

## Club Tour

It's been quite the year, a challenge for man and beast alike! The freezing rain and mountains of snow last winter finally melted into one of the coldest and wettest springs in recent memory. Summer gave way to record flooding on already saturated ground. We're only halfway through the year, but it's been a doozy! The daylilies are loving the moisture and should really put on a show for our 2008 club tour scheduled for Saturday, July 12th.

It will begin at the home of Roger and Brenda Knipper at 9:30 a.m. After touring their gardens we'll be on our way to the home of Bob and Jan Null. Both these homes have Monticello addresses but they're about fifteen miles apart. After touring the Null gardens we'll travel into Monticello for lunch at the Pizza Ranch. The club will provide lunch for members. Guests are welcome to join us at their expense. Next stop will be Susan Minger's garden in the town of Springville. Our final stop will be the gardens of Verne and Mary Moore in rural Springville.

Carpooling is always a great idea for garden tours, so phone a friend, clear your calendar on the 12th and make arrangement to join your fellow CVIDS members for a relaxing day of beautiful blooms!

**Brenda and Roger Knipper**, 5700 Linn-Jones Road, Monticello (319) 465-3291

From Cedar Rapids/Marion: Take Hwy # 13 north past Coggon 2 miles. Turn right on the curve onto D-62 (toward Monticello/Prairieburg). Go 6 miles to Linn-Jones Rd. Turn right. Go 2 miles. Knipper's are on the right at the corner.

From Monticello: From Business Hwy 151, turn left (west) at the stoplight at Hardee's through downtown continuing straight through the next stoplight west out of town on D-62. Go 10 miles to Linn-Jones Rd. Turn left. Go 2 miles to Knipper's at the four corners.

**Bob and Jan Null**, 19448 122nd Ave., Monticello (319) 465-3836

To Null's from Knipper's: Turn left out of driveway and go 2 miles to D-62. Turn right to Monticello. Go down hill into town and take a right at the

second stoplight onto South Main St. Turn left at stoplight onto Hwy 38 south and go out of town past the High School and airport to 190th St. (a big Camp Courageous sign.) Turn left onto 190th St. which is a hard surface road and go 1.7 miles to 122nd Ave. Turn left and follow the gravel road as it curves to the right. Nulls are at the end of the road.

**Pizza Ranch** for lunch. Leave Nulls, turn right onto 190th St. Go 1.7 mi., turn right onto Hwy. 38 and travel back to Monticello. Pizza Ranch is on the right.

**Susan Minger**, 405 Kelly Ct., Springville (319) 854-7572

To Susan's from Pizza Ranch: Turn left at stoplight by Kum and Go. Continue on past Innovative Ag Service and merge onto Hwy 151 South. Go 20+ miles. There are three entrances to Springville. Take the second; turn to the right by the new bank along Hwy 151. Go 1 1/2 blocks to the P&P convenience store. Turn right. Go 1/2 block and turn left onto 5th St. Go about 6 blocks and turn right onto Kelley Ct. Susan's place is the yellow house on the corner. There is parking on the circle court and on 5th St.

**Verne and Mary Moore**, 489 Hodgins Rd., Springville (319) 854-6406

To Verne and Mary's from Susan's: Go back to 5th St. Turn left onto 5th Ave. Go 2 blocks and turn left onto Broadway. Follow this out of town and turn onto first street to the right which is Hodgins Rd. Follow this to Verne and Mary's. Their home is in the country and is on the left side.

To anyone who gets lost, Jan's cell phone number is (319) 480-0048.