

President's Podium:

Come and join us on Saturday, February 13, at the Johnson County Extension Office (4261 Oakcrest Hill Road SE, Iowa City, also known as old 218 South) to hear Robert Towler and his presentation: "Water, Soil, and Plants". He describes the talk as "Water movement through soil is critical for plant roots. My goal is to show how we can use this information to improve our plants." Bob has a lot of knowledge from his previous job, as the horticulturist for the Rock Island Parks Department, to share with us. Barb Papenhausen will be showing us how to dig a proper hole for settling our new daylilies in. Barbs' garden shows her tender loving approach works well.

We had such a grand group attend the January meeting with the talks of National award winners. Many thanks to Zora Ronan for the slide show of the CVIDS Club plant selections and member auction on May 21, 2016. Pictures are on the bulletin board on the website. Jonathan has now posted the Club Plants slide show and list to the web site under the Club Plants 2016 tab. Minutes are available at the website as well. President: Nancy Carlisle 563-357-0526

MARCH MADNESS: We made a motion not to have a meeting in March related to 1) So many garden workshops and 2) CIDS hosting their Pollen Dabber meeting on the same day as our usual meeting date. Go-Attend-Learn-Listen- and Socialize with three great hybridizers; Barry Matthie, Lee Pickles and David Kirchoff. More information is at the CIDS website: www.centraldaylilysociety.com. If you are interested in car pooling, please let me know. A charter 14 passenger bus was pricey at \$1400 for Friday and Saturday, but could be done with enough interest.

Member NEWS:

Tamera Nicklaus (Kay Hill's daughter) wants all of us to know that:

Kay Hill will be celebrating her **75th** birthday with an open house.

Saturday, March 26th, 2016 (Easter weekend) 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Pearl City Station, 100 Harbor Drive, Muscatine

No gifts please or, if you want, bring something for the Muscatine Area Food Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy at happyat8462@yahoo.com or [319-961-0904](tel:319-961-0904)

Birthday greetings can be sent to Kay at: 3404 Steamboat Way Muscatine, IA 52761.

Keep charter member **Verne Moore** in your thoughts and cards after a recent hospitalization. Greetings can be sent to 489 Hodgin Road, Springville, IA 52336-9717.

We welcomed 2 new members, friends of Barry Stoll and Jackie Westhoff; **Heidi Butler** from Iowa City: butler_heidi@hotmail.com and **Sandy Miller** from Marion: sandy@wiscons.com.

Check out the Volunteer lists on the websites. We still need chairpersons for several committees. Sign up will be available at the February meeting. It helps with CLUB plant credits.

Gardening Fairs:

Winter Gardening Fair: Saturday **March 5, 2016** at a *new* location. (COE College 1220 1st Avenue NE Cedar Rapids, IA) Vendors will be set up in Gage Memorial Union. The attendees will have an assigned time to visit the vendor/society tables between the hours of 11 and 2 pm. We are requested to set up starting at 9 am and to tear down after 2 pm. Master Gardeners will be available to help unload and direct us to our location. I have requested one table exhibit and 4 luncheon meals. Members Jo Lynn Johnson, Dave Kramer, Gary Oster and Barb McCreight have volunteered their time. Zora is a speaker several times. See more information about classes at the link of: www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/content/winter-gardening-fair

Horticulture in the Heartland is also Saturday, **March 5th**, sponsored by the Bickelhaupt Arboretum and held at Clinton Community College. Loren and Myrna Hass have agreed to help at this event for CVIDs promotion. For more information, contact Margo Hanson at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 563-242-4771. Did you know that the Arboretum has a collection of Stout Winners?

Art of Gardening will be held on **March 19th** at Muscatine Community College. Nancy Carlisle and Zora Ronan are speakers. Heather Harroun has volunteered already, but we could still use more assistance in our information booth. www.eicc.edu/.../events/art-of-gardening.aspx

Grant Wood turns 125 on **February 13th**. The Cedar Rapids Museum of Art is having a fun day on Grant Wood's actual birth date-February 13th. That means families can enjoy free access to the new exhibition, "Barns, Farms and America's Heartland" celebrating the work of Grant Wood and his good friend Marvin Cone. There will also be "make and take" art projects that all ages will enjoy. It wouldn't be a birthday party without games: embark on a treasure hunt all around the building, and Pin -the Broach on Grant's Mom while you're wearing a blindfold. And there will even be cake-though it's for painting, not for eating! The special exhibit for Grant Wood and Marvin Cone will be open from **February 6th to May15th**. We in Eastern Iowa are quite blessed to be able to see Grant Wood exhibits in many free places: Tipton Public Library, Coe College, Vets Coliseum, Iowa State Library, and Bruce more. See even more at museums like the Figge Art Museum and the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 12. Keith Riewerts asked the national American Hemerocallis Society current president to be our banquet speaker. NIKKI SCHMITH said **yes**. Join us at the annual banquet to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Coralville, same location as 2015, just a new name.

Project Green Speaker: Jonathan Poulton will be speaking at the Iowa City Library Meeting Room A from 2-4 pm on Sunday, Feb 14, 2016. He will be talking about his "Love Affair with Daylilies". We know he has the bug!

MONDAY NIGHT Lights Daylily Pictures: a hosted Facebook picture show each week. February 8th starts the 2016 season with David Jewell, Karol Emmerich and Dan Bachman. Times are at 6:15 Central Time with 3 presenters, 6:35 with 2 presenters. Shows are available until Saturday each week. Sunday they are deleted to start the next show. Join for free. Our CVIDS Facebook group has a link.

Monday Night Lights Dates: Feb 15th: Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossman. Feb 22nd: Sandy Holmes and Michael Miller. Feb 29th: Subhana Ansari-part 1, Nikki Schmith and Jamie Gossard. March 7th: Ginni Kleckner, Eric Simpson and Robert Selman. March 14th: Subhana Ansari part 2, Nan Ripley and Heidi Douglas. March 21: Beth Prause Rea, Mike Derrow and Rossen Hary. March 28th: Rachel Felty, Bob Faulkner and Dan Hansen.

Meet the Members Update: Jonathan Poulton will be working on updating the current pictures at the next several meetings. Smile pretty for his appointed photographers. Goal is to have this completed by May for distribution this summer.

Book Orders: “*Double Daylilies, Twice the Fun*”. We will be ordering this book to purchase at the club price discount of \$13 each book. Sign up at the meeting, or let Sue Kramer know that you are interested in a copy. The editor is Scott Elliott. This is the first American Hemerocallis Society publication devoted solely to the double daylily form.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 9th Meeting will be in Muscatine at the Environmental Learning Center. Nan Ripley will present “Garden Inspirations” program. It will be about Nan’s garden, garden art, and her flowers.

Walkabout Gardens are located at 26391 - 595 Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201

Zone 4/5 <http://www.centraliowadaylilyociety.com/nanripley.html>

Barb McCreight will do a 15 minute presentation about “The pre-emergent that saved her garden”.

August 20th will be a scheduled meeting with several 15 minute presentations as well as the Silent and Club Plant Auctions. I have agreed to do a talk on the dividing of iris.

We are looking for volunteers to invite us into their gardens in July for the annual club tour. It is the geographical area to the North that is in the rotation this year. I am also looking for hosts for a potential spring tour, whether it is spring bulbs or iris. I know that Dave and Sue Kramer have volunteered to show off their spring dazzle.