

May was CVIDS “aMAYzing!” With about \$1,300 from the Muscatine Plant Sale and nearly \$3,700 from the Club Plant Distribution, we garnered around \$5,000 for the club coffers. Our collaborative plant sale with the Muscatine Master Gardeners and the Muscatine Garden Club brought us \$500 more than in previous years. Zora and all our volunteers produced a fine result for our club plant sale. Sue K. will have the exact figures in her treasurer’s report. Well done to Heather, Jo Lynn, Sue and all who helped with food, set up and tear down.

Our contract was also signed in May to reserve the Kirkwood Hotel facility for the 2020 AHS Regional. More on that later.

And then it was on to June and the official welcome to summer. Members have been busy as seen on our CVIDS Facebook page. From many new plants and garden improvements to showing off many blooms in our beds, and from travels across the “Pond” to 80th birthday parties in Parnell. July 8 is the CVIDS Garden Tour. Jonathan, Mary Jo and all of the garden hosts have been and are working diligently to ensure a wonderful day.

A mini drought has broken in my neighborhood within the past four days. When I wasn't weeding and mulching, I was watering. Can't wait to see the water bill.

And now, with July just ahead, we are ready for the payoff for all of our hard work, with bigger plants with more scapes and buds than ever! I am looking forward to seeing all of you and sharing the fruits of our labors on July 8. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate too.

See you soon,
Keith

2017 Summer Garden Tour

Jonathan Poulton

The 2017 Summer Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, July 8th. There will be four garden stops on the tour, all along the I-80 corridor and reasonably close to each other. We'll start the day at 8:30 AM at the residence of Mary Jo and Joe Duffy (between Iowa City and Solon). At this stop, there will not only be Mary Jo's beautiful garden to peruse but also Joe's vegetable garden and the daylily seedling garden of Jonathan & Susie Poulton. We will then travel to the garden of Jim Seamans Jr. in Iowa City, before going to the Coralville Public Library for lunch. HyVee will be providing box lunches (for details including sign-up deadline, see below). After lunch, we'll take I-80 west to the residence of Joyce & Steve Parsons in Conroy, before finishing our tour at the Cottage-in-the-Meadow Gardens of Larry & Wilma Rettig in South Amana. Your garden hosts very much look forward to your visit. Time schedule is found on the Bulletin Board of the CVIDS website. Driving directions have been e-mailed to you. Please contact Jonathan if they failed to arrive.

Lunch Options:

Tour participants will have the following three options for lunch.

(i) The club is having lunch catered by HyVee in the basement of the Coralville Public Library. If folks sign up for this lunch, they will for \$5.00 receive a box lunch consisting of a sandwich of their choosing, a cookie, and fruit. The choices of sandwiches are: ham & swiss, turkey & cheddar, and vegetarian delight, on either wheat or white bread. The club will provide a selection of drinks. If you would like to take part and have not already done so, please place your order with Jonathan by phone (319-354-1735; please use answering machine), e-mail (jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu), or by mail. **The deadline for HyVee lunches is July 1st.** If you are bringing a guest to the Tour, the cost is \$10.00. So far, the following 38 CVIDS members have placed their lunch orders with Jonathan: Nancy Rash & Lyle Moen, Lynn & Sherry Moffit, Robert & Suzanne Moffit, Jill Gardner, Dave & Carole Appelquist, Shelly & Darran Lett, Luella & Jo Lynn Johnson, Scott Feddern, Frank & Mary Ancell, Steve & Gerald Hobbs, Keith & Sally Riewerts, Rex & Barb McCreight, Gary Oster, Nancy Carlisle, Karmin Mullins, Dick & Jo Palmer, Mary Jo Duffy, Mary Moore, Pete & Pat Connolly, Jan Rogers, Sylvia Seymour, Mel Bauguess, Sue & Dave Kramer, Jonathan & Susie Poulton.

(ii) Your second option is to bring your own lunch and come join us at the CPL for an hour of comfort, fun, and air-conditioning!

(iii) Your third choice is to take advantage of one of the many scores of restaurants in Iowa City and Coralville.

Two recommendations: (i) I recommend that you park your car in the underground parking lot of the CPL. Your car will stay cooler, and you'll have no stairs or elevators to navigate. (ii) Please consider wearing your CVIDS name badge, so that guests attending the tour, including some from the Muscatine Garden Club, will know who you are.

CHEERS and a big thank you to Jonathan, Susie, Mary Jo, Joe, Steve, Joyce, Jim, Larry and Wilma for all of the planning and work in this favorite club event!!!!

**“Getting to know you.”
feature article by Barbara McCreight**

It is amazing when one stops to think about how unique and individual we all are! I never really thought about that before. When you take into consideration our membership of approximately 150 people, coming from all different backgrounds, skills, education and careers. But, what brings all these different people together is a flower the Hemerocallis Daylily – that is amazing!

Meet Mary & Frank Ancell –

Becoming a member of CVIDS in 2015, started by a visit to Walnut Creek Nursery and meeting Colleen Hansen. Frank is a mechanic and he is the dedicated gardener and caretaker of their yard and Daylilies! Mary appreciates the beauty and artistry of the landscaping and flowers on their property, because she is the artist in the family.

Mary and Frank are a blended family with 4 children, 8 grandchildren and another grandchild expected in September. They moved to Muscatine in 1990. If you are ever in their neighborhood their home is easy to recognize! There are beautifully painted red/orange poppies on their privacy fence facing the street!

Mary is employed at Iowa Memorial Granite, where she designs headstones. In her spare time, she makes jewelry, does wood carving and paints.





They welcome visitors to their enchanted corner in Muscatine.

Congratulations to our OUTSTANDING CVIDS Members:

Some news from the national AHS meeting in Norfolk, Virginia this past week.

Nan Ripley received the Regional Service Award for her contributions to Region One.

Jonathan Poulton received the award for best scientific article, for the second year in a row." The article was on attempting to create blue daylilies. ["Out of the Blue, part 2"](#), by Jonathan Poulton. The Daylily Journal, Spring 2014, pp. 41-45

Keith and Sally Riewerts' garden is to be featured on Channel 6 WOC Fran Riley's features. (Was rained out during filming, hope to complete soon)

Happy 80th Birthday to Robert Moffit.

Lynn and Sherry Moffit, Prairie Fire Gardens, will hold an open garden on July 1, 9-4 pm, 2705 Keokuk-Iowa Road, North English. (NL editor note: One of my favorite gardens, magazine, national garden tour worthy)

Joy Adams' hosta she created "Gift of Sight" is in the Iowa Lions Eye Bank Healing Garden at the University of Iowa opposite the main entrance. Jim and Joy's land has joined the Indian Bluffs/Pictured Rocks Bird Conservation Area.

Region One news:

Kathleen Nordstrom resigned as Regional Director. Kyle Billadoux is taking her place. Her contact info is on the national AHS web site.

Region One meeting is coming up soon: The Daylily Society of Minnesota cordially invites you to the 2017 AHS Region One Summer Regional, which will be held on July 28-30. The headquarters hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth. Bryan Culver will be the guest speaker. Registrations are capped at 112. Cost is now \$159.



Jonathan Poulton's pictures of seedlings blooming this week for the first time.