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From the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

February 2005

## January Minutes

Our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the North Liberty Community Center. Jan was absent due to the death of her mother-in-law, so Sylvia called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The following members were present: Dave & Carole Appelquist, Kenneth & Betty Capps, Kim Edge, Jill Gardner, Jean Hecht, Donna Helgens, Kay Hill, Gerald Hobbs, Roger & Brenda Knipper, Marilyn Little, Lynn & Sherry Moffit, Robert & Suzanne Moffit, Bob Moore, Verne Moore, Sharon Murken, Dianne Nelson, Bob & Barb Pappenhausen, Bev Seamans, Sylvia Seymour, & Barry Stoll.

The program was a video tour of gardens featured at the 2004 National in St. Louis. The video belongs to the club. Anyone interested in borrowing it for viewing should contact Gerald.

The Eureka Daylily Reference Guides were available for pickup by anyone who had ordered one. Sylvia pointed out that Bob Moore and Jan Null were featured photographers in this year's Eureka.

Sylvia mentioned that Betty Miller's intro SAMANTHA LEIGH is on the cover of the newest edition of the Region 1 Pioneer. Jill Gardner and Jan Null also have articles in this issue. If you did not receive a copy, contact Kathy Lamb.

### Treasurer's Report:

The only addition to the treasurer's report which was printed in the January

newsletter was a \$200 check written to Gary Williams to reimburse the cost of the garden tour luncheon last July.

Sylvia thanked all of last year's committee members and commended them on a job well done. She then asked for any comments on the committees assigned in the January newsletter. Bob Moore stated that he and Cathy would like to decline chairing the banquet committee for this year. Suzanne Moffit said she and Robert would chair the committee.

### Club Plants

Club plants will be purchased again this year with club funds. Club plants are grown for two years in the members' gardens. The third year they are dug after bloom and the increase is donated back to a club auction held in August.

Sylvia reported that last year we spent \$3000 and received 79 plants valued in excess of \$5000. Dave Applequist moved we spend the same amount this year. Jean seconded. The motion passed. Anyone wishing to suggest a particular plant should bring their "wish list" to the February meeting.

Distribution will be at Sylvia's house on May 21<sup>st</sup>, with a catered lunch being served.

Bob Moore requested we discuss the club plant distribution practice. Currently, all eligible members' names are put in a hat and each member chooses a plant when their name is drawn. Those who are unable to attend can give their list of

choices to someone else and have that person choose for them when the absent member's name is drawn.

Bob suggested those present have their names drawn first, then absent members' names be drawn. Jean commented that she didn't feel someone who attended most meetings, but was unable to be at that one should be punished. The discussion was tabled.

Jean brought up the silent auction. Her comment was that club plants that do very well and produce a lot of fans can end up being sold at the live auction for considerably less than the winning bid on the silent auction. She wondered if we should drop the silent auction and go to only a live one at the Riverside sale. Barry made the point that anyone unable to be present at the live auction still has a chance to buy a plant that they really want on the silent auction. Sylvia suggested the Silent Auction Committee might want to come up new criteria for the auction to discuss at a later meeting.

Sylvia announced that our February meeting would again be at her church. The church operates a food bank, and Sylvia suggested we all bring a non-perishable food item to donate since the church allows us to use the facility free of charge. Canned meats, fish, and fruits in particular are in short supply. Let's help them restock their shelves!

Summer Garden Tour:

We briefly discussed our July garden tour day, and have tentatively picked the northern area, which includes Jackie's, Verne's and Monticello. Possible dates are July 9 or 23.

There being no further business, Kim moved the meeting be adjourned.

**Upcoming Events:**



Winter Gardening Fair at Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids on February 19.

We've been invited to man a booth at this event, and will discuss that at the February meeting. An outline of the day is attached.

**CVIDS February Meeting** - Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Presbyterian Church in Davenport. From I-80 take the Northwest Blvd. and Hwy 130 exit. Turn right (South) and go past the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant to the first stoplight. Turn left. The church is on the left hand side of the street right after you make the turn. The phone number at the church is 563-391-4570. Tim Spangler will be our speaker. He is a hybridizer from Carthage, IL, who specializes in spiders, double spiders & unusual forms. **Remember to bring something for the food bank.**

**CVIDS March meeting** - Saturday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington Public Library, 120 E. Main St., Washington, Iowa. Sheryl McMullin from Monticello will speak on spring-flowering shrubs.


**2005 Dues Reminder**  
\$6.00 Single membership  
\$8.00 Family membership

# Winter Gardening Fair

February 19, 2005 \* Kirkwood Community College

Register in advance for classes at Kirkwood Community College Continuing Education (319) 398-1022 or 1-800-332-2055 or online at [www.foryourlifetime.com](http://www.foryourlifetime.com)

Tuition: \$9 per class

<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> 9:00-10:15am Room: Section:	Prairie Ecology & Restoration Iowa A&B #262422	Plants for the Japanese Type Garden Cedar 341 #262423	Starting Garden Transplants at Home Amana #262424	Creating a Backyard Habitat for Birds Cedar 343 #262425	Rain Gardens Iowa C&D #262433	Composting Marland #262427	Planning a Perennial Garden Cedar 234 #262428	
<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> 10:30-11:45am Room: Section:	Tropicals in the Iowa Garden Iowa A&B #262429	Pruning Trees & Shrubs Cedar 341 #262430	Plants for Problem Areas Amana #262431	Low Cost Pond Building Cedar 343 #262432	Possum Under Your Porch Iowa C&D #262443	Creating a Toad House Marland #262434	Perennial Selection Cedar 234 #262435	Salsa - Dip Not the Dance East Dining Room #262436
<b>Lunch Break 11:45am-12:45pm (Lunch may be purchased in cafeteria)</b>								
<b>Featured Speaker</b> 1:00-2:30pm Ballantyne Auditorium <b>FREE</b> #262421	<p><b>“Inspired Iowa Designs Using New and Native Plants”</b></p> <p>Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Associate Professor of Horticulture at Iowa State University will highlight the combination of new and native plants into landscapes suited for Iowa. She will explore ways to add new plants to ever-evolving garden landscapes. Gardeners are tempted with a plethora of new plants from the nurseries and garden catalogs - many are a new twist on an old favorite, some are completely new, yet others are old standbys repackaged in a new way. You will be inspired and informed when you see how you can combine Iowa's native plants and new seasonal discoveries into your own gorgeous landscape.</p>							<b>FREE</b>
<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> 2:45-4:00pm Room: Section:	All Season Color Iowa A&B #262437	Influences of Weather on Vegetative Growth Cedar 341 #262438	Gardening for Small Spaces Amana #262439	Roses for the Iowa Garden Cedar 343 #262440	Planning a Cutting Garden Iowa C&D #262426	Build a Terra Cotta Fountain Marland #262441	Perennials 101 - All the Basics Cedar 234 #262442	

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**“Inspired Iowa Designs Using New and Native Plants”**

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
 Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden

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PRESENTED BY:  
 Iowa State University  
 Linn County Extension  
 Marion Community College



## Winter Gardening Fair class descriptions

### Concurrent Sessions

9:00 - 10:15am (register for 1 of the following)

#### Prairie Ecology and Restoration

#262422  
Linn County Roadside Vegetation manager Rob Roman will talk about the steps necessary to restore or create a prairie.

#### Plants for a Japanese Garden

#262425  
Join Master Gardener Intern Carol Bruch as she walks us through the process of creating a serene environment. Design will include hardscape, beautiful Japanese maples, plants and shrubs.

#### Starting Garden Transplants

at Home #262424

Master Gardener Zora Ronan will show us how to successfully start our own garden transplants from seed at home.

#### Creating a Backyard Habitat

for Birds and Butterflies #262425  
Iudubon Society member Jim Durbin will show us how to create a habitat for birds and butterflies using plants and water sources.

#### Rain Gardens

#262433  
James Martin, Johnson County Conservationist and Vice President of the Prairieland Watershed Alliance will teach techniques to utilize and manage storm water in the urban garden. Mr. Martin will talk about design and plants.

#### Composting

#262427  
Join Master Gardener Composters as they explore the mysteries of composting. Learn how to make your own "black gold"

Compost bins will be available to buy. Class participants will receive a discounted price.

#### Planning a Perennial Garden

#262428  
Master Gardeners Wava and Jerry Schmidt will take you through the process of choosing, locating and planning a perennial garden of your own. Ideas will come from their experiences designing their own award-winning perennial garden.

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10:30 - 11:45am (register for 1 of the following)

#### Tropicals in the Iowa Garden

#262429  
Master Gardeners Roxie Goetz and Ray Jones will explore planting tender Tropicals in the Iowa garden. They will also talk about hardy perennials and annuals that look like Tropicals and show us how to keep them alive during the winter.

#### Pruning Trees and Shrubs

#262430

Pruning time is just around the corner. Master Gardener and Tree Steward Gene Frye will show us how to properly prune trees and shrubs.

#### Plants for Problem Areas

#262431  
Master Gardener Intern Matt Pieper will explore the problem areas in your garden. He will provide solutions to clay, sand, too wet, too dry and light conditions.

#### Low Cost Pond Building

#262432  
Eastern Iowa Pond Society member Greg Bickel will discuss everything you need to know about installing your own low cost pond. The presentation includes construction, general maintenance and winterizing.

#### Possium Under Your Porch

#262443

Dr. Tim Deane, Extension Wildlife Specialist

will deal with a basic approach to problem wildlife situations.

#### Create a Toad House

#262434

Enjoy the hands-on experience of making a mosaic toad house or flower pot with Master Gardener Karla McGrail.

#### Perennials Selections

#262435

Join Master Gardener Kathy Knight on a walk through the perennial garden. Kathy will take the mystery out of perennials and provide the information you need to make good selections for your garden. Kathy will talk about plants that are easy to grow, hardy and vigorous in an Iowa garden.

#### Salsa - The Dip Not the Dance

#262436

Join ISU Extension Nutrition and Health Field Specialist Susie Uthoff and Master Gardener Zora Ronan as they "cook a little" and "talk a little" about salsa. Learn preparation techniques and tips on growing the tomatoes and peppers needed.

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2:45 - 4:00pm (register for 1 of the following)

#### All Season Color

#262437

Master Gardeners Brenda Garbe and Gloria Johnson will discuss planting a colorful garden using annuals, perennials and tender Tropicals. This is the class for those who want waves of color all season long.

#### Influences of the Weather on

Vegetative Growth #262438

Master Gardener Gene Frye will explain how weather influences the growth of plants and shrubs which includes diseases and insect problems.

#### Gardening for Small Spaces

#262439

This is a must for apartment/condo dweller or the owner with a small space for gardening.

lead us through the planning and planting.

#### Roses for the Iowa Garden

#262440

Join Master Gardeners Kevin Habel and Laura Appieget as they take us through the process of selection, planting and maintenance of beautiful, healthy hybrid tea, floribunda and hardy shrub roses for Iowa gardens.

#### Planning a Cutting Garden

#262426

Join Karmin Mullins as she shares ideas on what to plant for a cutting garden. In addition to being a Master Gardener, Karmin is also an award winning member of the Federated Garden Clubs.

#### Build a Terra Cotta Patio Fountain

#262441

Master Gardener Deb Walser will show how to build an outdoor fountain to enhance your garden or backyard. This rustic-looking, patio fountain will be constructed of terra cotta pots and saucers. The \$25.00 material fee includes the terra cotta pots, electric water pump, and tubing needed to complete the water fountain.

#### Perennials 101 - All the Basics

#262442

Have you ever wondered why bad things happen to good plants? Master Gardener Zora Ronan will talk about planting, maintenance, and problem solving in your perennial garden.



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