

E. SPRING PLANT SALE:

CVIDS holds its first public Plant Sale in early May, selling daylilies, irises, and companion perennials generously donated by its members. The location, date, and time are set by the Board after conferring with the membership. Since 2008, the Penn Meadows Park Gazebo in North Liberty has been used as an excellent, but sometimes draughty, venue. You are advised to dress warmly. Restrooms are located close to the Gazebo. In some years, our Sale has shared the same date as Project GREEN's annual Garden Fair in Iowa City. There has been some discussion whether this time conflict is disadvantageous, but it is argued that we may actually benefit from Cedar Rapids area gardeners stopping by our sale on their way to/from Project GREEN.

Members' Involvement:

Members are asked to donate plants (daylilies, irises, and companion perennials) to this sale. Daylilies and irises should be bare-rooted, clean, and clearly labeled with cultivar name, hybridizer and introduction date, ploidy (DIP or TET), and brief description of cultivar. Companion perennials are often brought in pots. Plant labels may be obtained at Spring club meetings from XXXXX. Please price your donated plants and, wherever possible, attach a photo of them as they greatly promote sales. Bring a folding table, if you have one available, your own chairs, and some plastic grocery store bags. Set-up usually begins at 8 AM with the sale starting at 9 AM. Many hands make light work. The sale ends at noon.

Sale Organization:

In January, the President requests one or two volunteers to organize the Spring Plant Sale. Once the location, date, and time have been fixed by the Board, the venue should be booked without delay. Later, the Sale should be advertized via the CVIDS Newsletter and website, newspapers and other newsletters, and radio. For useful starting points taken from 2011, organizers should consult: <http://www.cvids.org/E-Organizers.pdf>