



The CVIDS Newsletter

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Message from the President

By Betty Miller

Our fall banquet, which was held at the Colony Inn in the Amanas on November 3rd, was a nice way to end the 2002 season. The weather outside may have been chilly but the CVIDS members were warm inside, enjoying all that good food and fellowship. Chairperson Marilyn Little came up with a unique program which was very enjoyable. Each member told little secrets, successes and surprises that happened in their gardens in 2002. Did we ever find out a lot of stuff! Those people not in attendance will never know the deep, dark secret that lurks beneath Jan's compost pile or about the lost daylily that took ten years to bloom.

Busy, competent committee co-chairpersons Gerald Hobbs and Susie Messer brought us up to date on what plans have already been made for the Region 1 Convention which our club will be hosting in July of 2003 in southeastern Iowa. I want to thank all of my committee people who helped with the many projects this year. Chairpersons Jean, Sylvia, Donna and Marilyn all did the outstanding jobs that I knew they would and it certainly lightened my load. We cannot end this year without a big THANK YOU to

our newsletter editor, Kim Edge for her dedication and hard work in keeping us all informed. I have checked the members' activities record which I kept this year and according to the rules adopted at the April 1, 2001 meeting the people listed below will be eligible to receive a club plant at our April meeting. If your name is not listed but you qualify, please notify me at 319-695-3447! Or, if you qualify but do not want a plant, please notify me! The year 2003 will be an exciting year for our club. Please join us at 1:00 p.m., on January 11th at the Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main Street, in Washington, Iowa—one block east of the northeast corner of the town square. We will be discussing plant orders for the club, so bring your catalogs!

The rules are: You have to be in your 2nd year of paying dues and your 2003 dues must be paid. You must have done any two of the following:

- attended at least 2 meetings
- assisted in club functions (sales, tours, banquet, programs, etc.)
- donated plants to a sale
- bid in the silent auction

Members who potentially qualify for 2003 plants are: Joy Adams, Frances Ater, Key Ater, Kenneth Capps, Betty Capps, Kim Edge, Jean Hecht,

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Donna Helgens, Kay Hill, Kenneth Hill, Eleanor Hobbs, Gerald Hobbs, Marilyn Little, Ken Messer, Betty Miller, Sherry Moffit, Verne Moore, Mary Moore, Sharon Murken, Rachael Murken, Jan Null, Beverly Seamans, Sylvia Seymour, Barry Stoll, Lynn Stoll, Jackie Westhoff.

Betty

Now is an excellent time to join the American Hemerocallis Society! Their dues run from January to December, and membership costs \$18 for an individual and includes a subscription to the *Daylily Journal*, which comes out four times a year. It is well worth the price of membership and is packed with color photographs, information regarding National and Regional AHS events, excerpts from the daylily Round Robins, helpful articles, and much more. Also for your \$18 you will receive Region One newsletter, *The Pioneer*, which is published in May and December and contains all the information you would like to know about Region One of the AHS, which is comprised of Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. To join contact Pat Mercer, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019. Ph. (478) 875-4110. E-mail: gmerc@nlamerica.com Make all checks payable to the American Hemerocallis Society. Visa and MasterCard are also accepted.

And, while you're at it, why not renew your CVIDS membership for 2003? Send \$6 for an individual membership or \$8 for families/spouses/partners to our treasurer, Gerald Hobbs, 2597 Hwy. 2, Ft. Madison, IA 52627. Make checks payable to CVIDS.

* Want to make some long-range travel plans and see some fabulous gardens? Plan to *
 * attend a National American Hemerocallis Society Convention in the future, hosted by *
 * the following clubs: *

* Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, June 18-21, 2003 *
 * Greater St. Louis Daylily Society, June 30th-July 3, 2004 *
 * Great Cincinnati, Ohio Daylily and Hosta Society, June 29-July 3, 2005 *

CVIDS Meeting Schedule:

January CVIDS Meeting, Saturday, January 11th, 1:00 p.m., at the Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main Street, Washington, Iowa. The library is located one block east of the north-eastern corner of the town square. We will making orders for club plants (so bring your catalogs!).

February CVIDS Meeting, Saturday, February 8th, 1:00 p.m., at the Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main Street, Washington, Iowa. We will be making plans for the Regional AHS meeting we are hosting on July 11th-12th in Ft. Madison this year.

About an Upcoming Speaker: *Don Lovell*

We asked Don Lovell to write his "daylily autobiography" for our members who may not be familiar with him and his hybridizing program. We hope to have Don speak at our March meeting. —Editor

I started hybridizing because I had four kids in college at the same time and there was no money to buy all the really fancy introductions. My first encounter with a "BIG TIME" hybridizer was in Iowa City where I met Grace and Pat Stamile at a Region One meeting. I was hooked. I had to have WEDDING BAND and ADMIRAL'S BRAID. I used those then on what good plants I had gotten from my friend and mentor Kempton Settle. That same year I went to Fred McDowell's garden and was absolutely amazed at all the different shapes and sizes that the daylily came in. This visit set in my mind that I could and would always like whatever daylily that was right in front of me at the time. I like them all, and that is how I hybridize, some big fat bagel ones with chicken fat edges, spiders, variants, minis, doubles, eyed ones, selfs, etc. One of my first goals was to create a black one, and I have gotten pretty close with TIMBERCREEK ACE. I had a mutation show up in my second year seedling bed. At first I thought it was a diseased flower, but when it continued to be the same and then bloom with the same characteristics the second year I figured out it was a color break. This would be the striped flower of PEPPERMINT ICE. A lot of people are working with this flower and I have converted it to a Tet as it does pass on the stripes. My latest interest is in Spiders and Unusual Forms. I purchased NORTHWIND DANCER from Gary Schaben and have created hundreds of seeds using it as the pollen parent. One goal in this line is to create a very white, very large spider/variant. I also figured, why not dabble in doubles as well, so I must have several hundred seeds from different diploid doubles that I have. I think that the best thing about growing and hybridizing is not the plants, but all the great and new friends I have made. There is something very special about Daylily People.—*Don Lovell*



New Member Drive for 2003

We all have friends, neighbors and fellow gardeners who visited our gardens this year to admire the display of our favorite flowers. How many of these people did you invite to attend a CVIDS meeting? Think about how many new members you can take credit for bringing into our club in the past 2 years. Do your fellow gardeners know there is an active daylily club that covers eastern Iowa and beyond, and we get together several times a year for sales, garden tours, meetings, and other fun activities? Is their excuse that they only have a few flowers, or they don't want to spend more than \$4 for a plant? Well fellow CVIDS members, we ALL began at that point (some of us many more years ago than others)! Would you please photocopy the invitation below and mail it to several of your gardening friends, then contact them and offer to drive them to the January 11th meeting in Washington, Iowa? Let's see how many

~~new or enthusiastic~~ members we can grow!! *Betty*

Dear Fellow Gardener:

Do you know that there is a daylily club, the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) that is composed of members from all over eastern Iowa and beyond? We get together several times a year to talk about and promote our favorite flowers, have educational speakers, summer garden tours, plant sales and a fall banquet. Every one of our members started out with just one flower. Please come and join us for a meeting. The next one will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th at the Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main Street, in Washington, Iowa. Several new members will be joining us and we will be discussing some new and exciting events for us in 2003.

CVIDS Member

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