

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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March 2021

From the President

CVIDS Members certainly were excited to see each other on Zoom on February 18th. Harvey Buchite from Hidden Springs Flower Farm was an excellent speaker and an expert on growing peonies. We were fortunate to secure a talented speaker for CVIDS. Thank you to Pet Connolly for suggesting Harvey and thank you to Diann Pavelka for making the invite to come speak.

For March, we will have our own member experts Bob Towler and Dave Kramer to speak to us about trees. With all the wind damage in our area we will hear and learn information we can use now that it is almost time to get back outside working. Thank you, Bob and Dave, for working together as presenters!

Nancy Rash, President

Spring is Springing



From
Snowshoes



To
No Shoes

Nancy Rash, Newsletter Co-Editor (Serious)
Lyle Moen, Newsletter Co-Editor (Fun Stuff)

A Presidential Reminder:

DUES ARE DUE

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

Make check to CVIDS: Please send your check to:

Shelly Lett, 1673 Garfield Avenue, West Branch,
IA 52358.

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.”

Find 3 Deer in the Photo Below



Answer on Page 5:

(Now Don't sneak a peak ahead to Page 5, keep looking)



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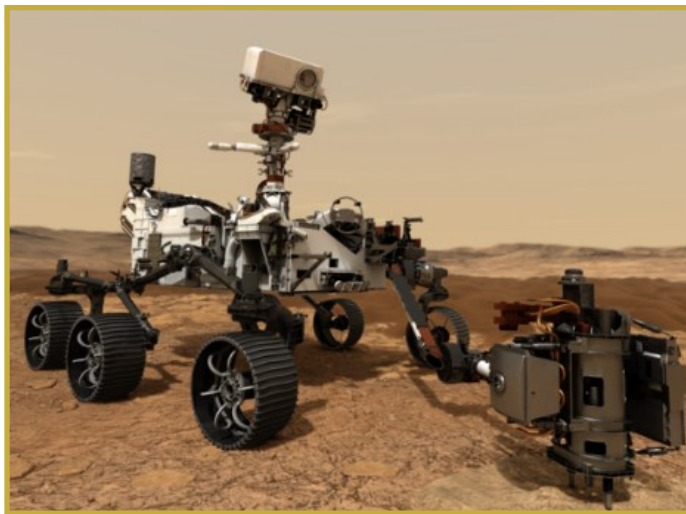
COVIDS sends condolences to **Karmin Mullins** at the passing of her father, Jon Mullins. Please lift up Karmin in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Karmin Mullins

1536 Franklin Street
Center Point, IA 52213
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319-360-5927

Melanie Marie Gibson, daughter of **Jan Rogers**, passed away on January 6, 2021, <https://www.lensingfuneral.com/>. Please reach out to Jan Rogers with condolences and prayers:

Jan Rogers
1017 26th Street SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
319-929-3095
hotrod4564@yahoo.com

For Any of You Who May Have Signed Up For The 1st Human Flight to Mars:



Touchdown was confirmed at 3:57p EST on February 18, 2021, after interplanetary travel of 293 million miles, Perseverance Mars Rover landed on the surface of Mars. How exciting it will be for the 1st Humans to step foot on the Planet Mars in the future.

MEMBER UPDATES

Barb McCreight fell on February 20 after quilt day at her church. She is very sore and did not have broken bones or a concussion. She has been back to the hospital a couple times and they discovered a small brain bleed. She is at home and needs some good wishes, prayers and thoughts for recovery. Please be thinking of Barb. She can be reached at:

Barb McCreight
120 Roosevelt
Lowden, IA 52255
563-941-5829
rexnbarb@fbcom.net

Ginger Pruess is recovering from back surgery and with a long recovery, I am sure she would enjoy hearing from you. Ginger can be contacted at:

Ginger Pruess
2326 Old Lincoln Hwy
Lowden, IA 52255
563-941-7403
pruess@fbcom.net

Mary Moore would also like to hear from us. Mary fell December 11, 2020 and chipped a bone in the hip. She was in the hospital for two weeks and came home to recuperate with therapy 2 times per week.

Mary Moore
489 Hodgkin Road
Springville, IA 52336
319-854-6406

Sue Kramer will be having eye surgery on March 22, 202.

I did some research of our Charter Members.

Gertrude Pheiffer was a charter member from Monmouth, Illinois and passed away on May10, 2020.



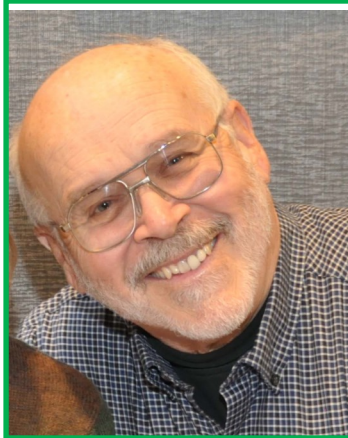
CALENDAR

March 18, 2021: Zoom presentation by Bob Towler and Dave Kramer

*(You have all heard of the Bob & Tom Show, the syndicated US Radio Program..... Well, Even Better Than That We will Host the **Bob & Dave Show** !*



This is Bob, the Serious One



This is Dave, the Comedian

Tune In for a FUN CHAPTER "TREES"

March 18, 2021 Zoom Presentation Trees and Trees by Bob Towler and Dave Kramer

Bob will be talking about damaged and/or problem trees and problem limbs that you could see at home and what can be done with them. He will tell us about species that you should not be planting in your yard. Dave will tell us how to plant a tree and also cover species that we should be planting if we need new or replacement trees. A big thank you to Bob and Dave for being our next presentation!

MARCH CVIDS PRESENTATION

Details for ZOOM: If you are new to ZOOM, you need to load the Zoom app. Ask your library, friend, neighbor or your grandkids to help you. **The link to join the presentation will be sent directly by email to you on March 16, 2021. Add to your calendar to watch for the email from me.** On the 18th, you may join at 6:40 to be sure you are connected and say a quick hi to others. At 6:55 please mute your microphone so I can talk with our speakers.

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(CONTINUED):

I will begin promptly at 7 PM with some instructions and introductions. I do ask that you MUTE your microphones during the program. Here are some reminders and Zoom etiquette for attendees: Mute your microphone to keep background noise to a minimum when you are not speaking. ^a Be mindful of background noise. Find a quiet spot away from other household activities and nonparticipants. ^a Position your camera properly: be sure it is in a stable position and focused at eye level. Or, disable your video. ^a Limit distractions. Turn off notifications, mute your cell phone. ^a Avoid multi-tasking * Use the participant button to add your last name in a pop-up column to the right.

Bob and Dave are willing to answer questions during the presentation. Keep your microphone on mute until you are ready to ask the question. If you do not want to ask yourself, please submit via the chat feature and I will ask the question for you. Because I do not know the number of participants, I am preparing for a "large"

audience and provided the above information to make for a smooth and enjoyable time with our speakers.

This will count as an activity that gives you credit toward a club plant.



Peony Zoom Meeting February 18, 2021

THE GARDENER'S GUIDE TO PEONIES

NOTES BY NANCY RASH

It was difficult to manage Zoom, take notes and watch all the photos of beautiful peonies in the presentation by Harvey Buchite. I'll send some highlights from February 18 and I encourage you to look at his website.

The peony world has award winning peonies that include the American Peony Society Gold Medal (GM) and Award of Landscape Merit (ALM) peonies. In response to the question about selecting peonies that will not droop, it was recommended to select a peony from one of the GM or ALM lists.

I especially liked his directions for a 20% increase in the bloom size. Who wouldn't want extra large booms! Take off the side buds when they are pea size. (some of mine never open anyway). And to avoid bringing in ants with your bouquet, pick the peonies early in the morning before the ants are out.

Harvey recommended looking for a recipe on line for a home-made spray to prevent powdery mildew. The secret is to apply very early in the season. That means, before the mildew becomes a problem. The formula is 2.5 tablespoons of Neem oil (or Sunspray) and 1 tablespoon of baking soda in 1 gallon of water.

There was a question about fertilization of peonies. Use bulb food with low nitrogen and high potassium. The best ratio for a sandy soil would be 8-16-32. For gardeners in the rich fertile soils of Iowa the lower ratio of bulb food, 3-5-3 would work well. One of the key points is that over fertilizing with a high nitrogen liquid fertilizer used for annuals would likely result in more disease problems.

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You might want to look for Hidden Springs peony introductions: Romantic Lace and Romantic Elegance. Harvey and his wife Brigitte grow more than peonies so visit them on the web or on face book. Better yet, take a trip to see Hidden Springs Flower Farm.



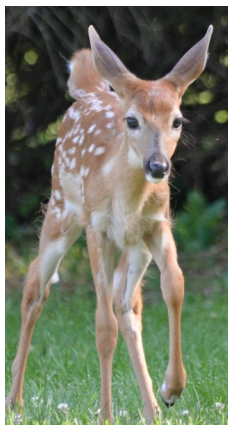
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Harvey Buchite Peonies



Now, about those Deer on Page 1 in the Timber

Did You Find All The Deer ?

I'm Willing to Bet You DID Find All The Deer in the Photo on Page 1

.....Because There

Are

Only two (this was a trick question).



**SOON THE WORDS TO BE HEARD
ROUND THE WORLD**

“FIRE UP THE GRILL, MAN” !

“dear,” do you have a 1 track mind ?



This “deer” did ~ one track up the ditch