

# The CVIDS Newsletter



## Fall Sale Mysteriously Makes Money

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by Kim Edge

Despite the fact that no one can account for where the money came from, as we hardly seemed to have any customers, the fall sale in Monticello, Iowa brought in \$791.55, a total similar to last year's. The silent auction's final total was \$875.24, making the total income for the day \$1,585.65. As of September 14th, Treasurer Gerald Hobbs reported our CVIDS balance was \$7,234.

It was sunny but not terribly hot on that Saturday in Monticello. Our members really turned out for the event and the food was excellent, as usual. Thanks to all who participated!

In other news, Marilyn Little and her committee have proceeded to make fall banquet plans for the club! See page four for details.



Autumn banquet plans are simmering.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER WE SIGNED UP AT THE FALL SALE, SUSAN MINGER OF SPRINGVILLE, IOWA! GREAT TO HAVE YOU ABOARD, SUSAN! AND WELCOME BACK TO DORIS AND WAYNE CARNEY OF WEST BRANCH, IOWA, AND MARLA VISSER OF WILLIAMSBURG, IOWA WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS!

### Fall Banquet Menu

*Fried Chicken or Baked Ham*  
*Mashed Potatoes*  
*Vegetable of the Day*  
*Cole Slaw and Cottage Cheese*  
*Apple Pie or Strawberry Shortcake*  
*Non-Alcoholic Beverage*

## Lynn Stoll wins AHS Region One Service Award

*Editor's note: Since we happily have a lot of new members, some of whom may not be members of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) or receive its publication, the Daylily Journal, this serves as an introduction to one of our club's founding members, Lynn Stoll. Lynn recently was voted the prestigious Service Award for our region of AHS, Region 1, which includes Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The following introduction was written recently by Lynn's husband, Barry Stoll; the letter was written in 2001.*

Here is the e-mail that I sent to Oliver Billingslea when Mary Baker nominated Lynn for the 2002 Region One Service Award. This e-mail and other letters of support were sent to the AHS Board of Directors for consideration. A majority of the Board must approve the nomination for the award to be given. In many regions over the years, Regional Service Awards are not given. I believe that Region 1 has given only seven Awards in the 54 year history of the AHS and nearly half of all the Region One Service Awards have been given to members of our own CVIDS club! I am very proud that Lynn joins the company of CVIDS members Fred McDowell and Gerald Hobbs in receiving this honor!

Frederick McDowell's Splendor Daylily Garden was a major "inspiration" behind almost every AHS Display Garden in Region One

in the last 30 years and certainly every member of our club since its inception. I know that Fred's garden was an important "reference" garden for Gerald Hobbs, the last recipient of the Region 1 Service Medal.

The 2002 Region 1 Service Award was presented at the National AHS Convention Awards Banquet in Troy, Michigan last July.

Since this letter was written, Lynn has given daylily slide presentations at CVIDS meetings as well as other garden clubs and was the Judge's Trainer, along with Grace and Pat Stamile, at the 2002 Region 1 Daylily Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska this past July.

Dear AHS Board Members:

It is my great pleasure to support Region 1's Regional Vice President, Mary Baker's, nomination for Lynn Stoll for the 2002 Region 1 Service Award.

Here is a short history and summary of Lynn's journey in the daylily world:

In the Summer of 1978 Lynn attended a University of Iowa Botany Department extension course in Plant Propagation. At that time we were living in Iowa City on a small city lot (120 feet by 60 feet). Lynn's gardening activities centered on tall bearded iris. We had a nice collection of iris, were members of AIS and were training to become iris judges.

One of the field trips in this course was a visit to the garden of Professor Frederick McDowell. This event changed our lives! Lynn came home and insisted that I come with her to see a garden that words could not describe - "a virtual riot of color". This experience was like "Alice through

the Looking Glass" - rich reds, royal purples, dazzling golds and yellows and more! We were hooked!! This was the beginning of a long love affair with daylilies. This also was the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between Fred and Lynn - mentor and eager student.

Of course, we had to have some daylilies in our garden. We were delighted that Fred would actually sell some of those beauties to us! Our collection of daylilies started with a modest dozen and really blossomed when we moved to our present acreage in rural Atalissa in 1979. The garden has increased over the years to some 3,000 different named cultivars, including the incorporation of Fred McDowell's Daylily Splendor Garden into our own garden when he downsized in 1999. It now represents probably the largest collection of northern-hardy and dormant daylilies in the entire country.

We joined the AHS and both of us eventually became Life Members. We attended our first Region 1 convention in Iowa City in 1981 and have not missed any since. Our garden, Walnut Hill Gardens, has been on Region 1 Convention Tours four times. We have attended all but one of the National Conventions since 1991.

In 1990, along with Fred McDowell, Gerald Hobbs, and Jerry Hadrava, Lynn and I founded CVIDS (Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society). For ten years Lynn was Treasurer and Newsletter Editor of our club. She and Fred McDowell have been in charge of our annual plant hosting program. In 1992 Lynn was elected RVP for Region 1. During her presidency, she was Regional Newsletter Editor as well. She has also served Region 1 as an AHS Board member from 1998 to 2000. During that time, she was in charge of the Popularity Poll and then was Chairman of the Scientific Committee.

In addition to her service to Region 1 and our local club, Lynn has been invited to

give slide shows to many garden clubs around the Midwest on various aspects of daylilies and also on Siberian and species iris.

She has given slide presentations at our Regional Symposiums, Regional Conventions and also at the Chattanooga Symposium, where she gave a talk on "Where It All Began", a history of the origins of the daylily movement and the significance of Region 1 in the formation of AHS.

Lynn is a frequent contributor to the Region 1 Newsletter. Her articles on cultivars have received national recognition. Some of them are included in the AHS publications: *The Best From the Newsletters, Volumes 1, 2 and 3*. She has written for the *Daylily Journal* as well, most notably her article on "The Daylilies of Jack Carpenter".

Lynn has always been insistent on the importance of garden performance and in her pursuit of learning as much as she could about that area, she became an AHS Garden Judge. She went even further and became a Judge's Trainer. At present she is only one of two active Judge's Trainers in Region 1. She has given garden judge's workshops to clubs in Region 1 (i.e. Minnesota Club—1998) and at Regional Conventions (2000 in Minneapolis). Her workshops are exciting and she tries to impart her critical thinking as a scientist to those she instructs.

Lynn has recently caught the hybridizing bug and is presently engaged in a program that emphasizes good branching, good bud count and hardiness. She is crossing state of the art Southern beauties with strong Northern dormants. Although she has not introduced any cultivars, garden visitors have favorably commented on her recent efforts and some have even asked for help so they can be "backyard hybridizers"!

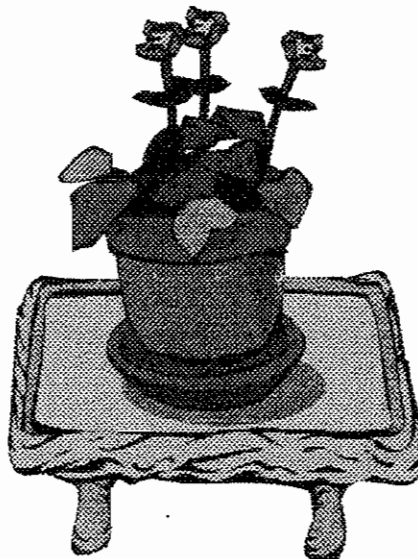
Our garden, an AHS Display Garden, Walnut Hill Gardens, has been instrumental in promoting the love of daylilies locally and statewide. Recently an entire page with color photographs was featured in the Sunday Home and Garden section of the Cedar Rapids Gazette (June 24) "Daylilies—The

Perfect Perennial", along with quotes from Lynn on why one should want to grow daylilies. Last year, the Muscatine Journal ran a spread on our garden entitled "They Found Their Thrill On Walnut Hill". It, too, contained color photos of daylilies as well as a passionate endorsement for daylilies!

Lynn's activities over the years (enthusiastic promotional endorsements of the daylily, journal articles, slide presentations, Judge's Trainer, Local Club service, Regional service, and National service) certainly demonstrate that she, indeed, is a worthy and deserving nominee for the 2002 Region 1 Service Award.

I am proud to be a partner with Lynn in her gardening endeavors and proud to be her partner in life!

Barry Stoll  
President, Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society



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# Invitation to our Fall Banquet

Sunday, November 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. will be the time for our fall get-together. Come to the Old Colony Inn, 741 47th Avenue, in Amana, Iowa (near the woolen mill) to eat and talk about your garden with your gardening friends. Tell us about your best daylilies, most successful cultivation techniques, new seedlings, or whatever. We want to hear from every member about their garden this summer. There will be no formal speaker, just us this time. Eat for \$6.50; the club will pick up the remaining \$10. Send the reservation form below with \$6.50 per member or family member to Kay Hill, 23085 V Ave., Conesville, IA 52739. **We must have your response by Saturday, October 26th at the latest**, (so mail it earlier!) in order to give the Colony Inn a final count by their deadline.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for a fine dinner and a pleasant afternoon!

Here is my reservation for the CVIDS fall banquet, which will take place at the Old Colony Inn, Amana, at 1:30 p.m., on November 3rd, 2002. Cost is \$6.50 per person. Please make checks payable to "CVIDS".

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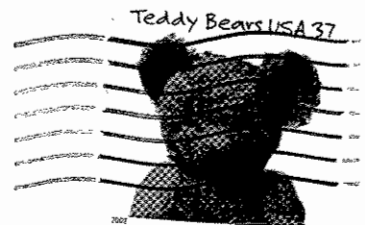
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