

February 14th 2009 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Jayne Carstensen,
pro tem Secretary

Scott County Library, Eldridge

Program presented first: Rich Hornbaker from Hornbaker Gardens on Pondless Waterfalls. After giving opening description of his nursery, Rich gave a talk on pondless waterfalls and brought parts to demonstrate how to build a waterfall. Hornbaker's sells a complete system for \$850 which is for do-it-yourselfers. They also do installations and design. It was a very good program with a lot of details and instructions.

Clay Dawson called the meeting to order and roll call was asked for by using any name of any type of plant/flower that had to do with Valentine's Day. He asked that the minutes be approved as submitted by Nancy with the correction of adding Dave and Carole Appelquist to the CVIDS July 11th 2009 Garden Tour.

Clay asked Bob Moore for a Treasurer's report - Bob said the balance in checking as of the beginning of the 2/14 meeting was \$5,299.15. Clay also asked for an update on dues that have been paid.

There was a discussion regarding the Garden Fair at Kirkwood. It was very nice and well attended.

The Silent Auction will be handled by Jan Null. The club needs people to participate in all activities, not just the meetings.

The club plant distribution requirements were reinstated – paid member for 2 years, attend 2 meetings, and 1 sale each year, and other previous requirements.

For the plant distribution, there are at least 157 plants, and more are coming. There was a discussion regarding this many plants - should we auction some or maybe have another round of choosing plants? Barb Papenhausen made the motion that we have 1 round of picks and auction the remaining. All carried.

There was a discussion regarding the photo contest and that the members would like to reinstate the garden photo category. Sylvia Seymour has offered to take care of the photo contest. Everyone would like to know at the March meeting what the guidelines will be and the categories.

Barb Papenhausen and Lynn Stoll will be doing the March program at the Marion Library with slides of gardens.

May 9th will be the Plant Sale in North Liberty. The Gazebo has been rented for 8-noon and noon-4. Zora Ronan will chair this.

May 23rd will be the Plant Distribution at West Liberty Fair Grounds Floral Hall. Coffee and

donuts will be available at 9:00 a.m. Plants may be looked at, with the distribution starting at 10:00. The Bidding Auction is to follow.

It was discussed to have potlucks for the next two meetings, but in the end it was decided that Susan Minger, Zora Ronan, Gary Oster, Joyce Parsons, and Deb Hansen would bring treats for the Marion meeting. Anyone else living nearby would be welcome to bring treats also. It will be decided in March what we'll do for the April meeting.

A more lengthy discussion was held regarding the Kirkwood Garden Fair. The club was well represented. It would be nice to have 2 more people to help next year. Jackie Westhoff has already volunteered.

Jonathan gave an update on the website. He thanked everyone for their contributions, etc. The club plant lists for 2006, 2007, and 2008 are posted on the web. The plants ordered for 2009 along with their pictures have been posted (many thanks to the Papenhausens for providing the images). There are additional photos.

New Business:

Region One Meeting will be in Marshalltown in July 17-19, 2009.

July 11 CVIDS Garden Walk - reservations have been made at Ryan's Steak House in Moline for the lunch. More info will be in future newsletters. Planned gardens are: Clay and Kathy Dawson, Dave and Carole Appelquist, Shirley Waters, Barb and Bob Papenhausen, and Gary and Holly Williams.

Vern Moore had surgery on his back. Card and notes would be greatly appreciated - he could use some cheering up.

April 18 - Coralville meeting at the Coralville Library - Don Lovell will have a program.

Motion made to adjourn by Keith Riewerts, seconded, carried. Door prizes were won by Susan Minger, Mike Carstensen, Gerald Hobbs, and Kathy Kephart.