

## **January 10, 2009 CVIDS Meeting Minutes**

### **Location: Mercy Hospital, Iowa City**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Carstensen. Nineteen members were present. Several phone calls were received by members expressing concern if the meeting was being held. Snowfall ranged from 9 inches in the north to less than a half an inch in the south. Road conditions were extremely hazardous in the east. Discussion was held about the need for a way to determine if a meeting is going to be held. A suggestion of posting it on the CVIDS website was made. No motions were made, pending the input of members who were not able to attend based on weather. Comment was made that because we are such a large territory, weather in one area may be completely different than another, and personal judgment should be used for safety.

**WEBSITE:** Jonathan Poulton reported on the website. Many picture contributions have been made. He has purchased a program that enables him to quickly scan pictures. He has removed the BUY/SELL/TRADE area, because of lack of use. Instead, he is creating a database of club plants. This is to provide pictures, feedback from members growing the plant, and any comments about the plant characteristics. The area will include plants ordered for the 2009 club auction as well.

**2008 FALL BANQUET:** Nancy Carlisle reported that 50 members attended, which was more than in previous years. Members stated appreciation of the banquet hall's service, food, and location. Bob Moore did not like the roast beef, but the cherry crisp was excellent. A suggestion was made to consider holding the event in the same location in 2009. Nancy agreed to check on location and date. Appreciation was expressed for Suzanne and Robert Moffit in helping to decorate, Marilyn Little for phone reservations, Deb and Scott Hansen for their assistance, and to anonymous benefactors for door prize donations.

**SPRING PLANT DISTRIBUTION AND MEMBER AUCTION:** Vendors have been very generous in their bonus plants being provided. There will be over 150 plants available. Eligible members will choose a club plant for 2 years of growing and evaluation in their garden environ. These plants' increases will be returned for Silent Auction in 2011. Plants not selected for future silent auction will be available for purchase by bidding that day. No changes were made in eligibility requirements for 2010 plants. President Dawson will have a list of eligible members in near future. Date is May 23, 2009, at the West Liberty Floral Hall at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds.

**GARDEN TOUR:** July 11th. Gardens will be Dawson's, Papenhausen's, Water's, Williams'. No additional information at this time, because organizer Barb Papenhausen was unable to attend.

**KIRKWOOD GARDEN FAIR:** Reservations for lunches and booth have been made. M/S/C was made by Nancy Carlisle, Jan Null, for the volunteer member meals to be paid for by CVIDS. Discussion was that this is a small amount to pay for the significant exposure, and the volunteer help is appreciated. There is no close food availability, and the lunchtime is when the booth is the busiest by fair participants. The conference will be held in the new education building.

**PROMOTIONAL FLIER:** Jayne Carstensen presented a half page flier that she created for marketing purposes. Members appreciated her efforts and recommended that they were printed with the goal of having them by February 7<sup>th</sup> to use at Kirkwood Garden Fair. She will have them printed, based on the

most economical bid.

**EUREKA CATALOG:** Catalogs were personally distributed by Bob Moore and Bob Papenhausen to members in early January. Cost was \$32.72.

**FOOD COMMITTEES FOR MEETING:** Recommended for Secretary to create a list and publish in newsletter for month rotation.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** February 14th Meeting: Speaker is not confirmed yet, hoping to be Rich Hornbaker. Other possible topics are Sunnyville greenhouse, Master Gardeners, or Dry Creek Hostas. Location will be Eldridge Library. The March 14, 2009 meeting will be held at Marion Library. No confirmed speaker. April 18<sup>th</sup> will be Don Lovell. The location is unknown. Jonathan Poulton agreed to investigate holding the meeting at Coralville Library. Central Iowa Daylily Society has invited our members to their Pollen Dabber Symposium being held on March 21 in Marshalltown. Speakers are Jamie Gossard and Bob Faulkner. Cost is \$25.

**DOOR PRIZE:** Gerald Hobbs won a grape vine wreath donated by Nancy Carlisle.

Speakers were member hybridizers: Kay Hill and Gerald Hobbs. Lynn Stoll and Barb Papenhausen were unable to attend because of the bad weather.

M/S/C Nancy Carlisle, Ken Capps, meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.