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# Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society



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## October Meeting Planned

*By Jerry Hadrava*

There are signs of frost and fall showing forth with each passing day with the warnings this brings to all tired gardeners. It also brings the reality of the need to start putting the gardens of the year to bed for their long winter's sleep.

We can all benefit by attending our next meeting scheduled for **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13** at 2:00 p.m. at Kramers Flower Farm, 3592 Rogers Road NW, Cedar Rapids. *52401*

(Take the Edgewood Road Exit off Highway 30W to Rogers Road--the third street on the left past F Avenue. The Kramers are about 1/2 mile on the right.)

Sue has agreed not only to be our hostess but also share her knowledge of gardening by presenting the program for us.

We all know that one of the best mulches for our gardens is snow.

Lela and I had decided to give SNOW BALLERINA (Munson 81) to the one who by great wisdom and knowledge predict the official measurable snowfall during the 2990-91 winter in the Iowa City area. Predictions must be received before the first snowflake flies. This bit of fun is for members only!

There will be a report on the Monticello fall plant sale which I believe you will find impressive. Plus meet the new members that have joined and many, many more tidbits of information.

Then at the close of the meeting we will have an auction for iris that have been potted since returning from Nebraska in August. This will be an opportunity to obtain some recent introductions.

See you Saturday, October 13 at the Kramers Flower Farm.

### DIRECTIONS TO KRAMERS FLOWER FARM

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## Report On Plant Sale

by Barry Stoll

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, which was formed this spring in eastern Iowa, has now grown to 40 members and has applied to become an affiliate society of the American Iris Society. The group held its first plant sale on August 25 at Riverside Gardens in Monticello, Iowa, and succeeded in raising \$900.

The proceeds will be used initially for preparations for the Region 21 1991 Spring Tour to be hosted by our club and headquartered at the University of Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City from May 24-26 (Memorial Day Weekend).

After the tour, the money will be used to buy some of the choice new iris and daylily cultivars for members to grow in their gardens for the club, with the increases eventually to be used for further club auctions and sales.

For this first sale, we are especially grateful for the many plants donated by Region 21 and by Roger Nelson, formerly of Wayne, Nebraska, who now resides in Brooks, Oregon.

Plants were also donated by our own club members, including Fred McDowell, Vern Moore, Joy Adams, Donna Hilgens, Sue Kramer, Lynn and

Barry Stoll, Jerry and Lela Hadrava, and Sharon Weiss, as well as by Riverside Gardens.

Madeline Shea, Lela Hadrava, Sharen Weiss, Joy Adams and Donna Helgens worked at the sale.

Madeline Shea and Suzan Hays-Goldsmith also helped the Stolls with digging and labeling plants for the sale.

We are all grateful to everyone who generously contributed plants and time to make this first sale a success! Special thanks also to the Riverside Gardens for letting us use their facility to hold the sale.

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society is excited about hosting our first Region 21 Spring Tour! We hope to welcome members of Region 21 as well as new friends from neighboring regions to what we hope will be a memorable weekend.

The Stoll, Hadrava and Adams gardens will offer the latest in choice iris for you to see, with many new and recent introductions as well as seedlings for you to evaluate. Both the Stoll and Hadrava gardens will feature over 1000 different varieties of irises, including many medians and Siberians along with tall bearded. Barry Stoll has been working with the University of Iowa Conference Center on arranging all the details for the meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you all next May!

## From Your Editor-----

We have visited many beautiful gardens this year and hope to visit many more next year. We have gone to the Stoll's, Hadrava's, Pfeiffer's, Hobb's, and McDowell gardens and we went to Monticello.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Some of us saw them all and some of us could only get to some of them. But personally speaking I really enjoyed the ones I saw and was disappointed that I was unable to see them all. Maybe next year.

I know that the members have some good tips and gardening ideas to share with all of us. If you have any you can send them to me and we'll put them in our newsletter.

For instance:

What do you do to fight borers if you have any?

I had a very bad, bad experience with them this year. Due to illness last fall and wet weather this spring, I was unable to clean up my big beds. The borer infestation, when I discovered them gaily eating my bulbs, was devastating. I had never experienced such a great infestation. Okay. What do I do now? Has anyone ever seen a patch of 150 clumps practically gone. What do I do next spring? What can I spray them with? Or preferably do something without spraying. (I'm allergic to most sprays)

I'm sure that there are more problems and tips that all of you can come up with. Send them to me!!!!

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