

G. CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION & LIVE AUCTION:

The purpose of the annual CVIDS Club Plant Distribution (CPD) and Live Auction in May is three-fold: (i) to reward active club members by two-year loans of club plants, (ii) to procure for our membership daylilies that are representative of current trends and innovations in the beautiful and ever-changing world of daylilies, and (iii) to augment the club treasury. These two much anticipated events in the club calendar have in recent years taken place at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Floral Hall in West Liberty, Iowa. Please note that this is not a heated building, so dress accordingly.

Club Plant Distribution:

During the Distribution, club members in good standing (for explanation, see Section F) will choose their club plant via a lottery draw. Proxies may be designated for club plant selection by identifying these individuals to the Club Plant Chair and Treasurer. Members receiving club plants then have the responsibility to “babysit” their plant for two years before returning all fan increases to CVIDS for its August Silent and Live Auctions in Monticello.

Members’ Responsibility:

It is expected that club plants will be nurtured carefully and not split with others or used for seed (pod) production during these two years, as young plants setting pods can be stressed and their survivability threatened.

Editor’s Note:

Potting club plants in a fertile potting soil mix as soon as possible is a recommended practice. It allows new roots to form and enables the plants to acclimate quickly. The pots can be buried in beds or placed in sheltered areas and then transplanted into the beds as they show signs of new growth. This also gives latitude to move new plants and/or remove them, should they happen to show signs of rust or other disease, which, although unlikely, can occur.

Live Auction:

After club plants have been chosen by members in good standing during the Distribution, all remaining plants are sold through a Live Auction, in which everyone in the club is encouraged to participate. The current retail price of each plant is stated, with bidding usually starting at \$25. Unlike club plants, auction-purchased plants do not have to be returned after two years.

Updating the Club and Auctioned Plants’ Database:

During the past 10 years, CVIDS has maintained a database of club plants and auctioned plants (<http://www.cvids.org/pageunderconstruction.html>). The Silent Auction Chair

will update this database annually. Additionally, he/she will forward a list of the current year's club plants and auctioned plants to both the Silent Auction Chair, who organizes the August Auctions, and the Board.

Organization:

For useful starting points taken from 2011, the Club Plant Chair and prospective volunteers should consult: <http://www.cvids.org/G-Organizers.pdf>