

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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January 09, 2010 Meeting Hiawatha Library

Zora Ronan has put together a slide show that I am sure will be lovely. She has traveled to several AHS meetings this past year and will feature highlights from those. She may even surprise us with some of the information she will be presenting at the Winter Garden Fair in her talk "Daylilies - All Those Pretty Faces".

Directions: Heading North on I-380: Take the Blairs Ferry Road exit (Exit 24B). Go east on Blairs Ferry Road for about 1/4 mile, before turning left (north) onto 1st Avenue. After one block, turn left onto W. Williams Street. The Library lies on the right hand side. Address: 150 West Wilman Street, Hiawatha. Phone: 319-393-1414.

Refreshments: Membership, please bring a potluck dish to share for the January meeting if you were contacted by Zora. Food committees for each meeting will be established by the location for each meeting. Zora Ronan will be contacting you for this meeting. Jonathan Poulton will contact persons for February, Nancy Carlisle will call for March, and Bob Moore for April. Please remember to not overdo! But don't we have good cooks among us!

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President Mike's Letter

With the holiday season upon us, I already know that Santa isn't going to bring the gift I want – a place to live where it is warm in the winter. Believe me, I'm not looking forward to the next two long months of winter. I already miss playing in the dirt.

If you have been reading the Newsletter, you've probably seen that I was nominated for President. It became official at the annual meeting banquet in November with Clay handing over the whistle and cardboard box of "official club stuff". As a fairly new club member, I've enjoyed watching past presidents, Kay and Clay, lead the club through some fun years. I hope the next two years will go smoothly too and be fun for everyone.

I had been a member of the AHS for about 15 years before I even knew about CVIDS. I was at a local hosta society meeting with Barb, Bob, Kathy, and Clay when they suggested that I attend a daylily meeting. At my first meeting, I watched the members' friendly interaction, the passion and their knowledge for daylilies. I went home that day knowing two things – one, I didn't know as much as I thought I did about daylilies and two, I wanted to join the club. I still feel that way today; there's so much to learn.

Over the past 10 years or so my wife, Jayne, and I have participated in the Mississippi Valley Growers' Farmers' Market in Davenport. We've been raising and selling asparagus, blueberries, strawberries, and occasionally trying to sell some hostas, daylilies, and iris. Because of the market being every Saturday, you will notice that there are times when I can't attend all the events that I'd like to. I will do my best to participate in as much as I can, because I know that volunteering and attendance is the success to any organization.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting in 2010. MIKE

Fall 2009 Banquet Success!

Forty-six members shared a glorious day at the Touch of Class Banquet facility in Cedar Rapids. The room was a beautiful setting to celebrate the year. The facility had made place cards with a daylily design and decorated in festive fall colors with chocolates scattered around. Suzanne and Robert Moffit contributed much in decorations of fall produce with gourds and pumpkins. Thanks also for the fall corn for our furry and feathered friends. Some table centerpieces items were in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary that they celebrated in August. Congrats to them. Those items were given away to the member at each table that had the closest birthday to the banquet.

The food was appealing in appearance and in flavor. Got to love that Cherry Crisp and Ice Cream! The round tables lent much to conversation among the group. The photo contest was well organized with ballots handed out at arrival.

And a generous anonymous member contributed rain gauges, garden statues, books, and hand-painted tole work that were voted on by member ballots for winning the gift. Several other members were also generous in their contributions for the gifts. A big Thank You to Appelquists, Donna Denley, and Clay Dawson.

Thanks to the committee of Nancy Carlisle, Marilyn Little, Suzanne and Robert Moffit, and Jill Gardner for their hard work in organizing, calling, and set-up. Mark your calendar for November 13th, 2010, at "A Touch Of Class" again. CVIDS is looking for a chairperson and committee for the 2010 banquet.

Business Meeting November 2009

Clay Dawson conducted a brief business meeting to complete the election of officers and promptly turned the whistle and boxes over to the incoming President.

Officers were elected by unanimous ballot of acclamation. Mike Carstensen: President (2-year term); Vice President: Zora Ronan (2-year term); Secretary: Nancy Carlisle (1-year term); Treasurer: Bob Moore (2-year term).

Mike Carstensen then conducted the rest of the business meeting. Thank you to Clay Dawson for his leadership in the past two years.

Jonathan Poulton mentioned that the CVIDS website has had over 10,000 different visitors in the past two years. Contributions are always welcome. He announced his plans for retirement from college teaching in May, after which he will have more time to dedicate to the CVIDS website and hybridizing.

Jackie Westhoff announced that a meeting will be held after the banquet for business of the 2012 Region One Summer Meeting.

Discussion was held on the amount for spending on Club plants for 2010. A vote carried for \$5,000 to be spent. M/S/C Clay Dawson and Keith Riewerts.

Jackie Westhoff stated that she had been a vendor at the Bruce more Fall Plant Sale. She had given out over 500 of the CVIDS membership brochures there.

Bob Moore announced that there are 12 aprons for sale to the membership for \$22.00 each. It was announced that Kim Schoeberl did receive her late husband's apron back.

The February Winter Garden Fair will need a chairperson for manning the CVIDS booth. It was helpful in the past to promote the Spring Plant Sale date by having a flier available for distribution. Nancy Carlisle will make up a flier. Sharon Murken and Jackie Westhoff had agreed in the past to help with the booth. They would appreciate other volunteers. The CVIDS brochure will also be available for promotion of our club and membership.

Gary Oster brought up the concern of needing to learn more information about how different CVIDS projects are run. For example, he had attended the Fall Sale and did not know that the luncheon was held inside or what kind of items to bring for the sale. Discussion was held about having a buddy to help orient the new members as they join. Zora Ronan volunteered to bring this issue to the Executive Board for help in creating an orientation system. Twelve persons were attending their first club banquet.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting. Dave Appelquist, Bob Papenhausen.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 9, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: HIAWATHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

TIME: 1 PM

Zora Ronan, Slide Show of AHS events

FEBRUARY 13, WINTER GARDENING FAIR

PLACE: KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME: 8:30-3:30 PM

CVIDS hosts an info booth

FEBRUARY 20, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TIME: 1 PM

Jonathan Poulton, "Engineering a Blue Daylily"

MARCH 13, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FAIRGROUNDS

TIME: 1 PM

To be announced

MARCH 26-27, CIDS POLLEN DABBERS

PLACE: MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME: FRIDAY, 5:30-8 PM; SATURDAY, ALL DAY

Speakers: Richard Norris of Ashwood Daylilies and Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery

APRIL 10, CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: MORNING SUN COMMUNITY CENTER

TIME: 1 PM

History of Morning Sun artist

MAY 8, North Liberty Plant Sale

MAY 22, CVIDS PLANT DISTRIBUTION

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FAIRGROUNDS FLORAL HALL

TIME: MORNING. FOLLOWED BY PLANT AUCTION FOR ALL MEMBERS

AHS 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLACE: VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

DATE: MAY 27-29

AHS REGION ONE 2010 SUMMER MEETING

PLACE: BISMARCK/MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA

DATE: JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1

Member Tidbits:

Fine Gardening Magazine has a book that just came out called 'Container Gardening--250 Design Ideas & Step-By-Step Techniques'. It is just wonderful, full of ideas, and is around \$20.00. Barnes & Noble has it as well as Amazon. On page 225 is Karmin Mullins' award-winning container. About 5 years ago, Karmin won first place in Fine Gardening Magazine's annual container contest. She had planted up a roof vent from an old chicken house. It is a treat to see her container in a book.

Website – Looking Both Back & Ahead:

Three days ago, we reached the first official day of Winter. From my windows, it sure looks like Winter, with plenty of snow all around and already some ice dams forming on our gutters. I encourage you to take a moment, once the Holiday Season is past, to review what our Club accomplished during 2009. Go to:

<http://www.cvids.org/2009-Archives.html>

There, you will be reminded of the freezing cold North Liberty Sale, the wealth of plants we choose from at the Plant Distribution, the wonderful gardens we visited in July, the Fall Sale and Auction, and, last but certainly not least, the Fall Banquet. Thank you, Clay, and all others responsible for giving us such a great year, and thanks to you all for your past support of our website.

Looking ahead, I would like to renew the website contract for two more years and work on improving the site. However, I depend heavily on contributions from the membership, so, if you have anything to contribute, I have some free time now and am in the mood to upload items. Soon to be posted are images of 2010 Club Plants being ordered by Barb Papenhausen, so keep checking the site! Jonathan

2010 Plant Distribution Vendors:

Barb Papenhausen has had the pleasure of working with gardens on ordering the Club Plant selections for 2010. She is developing a list. She is working with a budget of \$5,000 and will be receiving many gift plants from the growers. The list has a variety of hybridizers, growers, spiders, and unusual forms. Clay Dawson and/or Mike Carstensen will be compiling the list of members that are eligible for the Plant Distribution in May 2010. (Photo: Dragon Slayer x ? Seedling)



March 26-27, 2010 Pollen Dabbers

We have been invited to attend the Central Iowa Daylily Society 2010 Pollen Dabbers meeting, featuring speakers Richard Norris of Ashwood Daylilies (www.ashwooddaylilies.com) and Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery (www.slightlydifferentnursery.com)

Friday evening features the slides of CIDS hybridizers. Saturday morning is Hybridizers slides, and afternoon is the featured speakers. The Auction begins at 4 PM. Rooms have been reserved at the Super 8 in Marshalltown.

For more information contact Don Lovell, dmlovell@aol.com

2010 Region One Summer Tour July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010

The Central North Dakota Daylily Society is ready to knock your socks off as you visit some wonderful gardens and listen to Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens for the evening banquet speaker.

Garden Judges Level One and Level Two Workshops will be held. A Juried Daylily Art Exhibit will be held by the Bismarck Arts and Gallery Association.

All for the nominal cost of \$100.00 by July 1st.

Winter Gardening Fair

Saturday, February 13th, 2010, at Kirkwood Community College, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW. Snow date will be February 27th.

CVIDS will host an information table. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jackie Westhoff (319-521-1607) or Sharon Murken (319-848-4929), if you are able to help.

Or just attend the fair. Choose from two different track sessions. Tuition is \$49 for all day and includes a boxed lunch. Register for classes by calling 800-332-2055 or, for more information, go to:

www.extension.iastate.edu/linn

CVIDS member Zora Ronan will be conducting several classes and will speak on "Daylilies - All Those Pretty Faces" and "Gardening 101".

Betty Miller Photo Contest

Sylvia Seymour thanks all members who submitted entries. You may see winning pictures at: <http://www.cvids.org/2009PhotoContest.html>

Winners of Photo Contest:

Doubles: #1 Sherry Moffit- "Singing His Praises"

#2 Bob Papenhausen- "Roswitha"

Singles: #1 Bob Papenhausen- Dragon Slayer x ?
Seedling

#2 Gerald Hobbs- Seedling T09-1

Spiders: #1 Keith Riewerts- "Hold Your Horses"

#2 Wanda Lunn- "Wind Frills"

Landscape: #1 Jonathan Poulton

#1 Clay Dawson

Bob's Dragon Slayer x ? seedling was also awarded Best of Show. Sylvia reported that judging went well with the members receiving ballots at the meeting. Volunteers are needed for being 2010 chairperson and committee.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2010 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Contact Bob Moore to pay your 2010 membership fee. Be an active member for qualifying for club plant distribution.

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