

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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MISSION OF CVIDS

“Founded in 1990, CVIDS is a scientific, educational, and social organization whose mission is to promote the genera *Hemerocallis* (daylily) and *Iris*. Its purpose is to educate our members and the general public about all aspects of growing daylilies and irises in eastern Iowa and surrounding regions. To further these goals, this organization provides lectures, garden tours, plant sales, and fellowship among its members and with members of other groups with similar goals.”

Quick view of upcoming in 2023:

****April 8 = CVIDS Club Meeting** at the Bettendorf Public Library, 2950 Learning Campus Drive, Bettendorf - Voting on proposed changes to Bylaws and slides of the May Club Distribution plants; **Starts 12PM Potluck, 1PM Meeting**

****May 6 = Spring Plant Sale** at the Discovery Park Large Pavilion, 3300 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA .The sale is hosted by CVIDS, the Muscatine Garden Club, the Muscatine County Master Gardeners, and the Stampeding Clovers 4-H Club. Registered iris, daylilies, annuals, perennials, houseplants, and yummy baked goods! **Starts 9-11:30 AM**

****May 20 = Club Plant Distribution** **Starts 8:30 AM Setup, 9AM Breakfast potluck, 9:30AMish First ball pulled**

****June 10 = CVIDS Club Meeting** at TBD to discuss the Region One meeting. **Start TBD**

DUES ARE STILL DUE

**CVIDS Dues are \$10 per person
for a one-year membership.**

Please send your check to: Jackie Westhoff, 6161 32nd Avenue, Shellsburg, IA 52332.

From the By-Laws: “Membership dues are for a calendar year and will fall due on January 1. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1.”

ADS Region One Summer Meeting

****July 14-16 Daylilies: The Pearl of the Region One** at The Merrill Hotel, Muscatine, IA

****August 26 = Club Plant Return, Iris Sale, and Auction** at the Monticello ISU Extension Expo Center. **Starts 9-11AM with public plant sale; 11:15AM Potluck, followed by 12PM Auction**

****October 14 = CVIDS Annual Hybridizer’s Roundup** at the Washington Public Library, 115 W Washington St, Washington **Starts 12PM Potluck, 1PM show**

****November 11 = Annual CVIDS Fall Banquet** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville **Starts 11AM with social hour**

If you have any ideas for a presentation, please contact Darrin Lett and Heather Harroun.

Inside This Issue - Old and New Stuff
Shelly Lett, Newsletter Editor
(Serious and Fun)



March 11 Meeting highlights

A little swicharoo and the meeting was rescheduled to meet at the Johnson County Extension Office. No worries, things come up and we can all be flexible.

The meeting was conducted by Heather Harroun. There was a presentation from the American Iris Society, by Bonnie Nichols, was the program. And Region One updates by Keith and Nancy.

If you would like to learn more about horns, spoons and flounces on iris, see the article from Schreiner's Iris Gardens. These have been around for quite some time.

<https://schreinersirisgardens.wordpress.com/2013/11/27/horns-spoons-and-flounces-say-what/>



Art of Gardening

Muscatine Community College's Community Education Department together with the Muscatine Master Gardeners held its annual Art of Gardening Seminars yesterday (March 18). CVIDS members Wanda Lunn and Keith Riewerts gave fine presentations on "Beautiful Peonies for Every Garden" and "20/20 Vision for Daylilies in 2023", respectively.

Welcome new members Linda Kern and Holly Katko.

Val Moeller, Rachel Moeller and Nancy Carlisle manned the CVIDS welcome booth.



CVIDS Founder Member Marilyn Little passed away on March 15, at the age of 92. Marilyn and her late husband Bob, were founder members of CVIDS.

August 2022 Recap by Diane Derganz

Dear CVIDS members, The following is a review of the daylilies issued to eligible members in 2019 that were grown by members for the past three years. They were evaluated and put up for silent and live auction on Aug.27, 2022 in Monticello. Normally we grew these plants for two years, however, because of the pandemic we went to a three year schedule for a few years. We will stay on this schedule for one more year with the 2020 issued plants coming back August of 2023.

Since we did not buy plants in 2021, we will get back on the two year time table with the 2022 plants coming up for auction in August 2024. Confused? Not to worry, we'll get through this.

We had a total of 51 cultivars which produced 120 double fan divisions. Thirty club members submitted 113 bids on 38 cultivars with the average winning price per plant of \$34.58. Total income received from the silent auction was \$2,247.66.

A few other facts about our silent auction are as follows: Irish Royalty (grown by Gary Oster) had the most bids with ten: Blackbird's Song (Scott Feddern) and Chief Justice (Myrna Hass/Heather Harroun) each had nine bids.

The most paid for a cultivar was \$71.89 by Karmin Mullins for Hidden in My Heart (Lynn Moffit) and the least paid was \$12.35 by Sue Kramer for Arrowhead Princess (Myrna Hass/Heather Harroun). We had one member submit 30 bids (way to go Lyn Hafner) with Karmin Mullins and Dave & Sue Kramer submitted 8 bids each. Diane Pavelka and Tom & Linda Jones bid on 7 plants.

We had 55 plants remaining without bids which were then sold in the live auction. Total income from those plants was \$1355.00 . Iris sales totaled \$139.00 and our public sale netted \$886. Our total for the day was \$4627.99 .

There were 27 club plants from 2019 that were basically lost due to the plant dying, a member was deceased or those persons were no longer in the club. Our committee was happy with the condition of all our plants coming back. They were very nicely prepared and healthy looking doubles. We would ask that the name tag be attached to the plant, that the plants be dry, rather than wet, and they be bareroot, not potted.

Also, the evaluations continue to be improving and more detailed which makes for a better report. Some members submitted their own photos which were used when possible. The one thing we would like to ask is that more members consider participating in this most important club project each year. There is a lot of work involved in the various parts to the club plant program.

Second comes the plant distribution which consists of getting the plants to Iowa and hopefully in a timely manner and in good shape. Setting up the tables for the plants and getting people to help set them out for review before the actual lottery which is the next step. Then comes the lottery for eligible members. This is followed by a live auction of those extra plants not chosen in the lottery.

Third is the actual growing of the plants in our gardens for two years, taking good care of the plant and seeing to it's every need. This is also the time to make notes on it's characteristics so that you can make a complete evaluation when required.

Fourth is the compiling of each growers evaluations, putting together pictures, bid minimums and then submitting all that information to every club member for review so that they have the opportunity to participate in the silent auction each August. When all the silent auction bids are in, the winners are notified .

August 2022 Recap continued...

This past year of the 97 members of CVIDS, the total number bidding was 30 members . This means that only 31 percent of our entire club participated in the final phase of this club plant program. That is something we hope to improve on in years to come.

In conclusion, we'd like to thank every person who grew, evaluated and returned their club plants; members who bid and purchased those plants and those who provided and bought plants in the live auction and public sale. We could not have had such a successful day without every person who helped with all the different jobs associated with each aspect of all the sales.

Thank you so much! We have such a wonderful group of people!

Sincerely, Diane Derganz, Silent Auction chairperson

Committee members: Sara Hankemeier, Heather Harroun, Pete & Pat Connolly with assistance from Dick Palmer, Rex Raub and Deb Bentley.



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Hidden in My Heart (Emerich 2017)



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