

March 13th, 2010 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Nancy Carlisle, Secretary.

Muscatine County Fairgrounds, West Liberty, IA

Kelly D. Norris of Rainbow Iris Farms (Bedford, IA) conducted a presentation about median iris called "The Short Ones". Susan Minger won the drawing for a gift membership to the American Iris Society. Kelly Norris presented this as a board member. He also promoted his upcoming book Dig This, a Bookazine. Order it at dighismag.com

President Mike Carstensen called the meeting together with the help of Keith Riewert's whistle, after everyone enjoyed a sumptuous potluck feast of members bringing treats. Gary Oster's 90-plus young mom sent homemade cream puffs. Thank YOU! Forty-two members and two guests were present.

Minutes were approved from the February meeting with the following correction. A sympathy card had been sent to Mr. Don Erling for the loss of his wife.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Moore reported that the balance on hand is \$6,867.02. Virtually all of the ordered plants have been paid for. New members have been joining our group. A list of members owing membership dues was read. All persons present at the meeting are currently paid members. Bob and Cathy invited all to the April 10th meeting featuring Lora Rock, a local artist whose paintings are on display at the Morning Sun Community Center. He also requested when reservations are made for the Garden Tour luncheon that the location takes a check.

Pollen Dobbers Meeting: This will be held in Marshalltown on March 21. Paul Owen and Richard Norris will be the speakers. Show off of the hybridizers' slides will begin in the morning. Speakers will bring plants for the auction. Fliers are available, and registration can occur at the door.

North Liberty Plant Sale: This will be held on May 8th. Bring your lilies and perennial plants marked. Pictures are nice to have available. Zora Ronan has agreed to coordinate advertising and chair the committee.

CVIDS Plant Distribution and Auction of remaining plants: This will be held in West Liberty on May 22 at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in the Floral Exhibit Hall. A light breakfast will be available, with time for members to peruse the purchased plants. Mike and Clay worked on the list of members eligible for plant drawings. Membership present received the list, and it will be printed in the next newsletter. If there are discrepancies, contact Mike.

The club **Garden Tour for daylilies** will be held on July 10th. Thanks to the members Kay and Ken Hill, Jonathan Poulton, Barry and Lynn Stoll, and Joyce and Steve Parsons for opening their gardens for our tour. Another garden location for the tour would be welcome. Nancy Carlisle, Mike Carstensen, Lynn Stoll, and Shirley Waters are the committee. It was brought up about possibly coordinating a tour of members' iris gardens in May. Wanda Lunn always has an open garden in May for her Historic Tall Bearded display.

Committee assignments were distributed with chairpersons announced. If you were not at the January meeting for sign up, please contact the chair to volunteer your services.

Lynn Stoll has volunteered to be the **Newsletter Editor** starting in November. Deb Hansen volunteered at the meeting to take on the role of Secretary starting in January.

Jackie Westhoff and Zora Ronan showed a Powerpoint to inform the membership of the **Region One July 22-24, 2012 meeting** to be hosted by our society. Committee members are Jackie Westhoff, Zora Ronan, Jean Hecht, and Nancy Carlisle. Persons who have volunteered to serve already are: Sylvia Seymour as Registration Captain, Jonathan Poulton as Webmaster, Donna Denly as Tour Bus, Nancy Carlisle for Welcome Packet. The speaker will be Margo Reed. The meeting will be at the Kirkwood Conference Center and Hotel. The Culinary Arts Center will prepare all of the food. AV and Tech support services are included in the cost. A complimentary room will be provided with 50 rooms reserved. This will be used for the speaker. Plan is to have the website online this November. Welcome packet will be a vinyl tote, with side pocket for brochures, plan for everything usable in it.

Items Needed: 1) Meeting Slogan- Submit one for potential discount as the winner. 2) Convention Booklet Chair, 3) Publicity Chair, 4) Open Garden Chairman for Friday and Sunday, 5) Tour Garden Chairman for Saturday, (4 gardens

are planned), 6) Bus Captains, 7) Boutique Chairman (only revenue that we receive besides registration), 8) Bus Plants Chair, 9) Auction Chair, 10) Friday Workshop Chair (potential ideas: Robin Meetings, Blue Daylily talk, Hybridizer Panel, and Chef demo), 11) Garden Judges Workshop Chairperson (Potential Exhibition Judges workshop and Informal off-scape display), 12) Table Decorations- Suzanne Moffit volunteered along with her niece Jill Gardner. 13) VIP attendant for Margo Reed. Bus Plants: Gerald Hobbs has volunteered to contribute some of his introductions. Zora Ronan proposed: 2010 Club plants purchased in the second round auction be kept by the individual and return the increases as bus plants. Any extras could be contributed to the boutique. (These are plants that are not first round plants for the Silent Auction Return of 2010, but rather plants that have always been kept by the member for their own garden use.) Discussion was held. Motion was withdrawn.

Tentative Schedules:

Friday, July 22: Registration to be open from 12-8, Boutique 12-6, Classes from 1-5, Region One Business meeting 5-6, Buffet 6:30, Friday Night Auction.

Saturday, July 23: Tour Buses leave at 8 am. Banquet meal and speaker at 7 pm.

Sunday, July 24: Open gardens and Judges Workshop (part 2).

Payment of speaker Kelly Norris: President Mike asked the membership if they enjoyed the quality of the presentation. Membership answered with a round of applause. He then asked for approval to pay the speaker's fee of \$150. Membership vocalized agreement. President Mike also inquired if this type of program should be held 1-2 times a year. Membership agreed. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.