

## **J. AUGUST SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS:**

On the same day as its Fall Plant Sale, CVIDS holds its Silent and Live Auctions at the Riverside Gardens Gazebo in Monticello. These events are for members only and are not open to the public. The plants being auctioned on this occasion are those cultivars returning to the Club after being on loan to members for two years. In addition, there may be a few “stragglers” from previous years, whose return was delayed by poor growth rates.

### **Members’ responsibilities:**

**In June**, the Silent Auction Chair will contact members having club plants due to return that year, inquiring about the number of fans available for auction. Based on data received, the Chair will put together a spreadsheet of relevant information about the returning cultivars including minimum bids (usually approximately half the Eureka average price or hybridizer’s price). Members are responsible for getting their auction plants to Monticello in August; if unable to deliver them personally, alternative arrangements must be made for their transport to the auction.

### **Silent Auction:**

**In late July**, the Silent Auction Chair distributes the auction plant list to the entire membership together with a bid sheet. These documents are also posted on the CVIDS website. Those interested in bidding in this auction are requested to complete the bid sheet, returning it to the Chair by mail or e-mail **no later than one week before the auction**. No money is sent at this time! The Chair then notifies the winners before the Fall Sale about their successful bids. Winners, who will receive the largest double fan of the returned cultivars, must pick up and pay for their plants at the Monticello sale. If unable to do so personally, they should arrange for a proxy to collect and pay for their plants, letting the Chair know of this arrangement **(validity of this statement?)**. Alternatively, plants can be shipped as needed for an additional charge. In case of ties, the earliest postmark or e-mail wins.

### **Live Auction:**

The remaining fans from the returned club plants are then sold in a live auction, in which all club members present may bid.

Many volunteers are required to assist in running these auctions. If you are interested to participate, please contact the Silent Auction Chair.