: How can you wrap a cloud?

A: With a rainbow.

COVIDS PLANT DISTRIBUTION 5/18/19



5/17/19: **Setup Crew:** L-R Front Row: Nancy, Bob, Barb, Sally
Back Row: Sue, Heather, Sherry, Lynn, Dave, Keith



West Liberty: "Storm Spotter": "It's Raining" !!!



Robert selecting Bid Paddle: Have Roots Will GROW !



"Business Boyz" Keith, Pete, Bob



The Food table was popular attraction to the 52 in attendance

"SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED"



"Triple Threat" Heather, Shelly, JoLynn "Don't Mess w/US"



"Vision of Things to Come" By Keith & Nancy



Levi & LeAnn distribute plants to "will-be-planters"

In Memoriam Gerald Hobbs 1928 - 2019



- GERALD HOBBS**
COVIDS Charter Member
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| Articulate | Neat |
| Benefactor | Objective |
| Caring | Passionate |
| Devoted | Quite (sp) |
| Exceptional | Respected |
| Friend | Special |
| Gracious | Trusted |
| Humorous | Unifier |
| Innovative | Valiant |
| Jolly | Welcoming |
| Kind | Xany |
| Loving | Youthful |
| Moral | Zeal |

