

**Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society**  
**March 11th, 2017 Minutes**  
**Johnson County Extension Office**

12 noon           Delicious Potluck! Thanks to Barbara McCreight and everyone who contributed.

1:00 p.m.           Presentation by Sam McCord on "Bio Markers." Materials engineer Sam McCord gave an informative and very interesting presentation on the ins and outs and "all abouts" of creating his highly technical business of Bio Markers. He detailed the business and science of "compounding" bio-materials along with resins to develop and produce injection-molded products ranging from the Plant Markers, which are currently available, to bio-resin pallets, which, all told, save weight, space and money for the end user. He and his wife, Mary, work together in their business.

1:30 p.m.           Presentation by Sarah Hankemeier on decorating Rose Bowl Floats. Sarah's delightful presentation detailed a trip by her and her husband, Tom, to Pasadena, California, just prior to the 2016 Rose Bowl Parade, where they spent two days as hands-on participants in learning about and participating in the actual decorating of the Lutheran Church Rose Bowl Parade float. We all learned just how demanding and precise the requirements for every element of each float is, from placing beans exactly the same, in each row, for even minor details on each float. Then, she participated in the exacting process of cutting and placing the roses, trimmed precisely to the same length, into water-filled vases, in preparation for installation on the final float. She even ended up with blisters on her fingers while cutting rose stems during this process. And amazingly, her husband conceded to having a great time with this adventure. He and Sarah are even considering a repeat "bucket list" episode. Now, if only Iowa football can have a repeat performance too!

2:15 p.m.           Zora Ronan was introduced and the PowerPoint presentation of the 2017 Club Plants was shown. Zora spent just over \$6,000 for this year's Club Plants with the following daylily hybridizers: Karol Emmerich, Charles and Heidi Douglas, Rich Howard of CT Daylilies, Paul Owen, Jamie and Dianna Gossard and Doorakian Daylilies. Additionally, standard dwarf iris were ordered from Schreiner's Iris, and Siberian and Japanese iris from Ensata Iris in Michigan.

**Business Meeting Minutes**

Following Zora's presentation, the business meeting began. Minutes were corrected as follows: Jo Christofferson's idea to have an off-scape flower show refers to the Muscatine County Fair, not the Iowa State Fair. As suggested by Deb Bentley, the Treasurer's report is to be accepted for audit as opposed to being voted on for approval.

The February minutes were approved as corrected.

The February Treasurer's report was approved for audit.

**Thank-yous:**

Thank you to Sally Riewerts for taking minutes for the March meeting.

Thank you again to Nancy Carlisle for our meeting arrangements and for her work with Barbara McCreight for the CVIDS Newsletter.

Thanks again to Barbara McCreight for luncheon set-up.

Thank you to Gary Oster, Karen Keenan, Barbara McCreight and Dave Kramer for their time and help at the Winter Garden Fair at Kirkwood Community College in CR.

Thanks again to Dave Kramer for creating new CVIDS info brochures for the Muscatine Community College Art of Gardening Fair on March 18. Seven new members signed up as a result of this garden fair. Well done!

The second reading of the motion to increase the annual CVIDS dues to \$10 per year resulted in the motion being amended to take effect as of April 1, 2017. The final motion was made by Sylvia Seymour and seconded by Barry Stoll. The motion passed with all but one yea vote.

A question as to whether CVIDS might contribute to the Quad Cities Botanical Center was asked by Barb Papenhausen. The QCBC has established an AHS Display Garden, resulting from work done by Papenhausens, Bob Towler, and others. AHS dues are required to maintain the "AHS Display Garden" designation. We will attempt to get additional information on the current situation and needs from Bob Towler.

Another question has been raised concerning non-member guests for our July CVIDS Daylily Tour. CVIDS member Deb Bentley, president of the Muscatine Garden Club, has asked about this. This issue is being referred to the committee (Jonathan Poulton and Mary Jo Duffy).

A call was put out concerning a local iris walk or tour. It was noted that the American Iris Society will hold their national Iris Convention in Des Moines this year, May 23 to 27. Go to [irises.org](http://irises.org) for more information about this event.

Other:

Suzanne Moffitt shared a letter from Lynn and Sherry Moffit concerning their grandson Ronan Moffit, who was struck by a tanker truck while crossing a road on a four-wheeler. He has thankfully survived serious injuries and is improving, although headaches and lingering injuries have kept him from returning to school. Moffits are thankful for the prayers and support.

Gary Oster moved to adjourn, Second by Loren Hass. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Riewerts  
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