

## **MAY DAZE: CVIDS NEWSLETTER , MAY 2015**

### **President Nancy's Podium:**

A big shout out and thank you to all members who brought plants, shared your expertise with customers, were there to share fellowship and help bag plants, those who called friends and sent out Facebook messages, helped make signs, posted the banners, placed advertising.....You get the idea.

We are a society that truly helps and work at projects like our very successful Spring Plant sale held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Muscatine. For a first time location, it was an amazing, very successful day.

Our income was over \$1,800. We did some heavy advertising to assure our success, so expenses will need to be adjusted out yet. Last year in North Liberty we only took in \$900. So we doubled our sales. Thank you to Colleen Hansen and Myrna Hass as chairpersons for the hours they put in on this project. Pictures will be posted shortly on the CVIDS website.

**NEEDED NOW: A TREASURER!!!.** Sherri Baldonado is moving to Colorado very soon. Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be her last volunteer service with CVIDS. She has been a wonderful resource person and has set many fine accounting practices in place for CVIDS. Thank YOU!

**Can you fill in until November? Or- Would you be willing to serve as an officer starting now or in November for a two year term? The pay is wonderful! It gets you more points in the qualifying for Club Plants.** Please consider this opportunity. Our election committee is Sherry McCarville and Jill Gardner and myself. Talk to anyone of us on Saturday. Sherri Baldonado is willing to show you the process before she leaves.

**One of the highlights of the membership year is THIS Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 in West Liberty, Iowa at Floral Hall, located in the Muscatine County Fairgrounds.** CLUB PLANT Distribution: 65 members earned the right to take a turn in the lottery to select the plant that they will carefully nurture for the next two years. After that, the original plant amount remains with the owner and increases are returned to the club to sell. The pictures are available on the website. Look closely to determine your preferred choice. Attached is a listing of your names, 1-65. Included also are the members (names 66-126) who are able to bid in the **live** auction after the initial earned plant distribution. To provide information for many of our new members on how the process works, you will find excerpts from the Member's Handbook inserted in the newsletter.

**Selection by Proxy: (Excerpted from the Member's handbook)** If an eligible member is unable to attend the plant distribution, he/she may assign another member as proxy to select a plant for them during the drawing. However, the member must inform the Treasurer of their designated proxy prior to the plant distribution. If no proxy is designated, no plant will be chosen for them. **WE are making an exception this year because Sherri Baldonado is so busy with her move. If you must have a proxy, notify Zora Ronan in advance of Saturday's distribution. Email at zronan@aol.com or 319-360-0002.**

I always hear a lot of "Oh, I wanted that plant" when a specific one gets taken in the drawings. It will be A Fun Day for all. Zora has obtained a nice selection for us to choose from.

Set up starts on Friday the 22nd at 10 am till finished. There is a good group who has volunteered to help, but as always many hands make light work.

Saturday the plants go on view at 9 am, selection starts at 10 am. The Live auction will be after that. Breakfast items are available, as always- bring an item if so inclined. It always seems to get eaten.

My iris beds are just stunning this year. The wind has been a little hard on them this week though. If you are traveling through or near Durant this week, please stop and wander through my beds. Really pretty combination this year is Immortality and Razzmatazz. My historical ones from my great aunt Mabel are blooming their hearts out. She passed away on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the super age of 99.8. I would like help in identification.

Illustrated Daylily Guide is still available. We ordered an additional carton of books. The cost is \$13 each. We will have available on Saturday. Several persons have indicated an interest in obtaining name tags like the charter members received in March. Cost is under \$8. Let me know if you are interested in purchasing your own and we can submit an order to Crown Trophy in Bettendorf. The aprons were ordered and used at the Spring Sale from Precision Embroidery in Davenport.

Put on your calendars a benefit on June 20<sup>th</sup> for Sanders Moffit. His brother's 4H club is sponsoring a dinner and silent auction benefit in Lone Tree. His grandparents are Lynn and Sherri Moffit, great aunt and uncle are Robert and Suzanne Moffit. Sanders is fighting a battle with leukemia.

See you on Saturday!! Nancy Carlisle

Decoration/Memorial Day Tribute:

"They answered their country's call to arms, into battle they did go,

Where their final destination was, No one will ever know.

May their final resting place under some unknown sod, be forever hallowed,

For it is known only unto God"

Many thanks to all of our veterans.

Excerpted from our Membership Handbook- also available online at [www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)

## **2. CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION & LIVE AUCTION:**

In late May, CVIDS holds its Club Plant Distribution and Live Auction. A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. Each year, CVIDS uses a portion of its funds to buy some choice daylilies that are distributed in May to eligible members (for explanation, see below) to grow in their garden for two years. After the distribution, excess plants are sold in a live auction. These two much anticipated events in the club calendar have in recent years taken place at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds Floral Hall in West Liberty. Please note that this is not a heated building, so dress accordingly. Coffee, juice, and rolls are provided, and members may bring fruit and other refreshments.

**Details about Club Plant Distribution:**

Eligible members (for eligibility requirements, see below) choose their club plant in a lottery draw and then have the responsibility to care take their plant for two years before returning fan increases to CVIDS for its August Silent and Live Auctions in Monticello. At that time, the largest double fan will be awarded to the highest bidder, and any additional increases will also be auctioned. As indicated below, proxies may be designated for club plant selection by identifying these individuals to the Treasurer. Members are asked to help evaluate the characteristics and hardiness of their chosen club plant in our CVIDS region. It is expected that they will nurture their club plant carefully yet let the plant experience the same growing conditions that make eastern Iowa an unique one. Furthermore, it is expected that club plants will not be split with others or used for seed production during these two years. Potting club plants in a fertile potting soil mix as soon as possible is a recommended practice. It allows new roots to form and enables the plants to acclimate quickly. The pots can be buried in beds or placed in sheltered areas and then transplanted into the beds as they show signs of new growth. This also gives latitude to move new plants and/or remove them, should they happen to show signs of rust or other disease, which, although unlikely, can occur.

**Details about Live Auction:** After the distribution, remaining plants are sold via a live auction, in which everyone in the club is eligible to participate. The current retail price of each plant is stated with bidding usually starting at \$25. Unlike club plants, auction-purchased plants do not have to be returned after two years.

**CLUB PLANT ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to receive a club plant for the current year, a member must have completed both of the following:

- ☑ paid membership dues for both the current and previous years (paid by April 1 of each year).
- ☑ contributed to the club's activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) by undertaking any two of the following:
  - (1) attended two club meetings (includes garden tour but not the banquet)
  - (2) served as a CVIDS Board member
  - (3) chaired or co-chaired a committee

- (4) donated plants to a club sale
- (5) assisted at the CVIDS plant sales or auctions
- (6) presented a club program
- (7) hosted a CVIDS garden tour
- (8) written an article for the Newsletter
- (9) bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants
- (10) performed any other activity that contributes to the success of the club