

January 2017 Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society Newsletter

“May your coming year be filled with magic and dreams and good madness. I hope you read some fine books and kiss someone who thinks you are wonderful. Don’t forget to make some art-write or draw or build or sing or live as only you can. And I hope somewhere in the next year you surprise yourself.” Neil Gairman

First CVIDS Meeting in the New Year

Our next club meeting will take place on Saturday, January 14th, at the Coralville Public Library. We shall start at noon with a potluck lunch and social hour, with the main meeting beginning at 1 PM. Please consider contributing to the potluck one of your favorite dishes or drinks. We shall have two speakers. Zora Ronan, AHS Region 1 President, will review the 2016 AHS awards. Nancy Carlisle will give a presentation on "Scapes, what you can discover". It should be fun. Don't forget to add this event to your new calendar!

Messages from AHS President Nikki Schmith

"I had so much fun during my visit and it was a great way to end my speaking tour for 2016! I'm looking forward to seeing you all again soon and I am so glad that you enjoyed the presentation. Happy New Year and I will see you again soon!" "Thank you for the wonderful hospitality in Iowa during my recent visit. I enjoyed the day very, very much with the wonderful vibrant club! Thank you again." Nikki Schmith

Final comments: Past President Nancy Carlisle

A huge thank you goes out for this organization and its members who are so welcoming and willing. It has been a joy to serve as your President these past two years. I really was only the figure head, the group effort of the members is what helped everyone to feel welcome and every project to shine. Keith is off to a great start in bringing some fresh ideas to CVIDS in the next term of office. I appreciated all of the board and their efforts.

CVIDS welcome from Keith Riewerts, 2017-2018 President

As winter tightens its grip on the 2017 new year, I want to send warm greetings to each of you.

While 2016 was one of the warmest years on record, our new year is reminding us that molasses flows pretty slowly in January. I have had hardly any blooms this week and next week doesn't look too good either.

My congratulations and thanks go to Nancy Carlisle and the entire CVIDS board and membership for a most productive 2015-2016. Our camaraderie and friendships were wonderful, while they made the loss of close friends even more difficult. It makes CVIDS even more dear to me.

I am starting 2017 on "light duty," as I broke my left shoulder blade and two ribs, after falling on ice while deer hunting. (The score is Deer 1: RKR 0.) Physical therapy started Friday and it seems more like torture than therapy at this moment.

But I am also starting the new year with the MOST capable and helpful team that I can imagine! Nancy C., Nancy R., Sue K., Jonathan P. have stepped up to reserve meeting facilities, organize presentations, keep the web site up to date and make my work very manageable. Thanks too to VP Joyce Parsons as her term begins. A huge thank you goes to them!

Many others are stepping up to assume leadership roles too, including Diane D., Barbara M. and Susie Poulton, who will be our new Secretary (pending vote). The complete list will be available at our meeting.

2017 looks exciting, with many opportunities to learn and grow.

Please check the web site and be ready to sign up to volunteer when and where you can.

Jonathan and I have completed the 3rd edition of the "Meet the Members" Photo Gallery. I hope to be able to distribute the new edition at the Jan. 14 meeting. Thank you again, Jonathan.

Finally, I have gotten a commitment from Scott Elliott of Maneki Neko Gardens, as next year's featured speaker for our CVIDS Banquet on November 11! He should be excellent. Check him out on Google.

In closing, I hope that the thoughts of a January thaw, sprouting seeds and the anticipation of new and beautiful daylilies in the Spring keep you warm as toast. Happy New Year. R. Keith R.

Doug Jones - May He Rest in Peace

Our friend and fellow CVIDS member Doug Jones passed away unexpectedly of natural causes, being discovered on November 10th at his home in Mitchellville. Our thoughts and prayers are with his mother Caroline and sister Ellen. We shall miss him greatly. He was always fun to be around, full of humor, and having lots of stories to tell. He immensely enjoyed continuing and extending the daylily hybridization program initiated by his father John ("Jack"). An excellent tribute was in the Tipton Conservative paper Jan 5, 2017 issue. Nancy Carlisle represented CVIDS on Dec 4th in Des Moines for his celebration of life. An excellent afternoon spent in the company of those he loved and who enjoyed him. So many persons commented about Doug's passion for daylilies. The event was enhanced with celtic music and prayers from area tribe leaders speaking in their native language.

On Sunday, November 20th, a remembrance service was held for Doug at St. John Lutheran Church in Olin. Led by Pastor Cindy McKenzie, this very moving service included bagpipe music, spiritual songs, and tales of remembrance related by many members of the congregation including a former high school friend, several of Doug's co-workers, Nancy Carlisle, and both Caroline and Ellen Jones. More than a dozen CVIDS members were present. Several attendees brought photos of Doug, attached them to scrapbook pages, and inscribed messages. The afternoon concluded with a reception in the church basement, where folks had a golden opportunity to share their memories of Doug.

SEEDS FROM DOUG: Caroline and Ellen wish to share Doug’s hybridizing efforts by distribution of his seeds that were generated this summer. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those interested.

2016 Banquet and Betty Miller Photo Contest

Our 2016 Fall Banquet and Betty Miller Photo Contest were held at the Radisson Hotel in Coralville on Saturday, November 12th. Over 80 members and guests were in attendance, and a fun time was had by all. Outgoing President Nancy Carlisle thanked the team of members who had worked so diligently to make these final events of the club calendar a great success. Our day began at 11 AM with the social hour, during which time folks had the opportunity to cast their ballots in the Betty Miller Photo Contest, buy and distribute raffle tickets, and proof-read the final draft of the 3rd edition of the "Meet the Members" photogallery. Keith Riewerts introduced our featured speaker Nikki Keeton Schmith, the AHS President, who gave us an exciting and extremely informative talk entitled "Join the Conversation: Technology as a Garden Tool". The meeting concluded with the announcement of the photo contest winners (names and linked photos are posted on the website) and a short business meeting, during which those in attendance unanimously elected Keith Riewerts to be the club's new President (2017-2018) and Joyce Parsons to be Vice-President (2017). With a big round of applause, everyone thanked Nancy Carlisle for her excellent service as club president during the past two years.

The annual banquet also provided a wonderful opportunity for conversation and viewing cultivars that were then auctioned off. Thanks, Keith, for organizing the auction for us, and those who donated plants for the auction. Sylvia, Mary Jo and the photo contest committee are to be commended for their work in organizing the contest and the display. Winners were as follows.

Category 1:	Red Flowers	Verne Moore Memorial
1st Prize:	Robert Moffit	<u>Verne's Red</u>
2nd Prize:	Jonathan Poulton	<u>JP Seedling</u>
3rd Prize:	Keith Riewerts	<u>Hooked On You</u>
Category 2:	Iris	
1st Prize:	Suzanne Moffit	<u>Stepping Out</u>
2nd Prize:	Sherry Moffit	<u>Unnamed Iris</u>

Category 3:	<i>Large Flowers</i>	
1st Prize:	Sherry Moffit	<u>Black Cat</u>
2nd Prize:	Keith Riewerts	<u>Bea's Afternoon Delight</u>
3rd Prize:	Gerald Hobbs	<u>Born To Reign</u>
Category 4:	Doubles	
1st Prize:	Keith Riewerts	<u>Dinner And A Movie</u>
2nd Prize:	Sherry Moffit	<u>Topguns Anita Causey</u>
3rd Prize:	Gerald Hobbs	<u>Voodoo Dancer</u>
Category 5:	<i>Spiders/UFOs</i>	
1st Prize:	Jackie Westhoff	<u>Flight Of Orchids</u>
2nd Prize:	Diane Derganz	<u>Baylee's Way</u>
3rd Prize:	Sherry Moffit	<u>Black Panther</u>
Category 6:	<i>Clumps</i>	
1st Prize:	Nancy Carlisle	<u>Mom's Pink Divinity</u>
2nd Prize:	Diane Derganz	<u>Night Embers</u>
3rd Prize:	Jonathan Poulton	<u>JP Seedling</u>
Category 7:	<i>Landscapes</i>	
1st Prize:	Jackie Westhoff	<u>Phlox and daylilies</u>

2nd Prize:	Dave Appelquist	Zora's garden
3rd Prize:	Robert Moffit	Landscape
Category 8:	<i>Hybridizers' 2016 Seedlings</i>	
1st Prize:	Jonathan Poulton	JP Seedling
2nd Prize:	Carole Appelquist	Appelquist Seedling
3rd Prize:	Jonathan Poulton	JP Seedling
Category 9:	<i>Novelties/Artistic</i>	
1st Prize:	Sue Kramer	UFO and Frog
2nd Prize:	Nancy Carlisle	Katydid on pink daylily
3rd Prize:	Jonathan Poulton	Frog on purple daylily
GRAND PRIZE	Jonathan Poulton	Verne in garden

Questionnaire: Jonathan Poulton uploaded an article and questionnaire on the website from the latest "Daylily Pioneer" (Fall, 2016) that tries to gauge your acceptance of genetically engineered daylilies. Please return your completed questionnaires to Jonathan Poulton by mail or e-mail.

UPCOMING GARDEN FAIRS

Come join us at Kirkwood for the **Winter Garden Fair** on February 25, 2017. We host an information booth about daylilies. **Sign up at the next meeting if you are able to help host the booth. Register by phone: Call 319.398.1022 or 1.800.332.8833**

Art of Gardening is on Saturday, March 18, 2017 - 8:00am to 4:00pm at Muscatine Community College. CVIDS holds an information booth. Sign up at the next meeting. Participate in gardening workshops at Muscatine Community College to build your horticultural skills. Find out more here: www.extension.iastate.edu/muscatine/

Horticulture in the Heartland Program is on Saturday, March 4th at Clinton Community College, 1000 Lincoln Boulevard, Clinton. It features a keynote speaker as well as

breakout sessions on a wide variety of subjects, all focused on horticulture and gardening. This event is presented by Clinton Community College, Iowa State University Clinton County Extension Master Gardeners, Bickelhaupt Arboretum and Clinton Trees Forever. For more information, contact Margo Hanson at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 563-242-4771.

CVIDS has held an information booth in the past.

Siouxland Garden Show on Friday, March 24, 2017 - 8:00 am to Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 4:00pm. A three-day garden event held in Sioux City, Iowa, featuring presentations by national and regional experts. Learn more here:

<http://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>

Book order from AHS *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"*, Author: Oliver Billingslea This publication is first and foremost a botanical book, treating two recognized classes of daylilies in a format typical of books published by the American Botanical Society, and in the final chapter offers a brief look at those open form daylilies which hybridizers sometimes call "flamboyants" or "exotics," although these types at present are not recognized as constituting a class of daylilies in themselves. The book features the work of numerous hybridizers along with stunning photography submitted by members of the American Hemerocallis Society. Presented in a full-color 8½" x 11" format to enhance the quality of the photography, the text and layout of *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"* are by its author Oliver Billingslea, AHS Chair of Special Projects. Photographs were selected in respect to the importance of specific cultivars and the quality of available photographs. 232 pages, 616 full color illustrations, 10 sketches; softbound, first edition January 2017. **There will be a sign up list for ordering at the next meeting.**

Chairs and Workers Needed: Please sign up for projects and events at the next meetings. Our membership is so faithful about volunteering for shifts. Thanks.

February 11, 2017 CVIDS Meeting: Speaker Nancy Rash will be discussing, "Great Botanical Gardens and their Resources." Meeting will be held in Cedar Rapids at the Kirkwood Campus, Horticulture Building.

Pollen Dabbers 2017 Central Iowa Daylily Society Spring Hybridizers Meeting

Friday and Saturday, March 17th – 18th, Marshalltown, Iowa
Marshalltown Community College, room 608/610
Marshalltown, Iowa

RICH HOWARD *view his introductions at* <http://www.ctdaylily.com/>

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registration form at www.centraliowadaylilysociety.com
