

The CVIDS Newsletter

From the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

June 2001

SPRING SALE NETS CLUB PROFITS

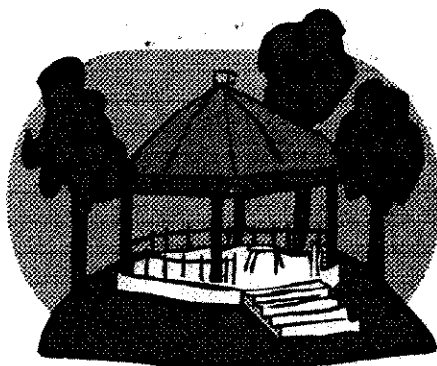
by Kim Edge

The Cedar Valley Daylily and Iris Society sold \$605 worth of plants during its spring sale at Vander Veer Park in Davenport, Iowa, on Sunday, May 20th, 2001.

Many of our members attended the sale, on a pleasant overcast day that ended in showers.

Leftover plants were donated to park horticulture director Susan Anderson for use in their community gardens projects.

Thanks to the following members who either donated plants and/or their time to the sale: Barry and Lynn Stoll, Gerald and Elenora



Vander Veer Park was the setting for our 2001 spring sale.

Hobbs, Jean Hecht, Jan Null, Sharon Murken, Betty Miller, Reva Allen, Joy Adams, Kay Hill, Marjorie Cornelius, Donna Helgens, Sylvia Seymour, Cassie Wilkinson and Kim Edge.

A Message from Fred McDowell

I wish to express my thanks for your recognition of me and Margaret in recent newsletters. We are honored to become life members of CVIDS, an organization with which we have felt a vital affinity since its founding. This recognition has formed a fitting conclusion to our forty years of growing daylilies in Iowa City. We will hope to get to some of your meetings or Region One meetings, but since we are no longer in Eastern Iowa or own a car, such occurrences are somewhat problematical. We were also touched by your efforts to establish a bed of daylilies in my honor, and we wish you success in this project. And we also appreciated the card sent to us by Betty Miller with its good wishes and multiple signatures. All of these expressions of admiration and sympathy have been bright spots for us in the complicated process of transition in our lives. We in turn wish all of you the best of gardening years ahead and more striking and beautiful daylilies than ever in your futures.

*Sincerely,
Fred*

Upcoming Events:

Hosta Festival, June 10th, Dubuque Arboretum. Mark Zillis will speak. Contact Joy Adams for more information at #319-465-3898.

8 Gardens in the East River Drive Area, Sunday, July 1st, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Davenport, Iowa. This is a drive yourself event. Lunch and many garden activities will be held at Lindsay Park. Tickets are \$10; call 326-7894 to use MC or Visa. For more info call Carol Bedford at #326-4500.

AHS Region 1 Summer Meeting, July 13-15, 2001, Marshalltown, Iowa, Best Western Regency Inn, #1-800-241-2974. The registration fee is \$70 by June 15th, \$80 after and includes tours, food, an auction, a garden judges clinic and Dave Kirchhoff as speaker and instructor. Contact Duane Manzey for more information at #614-753-7064.

AHS National Convention, July 19-21, 2001, Boston, MA. Headquarters: Boston/Newton Marriot.

May 2001

The 2001 Spring Symposium in Marshalltown, Iowa

By Gerald Hobbs

This event was well attended and presented on March 23rd and 24th to about 66 daylily enthusiasts. It began on Friday evening with registration and a social hour. This warm gathering was an opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet new people. Then the speakers were introduced by Don Lovell and Duane Manzey. These two do a grand job of conducting the symposiums and have a very good support group to help prepare and run things smoothly and offer a lot of food and refreshments. During the evening slide presentations were given by Region 1 hybridizers. We saw some very good progress in a wide display of forms and colors of new seedlings and cultivars hardy to our zones. So, we don't have to be cautiously buying all those southern plants that may not be hardy here.

On Saturday there was an abundance of refreshments all day. The first speaker was Tom Bruce on the subject of the digital camera. He uses it as a tool to show parentage and offspring all in one picture for comparison of traits and pedigree. It is also useful to show pictures on a web site. Titles can be put right on the image for identification. He finds the instant review feature very useful when refining photography skills by taking many different shots of the same flower or scene from various angles and lightings. After the initial purchase digital cameras are much less expensive to use than film. One should get one with rechargeable batteries and a floppy disk for economy. He said Sony has the most sales on digitals and digital sales are exceeding those of good grade 35 mm cameras. A 640 x 480 resolution is adequate for computer or web site use. A 1024 x 768 resolution is adequate for a 3" x 5" print. You would only need a higher resolution for an 8" x 10" print. He says slides are necessary for presentations since equipment for an audience is very expensive, and 35 mm is best for colored catalogs. Tom raises about 18,000 seedlings per year with an emphasis on doubles and he sells seeds too. He says to use doubles on large flowers to get huge flowers.

Judith Weston gave a talk on small flowers and unique colors and patterns. She says many people grow other small flowers as companion plants to daylilies, but why not small flowered daylilies that are more varied

and interesting? Some of her well known intros are BOLONGO, BUBBLING BROWN SUGAR, IDI-TAROD, PYGMY PARAMOUR and LIGHTS OF DETROIT. Some never ones are COWRIE SHELL, RIM SHOT, GIZMO, GUINEA and LAVA LITE.

John Peat talked about daylilies in Canada. He produces 7,000-10,000 yearly in Florida and Canada that are thought to be hardy. Some of his recent intros are the doubles CLEVER CONVERSATIONS and PIG-LET AND ROO. His recent singles include TIM-BAVITI HORIZON, a deep lavender purple; FRA-ZIER RIVER RUN, a very ruffled melon; and FLA-MINGO FLIGHT, a bright pink with a rose eye.



Our correspondents scour the globe to keep you informed.

Jamie Beyer provided a break from daylilies with the topic of Midwest waterscapes. He is an expert from Ames, Iowa and has been making garden pools for 40 years. He co-authored a book, Ortho's All About Garden Pools and Fountains, which is inexpensive and informative. He went into detail about small tub and dish gardens to big ponds and waterfalls and wildlife ponds. He says to use a 40 mil EPM liner for long pond life. You can start terrestrial cannas in a bucket until they are 4-5" tall then set them in water as a bog plant. The yellow 'Hyvola' water lily is his choice for a tub garden. Mr. Beyer was a very animated and humorous talker.

In the round table it was brought out that IDA'S MAGIC creates a lot of stippling and that temperature affects bloom color more than the soil chemistry.

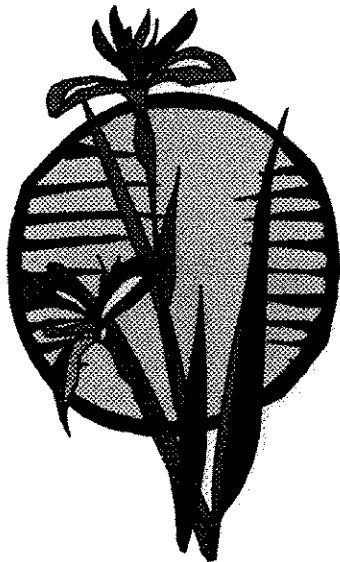
Dave Talbott gave a humorous account on his 50 years in daylilies and held an auction afterwards with nothing selling for more than Eureka prices.

Watch for the Fall Symposium on September 21st and 22nd in Marshalltown. Speakers will be Francis Ater, Bobbie Brooks, Kathy Lawson, Don Lovell, Steve Moldovan, Lee Pickels, Gary Schaben, Bob Scott and Lynn Stoll—whew!

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Would YOU like to be one of our far-flung correspondents? We know some of you are going to be traveling this year! Just write up a summary of a garden-related trip you've taken and send it to Kim. You, too can be a published garden journalist!

If you have not already told Lynn which club daylilies you will have available this fall for the auction (and how many fans), please do so!! Lynn's phone number is (319) 946-3471 and her e-mail address is walnuthl@netins.net



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Considering the Day Lilies at Karkosh Komers

for Reva

Consider the names:

Red Rhapsody, Milanese Mango, Tangerine Twist,
Peach Dust, Florissant Ruby, Pink Jubilation,
Welcomed Guest, Realms of Glory, Pure Bliss;

Consider the colors:

Apricot, peach, persimmon,
Cinnamon, saffron, rose,
Amethyst, emerald, gold;

Consider the contrasts:

Pumpkin streaked with plum,
Mango lined with lemon,
Topaz turned to wine;

Consider our voices:

Here—Oh here—This one—
This fluted edge, This green throat,
This velvet lining;

Consider Solomon:

What is worth an afternoon
In a labyrinth of lilies, what
Can compare with such splendor?

Consider:

Is there a better way to live
Even if only for a day?

by Carol Tyx
(contributed by Reva Allen)



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