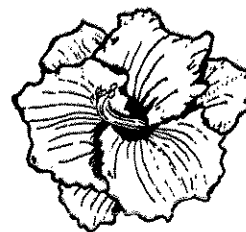


Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society

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Organizational Meeting Held In March

The first meeting of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society was held Saturday afternoon, March 24, at the home of Lela and Jerry Hadrava in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thirteen avid iris and daylily buffs from as far away as Davenport and Fort Madison discussed ideas for possible group activities, meeting locations, and other organizational details. Everyone who attended the meeting decided to join the group.

Jerry Hadrava was elected President; other officers include Barry Stoll, Vice-president; Mary Brendel, Secretary; and Lela Hadrava, Treasurer. Mary Brendel generously offered her expertise in printing and computers to put out a group newsletter. Fred McDowell, Jerry Hadrava, and Lynn Stoll agreed to help supply Mary with material for the newsletter. Susan Quinn will head the Hospitality Committee.

The group discussed ways to expand the membership; members were invited to bring friends, and supply names and addresses of people to whom a newsletter should be sent.

Several members expressed interest in establishing public display gardens in Cedar Rapids and Muscatine, and it was agreed that the group should explore this possibility.

After the informal business meeting and short break for refreshments, the group watched a video preview of the 1990 national convention of the American Iris Society to be held in Omaha, and Lynn Stoll provided some additional information about the plans and preparation for the national convention. At least six of the members plan to attend the convention.

After the discussion of the AIS convention, Fred McDowell showed slides of some of the many choice daylily cultivars from his garden, and Gerald Hobbs followed with slides of some of his newest seedlings. Barry Stoll then showed some slides which had been sent for the meeting

by daylily hybridizer Lucille Guidry.

The first activity planned by the group will be a median iris tour in the Hadrava and Stoll gardens on May 12, where the members will see some 300 varieties of MDB, SDB, and IB iris in bloom. Because the two gardens are about a week apart in bloom time, it is hoped that the dwarfs will be at their peak at the Hadravas, while the intermediates will be in full bloom at the Stolls.

The next meeting scheduled will be a picnic at the Stoll garden on May 27, which should be close to peak bloom for approximately 750 varieties of tall bearded iris which can be seen there. These varieties include many new introductions and guest seedlings being grown for the 1991 Region 21 convention. (Rain date for May 12 meeting will be the following day.)

A brief business meeting will be held at the picnic to make final plans for a daylily garden tour in July and a plant auction to be held sometime in August.

At this initial meeting all members agreed that the group should meet approximately monthly from March to November. As Susie Quinn put it, we're all especially "starved" for our favorite flowers when they aren't in bloom!

A poll of the group on preferred activities for these meetings showed that members were most interested in slide shows of new varieties, potlucks, and informal talks on cultural practices, companion perennials, and extending the bloom season, so the fall and spring meetings will focus on some of these choices. Most of these meetings will be held somewhere in the Iowa City area, which is centrally located.

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

May 12, 1990

Median Iris Walk

Meet at Hadravas at 1:00 for a short meeting to arrange details for the May 27 picnic. Then enjoy the Hadrava garden, and share rides to the Stoll garden. Rain date: May 13. **NOTE:** You may also wish to attend the Project Green Plant Fair, which will be held from 9 AM to Noon, May 12 in Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

Directions to Hadravas: From Iowa City, go north on either I-380 or Highway 1 to U.S. 30. On Hwy. 30, go east from I-380 or west from Hwy. 13 (about 7 miles east from I-380, also about 7 miles west from Hwy. 1. Then north on Hwy. 13 about 3 miles to the 4-way stop. Turn left at the stop sign, and go 1.5 miles to Rosedale Road (the first street to the right after the second bridge). If you get to the Knights of Columbus Hall on the left, you've gone too far. The Blooming Hill is half a mile down Rosedale Road, on the left.)

May 27, 1990

Picnic at Stolls

Preview of tall bearded plantings for 1991 Regional AIS convention at Stolls and Hadravas; short business meeting to make plans for July and August activities.

July Daylily Garden Tour

Details to be announced.

August Plant Swap

Details to be announced.

Message From The President

May I extend to all members a sincere welcome to the Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society.

A Spring Wish

May all the coolness of the winter pass into warmth of spring

May the earth come forth radiant and new

Bringing forth, as a mother her infants to be loved, shown for all to see.

May they grow, bringing joy into the hearts and minds of

Though the labors of the season are many, may the

Dull the aches and pains and overcome the disappointments we bear at the loss of a beloved plant, no matter how small, or the loss of bloom to the frost in fall.

May we see our Creator's plan in all that transpires

Good and bad, for the purpose is His in ways we do not understand

God is as the wind, we do not see, yet as the movement of trees sense the presence of that which is.

May we search out the love and joy of this all

Gathering together, sharing that which we hold to our hearts.

Jerry M. Hadrava

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