

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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President Clay Comments

Thanks to all of the members who hosted a spectacular garden tour on Saturday, July 12th. It is a big undertaking to get gardens ready for viewing. The food was great, hospitality wonderful and weren't the gardens just beautiful. Thanks again to Roger and Brenda Knipper, Bob and Jan Null, Susan Minger, and Mary and Verne Moore.

Silent Auction Deadline August 16, 2008

Send your bids to:

Jan Null

19448 122nd Avenue

Monticello, IA 52310

Or email to:

jlpn@n-connect.net

smurken@earthlink.net

Please consult www.cvids.org for list of silent auction plants, bid rules, and bid sheet.

Monticello Plant Sale

Saturday, August 30th, 2008

This is the 18th year for holding this event in Monticello.

Members, please bring daylilies and iris that are bare root, marked with name, size, color, hybridizer (if known) and priced. Pictures always help sell. Companion plants should be in pots, marked, and priced.

Bring tables for displaying plants, your own seating and a dish to share for the pot luck.

Set -up time starts at 9:00 am.

Sale is 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Potluck follows after the public sale.

The awarding of the silent auction bid plants follows the potluck.

Contact Kay Hill for questions at 319-725-4387 or kandkgardens@louisacomm.net

Directions: From Highway 151: take the Monticello, Hopkinton, Hwy 38 exit. Go into town past the high school to the first stop light. Turn right. Go North 5 blocks. The gardens are on the left side of the street--the corner of 3rd and N Main. This is across from the BLUE INN.

The advertising team has worked to get the information out about the sale. Thanks so much!!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SILENT AUCTION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 16TH, 2008

SUBMIT TO JAN NULL OR SHARON MURKEN YOUR BID

MONTICELLO RIVERSIDE GARDEN SALE

MONTICELLO, IOWA, SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH, 2008

TIME: 10-1 WITH SET UP AT 9:00 AM

Public Sale in the morning, with a potluck and silent auction to follow in the afternoon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

A TOUCH OF CLASS BANQUET AND CONVENTION CENTRE

TIME: MEAL TO BE SERVED AT 12:30

We have the hall from 10-4 pm.

5977 Mount Vernon Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

319-261-0345.

November 1, 2008 Fall Banquet

Reservations will be due to Nancy Carlisle or Marilyn Little by October 15th.

Please send to Marilyn Little

501 East 4th Street,

West Liberty, IA 52776

or call at 319-627-2910.

Nancy Carlisle

PO Box 905, 1208 Seventh Street

Durant, IA 52747 or call at 563-357-0526.

The meal will be a 2 meat entrée buffet. The menu will be available at the Plant Sale in Monticello for your options to choose from.

Mad City Affair – Region 2 Summer Meeting – Madison WI

July 18 to 20 was the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Madison WI. It, unfortunately, was the same weekend as the Region 1 Meeting. My trek to Wisconsin rather than North Dakota was purely selfish. I wanted to take the Garden Judge Workshop 1 and this was the closest location.

It was an interesting selection of gardens, from the modest city lot to the luxurious suburban acreage to a working farm. Six gardens were on display; several of them were AHS Display Gardens. I can only imagine how much work went into getting them ready for the tours. There were many plants on display that are listed in the 2008 Awards Ballot. The garden with the most nominated cultivars was the smallest garden—a small city lot owned by Donna and John Sheehan.

David Kirchhoff was there to teach Garden Judges Workshop 2 and I followed around behind him trying to pick up information. Every time I hear him, it is something new. He was really emphasizing consistency in flower form, especially in doubles. Sometimes my eye is about as discerning as my wine tasting—doesn't pick up the nuances.

Region 2 has the largest membership of all the regions. The Madison Chapter is an enormously successful group that benefits greatly from proximity to Olbrich Botanical Garden and the University of Wisconsin.

They had a seminar on 'How To Conduct A Successful Daylily Sale'. Their daylily sale in mid August lasts for 2 days and is located at Olbrich. In addition to their members' plants, they dig and sell many of the plants from the University Display Gardens, which they maintain. Last year over 6,000 plants sold providing a net income to the club of over \$16,000. It is a very well organized operation.

Roy Klehm of Song Sparrow Gardens was the featured speaker and presented a history of the early Chicago-area tetraploid hybridizers. He also gave a new introduction called 'Mad City Blush' to each participant. It has genes from Brother Charles Reckamp's daylilies so is sure to be vigorous and hardy.

'All American Chief' was blooming in each of the six gardens. It really was a stand out. It was that one daylily that has presence in the garden.

Submitted by Zora Ronan.

OLYMPIC MASCOTS “FUWA”

FUWA FIGURES THAT SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL OLYMPIC AMBASSADORS

Designed to express the playful qualities of five little children who form an intimate circle of friends, FUWA embody the natural characteristics of China’s most popular animals, the Fish, the Panda, the Tibetan Antelope, the Swallow, and the Olympic Flame.

Each of the FUWA has a rhyming two syllable name, a traditional way of expressing affection for children in China. Beibei is the fish, Jingjing is the Panda, Huanhuan is the Olympic Flame, Yingying is the Tibetan Antelope and Nini is the Swallow. When you put their names together—Bei Jing Huan Ying Ni—they say “Welcome to Beijing.”

BEI BEI is the symbol of the fish, a symbol of surplus, a measure of a good year and a good life. This Fuwa reflects the blue Olympic ring.

Jing Jing the Panda brings the blessing of happiness wherever he goes. As a national treasure and a protected species, pandas are adored by people everywhere. The lotus designs in his headdress, symbolize the lush forest and a harmonious relationship between man and nature. Jing Jing is an athlete noted for strength who represents the black Olympic ring.

Huan Huan is the big brother. He is a child of fire, symbolizing the Olympic Flame and the passion of sport. Huan Huan is outgoing and enthusiastic. He excels at ball games and represents the red Olympic ring.

Ying Ying is fast and agile like all antelopes. A symbol of the vastness of China’s landscape, the antelope carries the blessing of health. Strong in track and field events, Ying Ying is quick witted and agile boy who represents the yellow Olympic ring. Nini is innocent and joyful as a swallow. She is strong in gymnastics and represents the Green Olympic ring.

2009 Club Plants

Barb Papenhausen has agreed to chair the selection committee for 2009. She is requesting members to submit suggestions for plants, growers, and hybridizers to select from. Bob Moore has agreed to be her advisor. Many thanks for the years you have served on this committee, Bob! If you are interested in helping with this great project, please contact Barb at 309-737-0830 or Repap5@mchsi.com. (They sent a news clipping of Region One meeting that I can’t figure out how to share) (SORRY!)

Messer’s Gardens

Ken and I want to scale our daylily operation down. Due to taking care of our aging parents and our own aches and pains, we cannot continue to garden on the grand scale that we have in the past, (we literally have thousands of daylilies). Therefore, we would like to sell some of the known cultivars and most of our seedlings at very good prices for nicely developed clumps. If anyone in the club is interested, please call or email us and we will make arrangements to meet. Phone numbers and email as follows:

319-795-0421

kmesfam@mchsi.com

Even getting rid of the bulk of our daylilies, we will still have some beautiful ones that we have developed. We plan to register Betty Miller this year and boy does she look great! All our bloom is late this year so we have not reached our peak but probably will by next week.

We miss seeing you all and hope to be more active in the future.

Ken and Susie Messer

Garden Tour 2008

Thank you to all of our members for supporting each other in the tour. We had a lovely day for sight seeing. (About 30 degrees colder than 2007)

The morning started at the homestead farm of Roger and Brenda Knipper. The lovely gardens had a lot of perennials dispersed among the daylilies. Foundation plantings, vegetable garden, and accents around the farm buildings made an idyllic setting west of Monticello. Enticing treats for breakfast were enjoyed by all. I really enjoyed the raspberries fresh from the patch.

From there we traveled to the east of Monticello, past Camp Courageous into the bountiful farm of Bob and Jan Null. A very special form of fertilizer has made the plants grow abundantly. A Club Plant of "Muscle and Blood" has increased the clump nicely, and had everyone getting out their bidding sheets. Jan shared a great Bull story that helped shape the landscape. The scapes were very large and the hostas were huge. An outstanding display garden that allowed the 50 plus people to spread out and just enjoy the view and the lilies. We were able to gather while Keith Riewerts snapped a formal group picture.

Then we went onto lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Monticello, where everyone got their fill of pizza and chicken. It was great to sit and enjoy the companionship and marvel about what we had seen so far. Thanks to CVIDS for providing lunch for all of our members.

A short, twenty mile drive took us to the burbs of Springville and Susan Mingers' cottage garden. What a charming three level garden that she can sit in anytime of the day and enjoy a different view. No one would have guessed that everything had been drenched by several inches of rain that morning. Several unusual perennials made great backgrounds for her lilies and garden statuary. The black mulch that she had recently added made a great ground cover.

A few miles outside Springville metropolis is the amazing garden ground of Verne and Mary Moore. I wonder how many varieties he really has in his beds? Mary's, I think I could count. And Verne can give you the names of them! The multiple colors of reds are more than I had imagined. Comments of awe were frequently heard from members that were experiencing their first time visits. I know that I could have wandered for the day and not really see every lily in its finest. Hospitality was enjoyed with cold beverages shared by our hosts.

I know that we could include any one of these four fine gardens on a Regional tour and they would be appreciated by all. Thanks again to these fine masters of daylily and perennial gardening. It made for a lovely day. Thanks also to the generosity of the Papenhausens' in contributing a daylily to everyone.

Submitted by Nancy Carlisle

Membership List Updates:

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