

June 2015 Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society Newsletter

President Nancy's Podium

"I live in my garden, and just sleep in my house." Quote from Wallace's Wit.

I received a gardening calendar from my oldest daughter, Jennifer, at Christmas from Wallace's Garden and Green house of the Quad Cities. I really have enjoyed the monthly quotes. It also came with a flier of something that you could get free every month. It wasn't until I went to redeem the January coupon that I caught the method "Free with a purchase"!!! Well, in January doesn't everyone need to visit a greenhouse and buy something? Now, however, it is June and it is so great each morning to walk around, pull a weed, gather a flower, hear the bees and birds and enjoy that first calm of the morning before I hit the rush of commuting from Durant to Iowa City.

May was a great month for CVIDS. We had two astounding sales, one public, one for ourselves. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and made both projects a resounding success. You know who you are, so take a moment and give yourself a HIGH Five and a bigger WAY to GO!!! Zora Ronan chaired the Club Plant Selection part of the Distribution. This is one enormous task, folks. Make sure you take time to thank her. Nancy Rash held the food court assembly together, even while she and Lyle were touring somewhere fun just before the event. Keith Riewerts and Bob Papenhausen make a fine team along with their spouses, Sally and Barb in making the equipment details work out just right. There are many others who made the day before preparation come together so efficiently, that when I showed my face a half hour before the published starting time, I was wondering what there was left to do. This is An Amazing feat.

Muscatine Plant sale chair, Colleen Hansen had a super crew of members behind the scenes working on publicity promotion. It worked! Myrna Hass helped create a spreadsheet of newspapers, radio stations and other PR outlets that we will use for a long time. Loren, Jonathan, Keith, Myrna, Colleen and Nancy wrote articles, called stations and placed ads that drew a great public response. We had very little left an hour before the sale was set to be over. Scattergood School Senior Class had contacted us just prior to the sale, asking for donations to help establish a garden memorial on the school property. Any left over plants were donated to that project. I really enjoyed the camaraderie of the members, as they helped out, shared stories, sat and soaked up some sunshine. See some pictures of both events at our website. Thanks photographers.

Our next event is just one of my all around favorites. We are going on the "Summer Garden tour" of our members and local gardens On Saturday, July 11, 2015. In celebration of our 25th year as CVIDS, we are featuring two of our charter members that live in the south east quadrant of Iowa. The impressive gardens of 1) Gerald Hobbs- at 'Hobbs Hilltop Garden' and 2) Barry Stoll at 'Walnut Hill Gardens' will be on display. Thanks to both for opening up their gardens.

The very first year, both of their gardens were visited by the budding group of CVIDS. Barry and Lynn Stoll hosted a picnic as one of the very first CVIDS events. Barry, Colleen and John Hansen want to honor that memory and are inviting us to stay for a bonfire and dinner.

Gerald is the first stop of the day and he is the one who chose the starting time of 8:30 am. I know he loves his garden in the early morning sunshine off of the Mississippi River Bluff in Fort Madison. I, for one, will plan on a hotel in Fort Madison on Friday night. Does *Anyone* else want to party with me? You will have to help me set up the snacks and treats at Gerald's. More information about the tours will follow in an attached flier. In order to plan for meals, we will need you to contact: Nancy Carlisle and Colleen Hansen with your reservations before July 2nd.

The tour will start at 8:30 am Saturday, July 11 at Gerald Hobbs' Hobbs Hilltop Gardens at 2597 Hwy 2, Fort Madison. It may be helpful to combine into fewer cars. The second stop is in Gerald's neighborhood just 4 miles to the west. Gale and Dale Heidbreder's acreage called 'Hillcrest Hostas'. We will eat lunch in Burlington, at Buffalo Wild Wings and then travel to a friend of Gerald's in West Burlington, Sue Kershner's 'Tender Top Water Garden'. Then up to 'Walnut Hill Gardens' via Highway 61, Hwy 38 and I-80 near Atalissa for an afternoon tour and a dinner in the garden. We know that it will be a big day with many miles in the circle, but come and participate in one or all.

Gerald also invites you to come any time before this date. His seedling bed is over abundant and he digs them up for a nominal charge. (8" faces, and some with gold ruffles, created by Gerald), who wouldn't like them in their own garden? He feels he may have peak bloom prior to the tour date, but knows that there will still be an abundance of blooms. Just give him a call. If you go before, call in advance, but I know his hospitality is outstanding from going whenever I can. He described his garden as having "scapetastic" right now coming up from the crowns and just sending up scapes like crazy.

A wonderful committee has worked on a new endeavor for CVIDS, a **CVIDS plant swap and seek**. It would allow members to trade and receive coveted cultivars among our members. I am really looking forward to seeing what food names that I could find for my collection. And I know that I have some non food name cultivars that have need of a new home. See the attached flier for more information and how to participate. Thanks to Jonathan, Jackie and Keith for the hours that they have spent and will in the future to make this work.

Our August 22nd gathering will find us in Monticello at a new location, the fairgrounds. Start now thinking about what cultivars you will have available for a public sale. This is also when we bring back the earned plant of 2013 or older that has not returned yet. We bid on them via a Silent Auction, any not spoken for in that process go into a live bidding opportunity for all present. All members should participate in the Silent Auction process to purchase new items for your garden. Read Heather's article for more into the gathering of what plants will be returning.

See you soon. Enjoy your gardens and just sleep in your house. Nancy Carlisle, President 2015

Fall Club Plant Returns of 2013 or older

To all who have club plants returning this fall, please let me know the fan count as soon as possible. Also, please specify whether you are talking about double or single fans. If you are unsure which plant needs to come back this year, the website has an archive of all the club plants awarded to members. If you don't have access to the website, feel free to text me or call me at 563-554-0028. You will probably have to leave a message and I will get back to you.

You can also send an e-mail to jhsharroun@outlook.com.

Thanks, Heather Harroun

Silent Auction Chairman

Club Plant 2014 Question: from Jan Rogers, via our CVIDS facebook group.

Have any of you that received a club plant in 2014 had luck in growing their plant? Specifically the "Spacecoast" group of plants. I have *H. 'Spacecoast Fortune Redeemed'* and it is really not doing anything, in fact, I have lost most of it. I have moved it 4 times and each time I have checked the growth below and now I have 3 tubers remaining. I am going to re-pot and see what happens, but I am afraid it is not going to make it. I have other Spacecoast in my garden and they are doing fine, any advice?

Illustrated Daylily Guide: There are some copies available for the price of \$13. See Nancy Carlisle if interested in a copy.

Income from the Plants that were available for sale at the Club Plant Distribution Day. Members were able to acquire some nice choice selections for their gardens after the earned plants were selected. We made over \$2,700 (approximately).

Minutes for CVIDS Club Plant Distribution Day: compiled by Sara Hankemeier

May 23, 2015, West Liberty

The annual Club Plant drawing was made even more enjoyable because of the terrific volunteers who organized the plant preparation and provided refreshments for the morning. Viewing of plants began at 9:00 AM. Nancy Carlisle made the following announcements just prior to the 10:00 AM drawing:

- The Spring Plant Sale was an awesome success with over \$1800 made. That amount was double last year's sale.
- Several members need prayers and support for stressful times and health concerns.

- Minutes continued:
- A thank you has been received recognizing the donation in memory of Lynn Stoll to the Joe W. House Scientific Studies Fund of AHS.
- Bob & Marilyn Little and Dave & Sue Kramer were recognized as additional CVIDS members who joined in 1990.
- Thank you to Sherri Baldonado for her service as treasurer. Sue Kramer will be filling in as treasurer when Sherri moves this summer.
- If you have ordered the Daylily Guide, it may be picked up.

Zoran Ronan, Chair of the Club Plant Purchases, gave a financial summary of this year's plants. One hundred and nine plants were purchased. Sixty-four members were eligible for a club plant. A budget of \$6000.00 was set to purchase club plants. \$5,652.50 was spent this year on club plants with a total value of \$10,625.00 because of the generosity of several of the hybridizers. The breakdown is as follows:

Hybridizer	Cost to the club	Market value	
Scott Elliot	519.50	1015.00	Double
Bob Faulkner	1125.00	1250.00	One 125.00 bonus
Tim Herrington	694.00	950.00	30% discount
Margo Reed & Jim Murphy	1240.00	2280.00	Double
Heidi & Charles Douglas	677.00	1570.00	2.25 times the amt.
Karol Emmerich	600.00	1505.00	2.5 times the amt.
Tim Bell	152.00	310.00	One 175.00 bonus
Jamie Gossard	645.00	1650.00	2.5 times the amt.
Ronan		95.00	
TOTALS	5652.50	10625.00	

Region One Meeting is being held in Marshalltown. July 17 to 19, 2015. Final cutoff for registration is July 7th. Maximum registrations are 125. See the AHS website under meetings or contact Don Lovell. DM Lovell@aol.com or Selwyn Rash selrash@aol.com

Betty Miller Photo Contest: Will be held at our November Banquet. Start gathering those wonderful photos in your garden.

Joy Adams Hosta garden tour: Our hosta Midwest Regional Hosta Rendezvous is being held in Dubuque from July 9 - 12th. My garden will be on the Sunday optional tour on July 12th. The afternoon of that day I assume. You all are welcome to join us, though with all that is going on here they may see wild flowers (weeds) mixed in with the perennials.

Joy also was responsible for putting together a cookbook for raising money to improve Monticello's Fountain Park where the garden club has had flower beds since 1940. Joy writes: "It is called the Monticello Federated Garden Club's 75th Anniversary Cookbook.

It is 334 pages that are 8 1/2 by 11 inches. There are a wide range of chapters of recipes along with a history of the garden club and its members. I tried to include historical photos as well present day ones. I also tried to get recipes from the families of deceased members as well as many from our current members. That came to 959 recipes and many gardening tips as well. There is a double index. The first index is by gardeners' names and the second index is by subject and food type. The most common ingredient is fruit followed closely by vegetable. I included many main dish recipes and easy step by step formatting so that new and experienced cooks would like it. Also, I put it into easy to read larger type and used a wire spiral binding so that it would be strong and be able to be folded back while using it. The book includes so many tried and true delicious recipes that it is a great example of good old Iowa comfort food. The price is fifteen dollars but many folks give more because it is a good cause and they realize the work that went into it and that similar books cost much more. We have gone through two thirds of our supply but are thinking of reordering since they will be for sale at the Jones County Fair Senior Home Booth. So far folks like the great recipes and enjoy reading the club history too. On page 25 I included a recipe from the town's first settler and first gardener and first cook. He served it to travelers on the Old Military Road."