

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society Newsletter - March 2016

**SPRING** *Is in the Birds arriving back.*

## **Message from: President Nancy Carlisle, Durant**

I enjoyed attending the Winter Gardening Fair at Coe College. I found out about plants that changed history. As a dietitian, I had appreciated the significance of Vitamin C in citrus fruit, but had not thought about how it changed lives in the 1700s. The willow tree, potato, sugar cane and cotton plants also had a hand in changes to our history. When Barb McCreight, Gary Oster and Dave Kramer host an information booth, they are a force to be reckoned with. Loren and Myrna Hass hosted a booth at the Clinton Gardening Fair. Kudos to all who help promote CVIDS.

I had a very nice picture of my garden irises in the Quad City Times for promotion of my talk at the Muscatine Art of Gardening Fair. Alma Gaul was the writer. Jonathan has put a link on our Bulletin Board page to the article, as well as the article about himself featured in the Cedar Rapids Gazette about his Project Green talk on his love of daylilies.

Sue Kramer, Barb Papenhausen, Nan Ripley and Jonathan Poulton are all presenting their hybridizing slides at Pollen Dabbers meeting this weekend in Marshalltown. I know they will just do a great job in making person fall in love with their creations.

Deadline to order the stainless steel plant markers that we purchase from Kinkaid at a group discount, is **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Call 563-357-0526 or email me at njcarlisle56@gmail.com

I have been receiving lots of message the past several days and will just share them with you.

## **Message from: American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) President: Nikki Schmith**

2016 AHS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Hi, everyone! All membership received as of midnight March 2, 2016 have their membership expiration date updated in the AHS database. The spring issue of the DAYLILY JOURNAL does go to members who have not yet renewed for 2016. This is their last reminder to join - no further mailings will be issued. The MEMBERSHIP CARD (with portal log in and expiry info) will be repeated on the summer DJ to accommodate the late renewals and new members.

## **Message from: Jonathan Poulton, Iowa City**

Nan Ripley and I have been working for several weeks to establish a website for her Walkabout Gardens in Nevada, IA. The first version is up and running and can be accessed at: [www.walkaboutgardens.com](http://www.walkaboutgardens.com)

## **It's Time for a New Edition of our "Meet the Members" Photogallery**

It's been three years since we published the 2nd edition of our "Meet the Members" photo gallery and, in that time, over thirty new members have joined CVIDS. At the February meeting, it was agreed that this document has been very helpful to put names with faces. It was decided to give Jonathan and club photographers Keith and Lyle the green light to begin work on the 3rd edition. Please note that, as in the past, this photo gallery will not be uploaded to our website. Instead, it will be distributed either as a hard copy to those members requesting it or as an electronic copy for those wishing to print it themselves.

If you are a new member, you are invited to be included in the 3rd edition. There are three options.

1. Keith and Lyle would be happy to take your photo at the April or May meetings.
2. You may send a color photo of yourself to Jonathan via US mail or
3. As an e-mail attachment (jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu). For those members who were included in previous editions of the photo gallery but wish to update their photos, please use any of the above options too. One final note, **June 1st** is the deadline for inclusion in this third edition.

**Saturday, March 19: Muscatine Master Gardeners: "Art of Gardening"** at Muscatine Community College Campus (Strahan Hall). Nancy Carlisle and Zora Ronan are speakers. In an article written by Alma Gaul, the Quad City Times published on February 28th a very nice photo of Nancy's garden iris. View the bulletin board on our website for an access link. Heather Harroun and Nancy Carlisle have volunteered to be at our information booth, but we could still use more assistance there.

### **Volunteers Needed for 2016 Club Events**

President Nancy asked me to extend a big "Thank you" to those members who signed up to volunteer at club events during 2016, but, as the posted list under club committees demonstrates, more volunteers are required, particularly as chairs or co-chairs. If you would like to help volunteer this year, please contact Nancy directly or sign your name on the lists that will be circulated at April meeting. Thank you!

### **Message from Diann Pavelka, Lisbon**

Hi folks, in case you are looking for some new peonies, Hollingsworth is bringing the attached list to the Iowa Flower, Garden and Landscape show on March 18th, 19th and 20th. (Held in Des Moines at the Fairgrounds) They have an exceptionally nice selection this year. However, inventory might fluctuate a bit. They may add a few roots not on here and or decide some of the leftover roots don't meet their standards and pull them from the list. I've been buying peonies from them for a long, long time now at the show and off their web page. And the roots have always been in excellent condition... Anyway, here's the list. I know there aren't pictures on this list, but that is what Google is for. Have fun!!! **Diann**

See attached pdf from Hollingsworth Peonies PO Box 517 Hockessin, DE 19707, Phone: 302 635-0140

Web: [hollingsworthpeonies.com](http://hollingsworthpeonies.com) (Peonies are what we do!)

### **Message from Zora Ronan, Central City Update on Club Plants**

Dear Members, There have been some more changes to the list of 2016 Club Plants.

Karol Emmerich discovered rust in her greenhouse this winter, in spite of meticulous conditions. Fungus does not winter over in the north and she will be treating it with the appropriate fungicides. Since fungus does not go away

immediately, once it sets in the best we can do is control it for the season. I made the decision to cancel the order from her for this year and we will reorder next year. We should applaud Karol for notifying us of the rust.

A selection of plants from Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies will be coming instead. Bill is a fairly new hybridizer from Marietta, Georgia who produces quality daylilies. He does not hybridize on the scale of Gossard or Hanson but does very nice plants. His daylilies are mainly large, round, ruffled or toothed, with very saturated colors, especially reds and purples. His list of plants is attached

The new slide show and updated Excel list is on the website. **Zora**

## **Message from: Keith Riewerts, Long Grove**

Wednesday, March 30: CVIDS member Keith Riewerts will be giving a daylily presentation at the Windmill Cultural Center in Fulton, Illinois, as part of their "Wild Winter Wednesdays" series. It is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. He'll be giving some basic information regarding daylilies and highlighting CVIDS and the AHS during his talk. Fulton, IL, is the Illinois "across the river" neighbor to Clinton, IA, and is a noted Dutch community, as the Windmill Cultural Center might suggest. Keith's presentation is entitled "Hemerocallis and Homeostasis – The Balancing Act in Your Garden."

## **Members who have recently joined:**

Anthony Brown (Tony) Blue Grass, IA ; Kimberly Beukelman North Liberty, IA; Cindy Light, Lisbon, Barb Freyenberger, Iowa City; Mary Kaufman, Cedar Rapids; Laura Friday, Normal IL; and Lois Friday Iowa City. We wish to welcome all of you to our membership. Don't be strangers.

## **April 9, 2016 Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is in Muscatine, Iowa at the Environmental Learning Center On April 9<sup>th</sup>. Nan Ripley of "Walkabout Gardens" will be our featured speaker. Her talk is titled "Garden Inspirations." Barb McCreight will be doing a 15 minute presentation on the "Pre-emergent that saved My Garden."