

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a terrific way to end the year. *'Hybridizers' Round-Up* was so much fun. We certainly have a talented group of hybridizers. Thank you for sharing photos of your daylily creations. I heard more than a few comments that this was the best meeting of the year.

The banquet and photo contest broke all records for attendance and great fun. A thank you goes to Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen for organizing a terrific banquet. Another thank you to Sylvia Seymour for organizing and tabulating the photo contest. We seem to get more entries each year and making a selection gets more difficult. And the biggest thank you goes to Keith Riewerts for arranging for Jamie Gossard to come as a featured speaker. This is the first time since I have been a member that we have sponsored a speaker. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I think we learned a lot about what it takes to be a world-class hybridizer.

A short survey at the October meeting was circulated to see how the members felt about some ideas that had come our way. If the board did not respond to members' ideas and inquiries, we would be chastised for being unresponsive and rightly so. That's what the survey was about: responding to member ideas and asking the members' opinions.

Thirty-seven surveys were returned. Nothing will change for the foreseeable future.

- On the subject of new nametags: 2 did not care, 1 didn't answer, 13 said 'yes' and 21 said 'no'.
- On the subject of moving the silent auction: 1 did not care, 13 voted to move to May; 23 voted to keep the auction in August.

New board officers were elected at the November banquet. We still are looking for a secretary for a 1-year term. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Carlisle or Donna Denley.

At the April 2013 meeting, the club voted to keep 'Iris' in the club name. We need someone to be an **Iris Advocate** and bring some iris related event or programming into the club. Please contact me if you are interested in taking on this position.

Committee Chairs and Helpers -- Sign-up sheets for committee chairs and helpers will be at the January, February, and March meetings. If you will not be there and want to participate, please let me know. We need helpers for all the planned events. We need members to staff a table at the Winter Gardening Fair at Kirkwood and The Art Of Gardening at Muscatine. We will provide lunch tickets for these two events. Both events have been valuable in getting out information about the club and about the plant sales.

MINUTES FROM NOV. 23 BOARD MEETING

The fall Board Meeting was held in Cedar Rapids. Members in attendance: Jonathan Poulton, Nancy Carlisle, Heather Harroun, Myrna Hass, Lynn Stoll, Lynn Kroemer, Karmin Mullins, Zora Ronan, and Sherry Baldonado. Guests in attendance: Debbie Hansen, Loren Hass, and Randy Kroemer.

Board members were reminded to write up their respective job descriptions. JDs are due by March meeting.

The secretary board position is still open. We will continue to seek a permanent secretary. Until that happens, the president will send out the NL and communication e-mails. Eight members currently receive communication via snail mail. (Donna Denly updated the list to remove Susan Minger and add Melvin Burgess and Suzanne & Robert Moffit.)

The plant sales were discussed. Revenue for both sales was below projections. The May sale location is a problem because of parking problems. The board will pursue a possible new location for 2015 unless something good comes available for 2014. The August sale lacked its usual number of customers. Jonathan Poulton suggested that we need more and better publicity. Heather Harroun suggested using Face Book or other social media. Finding a possible new location for the May sale and developing a publicity plan will be projects for the next year.

Nancy Carlisle will ask Nathan Kirkman if he will update the promotional flier. We need to have it available for the Winter Gardening Fair in February.

Members who remained unpaid for 2013 were removed from the membership list. Five names were removed, leaving 117 members.

Programming for the five club meetings was discussed at length. It was agreed to continue the 45-minute main program and a '15 Minutes' short program. Programming co-chairs Lynn Kroemer and Karmin Mullins will follow (Cont'd. on p. 3)

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BAD WEATHER POLICY

We always worry about traveling in bad weather. No meeting is worth attending if our safety is at risk. If a major storm is forecast, one big enough that events are cancelling in advance, consider our meeting cancelled. Sometimes a storm is localized and the meeting may be held with those who can make it. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. Either way, we will post the cancellation notice on the web site along with sending an e-mail. If in doubt, don't set out before checking the web site or your email. For those folks who do not have e-mail, someone will telephone with the information.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12 CVIDS MEETING AT NORTH LIBERTY LIBRARY

Donna Denly, Secretary

After the social hour and potluck from noon to 1:00 pm, the meeting was opened at 1:05 by President Zora Ronan, who recognized visitors (Jo Lynn Johnson, Joe Duffy, and Mary Jo Duffy).

Minutes were approved from our April Meeting, and a Treasurer's report was given. Nancy Rash gave an update on the upcoming banquet on November 2. Sylvia Seymour gave an update on the Betty Miller Photo contest and deadline. Nancy Carlisle gave a list of the nominees for the new officer positions in 2014. A survey was passed out to be handed back in with some topics for later discussion.

It was agreed upon by the members in attendance that the Club will join the American Iris Society, since we have iris included in our name. The business meeting was adjourned at 1:30 with Dave Appelquist and Gary Oster making the motions.

Jonathan Poulton gave a very informative 15-min presentation on proliferations. He had plants for anyone who wanted one.

The main program was a series of talks by 6 of the club's hybridizers. Lynn Stoll, Barb Papenhausen, Gerald Hobbs, Dave Appelquist, Doug Jones, and Jonathan Poulton all showed images of some of their best seedlings from the 2013 bloom season. These images can be seen on the CVIDS website under Club Documents/Archives 2013/Hybridizers' Roundup. A list of members attending this meeting can also found on the website.

Door prizes were donated by Jackie Westhoff and awarded to several individuals.

NAME BADGES – By now everyone should have their own name badges. Keep yours in the glove compartment of your car, and it will always come with you to the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

CVIDS has traditionally met on the 2nd Saturday of the month. CIDS meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

JANUARY 11

CVIDS MEETING (noon to 3:30 pm)
Coralville Public Library

FEBRUARY 8

CVIDS MEETING (noon to 3:30 pm)
North Liberty Public Library

FEBRUARY 15

WINTER GARDENING FAIR (8 am to 4 pm)
Kirkwood Comm. College, Cedar Rapids

MARCH 8

CVIDS MEETING (noon to 3:30 pm)
Washington Public Library

MARCH 14-15

CIDS POLLEN DABBERS
Marshalltown, IA Community College
Speakers: Kathleen & Mike Grossman, Patti Waterman

MARCH 15

THE ART OF GARDENING (8 am to 4 pm)
Muscatine, IA Community College

APRIL 12

CVIDS MEETING (noon to 3:30 pm)
Environmental Learning Center, Muscatine

MAY 10

SPRING PLANT SALE (9 am to noon)
North Liberty

MAY 24

CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION & AUCTION (9:30 am to 3:30 pm)
West Liberty (Muscatine County Fairgrounds)

JUNE 25-28

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION (Asheville, NC)

JULY – CLUB GARDEN TOUR AND LUNCH

(Location TBD)

JULY 11-13

AHS REGION 1 REGIONAL MEETING
(Sioux City, IA)

AUGUST 23

FALL PLANT SALE (9 am to noon), **POT LUCK LUNCH & SILENT AUCTION** (noon to 3:30 pm)
Riverside Gardens, Monticello

OCTOBER 11

CVIDS MEETING (Hybridizers' Roundup)
Coralville Public Library (noon to 3:30 pm)

NOVEMBER 8

CVIDS BANQUET & BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST

11 am to 3:30 pm; Location TBA

CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION

Club Plants – Activities in 2013 will count for the club plants distributed in 2014. The last qualifier for 2014 club plants is payment of dues by April 1, 2014. The list of members who have qualified for a 2014 club plant (assuming they pay dues by April 1, 2014) can be found at the end of this newsletter. If you do not see your name and you think you should have qualified, please contact me as soon as possible. It will not be possible to make corrections the day of the plant distribution.

January starts a new year, and we will begin accruing activities toward earning a club plant for distribution in 2015. Here is a recap of the rules on earning club plants:

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION:

A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. Each year, CVIDS will use a portion of its funds to buy some choice daylilies that will be distributed in the spring to eligible members to grow in their garden for two years.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible to receive a club plant for the current year, a member must have:

- Paid membership dues for both the current and previous years (paid by April 1 of each year).
- Contributed to the club's activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) by undertaking any two of the following:
 - (1) Attended two club meetings (includes garden tour but not the banquet)
 - (2) Served as a CVIDS Board member
 - (3) Chaired or co-chaired a committee
 - (4) Donated plants to a club sale
 - (5) Assisted at the CVIDS plant sales or auctions
 - (6) Presented a club program
 - (7) Hosted a CVIDS garden tour
 - (8) Written an article for the newsletter
 - (9) Bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants
 - (10) Performed any other activity that contributes to the success of the club.

Additional information on club plants can be found in the Members' Handbook at www.cvids.org.

AGENDA FOR JAN. 11 MEETING (Coralville Library)

- Noon – 1:00 Pot-Luck lunch and social hour
- Program – 1:00 – **Barb Papenhausen:** The 2012 Region 10 Regional Meeting, (Brown's Ferry Gardens [Charles & Heidi Douglas], Slightly Different Nursery [Paul Owen], & Bluegrass Daylily Gardens
- 15 Minutes – 2013 AHS Award Winners
- Welcome and roll call
- Approve minutes of the Oct. 12 and Nov. 2 meetings as published in the Jan. Newsletter and posted on the website
- Treasurer's report – Sherri Baldonado
- Review 2013 budget
- New Business
 - 2014 Schedule
 - 2014 Budget

Next meeting February 8, North Liberty Library

MORE FROM ZORA

Iris Liaison – We are looking for members to form a committee to find ways to bring iris back into the programming of the club. Sherry Baldonado will be coordinating the iris committee.

Kincaid Stainless Steel Plant Markers

The club will be purchasing some heavy-duty plant markers. Members who would like to purchase plant markers can sign up at the January, February or March Meetings. The order will be placed in April for May delivery.

NOV. 23 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

up and set the programs for next year. They will also set the July club tour and lunch. Two of the '15 Minutes' presentations will be panels answering questions from audience members. One will be on the use of chemicals (especially "good" chemicals) and the other will be on questions and myths. (Continued on p. 5)

NOTE TO MEMBERS: Here's your chance to get some of your questions answered by some of our more experienced club members. Remember to bring your questions related to these two general topics to one of the meetings. If you can't make the meetings, send your questions to Lynn Kroemer or Karmin Mullins.

BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST 2013 WINNERS

LARGE FLOWERS



WINNER: COSMIC STRUGGLE (LYNN STOLL)

Runner-up: Doug Jones

DOUBLES



WINNER: DINNER & A MOVIE (KEITH RIEWERTS)

Runner-up: Clay Dawson

SPIDERS



WINNER: CARRICK WILDON (CLAY DAWSON)

Runner-up: Clay Dawson

SEEDLINGS



WINNER: JONATHAN POULTON

Runners-up: Lynn Stoll & Doug Jones

CLUMPS



WINNER: VICTORIAN BLUSH (KEITH RIEWERTS)

Runner-up: Doug Jones



2ND PLACE (TIE): LYNN STOLL

LANDSCAPES



WINNER: GARDEN TOUR (KEITH RIEWERTS)

Runner-up: Jonathan Poulton



2ND PLACE (TIE): DOUG JONES

CVIDS 2013 BANQUET AND MTG.

Our final club event of 2013 was our November 2 banquet and meeting at the Holiday Inn in Coralville. Our gathering got underway around 11 am with an opportunity for everyone present to view and vote on all the photos entered in the annual Betty Miller Photo Contest. Good job, Sylvia, in organizing this!

The business meeting consisted of electing our new officers: Myrna Haas for Vice President and Sherri Baldonado for Treasurer. These will be for 2-year terms. After the brief business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious buffet meal compliments of CVIDS.

After the meal, our guest speaker Jamie Gossard from Ohio (the winner of the 2013 Stout Medal Silver Medal for his 'Heavenly Angel Ice') gave a program introducing us to his hybridizing program. Jamie very generously donated 20 of his newest introductions. Ten of these were raffled off to lucky ticket holders (everyone present was given two raffle tickets with the chance to buy additional tickets). The other ten plants were distributed in a spirited live auction. There was also a nice selection of door prizes distributed to ticket holders.

Finally, the winners of the Betty Miller Photo Contest were announced and awards were presented. It was a wonderful day to be with all our friends and to meet some new members.

NOV. 23 BOARD MEETING MINUTES (continued)

The 2013 budget was reviewed. This was the first year the club operated with a formal budget. Last year was an unusual year and because of two club-plant returns revenue from returning club plants was up overall. Revenue from plant sales was down. Revenue from the banquet raffle and auction covered the cost of the speaker.

The 2014 budget estimates were reviewed and discussed, resulting in a proposed budget that will be presented at the January 2014 meeting for membership approval. There were several noteworthy budgetary changes when compared with 2013. Taken as a whole, these would lead to a significant reduction in the club's bank balance.

Miscellaneous items:

⊖ Eighty-one members qualify for club plants in 2014. To keep the plant quality up, an increased allotment was needed.

⊖ The board felt that a new member welcoming packet including a tote bag would be a good marketing tool.

⊖ The regional meeting is in 2019. The board would like to dedicate seed money into a separate account to prepare for the regional meeting. Money for deposits, plants, etc. is often needed several years in advance.

2013 BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS



FIRST PLACE: PINK ALOHA (KEITH RIEWERTS)



Stumpkin, Iris, and Rainbow (Zora Ronan)
Grand Prize #2 AND Novelty #2



Yard Scene (Jonathan Poulton)
Grand Prize #3 AND Landscape #2.