

CVIDS Meeting Minutes March 10, 2018

St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall

President Keith called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He asked if any new members were present and there was none. Keith took roll call of members present whose last names began with A-L, asking them to share their favorite daylily and a photo if they had one. There was a wide variety of daylilies, including Lavender Blue Baby, Barbara Mitchell, Primal Scream, Big Bird, Velvet Ribbon, Terrible Swift Sword, Heavenly Blue Eyes, Rose F Kennedy, Hilton Magic, Chariot of Clouds, Black Panther, Red Dragon Sunrise, Starfish Prime, Beautiful Edging, Ruffly Duffly Dude, and Weird Science.

Announcements – Jill Gardner shared a children's book that she purchased, titled My Grandparents' Daylilies. Barry Stoll's mother and Susie Poulton's mother passed away recently. Both thanked the club and members for their condolences.

Presentation - The presentation was given by Callie Wetjen Wiebold, ***Raising Monarch Butterflies (Gardening for the Butterflies)***. Callie raises monarchs in her home, tags them through the Monarch Watch agency, then releases the butterflies. Callie explained monarch migration, ideal sites for breeding monarchs, good nectar flowers, and the effect of insecticides on the monarch population.

Business meeting - Keith called the business meeting to order at 2:15 pm. He thanked Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen for taking minutes and collecting membership renewals at the February meeting. There were no changes to the minutes posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Kramer reported a healthy bank balance as of Feb. 28, 2018.

Upcoming events:

March 17 - Art of Gardening Fair at Muscatine Community College – Keith and Nancy Carlisle will host our table. Nancy prepared the gift basket. We need 1 or 2 more people at the table. Scott F is taking the class so he will help during lunch.

March 16 and 17 – Pollen Dabbers, hosted by CIDS in Marshalltown – several members are attending. This is also the Region 1 Winter Meeting. More information, including the program and registration form, are available at www.cvids.org/board.html

March 16-18 – IRLS – Des Moines Flower, Lawn and Garden Show

October 6 – CVIDS October meeting, the Hybridizers Roundup, will take place on the first Saturday of this month, as CIDS will be holding its meeting on October 13.

Membership update – There are currently 103 members paid up for 2018. To qualify for a club plant, 2018 membership fee is due by April 1, 2018.

Garden tour- July 14, 2018. Pete Connolly announced that there are two gardens on the tour so far, Pete and Pat Connolly in Bellevue and Diane Derganz in Maquoketa. Other potential gardens are those of Sara Hankemeier and the Riewerts. Lunch will be in Bellevue at Spruce Harbor.

Club plants – Jackie Westhoff is working with Jamie Gossard to get more plants.

CVIDS calendar update – not done since Sam McCord was not in attendance.

Announcement – Longtime CVIDS members Kathy and Bob Moore (Morning Sun, IA) are downsizing their daylily beds. Kathy passed out a list of daylilies that will be available at no cost to CVIDS members. Digging dates are Aug. 20-31, 2018. You can reserve a plant on the list, and Kathy will tag. Jonathan has posted this daylily list on the website's Bulletin Board.

Member update – Gary Oster reported to Keith that Rex McCreight is home from the hospital and feeling better, now undergoing chemo and radiation. Sally Riewerts is home today with a severe upper respiratory infection. Clay and Kathy Dawson – Clay Dawson has back trouble but is doing better after a steroid injection. Kathy Dawson had open heart surgery and is also doing better; she is back to playing the piano. Mel is here today but had been in the hospital. Mary Moore's brother passed away in Florida.

Hybridizer Doyle Pierce passed away last week.

Barry Stoll motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sue Kramer seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Submitted by Susie Poulton