

CVIDS Meeting March 21, 2015 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Davenport

Our potluck lunch started shortly after 12 noon. Forty-nine members attended and learned about the 2015 Club Plants from Zora Ronan. While the list is not finalized at this time, Zora shared photos and descriptions of the confirmed cultivars which will be available in May for the distribution.

President Nancy Carlisle called the business meeting to order at 2:08 PM. The first item on the agenda was a special time of recognition and remembrance in light of CVIDS 25th Anniversary coming up next week on March 24th. A display of club photos and memorabilia was available thanks to the contributions of several long-time members. Two charter members from that first meeting in 1990 were in attendance. Barry Stoll and Gerald Hobbs were given certificates and name badges. Joy Adams, Jackie Westhoff, and Mary Moore were also recognized as members who joined within that first year and were present at today's meeting. All five members spoke of their thoughts and reflections on the development and growth of CVIDS.

Approval of the February minutes as printed – (M/S John Hansen, Dave Appelquist) No treasurer's report was given due to the absence of Treasurer Sherri Baldonado.

Committee reports:

Membership and Web Master Jonathan Poulton reported several new members have joined the club. He is still working on packets for new members.

Club Plant Chair, Zora Ronan reminded people to pay their dues before April 1 to be eligible for a club plant. There are approximately 68 eligible for a club plant this year. Additional help will be needed for the setup and actual distribution on May 23.

Photo Contest Chair, Sylvia Seymour, encouraged more announcements to make sure all realized that when photo categories such as single, double, clump, etc. are stated, they refer to the flower FORM not the number in the picture. In jest Bob Papenhausen requested that last year's contest winners be ineligible this year, especially when they go on to be regional photo contest winners. Congratulations to Keith Riewerts for his excellent showing at the regional level. Bob's request failed for lack of a second.

Silent Auction Chair, Heather Harroun, announced that flyers are available for the spring plant sale scheduled for May 9 at the Environmental Learning Center Shelter 1 in Muscatine. Perennials other than daylilies are accepted for the sale. Tags for the plant sale are available. Please use an industrial sharpie when marking tags.

Volunteers are still needed for the **Officer Election Nominating Committee**.

Nancy announced plans for **summer garden tours** featuring some of the gardens from CVIDS charter members. A southern tour, Daylilies Galore and More, will take place on July 11. Gerald Hobbs will host one site, and he has made suggestions for other stops. Dale and Gail Heidbreder of Hostas and More have over 1000 Hostas, trails in their woods, other perennials, and a greenhouse. Another site will be Sue Kirchner's Tender Tops near Burlington. In addition to daylilies she has perennials, ponds, pond plants, greenhouse, and stained glass. The day will end with a wiener roast at Barry Stoll's. A northern tour is yet to be arranged.

The August 22 meeting will be our **silent auction** and live auction of returning club plants. In addition the day will include a plant swap among members and possibly a speaker. The new location will be at the Jones Co. Fairgrounds in Monticello.

The new **Club Plant Qualifications** were brought before the club. It was noted that the revised qualifications included a duplicate mention of attendance at the garden tour in both point 7 and 11. Clay Dawson moved to accept the committee's recommended Club Plant Qualifications with the elimination of point 11 since it was already included in point 7. Considerable discussion followed around the concern of how complicated and contentious club plant qualifications and distribution has become. Some clubs use membership in the American Hemerocallis Society as their only criteria. Clay withdrew his motion. No further motion was made, so no vote was taken. Current criteria will remain in effect until such time as a new proposal is brought before the membership. Any concerns, questions, or difficulties should be brought before the board.

Catherine Hansen explained her concern for people in the Muscatine homeless shelter and encouraged anyone to donate to that cause.

Door prizes were awarded.

Motion to adjourn – (M/S Jonathan Poulton, Joy Adams)

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Hankemeier, Secretary