

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## From the President

Happy Summer! It's been fun to share early July 4<sup>th</sup> bouquets with friends and neighbors. It's always a surprise and a gift when the blue larkspur, red bee balm and white gooseneck loosestrife all bloom together. With a couple American flags tucked into the bouquet they brighten the day.

I cannot keep up with the weeds and on the morning of June 27<sup>th</sup> there was evidence of a deer in the yard. Lyle believed me when the trail camera showed the deer in the middle of my flower bed. We had two nests with baby robins. One nest was high in the spruce tree and the mother should be worn out by now. The second nest was (too) low in the hydrangea bush. Lyle was able to photo the nest of eggs and the babies the first day after they hatched.

Nancy Rash  
President

## REGION 1 &

### ADS NATIONAL MEETINGS:

Some members will be traveling to Omaha to share in the fun of "Fireworks in the Gardens" and the invitation to come to the Region 1 Meeting in Cedar Rapids in 2020. "Blooms in Badgerland" follows closely as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual AHS National Convention hosted by the Wisconsin Daylily Society. Watch for reports at the August CVIDS meeting.

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Nancy Rash, Newsletter Editor

## August 24, Monticello Fairgrounds: Fall Plant Sale:

### Club Plant Return and Club Meeting.

Wow... Remember the tips and recommendations given by Keith and Diane at our April meeting. Watch for the club plant evaluation from Diane. Be thinking about the plants you can bring to the plant sale.

Details are posted on the website. Diane Derganz will be in contact with members for club plant evaluations and return.

Our Chairpersons for the Fall Plant Sale are Jo Lynn Johnson, Kathy Ockenfels and Luella Johnson.

## REMEMBERING GERALD HOBBS

The family of Gerald Hobbs has given the memorial money they received to the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society. Here's the note from Steve on the card I received with the memorial donation of \$810.

*On behalf of my family and myself I'd like to thank the club for the generous donation to the AHS in honor of my dad. It's always hard to lose a family member, especially one who was so respected, admired and such a gentleman to so many people. I feel so lucky that he chose to introduce me to his daylily club members. I consider it a privilege to have met so many genuinely nice people. I'd like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and sentiments. My family and I decided that maybe one of the best ways to honor his life would be to give back to the people and club that meant so much to him. Enclosed is a check. The Hobbs Family"*

Gerald loved his family and he would be so proud of their generosity and thoughtfulness. Gerald will be missed but we can all remember him as we grow his favorite daylilies or daylilies he hybridized.

## REMEMBERING CLAY DAWSON

Clay Dawson's memorial service was held at the Eldridge United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. He was born on June 18, 1934 and died December 20, 2018 at the age of 84.

Two hundred plus family and friends attended, including CVIDS members, Sylvia Bauguess, Nancy Carlisle, Caroline and Ellen Jones and Sally and Keith Riewerts and of course Kathy Dawson and her daughter Anne from Norman, Oklahoma, who is establishing a fine daylily garden of her own, as helped by Clay and Kathy, et. al.

Clay served as CVIDS president from 2008 to 2009.

Graduates of Clay's choirs from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, Missouri, as well as faculty from his years at NMSU (now Truman State University), attended the memorial service.

During the service a "Celebration Choir" of 60 plus singers, made up of NMSU graduates, sang four beautiful numbers, which were dear to Clay. His daughter Anne sang an exquisite solo. Anne's good friend, Dr. Vicki Schaeffer played wonderful organ selections.

Clay and Kathy's families occupied several rows of seats, including Clay's brother Tad and his family and Kathy's sister, Karen Moline, brother Al Moline and nephew David Moline and family.

Clay's good friend, Dr. Roger Cody, provided background brass choir recordings and Keith Riewerts created a PowerPoint presentation honoring Clay's life.

Clay's love of family, friends, music, orchids and tropical plants, clocks, reading, dachshunds and especially daylilies will be greatly missed.

*Submitted by Keith Riewerts*



Lyle's Club Plant  
1st Bloom:  
6/11/2019  
"Tomato  
Clownfish"

## CVIDS GARDEN TOURS:

Thank you members for opening your gardens this summer. This was a challenging spring so we appreciate the opportunity to view beautiful flowers and the hard work by members. Jonathan has done an excellent job of providing information for open gardens to be held by CVIDS members. Please check the website and email from Jonathan for details about the following open gardens:

### Lynn & Sherry Moffit, Prairie Fire Gardens

Saturday, July 13th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
2705 Keokuk-Iowa Road North English, IA  
52316. Phone: 319-331-0784 or 319-331-3390

### Open Garden at Tom & Linda Jones' Garden:

Saturday July 13th, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday July 14th, Noon to 4:00 PM

14218-90th Ave., Burlington, IA 52601. Phone: 319-752-2293 (Tom) 319-750-1600 (Linda)

### Heather Harroun Family:

Saturday July 13th. Open garden all day (9am on) with a potluck at 6pm with various groups.

11723 - 238th St. W. Illinois City, IL  
61259. 563.554.0028

### Garden Walk at Gary Oster's Garden:

Sunday July 14th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

508 Grant Street, Lowden, IA 52255. Phone : 563-941-7707

### Open Garden by Barbara McCreight

Sunday, July 14, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

120 Roosevelt Avenue

Lowden, IA 52255. Phone: 563.941.5829

### Open Garden by Ginger Pruess

Sunday July 14th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

2326 Old Lincoln Hwy, Lowden,  
IA 52255. Phone: 563.941.7403

