

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.”

CVIDS Meetings 2024:

****October 12 = CVIDS Annual Hybridizer’s Roundup**
- TBD

****November 9 = Annual CVIDS Fall Banquet** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville

****Details subject to change and to be updated, as received.**

DUES ARE 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.”

Lots of News

Nancy Rash: Fall Banquet Reminders

Heather Harroun: Letter from CVIDS
President

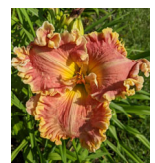
Sherry Moffit: Betty Miller Contest Info

Diane Derganz: August Plant Return

Nancy Carlisle: Publicity Director for
Region One

Lyle Moen: Lots and lots of photos

Shelly Lett, Newsletter Editor
(Serious and Fun)



Fall Banquet

At the meeting in Monticello yesterday, Nancy Rash invited the membership to the CVIDS Fall Banquet, November 9, 2024, and announced the speaker will be Curt Hanson of Crintonic Gardens, Gates Mills, OH. The program will show primarily images of seedlings and his goals. Curt may try to include a few new images of this season, but may not have the time. Curt stated the “season comes to an end and now the real work begins of culling and replanting till the snow flies”. Curt calls the program, “Self Imposed Paradise. Creating a spiritual comfort zone in an ever more dystopian world.”

Curt Hanson comes highly recommended and lots of heads were nodding in positive approval when the announcement was made. Crintonic Gardens is located east of Iowa City in Ohio and the location certainly makes his plants desirable for our Iowa growing conditions. Please mark your calendar for November 9, 2024. Registration for the Fall Banquet will begin at the October 12, 2024 CVIDS Meeting held at the Public Library in Washington, Iowa. The banquet meal is provided at no cost to paid-up members (i.e. dues paid by April 1 of that year). Guests are also welcome but are asked to pay for their meal. Reservations are required.

The CVIDS Fall Banquet is a celebration of our year. Come to socialize, meet Curt and view and vote for your favorite photo in the Photo Contest. A brief business meeting is held at which club officers are elected. Note that Cari will have completed two terms (2 year term limit) for CVIDS Secretary after the November meeting and we will need a new volunteer starting January 2025. Thank you Cari for serving as our faithful secretary.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the November 9, 2024, CVIDS Fall Banquet. Please attend the October 12, 2024 meeting in Washington to hear more details for the day.

Nancy Rash & Lyle Moen
Sherry and Lynn Moffit
Co-Chairs for the 2024 CVIDS Fall Banquet

From the President

It is hard to believe September is upon us! While I would sometimes like to meet in September, I think most of us need the month to get new plants in the ground, divide old ones, and get the garden ready for winter.

I wanted to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the club plant return and public sale in Monticello. CVIDS folks are always ready to pitch in and do whatever is needed. Well done, everyone!

Coming up in October is the Annual Hybridizer's Roundup. For those not familiar with this it began, I believe, in 2011. With Jonathan Poulton's leadership, encouragement, and guidance, it became an annual event. It showcases CVIDS' own hybridizers latest efforts to advance the world of daylilies and hone their skills. I encourage you to participate even if you are just beginning to hybridize and are not sure what you are doing. We are all still learning no matter how long we have been hybridizing. Colleen Hansen will be coordinating the roundup and will be sending out more information in September.

Now is the time to start looking through your photos from this year for the photo contest that will take place at the November banquet. More details to come.

Lastly, please consider serving the club as secretary (2025-26) or vice president (2025 followed by president 2026).

Have a great month and I hope to see you on October 12th at the Washington, IA. Public Library 115 W. Washington St.

Meeting set-up at 11:00.

Early social time 11:30.

Potluck Noon. Meeting begins 12:30.

Have a great September. If you have any questions feel free to call or text me at 563-554-0028 or email jhsharroun@outlook.com.

Heather Harroun

President CVIDS 2024

2024 Betty Miller Photo Contest

Entries for the annual photo contest named in honor of our past president and Hybridizer Betty Miller must be received by Sherry Moffit by November 1st.

Categories:

Large Flower, any daylily that is not a double, unusual form or spider

Doubles

Unusual forms or spiders

Hybridizer's 2024 seedling

Any red daylily in honor of Verne Moore

Large ruffles in honor of Gerald Hobbs

Iris

Clumps of daylilies or iris (two or more flowers)

Landscape must include daylilies or iris

Novelty (e.g. garden sculptures, birdhouses, animals, etc, but the photo must include daylilies or iris.

Photo Contest Rules:

Two entries per category per person

Flower name and category identified on back of photo along with photographer's name.

4" x 6" photo prints only. No jpegs.

No additional enhancements, borders, or backgrounds added to the photo. You may crop.

Submit entries to Sherry Moffit, P O Box 273, North English, IA 52316 by November 1st. Photos may be brought to the October meeting.

Members will judge photos by popular ballot at the November Banquet.

Members will vote to select the Grand Prize winner.

Prizes:

First Place, each category \$15.00

Second Place, each category \$10.00

Grand Prize \$50.00



Dear CVIDS members,

August 27, 2024

We had a beautiful day for our annual outing to Monticello on August 24th where we hosted a public plant sale as well as our silent and live auctions.

I usually include some other facts from that day that are interesting. We had 37 members in attendance with the majority pitching in wherever help was needed. Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds we found that only two picnic tables were in the shelter which we rent from the city. Our members then carried tables from the Expo center and set them up in the shelter. This was unusual as in past years the shelter was full of tables. Being well prepared, our president, Heather Harroun, brought colored tablecloths to not only separate different colors of daylilies, but which also prevented any dirt from soiling the Expo Center's tables.

We had fewer numbers in most categories of cultivars coming back, number of plants and bids received, and fewer members bidding. Our total silent auction sales were \$1835.88 and that averaged \$41.72 per plant sold. About 45 percent of our entire membership participated in some way on Saturday.

The highest price paid in the silent auction was \$123.89 from Karmin Mullins for "Blueberry Pie in the Sky" (Jo Palmer). Karmin also made the second highest bid of \$118.27 for "Halloween Scream" (Becky Whitaker). Heather Harroun was able to get the last of five doubles of "Points for Distinction" (Darrin Lett) for our lowest price of \$14.03.

The daylily receiving the most bids with ten was "Mama Goose" (Barb McCreight). The next closest was "Calling All Hearts" (Bruce Whitaker) with six bids.

Daylilies that didn't get sold in the silent auction were sold after lunch in the live auction. There were 27 doubles sold totaling \$1215 which averaged \$45 each. The highest price paid was \$210 for "Barb's Brightest Star" (Papenhausen/Harroun) a 2022 introduction.

We had 20 iris sold in the live auction for \$415 which averages out to \$20.75. The actual retail price for these iris was \$700 or \$35 each. Our iris expert, Diann Pavelka, was able to buy the lot for \$200 which saved money for both the club and the buyers. (Thank you, Diann) All but two of the bearded iris were the latest 2024 introductions, the others from 2023. There were some very beautiful and unusual iris in this group. I think everyone who purchased these plants will be pleased next year when they bloom.

In conclusion, I want to thank all who helped that day which is basically everyone who came! We had a beautiful, fun day with a couple hiccups but nothing we couldn't solve. Our potluck was bountiful so no one should have gone home on an empty stomach. Many members outdid themselves and emptied their pocketbooks or checking accounts to benefit our wonderful club.

It's just amazing that two beautiful flowers could bring so many people together to become such great friends. I think of all the people I would have never met had I not become a member of CVIDS. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Derganz, Silent Auction Chairperson.

Committee members assisting – Sara Hankemeier, Judy & Rex Raub and Dick Palmer.

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society is a paid member of the National organization of the American Daylily Society (ADS) (previously known as the American Hemerocallis Society) (AHS). As an individual you may pay annual dues of \$30 to the national organization ADS. Once you do so, you automatically become a member of the Region. Our Region is a section of the nation called Region One. We have a unique distinction of being the locale that the national organization, ADS began in 1946 with a gathering of aficionados in Shenandoah, Iowa. The Region One of the American Daylily Society (ADS), comprises Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and the Canadian province of Manitoba. The regional website is www.ahsregion1.org The website has links to policies, past Daylily Pioneer issues, history, upcoming meetings and more.

I have excerpted some pieces from the Region One bylaws as available on the website.

“All members of the American Hemerocallis Society, Inc. (“AHS”) that reside in the state(s), or province(s) of Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota who are in good standing **automatically** become members of the Region by virtue of having paid dues to the AHS. There are no Region dues. The Daylily Pioneer is published 2 times a year, Spring and Fall. The fall issue is sent by email, the spring issue is mailed to ADS members.

The 2024-2025 officers of the Region are as follows:

Regional President (“RP”): Lisa Schmidt from North Dakota

Regional Publicity Director (“RPD”): Nancy Carlisle from Iowa

Treasurer: Karol Emmerich from Minnesota

Secretary: Nancy Rash from Iowa

The Regional President is the chief executive officer of the Region. The Region shall have a three (3) person Board of Directors. The Region’s Board of Directors shall include the RP, the RPD and the Treasurer.”

The Region has a facebook page called **AHS Region 1** where information is shared. One of my primary tasks is to share information about happenings in the Region both locally and nationally as a moderator of the facebook group. Another task is writing articles for the Daylily Pioneer issues on ways to promote daylilies. The upcoming issue will feature entering into local garden shows and county fairs. I will include that article in a future CVIDS newsletter. It will be a privilege to represent CVIDS, and other groups across our Region as a board member for Region One. Thank you Lisa Schmidt for asking me to serve.

Nancy Carlisle, Region One Publicity Director

August 2024 Plant Sale







August 2024 Plant Return and Auction



