



## Officers' Meeting

The new officers met at Sylvia Seymour's home on December 1 to discuss the upcoming year. In attendance were: Jan Null, Sylvia Seymour, Gerald Hobbs, Sharon Murken and Elenora Hobbs.

Jan's first order of business was to review the club's requirements for club plant eligibility, which are as follows:

1. Member must have paid dues in 2003 and 2004.
2. Member must have done any two of the following:
  - A. Attended at least 2 meetings.
  - B. Assisted in club functions (sales, tours, banquet, programs, regional, etc)
  - C. Donated plants to a sale.
  - D. Bid in the silent auction.

New members who joined late in 2003, but who have fulfilled Requirement #2 above have had their dues credited to 2003 making them eligible for club plants in 2004 if 2004's dues are paid by the plant distribution. Jan will review the past year's records and all eligible members will be announced at the January meeting.

Discussion of club plant orders will be on the January agenda. The decision was made to split the club plant ordering and distribution and the August silent auction into two separate committee assignments due to the amount of work involved and the need to record who gets plants and the

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price paid. Jean has offered her years of experience to assist either committee, if needed. It was noted that auction plant numbers will be down from prior years due to each member being limited to one plant per year. We will discuss the current policy at the January meeting.

The source of prior years' club plants was discussed, regarding condition of the plants and bonuses given.

Tentative dates and locations for our winter meetings were discussed, along with possible programs and topics for the agendas. Gerald had mapped the location of our members, and we decided to try to make at least one meeting more convenient for our eastern Iowa members.

We decided to try to contact as many members as possible that week to see if

there was sufficient interest in ordering the 2004 Eureka Daylily Reference Guide at the group discount rate. E-mails and phone calls yielded orders for 18 Eureka's. Gerald put in an order for 20, and the extras will be available at the January meeting. The members who ordered Eureka's can also plan on paying for and picking it up at this meeting.

We discussed the possibility of taking a bus to the National Convention in St. Louis July 2 - 4, 2004. This will be a topic of discussion at a winter meeting.

Gerald presented a Treasurer's Report, copies of which are attached. We had a balance of \$9383.

## Upcoming Events

**January meeting:** Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m. at the North Liberty Community Center. Bob Brandt, President of the Jones County Master Gardeners, will present a program on butterflies in the garden. We'll also be discussing ordering of club plants and distributing the Eureka Reference Guides that were ordered. Bring any catalogs you have received.

**February meeting:** Saturday, February 14, at 10 a.m. at Ridgeview Park Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa. From Interstate 80 take the Northwest Blvd. And Hwy 130 exit. (This is the next exit after 280.) Turn right (South) and go past the Iowa Machine Shed to the first stoplight. Turn left. The church is on the left hand side of the street right after you make the turn.

**March meeting:** Saturday, March 13, at 1 p.m. at the Washington Public Library at 120 E. Main St., Washington, Iowa.

## **2004 Committee Assignments:**

**Spring Sale Committee:** Clay & Kathleen (Chair), David & Carole Applequist, Barb & Bob Papenhausen

**Fall Sale Committee:** Brenda Knipper (Chair), Donna Helgens, Joy Adams, Verne & Mary Moore, Susan Minger

**Banquet Committee:** Bob & Cathy Moore (Chairs), Suzanne & Robert Moffit, Jacque Hodgson & Jackie Westhoff

**Silent Auction Committee:** Sherry Moffit (Chair), Bev Seamans, Jean (reference person)

**Club Plant Order & Distribution Committee:** Sylvia (Chair), Barry & Lynn, Jean

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Our newest members are:

Jill Gardner, Kathy Kephart, Lynne Kirkman & Nathan, and Nancy Prins.

We look forward to meeting them at club functions.

## Message from the President

By Jan Null

As I begin my term as president, I want to thank you for your support and encouraging words. CVIDS has benefited greatly from the leadership and organizational skills of our past president, Betty Miller. I have great respect for the job she has done for our organization. She tackled her position with enthusiasm and was able to help us resolve some areas that in the past caused some dissention and disagreement among members. After much debate and discussion she was able to bring our membership to a consensus concerning the plant lottery. We now have eligibility requirements recorded so there is no question as to who receives lottery plants. This was a difficult and time consuming job but after much discussion and debate she was able to define the concerns of the members and guide us in hammering out a set of rules for eligibility. She also undertook the responsibility of recording the participation of members so there would be no question as to eligibility.

And then there was the monumental task of organizing the Regional in Ft. Madison in July of 2002. Her communication skills were helpful in working with so many involved in the planning. And she spent an immense amount of time along with many others to make the Regional the success it was. She has "taken it on the chin" numerous times with candor and dignity. Thank you Betty! We are a better and stronger club because of your leadership skills.

Jean Hecht, Kim Edge, and Gerald Hobbs also need to be acknowledged for their work as vice president, secretary/newsletter editor, and treasurer,

respectively. They did terrific jobs! Please compliment them on their work. I welcome Sylvia, Sharon, and welcome Gerald back as fellow officers and thank them for agreeing to work with me for the next two years.

The officers met in December for an organizational meeting and committees and chairpersons were assigned. The chairs are responsible for the assignment to be organized and completed in a timely manner. Please contact both the chair and me if for some reason you are not able to perform your duty. I would like a progress report from the chair of each committee after the task is organized.

The winter meeting times and places have been planned and are enclosed. The program at the January meeting will be by Bob Brandt of Anamosa. We will also discuss plant purchases so please bring your catalogs and wish lists. As in the past, please bring a snack to share if you wish. We are not only admirers of fine plants, we are good grazers too!

If you have ideas or suggestions for speakers for the February and March meetings, please contact me. Ideas and suggestions for tours, activities, and programs are always welcome. In the event that we don't have speakers scheduled, we will show slide presentations from the AHS library.

I look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting in North Liberty!

Region 1 Statement  
10-31-03

**Revenues**

Dues	300.00
Vandever Plant Sales	594.00
Auction Plants Mail Bids	967.00
Auction Plants Live Bids	605.00
Monticello Table Sale	1,078.00
Monticello Auction	1,976.00
Region 1 Registrations	5,540.00
Ox Yoke Inn	17.25
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Total Revenues	11,077.25
Balance 11-23-02	6,759.36
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	\$17,836.61

**Expenses**

Newsletters	70.81
Bob Wilson (speaker)	50.00
Spring CVIDS Plants	1,340.00
Don Lovell Speaker	50.00
Monticello Ad	99.65
Region 1 Convention*	6,088.91
Ox Yoke Inn	788.75
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Total Expenses	\$8,488.12

\*Check #1039 for \$150.00 has not been cashed yet but is included here.

**Balance**

17,836.61	Revenues
- 8,488.12	Expenses
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\$9,348.49	Balance

Bank & Checks shows balance on 10-31-03 of \$9,383.34

Statement	9,383.34
Bank Acct.	9,348.49
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Unaccounted Surplus	\$34.85

Region 1 Convention  
July 11 & 12, 2003

**Income**

Registrations	\$5,540.00
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**Expenses**

Bus	1,285.00
Stamps	29.60
Bags	75.76
Scratch Pads	10.70
Fri. HyVee Buffet	752.34
Ater Breakfast*	150.00
Hobbs Breakfast	149.79
SCC HyVee Lunch	553.00
Scott Hoffman (books)	350.00
Ted Petit (speaker)	895.00
Region 1 (93 @ \$5 ea)	465.00
Hotel Meal	852.42
Hotel Banquet Room	450.00
Don Lovell (garden judge)	<u>70.00</u>
	\$6,088.91

Income	5,540.00
Expenses	<u>- 6,088.91</u>
Loss	- \$548.91

Note: AHS (Region 1) also made \$2,833.25 on the Saturday night auction + \$5 each (\$465) on each registrant.