

From the President:

It is not too soon to make plans for the exciting meetings this year. Several are close to home and worth thinking about.

CIDS will host *Pollen Dabbers* on March 8 and 9 in Marshalltown. Guest speakers will be Bill Waldrop and Michael Bouman. If you can't spend Friday night, Marshalltown is close enough to make it a day trip. All the details are at <http://centraliowadaylilysociety.com/>.

Karol Emmerich is hosting her annual Spring Fling on April 28 from 1 to 4 PM at Springwood Gardens. According to Karol 'This is a day for learning, or perhaps just breathing in the humid warmth of the greenhouse while walking the rows of delicious daylilies.' More information is in *The Daylily Pioneer*, Fall/Winter 2012.

The AHS national conference is from July 24 to 27 in Minneapolis. In addition to tour gardens and seminars and new daylilies, it is an opportunity to meet daylily growers and lovers from around the country. I personally think the highlight of the conference will be at the Scientific Forum on Thursday at 4:00 pm. Jonathan Poulton will present "In Search of the Elusive Blue Daylily." The Hybridizers Forum will immediately follow this session.