

## Spring is in the air

Spring is always teasing us. A few warmer than average days and then you wake up to snow on the ground. Arrgh! Well, as I've always heard, if you don't like Iowa (or Illinois) weather, just wait a few minutes and it will change. Snow drops are aptly named, as mine are blooming in this morning's snow; and just when I was starting to think about starting to rake and clean up the yard.

I was so very pleased with our "favorite garden tools" session in Muscatine last month. From beer cans and butcher knives to hula hoes and daylily dividers, we learned about each other and what works best for each of us. Thank you for your sharing. It was fun.

And I'm looking forward to our sharing of our (members A – L) "favorite/best" daylilies from this past season. Please bring a picture and the cultivar details if you can. I know how hard it will be to choose your favorite.

Thanks to Dave and all who manned the table at the Winter Gardening Fair in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, April 3. I'm anxious to hear your report. We still need more help (2 or 3 more people), spelled "VOLUNTEERS", for the Art of Gardening fair at Muscatine Community College on March 17.

While my 2017 seeds are still in the fridge, I know that several of you have seedlings that are springing to life. How exciting to start the anticipation of your efforts. My Florida trip pushed my timeline back for starting my seeds, but I'm almost ready to go. The snow flurries help me to not be over-anxious to start...

I have a good fishing friend who always gets "**fish-anxious**" this time of the year and it is way too early to start catching the big ones. I suspect that some of you are becoming "**Hemero-anxious**" about now too. So, sharpen and oil your tools and go to the garden shows and pour over the daylily journals and dream of warmer days. They'll be here before you know it.

### **Where's our March Meeting Going to be Held?**

Our March Club Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall on S. Highland Street, Williamsburg, IA (across the road from Casey's). At noon, we shall have our potluck lunch and social hour. The highlight of the meeting will be a presentation by Callie Wiebold on "Monarch Butterflies".

President Keith Riewerts

## Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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Membership/ Information: Joyce Parsons

February club meeting, including photos and meeting minutes are located at the website under "What's New". Thank you, Nancy Rash, for recording the minutes.

See the website under "Bulletin Board" for a list of eligible members to receive a club plant at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Distribution in West Liberty. Only a few members still need to submit dues by **APRIL FIRST** to remain eligible. **No April FOOLS!** Membership dues for 2018 should be paid by all members by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Current rate is **\$10.00** per member.

Welcome to our newest members: Rex and Judy Raub from Dysart. They are family members of Gary Oster and Dick and Jo Palmer.

Dawsons have returned to their lovely home in Long Grove. Ellen Jones is recovering from surgery: Rex McCreight, Mel Bauguess and Tim Volquardsen have returned home from hospital stays. WE wish a very speedy recovery to any others who have been ill. Suzanne Moffitt and Sylvia Seymour are great at sending out cards, but we need to help them by providing information.

Plant stake order from Kinkaid's will be placed for our Club Plant identification. If needing this type, please contact Nancy Carlisle. Members Sam and Mary McCord have a business of plant stakes. Their website is [www.mcgbiomarkers.com](http://www.mcgbiomarkers.com). They presented a fascinating presentation last year about their company.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**3/17/18** Art of Gardening, Muscatine; or CIDS Pollen Dabbers, Marshalltown

**6/6-9/18 National Convention** Myrtle Beach, Check out AHS website.

**7/27-29/18 Region One Meeting** Bismarck, ND Check out [www.AHSregion1.org](http://www.AHSregion1.org)

