

Dear CVIDS members,

There will not be a Newsletter before the April club meeting so I am sending some information that you should have before the meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask at the meeting or contact me.

Change your calendars—the date of the fall banquet has been changed to November 2. Jamie Gossard will be coming as a guest speaker. More details will be available later in the year.

Nametags will be brought to the next several meetings until they are all distributed. Take your nametag with you.

Volunteers are still needed to fill expiring officer terms for 2014. The board has been searching to find an equitable and easy method to fill these positions. If volunteers do not step forward, one suggestion has been to have a draft. Jan Rogers is working on a system. Any suggestions would be welcome.

April 13, 2013 – Agenda – Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society, Eldridge Library

- Welcome and roll call
- Approve minutes of the March 23 meeting as sent in an email.
- Treasurer's report – Debbie Hansen
- Open board positions for 2014
 - ❖ Vice president – 2-yr term
 - ❖ Secretary – 1-yr term

- Upcoming events – Iris tour – tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2 – 4:30, Bruce more in Cedar Rapids, lunch (club does not pay for lunch) and Wanda Lunn's garden.

May events:

- May 11, 9 am – Noon, Spring Plant Sale, North Liberty
- May 25, 9 am – 1 pm, Club plant distribution and auction, West Liberty

Spring Plant Sale is Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to noon at the gazebo in Penn Park, North Liberty. If the weather is really cold and windy we might move to the adjacent picnic shelter. **Set-up starts around 8 AM.** Please bring a folding table if you can and chairs if you need them; the park tables are in short supply. This year we are going to use colored plastic tablecloths on each table to designate daylily colors. The signs kept blowing down in the gale-force winds of May.

Plants should be double fans, bare-rooted, named cultivars. The roots should be clean and the foliage clipped to about 8 inches. Label the plants with the cultivar name, hybridizer, year of registration, color, height, size, season, form if UNF or Spider or Double, and ploidy. If you don't have it already, all that information is on the AHS database. We have baskets and containers to put the plants in for display. If you have a photo, bring that

along because pictures help sell plants. Price your own plants. There is no longer a current Eureka so we will have to rely on how other big growers are pricing plants. Last year's Eureka will probably still be a good guide.

We need help and lots of plants as this sale usually has a good turnout. Yes, there are other plant sales this weekend but there are plant sales every weekend in May and we just have to attract our own following. This is a fundraiser for us, but it should also be an opportunity to educate the public about good daylilies. We will do better in the long run if we emphasize reasonably priced good quality daylilies rather than really cheap and really old.

Labels will be available at the April meeting. Take enough for the spring plant sale, returning club plants and August plant sale.

Companion perennials or anything you think might sell is also welcome. Between WMT and the local newspapers, there will be a good amount of advertising. Our sale is listed on Cindy Hadish's new blog: [www.http://homegrowniowan.com](http://homegrowniowan.com). Working at the plant sale and bringing plants will each count toward qualifying for a 2014 club plant (if you also meet the other requirements).

Club Plant Distribution: In last month's Newsletter, the process by which a member becomes eligible for a club plant was discussed; this month, the distribution process. The distribution event will be on Saturday, May 25, from 9:00 am to around 1:00 pm. The doors open at 9 with distribution beginning at 10. Take time to have breakfast and look at the plants.

The process is a lottery. When you arrive, register, and pick up a paddle number. That number is your bid number and identifies you. It is **not** the order in which you will choose a plant. Everyone gets a paddle number because that is used in the auction. Members eligible for a club plant get the numbers between one and 70 or however many eligible members. The order of choice will be determined with bingo balls. It is pure chance.

There are always some plants left over. We order a few extras and hybridizers send bonus plants. After all eligible members have chosen a club plant the extra plants will be auctioned off in a live auction. Everyone can bid in the live auction. Hold on to your paddle; this year we will have a second auction of returning 2010 club plants.

The list and slide show of the 2013 club plants is on the CVIDS website. They are all fabulous plants. Good job, Keith.

Club Plant Return: Because of the unusual circumstances last August, 2010 club plants will be returning in May. Because of the short time frame and the work involved, for this one time only, those returning plants will go on the live auction rather than a silent auction. We will still need to do the paperwork and prepare for the auction, so notify Heather Harroun by **May 11** which plants are coming back and the approximate number of double or single fans.

The rules on returning plants, as passed at the October, 2011 club meeting, specify that '...the member will keep a plant equal to the original size (number of fans) that they received and return all fan increases to CVIDS for its Silent and Live Auctions...'.

The returning plants should be double fans, if possible and bare-rooted. The roots should be clean and the foliage clipped to about 8 inches. Label the plants. Let Heather know approximately how many double or single fans will come back.

PS: Returning 2011 Club Plants will be sold at a Silent Auction on August 24, using the normal method. If you have any club plants that did not increase sufficiently to return in the past you can return the increase at either of these auctions. Just let Heather know.

2013 Committees:

Spring Plant Sale – May 11 - No Chair

Sherry Baldonado, Monica Dabling, Sherry McCarville, Cathy Moore, Verne & Mary Moore, Steve & Joyce Parsons, Jan Rogers

Club Plant Distribution – May 25 – Keith Riewerts, Chair

Sherry Baldonado, Gerald Hobbs, Sherry McCarville, Lyle Moen, Verne & Mary Moore, Karmin Mullins, Barb Papenhausen, Shirley Waters, Nancy Rash – Hospitality

Club Garden Tour – July 6 – Susan Minger, Chair

Lynn & Sherry Moffit, Nancy Carlisle, Mary Moore

Fall Plant Sale – August 24 – No chair

Sherry Baldonado, Monica Dabling, Loren & Myrna Hass, Caroline & Doug Jones, Roger & Brenda Knipper, Sherry McCarville, Barb & Rex McCreight, Mary & Verne Moore, Karmin Mullins, Gary Oster, Barb Papenhausen, Shirley Waters

Silent Auction – August 24 – Heather Harroun, Chair

Diane Derganz, Sara Hankemeier, Caroline Jones, Roger & Brenda Knipper, Sue Kramer, Susan Minger, Verne & Mary Moore, Sylvia Seymour

Fall Banquet – November 2 -- Nancy Rash, Chair