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# CEDAR VALLEY DAYLILY AND IRIS SOCIETY

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First Meeting of the New Year 2008 for CVIDS:

**Saturday, January 12, 2008 in Iowa City.**

Speaker: Elvin Mackerman owner of the Peony Garden in Center Point  
View his website at [www.peonygarden.net](http://www.peonygarden.net) to view pictures.

Time: 1 pm, business meeting to follow.

Location: Mercy Hospital Medical Plaza Building 400 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City

The Meeting room is in the basement of the medical plaza building in the McCauley room 2. Enter the foyer, take the elevator to the lower level turn left away from the elevator. Signs will be posted. Parking is charged at 50 cents an hour.

From Interstate 80: Take the Hiway 1 exit south about 2.5 miles to Market Street (one way west) turn right get immediately in left hand lane to turn left in the next block. South Johnson Street (Medical Plaza Building will be unmarked on the north east corner) Parking lot entrance is in the middle of the block on the right hand side. Enter into the parking lot by taking a ticket. The foyer door is on the south side of the building facing Jefferson Street. The flat lot will be the easiest access, but parking is also available in the Mercy Hospital Plaza ramp which is entered from the flat parking lot.

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## CVIDS Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2007



(Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary 2008 Pickles introduction) Banquet held at Button Factory Muscatine, Iowa. It was well attended by members. The food was delicious and plenty of it. Many thanks to the banquet committee. Door prizes were donated by several club members. Winners were: Carol Applequist, Marty Baldonado, Mike Carstensen, Jill Gardner, Amanda Miller, Mary Moore, Joyce Parsons, Jeanne Reynolds, and James Seaman. New members welcomed were Carol Anderson and Jane Carstenson.

Guest Speaker: Lee Pickles hybridizer from Hixon, Tennessee (Originally from Colfax, IA) presented a very informative, humorous power-point presentation about his business --Chattanooga Daylilies. He discussed many of the finer points of hybridizing daylilies, demonstrated his elaborate greenhouse and his very simple toolkit. (Tweezers, an egg carton, ziplock bags, electric blanket and a pillbox) He showed examples of the several outcomes of his hybridizing crosses and the parent plants. He prefers to develop what are called sculpting daylilies. Chattanooga Daylilies will have 8 new introductions in 2008, among them "Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary" and "Jean Pickles" both named in honor of his wife.

The Betty Miller Photo Contest was voted on during the meal. 4 winners were selected.

Single Bloom: Barb Papenhausen with "Jerry Nettles."  
Doubles: Robert Moffet "Land of Cotton" a clump from Betty Miller's garden.

Spider or variants: Sherry Moffet with

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY 12, 2008 CVIDS MEETING

PLACE MERCY MEDICAL PLAZA BUILDING

TIME 1:00 PM

Meeting with Elvin Mackerman of Peony Gardens

## 2008 WINTER GARDENING FAIR

PLACE KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CEDAR RAPIDS

TIME ALL DAY FEBRUARY 2, 2008

43 classes, Keynote Melinda Myers Gardens with Birds, Butterflies and Blossoms, box lunch from Panera all for \$35

## FEBRUARY 9, 2008 CVIDS MEETING

PLACE ELDRIDGE LIBRARY

TIME 1 PM

CVIDS meeting Speaker: Zora Ronan, master gardener. With "Claude Monet's Gardens of Paris"

## MARCH 1, 2008 HORTICULTURE IN THE HEARTLAND

PLACE CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME 9:00 AM-3:10 PM

Keynote: Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Nursery.

## "POLLEN DOBBER MEETING

PLACE MARSHALLTOWN

TIME MARCH 8,

Quarterly Meeting, A good event to attend

## MARCH CVIDS MEETING

PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME 1PM ON MARCH 15, 2008

## APRIL CVIDS MEETING

APRIL 12, 2008

## "Lake Norman Spider"

Clump or landscape: Sylvia Seymour with "El Desperado."

It was requested to have the winners to bring back their photo to the next meeting for all to observe. Plaques were presented to the top vote winners in each category. Many thanks to the contest committee and to those who sent in entries.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:15 and conducted by President Kay Hill.

Items of business were:

1) Election of officers. No additional candidate names were presented. Officers were elected individually by unanimous voice acclamation. The following members were elected. Offices will be held by these candidates for two years.

President: Clay Dawson

Vice President: Mike Carstensen

Treasurer: Bob Moore

Secretary: Nancy Carlisle

2) Purchase of Eureka catalogs. Sign up sheets were passed for members to pre-order. The cost will be \$31.00 which is a discount. Kay Hill will order.

3) Consideration for sending the newsletter to the members via email. A sign-up sheet was passed for members to request and update their email account addresses. January newsletter will be sent by email and by mail based on their preferences.

4) Club plant Budget: Motion approved for \$5,000 to be spent on plants for the club distribution. 52 members are currently eligible based on attendance and working projects. Bob Moore would like members to submit names for any desired plants. Growers often have early bird order specials.

5) Region ONE RVP Don Lovell provided updates about upcoming events. The area will organize a bus trip to the 2008 Regional Meeting in South Dakota. 2009 will be hosted by Marshalltown, 2010 hosted in North Dakota, and 2011 will be CVIDS turn to host.

National Meeting will be held in Houston from May 14-17.

Lavender Blue Baby a Diploid is the 2007 Stout Winner.

Robert Carr Passed away in October 2007. The AHS website has membership applications.

## "Jean Pickles" 2008 Introduction



## Is a CVIDS Website in the Club's Future?

Compared with most CVIDS members, I'm clearly one of the "babies" of the group, because it was only in the summer of 2006 that I got bitten by the daylily bug. Quite by chance, we came across a breath-taking field of daylilies during our family vacation to Door County, Wisconsin. "You should try it," the proud owner had said. "It's easy. Just dab some pollen from this plant to that, and sit back and wait!" Following his minimal directions, I used the few late-blooming lilies in my yard to do just that. Most were unmarked cultivars, including one that was probably FRANS HALS. So began my love affair with bicolors and my quest to hybridize them. What the hybridizer had not told me, however, was how best to collect the seeds, store them, and germinate them. Whenever I need information in a hurry, I usually resort to the Internet. This I did, and within minutes I was rewarded with a half dozen recipes for success. While these recipes had much in common, they were, at least to me, confusing, because each author had added his/her own "wrinkles" to the subject. Anxious not to squander my precious seeds, I returned to the Internet to try to contact some local hybridizers for advice. Although my search didn't pull up the website of a nearby club, I luckily found a passing reference to a CVIDS plant sale that would be held in Monticello the following weekend. So, as you know, I subsequently became a Club member and have greatly enjoyed your friendship and expertise. I thank you all for your help and patience.

Being a newcomer to the Club, I don't know whether CVIDS has in the past considered having its own website. However, assuming that not to be the case, and setting aside the issues of website cost and administration for later discussion, I propose that the Club consider setting up a website in 2008. First and foremost, it is a vehicle by which we can raise the visibility of the Club and attract new members. I am sure that, like I did, many folks turn to the Internet to find their local daylily and iris club. Our website could provide a brief history of the Club, post the Club's Constitution and Bylaws, and outline the overall and immediate goals (e.g. projects) of the Club. Readers could learn about the advantages of membership and the dues structure, and they could download application forms. But, as the excellent sites of the Patriot Daylily Society (<http://patriotdaylilyociety.org/>) and the Wisconsin Daylily Society (<http://www.wisdaylilysoc.org/>) clearly illustrate, there are many other advantages to maintaining a website. Our site could list the names, addresses, and contact information of the Club officers, inform members about the calendar of events, and provide access to monthly newsletters (thereby saving on mailing costs). A membership list could be included, with password protection if so desired. Minutes of Club meetings could be posted, so that members unable to attend could keep abreast of events. In addition to providing news or announcements (e.g. directions to meetings, cancellations due to adverse weather), our website would also be an excellent forum to acknowledge the accomplishments of club members, display photos of CVIDS members' introductions and seedlings, and explain how the annual plant distribution and auctions work. Last but not least, we could provide handy links to websites of individual CVIDS members, national (e.g. AHS, CHS) and regional (e.g. AHS Region 1, CIDS) societies, daylily growers, and articles of interest to members.

Please set aside some time during the busy Holiday Season to visit and enjoy the above websites. I hope that we will address the above proposal at our next meeting. If the consensus is to look into the matter in greater depth, then our next steps would be to research website costs and to identify a webmaster. Thank you for your time, and Happy Holidays!

Jonathan Poulton



## Treats for Meetings

We will continue the approach that was adopted during the previous year. The chair person is to remind members and organize the tables:

## January 2008 Meeting

Chair : Applequist's

### Members Contributing:

Joy Adams	Mary Baker
Nancy Carlisle	Shelly Duwa
Jill Gardner	Kay Hill
Gloria Johnson	Brenda Knipper
Miller Family	Cathy Moore
Joyce Parsons	Jeanne Reynolds
Beverly Seamans	Duayne Seberg

## February Meeting

Chair: Carstensen's

### Members Contributing

Carol Anderson	Shari Baldanado
Kathy Dawson	Bob Null
Carol Erling	Kathy Kephart
Susan Minger	Mary Moore
Rhonda Peters	James Seamans
Leann Tjarks	Jackie Westhoff
Robert Towler	John Wright
Valerie Volquardsen	

## March Meeting

Chair: Sherry & Lynn Moffit's

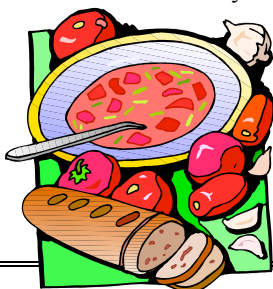
### Members Contributing:

Judith Bemer	Ken Capps
Joe Hall	Lynne Kirkman
Marilyn Little	Suzanne Moffit
Jonathan Poulton	Kim Schoeberl
Sylvia Seymour	Danny Visek
Jean Hecht	Ken Messer

## April Meeting

Chair: Papenhausen's

Donna Denly	Brenda Garbe
Hansen's	Wendi Laake
Murken's	Riewert's
Stoll's	Williams'
Zora Ronan	Shirley Waters



## American Hererocallis Society Free Daylily to new members!

Interested gardeners and flower enthusiasts are invited to join the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS). Individual dues are \$25.00 per year or \$70.00 for three years. Dual membership (two persons, one set of publications) is \$30.00. Youth membership - through calendar year of 18th birthday, \$10.00.

A year's subscription (four issues) to the [Daylily Journal](#) is included with each membership. All memberships are on the calendar year (January - December).

**NEW IN 2007. The AHS offers new members and current members upgrading their membership a \$25 voucher for daylilies from participating vendors.**

Find a membership form at [daylily.org](http://daylily.org) and send inquiries about membership to:

Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary

Department WWW

P.O. Box 10

Dexter, Georgia 31019

[patmercerc@progressivetel.com](mailto:patmercerc@progressivetel.com)

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

What a drag! I'm sitting here at the computer watching my garden get a fresh layer of snow, and wishing it were already spring. When I finish this, I guess I can retreat to the new Eureka and do some wishing.

Thanks for your support as your new President. During the time we've been members, Kathy and I have enjoyed getting to know you and the Society. This promises to be a great year, with some meeting programs and projects firmed up and others on the drawing board. I'm blessed with so many experienced people to contribute ideas and make them reality.

This will be a great year (and the snow can't last forever!)

Clay Dawson

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## 2008 Winter Gardening Fair February 2, 2008

You are invited to the 2008 Winter Gardening Fair presented by Linn County Master Gardeners at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. The day includes:

- 43 classes on horticultural topics
- Keynote presentation by Melinda Myers "Create a Colorful Garden filled with Birds, Butterflies and Blossoms." Myers founded the Master Gardener program in Milwaukee
- Panera's box lunch
- Displays from gardening societies in eastern Iowa.
- \$35.00 for all!
- [www.extension.ia.state.edu/linn/news/Winter+Gardening+Fair+2008.htm](http://www.extension.ia.state.edu/linn/news/Winter+Gardening+Fair+2008.htm) or call
- ISU Linn County Extension 319-377-9839
- Clay will be asking for volunteers to man a booth for our society at the January meeting.



## Other Plant Tidbits:

The poinsettia or "Euphorbia pulcherrima" was named for Dr Joel Roberts Poinsett, US ambassador to Mexico for 1825-1829. He also introduced the American Elm tree to Mexico.

The poinsettia's bright bracts were used to decorate churches at Christmas and were called the "flor de la noche Buena", or Nativity flower. The poinsettia is a short season plant. To create rebloom another year, it must be covered like a parrot every evening so it gets no light. The milky juice of the poinsettia is an irritant to the skin. It is in the same botanical family as the rubber tree and can be an irritant to those who have a latex allergy. It used to be thought of as a poisonous plant, but the national Poison Control does not consider this to be true after extensive testing.

## Horticulture in the Heartland March 1, 2008

### 9:00-3:10 at Clinton Community College

Keynote speaker: Internationally known plants man :Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery of Avalon, WI, Other Presenters are: Gary Whittenbaugh, Kathryn Newman, Margo Hansen, Cindy Haynes, Jeff Epping, Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Jamie Beyer, Richard Jauron. The speakers will be presenting on topics from water gardens to annual, perennials, peonies, roses, conifers, and dormant gardens. Call Anne Schmidt 563-244-7050 or 800-637-0559 for more information.

## Tentative Agenda for January

Plant Sale in May  
Sign Up for Committees  
Kirkwood Gardening Fair BOOTH  
Eureka Catalog Distribution  
Web site for the Club