

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## SPRING PLANT SALE

**May 8, 2010 9:00 am**

"Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society will have its annual spring sale of Daylilies on Saturday, May 8, from 9 am to noon. The plant sale will be held at Penn Meadows Park Gazebo, 250 North Dubuque Street in North Liberty, Iowa.

Named daylily cultivars, provided by club members will be available at reasonable prices. Some companion perennials may also be available. Now is the prime time to get these perennials started in your gardens."

Keith Riewerts submitted this to local newspapers.

Please mark names and prices, and bring a flower photo along. It really helps to persuade buyers of the plants' beauty before blooming time. Bring a table if you can and your own chairs. Many hands make light work. Credit is earned toward your next year's club plant for bringing plants and for working the sale. Set up will start at 8:00 with plants available for sale starting at 9 am with probable finish at noon, although we do have the gazebo reserved for 8 hours.

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## President Mike Comments

Hello everyone. Isn't this a beautiful spring with everything growing and blooming - absolutely fantastic! It sure doesn't take long to forget how rough the winter was. The other night a member of our church organized a group to go to our minister's home to take care of her flower beds. I was feeling guilty about all of the things that I could be doing at home during the drive to her home. The reason I felt guilty is because she hasn't been home for over 50 days, because her husband has brain cancer and she hasn't left his side since his operation in early January and he hasn't improved enough to get out of the hospital. It sure makes me appreciate my good health and that I can enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature. By the way, I didn't see any iris and only maybe one daylily in the minister's gardens. I'm planning to sneak back up there to plant some iris and daylilies in her garden. I'll know she'll enjoy them.

Remember the plant sale and club plant distribution in May - I won't be able to attend the sale but hope to see many of you at the Distribution.

## Plant Distribution followed by a Bidding Auction Saturday, May 23

Come visit the plants from 9-10 am. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut or bagel while ogling your choices. The Floral Hall is an enclosed building on the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in West Liberty, Iowa. Indoor bathroom facilities are only a short stroll.

Barb Papenhausen has done an incredible job of selecting plants for this year's round of plants. Vendors have been very generous in their bonus plants for an amazing variety of new and very popular plants for your selection. See the list and pictures at our website ([www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)). Members must have paid 2009 and 2010 dues.

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**Minutes of meeting held at Morning Sun Community Center on Saturday, April 10, 2010.**

President Mike Carstensen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. 31 members and 3 guests were present. Gerald Hobbs provided a lovely spring bouquet of brunnera and daffodils. Papenhausens provided a DVD program with "A Day of Daylilies" and interviews of Mort Morss and David Kirchhoff by Charles Dorsey.

Approval of meeting minutes for March as published M/S/C Clay Dawson, Zora Ronan. Treasurer Bob Moore reported we had money. (Nancy did not catch exact amounts).

**Committee Reports:** Bob Moore requested that people see him for tags for the upcoming May Plant Sale. Barb Papenhausen questioned if plant distribution was to be conducted as usual; plant sales at the 2009 Distribution had brought income of \$3,700 that was used for banquet and the walk about. She stated that the club had voted on having fewer expensive plants, more auction type of plants that more could afford. The previous year, the expensive plants did not bring the return that they should have during silent auction. President Mike graciously explained that he should have been in better control of the March discussion. The Region One Tour committee had only presented a possible option of using 2010 plants Round Two auction as a potential way of having members grow bus plants to return in 2012. Jan Null asked if there would be a Bus Plant selection committee. Zora Ronan assured there would be. Clay Dawson suggested that they be good plants that do well here.

**May Plant Sale:** Chair Zora Ronan asked people to bring chairs and tables, get their plants marked and tagged with pictures if possible. No other sales in Cedar Rapids are occurring, but Project Green is in Iowa City on that day. Articles will be published in the North Liberty Leader, Iowa City Press Citizen, and the Cedar Rapids Gazette. WMT Master Gardeners are only on the Wednesday program as the hour on Saturday is now a paid spot by local nurseries. However, they will still announce the sale. Keith Riewerts volunteered to write an article for the eastern-Iowan newspapers for sale coverage.

**Condolence cards:** None reported needed.

**Minutes continued:**

**Region One Tour of 2012:** Chair Jackie Westhoff was not present to provide a report. There will be a meeting of the board following meeting. Barb Papenhausen stated that she had talked with Vicky Aughenbaugh, Region One Regional President, at CIDS Pollen Dobbers, and other who had attended in 2003, and they thought we had one of the best times they had ever had at a Regional Meeting.

**Plant Distribution May 22 at West Liberty:** Plants will be available to look at prior to distribution, numbers system will be used, along with paddles for bidding. Barb will need an eligible list of members from Mike. All members are invited for the auction following the distribution.

**New Business:** CVIDS Brochures are available, but please make sure that the zip code for Bob Moore is corrected. Mike will check on making a sticker up.

Bob Moore invited people to look around the Community Center. It is a lovely facility that will be welcomed by the city of Morning Sun.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:06. Papenhausens showed the pictures of the 2010 plants that are coming. (Oh, now to make that decision for which plant I want!)

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Gerald Hobbs is the feature article in "The Daylily Pioneer", Region One's publication from the American Hemerocallis Society. Jan Null was the editor of the article "The Country Gentleman - My Friend, Gerald Hobbs". Gerald has about 45 introductions with his first in 1985 of H.'Gloat'. In 2010, H. 'Stand and Shout' and H. 'Tall Trobadour' were added to his outstanding hybridizing work. Well done, dear friends Gerald and Jan. Become a member of AHS at daylilies.org.

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Wanda Lunn invites members to her iris garden on two occasions. The spring meeting of Iris Across Iowa is May 22 from 12-3 pm, and the public garden tour on May 29 from 10 am to 4 pm. Her garden is located at 526 Bezdek Road NW, Cedar Rapids.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **MAY 8, North Liberty Plant Sale**

PLACE: NORTH LIBERTY GAZEBO, at intersection of East Cherry and North Dubuque Streets  
TIME: 9 AM - Noon (8 AM set up)

## **MAY 22, CVIDS CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION**

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FAIRGROUNDS, FLORAL HALL  
TIME: 9 AM Donuts and plant review, 10 AM plant distribution. Plant auction for all members to follow

## **MAY 27-29, AHS 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

PLACE: VALDOSTA, GEORGIA  
URL: <http://www.ahsregion5.org/national/>

## **MAY 31-JUNE 5, AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING**

PLACE: MIDDLETON, WI  
URL: <http://www.madisoniris.org/Convention/Welcome.htm>

## **JUNE 25-27, AHS Region Eleven Summer Meeting**

PLACE: ST LOUIS, MISSOURI URL:  
[http://www.safehavengardens.com/2010\\_regional.html](http://www.safehavengardens.com/2010_regional.html)

## **JULY 10, CVIDS GARDEN TOUR**

PLACE: IOWA CITY & MID-EASTERN IOWA

## **JULY 30, 31 & AUGUST 1, AHS REGION ONE 2010 SUMMER MEETING**

PLACE: BISMARCK/MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA  
URL: <http://www.northerndaylily.com/Region1NorthDakota2010.html>

## **AUGUST 28, MONTICELLO FALL PLANT SALE AND SILENT AUCTION**

PLACE: MONTICELLO RIVERSIDE GARDENS  
TIME: 9 AM  
Silent auction to follow noon potluck

## **NOVEMBER 13, BANQUET & BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST**

PLACE: A Touch of Class Banquet Hall, Marion  
TIME: Noon

## **Name 2012 Regional Theme**

Please submit your entry for naming our daylily regional meeting. A prize will be awarded of \$5.00 discount towards registration to the event. Send your potential name entry to Jackie Westhoff. We have received entries from only two members so far.

## **Plant Club Selection (cont.)**

The Member must also have undertaken **ANY TWO** of the following:

- a. Attended 2 club meetings in 2009.
- b. Donated plants to a club sale.
- c. Bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants.
- d. Assisted at club functions by:
  - i. Writing articles for the newsletter
  - ii. Giving a club program
  - iii. Assisting at plant sales
  - iv. Hosting a tour
  - v. Chairing a committee

In return, they will have the privilege of receiving a plant of their choice in a lottery draw to grow in their garden for 2 years. Members are to help evaluate the characteristics and hardiness of the plant in this area. It is expected that the member will treat this plant with kindness yet let it experience the same growing conditions that make our area an unique growing area. The member will be bringing the increase back in the fall of 2012 for that year's silent auction. At that time, the plant increase will be awarded to the highest silent bidder. This is a way of getting remarkable plants in our gardens by doing some work to help keep our club a fun, vibrant and healthy organization.

## **Directions to West Liberty**

### **From the East: Take I-80 West to Exit 259.**

Turn Left onto X-40. Go South into West Liberty. Turn Left onto North Columbus Street. Go to Stop Light. Continue straight across RR tracks to East First Street. Turn Right. Proceed 3 blocks into Fair Grounds. County Activity Building is first large building on the grounds.

### **From the West: Take either of 2 ways: 1)**

Interstate 80 East to Exit 259. Turn Right onto X-40, and proceed as above, or 2) Take Hiway 6 from Iowa City East for about 17 miles into West Liberty (6 Becomes North Columbus Street). Then proceed as above.

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*Wow! Thanks so much for all of the well wishes after my surgery. I am recovering well.*

*Bob Papenhausen*

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**Members Eligible for Club Plants 2010**

Carole and David Appelquist	Jonathan Poulton
Sherrri Baldonado	Keith Riewerts
Barb Black	Sally Riewerts
Betty and Kenneth Capps	Zora Ronan
Doris and Wayne Carney	Kim Schoeberl
Jayne and Mike Carstensen	Beverly Seamans
Clay and Kathleen Dawson	James Seamans
Donna Denley	James Seamans, Jr.
Jill Gardner	Sylvia Seymour
Debra and Scott Hansen	Barry Stoll
Jean Hecht	Lynn Stoll
Kay and Kenneth Hill	Robert Towler
Gerald Hobbs	Shirley Waters
Jack and Caroline Jones	Jackie Westhoff
Kathy Kephart	
Lynne Kirkman	
Brenda and Roger Knipper	
Marilyn Little	
Sherry McCarville	
Susan Minger	
Robert and Suzanne Moffit	
Lynn and Sherry Moffit	
Cathy and Robert Moore	
Verne and Mary Moore	
Sharon Murken	
Jan Null	
Gary Oster	
Barb and Bob Papenhausen	

**Bidding Auction for more Plants!**

A brief break will be taken after the earned plant distribution to organize the remaining plants. A bidding auction will allow all members to participate in obtaining the remaining plants that were not selected for returning in 2012. Half of the Eureka average price is a suggested starting point for the initial bid. It seems like we always have some plant that is wanted by just about everyone; this makes for a fun event.

**2010 Region One Summer Tour - July 30, 31 & August 1, 2010**

The Central North Dakota Daylily Society is ready to knock your socks off as you visit some wonderful gardens and listen to Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens for the evening banquet speaker. See the Daylily Pioneer Region One website for more details. Garden Judges Level One and Level Two Workshops will be held. A juried Daylily Art Exhibit will be held by the Bismarck Arts and Gallery Association. All of this for the nominal cost of \$100 sent by July 1st.

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## **CVIDS Members Gardens on Display Saturday, July 10, 2010**

Dr. William Blair (CIDS member), Joyce and Steve Parsons, Jonathan Poulton, and Barry and Lynn Stoll have agreed to be garden hosts for this summer's open garden tours. The committee of Nancy Carlisle (chair), Shirley Waters, Lynn Stoll, and Mike Carstensen are planning out the route and finalizing the meal site of Wildwood for the meal location. Map and further details will be presented at the Plant Distribution.

### **Garden Tour Descriptions**

#### **Dr. William Blair, Iowa City**

The gardens are designed into the south slope of a small hill in a woodland setting. Central to the gardens is a small prairie restoration project, an homage to the American Indians who once summer camped on the site. Limestone walls and walkways define curving and elevated beds. Multiple beds of hostas occupy shaded areas under oak and locust trees.

The emphasis of the gardens, though, is the daylilies. They are almost entirely tetraploids, featuring about 250 registered plants, some breeding stock, and a few thousand seedlings in different stages of development. Early in my hybridizing efforts I focused on and tried to breed large UF's and spiders with saturated colors. Presently, I am trying to put "busy borders" and sculpting into some of these large blooms. I'm hoping that visiting CVIDS members will help evaluate and lend well-considered opinions on the newest cultivars.

#### **The Poultons' Iowa City Yard**

Our house on Alpine Drive in Iowa City sits on a small city lot, which, given my goal of trying to create some interesting daylily hybrids, often seems scarcely bigger than a postage stamp! After four years of trying my hand at hybridizing, most of our existing beds are now full of daylily breeding stock or seedlings, punctuated here and there by some small islands of other perennials and annuals. "Not with this wife will you dig up any more lawn for new daylily beds" is the perennial chant from my ever-patient wife Susie. So, wishing to extend our marriage past the 20-year anniversary we'll be celebrating in May, I have to keep in mind that, if I want to add a new daylily to my collection, an existing one has to go! The problem of hybridizing lilies in such tight quarters is compounded by my reluctance to cull out those seedlings that lack real merit, perhaps a trait that afflicts many beginners. Anyhow, on our sloping lot, we have accumulated about 125 registered cultivars that constitute my current breeding stock. Many of these are bicolors or

bitones, a particular weakness of mine, but more recently I have added several patterned daylilies that took my fancy. My first seedlings, which bloomed in 2008, came mostly from crosses made with Frans Hals. Originating from crosses involving about a dozen bicolors, my 2009 seedlings were far more interesting (photos will be added to our website following my retirement in mid-May), and I look forward to sharing my 2010 seedlings with you during this year's Garden Tour.

#### **Walnut Hill Gardens, Atalissa**

First, please wear sturdy walking shoes; the garden is on hilly and uneven ground. Second, award-eligible cultivars on this year's ballot will be flagged. Judges will have the opportunity to see over 125 of the cultivars on their ballot blooming (or struggling) in an Iowa garden. Third, Lynn's summer project this year is to test a variety of blue and white summer-blooming companion plants (while waiting for Jonathan's blue daylily!). Plants to be tested will include white liatris, phlox, Echinacea, cleome, snapdragons, Shasta daisies, Physostegia, Nierembergia, and Asiatic and Oriental lilies, as well as blue Veronica, Salvia, delphiniums, lupines, petunias, balloon flowers, flax, lobelia, plumbago, geraniums, and cornflowers. Finally, several of Lynn's future daylily introductions need names; whoever suggests the name that is eventually registered for that daylily will win a free plant when it is introduced.

Thirty years ago, Lynn and Barry Stoll bought ten acres of the most wooded, hilly land they could find in Eastern Iowa. This grew into a small perennial nursery called Walnut Hill Gardens. Walnut Hill Gardens is an official display garden for the American Hemerocallis Society, and has been a featured garden on regional and national tours. Garden visitors can enjoy the sunny perennial gardens which feature over 2500 different named daylily cultivars and many seedlings, along with over 250 different Siberian and species irises. In the cool shade of the timber, over 500 different hostas and other shade-loving plants and wildflowers can be seen along the paths that wind past the gazebo and through the woods. The gardens are accented by a collection of outdoor sculptures including three commissioned metal sculptures by the late Iowa City artist Eric Shaw. A three-quarter acre pond provides a nesting site to wild waterfowl.

#### **Joyce Parsons, Conroy**

The garden started 13 years ago with 5 or 6 daylilies. After that, I kept digging up more yard and putting in more daylilies and other perennials. Now, I'm referred to as the (crazy) flower lady of Conroy.