

## Fall Newsletter 2015 Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

### President Nancy's Podium:

The change of season occurred overnight it seems, one day I was driving to work with green and the next week all was turning golden. Warm sunshine days and cool crisp nights make me think of apples, football and tucking my garden in for the winter. During August and September, I rebuilt my iris beds, rearranged daylilies that were not in the proper height for that bed. Maps and labeling is the key to knowing where you put something. (I have discovered this the hard way.) I also bury a plastic tag written in pencil along with the plant, always putting it in the right front side of the hole.



What a fun, busy summer I had, traveling to gardens, attending the regional in Marshalltown, the fall plant sale and being with friends. When someone asked what I did on vacation, I said I spent it in the daylily gardens and traveling to see them. I hope you took plenty of pictures this season to enter into the Betty Miller Photo Contest (see details below). Reserve time on November 14<sup>th</sup> for the year-end banquet with Karol Emmerich. Now come travel over to the far side of our membership area on October 10th and listen to our own CVIDS hybridizers share their hybridizing skills.

I submitted several articles for the Region ONE PIONEER newsletter, I have included two of them for your preview. Jonathan will have his printed in our next newsletter. See you soon. Nancy Carlisle

## **October 10th Meeting: Hybridizers Forum and Glass Art Workshop**

Potluck at 12 noon, Meeting and Speakers at 1:00 featuring CVIDS hybridizers' slides and comments from Gerald, Barb, Sue and Jonathan. Ginger and Barb will help create works of yard glass during a demonstration. Business meeting will follow.

Directions to Prairie View United Methodist Church; Ollie, IA

From the north (Cedar Rapids, IA City, etc.) take Hwy 1 south to Hwy 92, go west on Hwy 92 to County Road V67 to Ollie. Go thru Ollie to Hwy 78, go east on Hwy 78 and the church is on top of the hill (north side of road) about ¼ mile. This takes you by Donna's house (coming south on V67, her home is at the corner when it goes west, and there is a barn quilt painted by Lynn Moffit on the large machine shed.) and is a scenic drive. (Donna Cell # is 641-919-1335) Or Hwy 1 is no longer closed south of Washington to Brighton. You can continue on Hwy 1 to Brighton, go west on Hwy 1/78, continue west on Hwy 78 thru Richland and go 4.5 mi and church is on north.

From the east and south: take Hwy 92, Hwy 78, & Hwy 22 go west. Church is west of Richland approx. 4 ½ miles on north side of Hwy 78.

**BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST:** Our annual Betty Miller Photo Contest was started in 2006 in honor of Past President and hybridizer Betty Miller. She had a passion for photographing daylilies and mentored several CVIDS members on how to take good photos. Her photos were featured in "Eureka" and daylily catalogs from 2001-2004. Jan Null wrote an excellent tribute to Betty that was published in the Region One Pioneer Vol. 5, No.2 Fall/Winter 2004 newsletter.

Categories for Entries: All must be printed 4X6 and sent to Sylvia Seymour by October 30.

(1) Single form flowers, (2) Doubles, (3) Unusual forms and spiders, (4) Clumps, (5) Landscapes (photo must include daylilies or irises), (6) Hybridizers' 2015 seedlings, and (7) Novelties (e.g., garden sculptures, birdhouses, animals, etc. photo must include daylilies or irises).

First place winners in each category will receive \$25, and the Grand Prize winner voted upon by the membership will receive \$50. A traveling trophy was established in 2014. Who will earn the rights this year?

Submit entries to Sylvia Seymour at 1722 West 59th Street, Davenport, IA 52806. No additional fancy modifications ie, framing may be made to the photo. Cropping and centering are allowed. Size to be submitted is a printed 4x6" photo, names of flower and category must be on the back. Name of photographer is not to be placed on the photo back or front. There is a Maximum of 2 entries per category per person. We are trying something new! If able, please submit separately a digital shared image (jpg) to skseymour@yahoo.com. This will be used at the banquet to project images during the meal, not for the judging. A print must still be submitted for poster viewing and selection.

**The CVIDS Fall Banquet** will be at the Holiday Inn, Coralville on November 14. Nancy Rash will begin taking reservations at the October CVIDS meeting. After October 10, members and guests may contact her at nrash2000@gmail.com or 319-591-1419. The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 6 at 5 PM. If folks discover they cannot attend before or after the deadline, they should still contact Nancy Rash at the same email and phone.

Folks may come to socialize and view the photo contest starting at 11, with the meal served at Noon. The program of Karol Emmerich & Business Meeting with elections will follow the meal.

The menu is:

Chicken Breast Supreme & Pecan Crusted Pork Loin

Green Beans Almandine & Roasted Rosemary Potatoes & Twice Baked Potatoes

Tossed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings & Fresh Fruit Display

Lemon Bars & Brownies

**Election Committee Report:** Sherry McCarville and Jill Gardner

Elections are to be held for treasurer and Vice President at the November Meeting. Candidates for both positions have graciously submitted their names as candidates. Sue Kramer: for Treasurer, and Barb Papenhausen for Vice President.

**Corn Casserole** submitted by Sherry Moffit

4 cans drained of yellow and white corn (I usually just use yellow as less expensive) 8 oz. cream cheese

1 stick butter softened

2-3 Tbsp flour

Salt/pepper

Small jar jalapeno peppers – diced. May not want to use all the peppers. (My sister has used fresh pepper)

Mix cream cheese with the butter. Sprinkle the flour over the corn and mix in with the cream cheese mixture and jalapeno pepper. Add salt and pepper to taste. Bake uncovered 1 hour at 350 degrees.

I doubled the recipe for a crock pot, but only used 12 oz. cream cheese. I think it was pretty runny but maybe because the lid isn't off a crock pot or maybe only use 1 1/2 sticks butter too. The Casserole still tasted very good. I tried to cook it on high for about 4 hours.

## **REGION ONE PIONEER newsletter** submissions

Daylilies Donated to Alma Mater, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa by Gary Oster

I first became acquainted with daylilies back in 1972. My father died and my mother and I combined households and moved to Lowden, Iowa. Mother remained a member of the Oxford Junction Garden Club which toured Pearl Jacobsen's daylily garden, just a few blocks from our new home.

Pearl, who reminded me so much of my grandma, and who was nearing her 80's, lived in a small mobile home on a small acreage her son had bought. When Mom said, "You need to go down and see those daylilies." My response was "I am not going down there to see any old daylilies." WRONG! I went and I have been hooked ever since. Pearl had over 300 daylilies in full bloom in one big bed. What a beautiful sight.

A few years later, her son passed away and his wife sold the acreage. Pearl moved to a trailer park in Cedar Rapids. Pearl called and said "Gary, I can only take 20 daylilies to my new place. If you help me dig them, you can have all of the plants you want. As we dug, she would say

" This is such and such. My friend bought and split this one for \$25 called Archangel. This one I cross-pollinated and we will name it after you Gary." When I got done, I came home with 44 daylilies.

My first attempt at hybridizing, after Pearl taught me how to do it, was a short gold daylily crossed with h. "Archangel". SUCCESS! I got a taller gold plant with a larger flower and great bud count. A friend, Jack Jones named it h. "Gary's Unstoppable Gold".

To this day, I have never sold a daylily, but have given many away to friends to get them started. In 2008, I joined the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society. What a wonderful move. I have learned so much about daylilies and made so many wonderful friends.

In 1958, I graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. For several years when we came back to campus for homecoming, I would talk about donating daylilies to the campus. While on campus last year, I was introduced to the President of Cornell and brought my idea to him. He thought it would be a wonderful gift. He gave me a number to call, which put me in contact with Charlie, one of the groundskeepers. When I told him I was going to donate a collection of daylilies, he was not impressed. He said that Cornell had a lot of hills where it is hard to mow, and they would make a good ground cover. As we talked more about the daylilies, the many colors, size of blooms, shapes and prices, he soon decided they needed a more prominent place. There is only one drive leading up to campus; it is a circular drive that leads to the Common's. The bottom third of the circular drive is now planted with my daylilies.

My mom passed away in May of 2014 at the age of 101. I ended up moving that December. Yes, I moved 600 daylilies to my new place, One hundred of those were seedlings. Cornell now has 200 varieties; with more to come. In appreciation of my gift to Cornell, the College has bestowed upon me, Gary Oster, the honored and prestigious membership in the President's Society.

## What did you enter in the Fair?: submitted by Nancy Carlisle

In Iowa, this question is a common one when neighbors get together in the summer. Iowa has 101 fairs that culminate in the Great ONE "The Iowa State Fair" in August each year.

You hear about the food on a stick, but there is a whole show that deals with stems, Flower stems to be exact. The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society members, children and grandchildren are participating in their local county fairs in the 4-H classes and Open Flower Shows helping to educate and promote the love of daylilies.

CVIDS member, Diane Derganz shares her experiences this year. "Jackson County fair was unusually late in July with this year's flower show on July 31st. Of course most of my daylilies were done or on the end of their bloom, however, because of my past entries over the last 10-12 years, I've tried to obtain many late bloomers just for this reason. Anyway, the show committee reduced the number of daylily classes to 10 this year, from a previous high of 23 classes in past years. I entered in nine classes. In past years, I'd enter as many as 20 classes because the timing of the fair was earlier. I won blue ribbons on six of the nicest of my daylily entries - Cowbird, Royal Banner, Planet Max, Starstruck, Camden Gold Dollar and Savannah Debutant. I also won two purples, one for best flower an oriental "Stargazer" lily and for the "Flower of the Fair", a potted container of pink geraniums.



All together, including the other classes of roses, perennials, annuals and grasses, I received 27 blue ribbons and won the Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbons in the flower show. I really had to work to continue my streak as this is the ninth year in a row that I had won the Sweepstakes award. It really sounds like I bragging and I don't like that. It's just that I guess the competitiveness does get to you. I really do wish more people would enter the shows so there would be more competition. Last year we had over 600 entries, which was really amazing and I just barely won the Sweepstakes. Several new entrants participated and did very well. Unfortunately they did not participate this year. Entries

were about half and I think the lateness of the show had a lot to do with it.” Diane states that she always uses her winnings to buy more daylilies. “My only problem is that I’m running out of room!”

Sherry and Lynn Moffit shared that their grandchildren Cael Hester and Kjerstin Neumiller entered in the photography portion of the 4-H show. His photo of h. “ Boo Moon” went from the Iowa County fair to be shown at the Iowa State Fair. Kjerstin’s photo received an Award of Excellence. This was a first year experience for both of them.



CVIDS members Ginger Pruess, Gary Oster, and Barb McCreight are also members of the Lowden Garden Club. The Lowden group took over the reins of hosting the Cedar County Open Garden Show after a long time committee member was no longer able to coordinate the show. Gary Oster won a blue ribbon for his “Unstoppable Gold”.

Sisters Kathy Kephart, Lynne Kirkman, and Nancy Carlisle, along with their mother Sylvia Seymour have entered flowers in the Muscatine County Fair the past 10 years. They participate in honor of their grandmother, Mary Ashton, a Federated Garden judge who entered flowers in the fair for over thirty years. It becomes a friendly competition between the family members as to who will have the most



outstanding entry. Nancy Carlisle won the best of the daylily competition for the past two years with h. "Soli Deo Gloria" in 2014 and h. "Eyes Right Jones" this year. The Muscatine County Fair daylily class has 12 categories. Nancy won 7 blues, 3 reds. The daylily show had so many entries that most categories had to be divided into two classes. Lynne Kirkman won a blue in the Mantel Decoration class. Nancy's granddaughters, Haleigh and Madelynn White participated in the junior class entering flowers that are descendants from their great-great grandmother's Mary Ashtons' garden. The Muscatine County Fair daylily class has 12 categories. Nancy won 7 blues, 3 reds. The daylily show had so many entries that most categories had to be divided into two classes. Lynne Kirkman won a blue in the Mantel Decoration class. Nancy's granddaughters, Haleigh and Madelynn White participated in the junior class entering flowers that are descendants from their great-great grandmother's Mary Ashtons' garden.

If you have an opportunity to enter in a local garden show during the summer, it is a wonderful experience. Local Master Gardeners are often the judges providing comments about grooming the plant, sources and other features are readily shared. Take the time to host in the building, many questions from the public are about daylilies and how to grow them.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Save the Date for the Winter Gardening Fair on Saturday March 5 2016. It will be held at the Coe College in Cedar Rapids. The topic is "Butterflies, Birds Bees and more" with national speaker, Susie Vanderlip.

70th AHS National Convention is June 29-July 2, 2016 in Louisville Kentucky

Save the Date for Region 2 Meeting being held in Peoria, IL on July 15-17, 2016

Region One Meeting will be held in Brookings, South Dakota on July 22-24, 2016