

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## **CVIDS ANNUAL FALL BANQUET NOV. 12**

The CVIDS annual fall banquet will be held Saturday, November 12, at the Riverside Casino and Resort in Riverside, Iowa (3184 Iowa Rt. 22, 319-648-1234), at 1 PM. Members' dinners will be paid for by CVIDS. The cost will be \$11 for non-members. Please RSVP to Scott Hansen by November 7 by calling (319) 377-5129 or email [shansen1363@aol.com](mailto:shansen1363@aol.com). When coming to the casino, use the east entrance (Events Center). Members are to meet in the Brighton Room to receive a meal ticket before going to the dining room. Call Scott if you have any questions.

**Directions to Riverside Casino:** From Iowa City/I-80/I-380, take Hwy. 218 south to Hwy. 22 (Hwy. 218 Exit 80, about 14 miles south of I-80). Turn east on Hwy 22; drive for about 1 mile, and look for the entrance to the casino on the north.

## **FINAL REMINDER: 2011 BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST**

Time is running out for submission of entries for the annual photo contest named in honor of our Past President and hybridizer Betty Miller. Chairperson Sylvia Seymour has graciously extended the deadline for a few days; however all entries must be **received** by Sylvia by November 9.

### **Categories:**

- 1) Large flowers
- 2) Doubles
- 3) Unusual forms and spiders
- 4) Landscapes and clumps
- 5) Hybridizers' 2011 seedlings

### **Prizes:**

- 1) First Place, each category \$25.00
- 2) Grand Prize, \$50

### **Photo Contest Rules:**

- 1) Two entries per category per person
- 2) Flower name and category identified on back of photo
- 3) 4" x 6" photo prints only. No jpegs.
- 4) No additional enhancements, borders, or backgrounds added to the photo.
- 5) Submit entries to Sylvia Seymour (1722 West 59<sup>th</sup> St., Davenport, IA 52806) by November 1.
- 6) Members will judge photos by popular ballot at the November Banquet.
- 7) Members will vote to select the Grand Prize winner.

## **MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8 MEETING**

by **Debbie Hansen**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Zora Ronan at 1:05 PM at the Coralville Public Library in Coralville, Iowa; 34 members were present. The minutes from April 9, 2011, were approved (M/S Clay Dawson/Gary Oster).

Three club members gave a presentation titled "Hybridizers Round Up 2011". They each spoke about their hybridizing success this past year. Jonathan Poulton's presentation emphasized bicolors and bitones. Lynn Stoll's presentation emphasized tough love -- hardy/vigorous daylilies. Lynn enjoys working with edges and teeth. Gerald Hobb's presentation emphasized plant increase and width of petals. Gerald announced and showed a picture of a plant he hybridized and named KIRKWOOD KING that he will be donating for sale at the 2011 Regional meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bob Moore reported a balance of \$16,432.83.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Banquet.** Scott Hansen reported there is a sign-up sheet for the Annual Banquet on November 12 at Riverside Casino at Riverside, Iowa. Attendees will need to go to the banquet room upon arrival to obtain their meal ticket. It is a buffet, and we will try to all sit together in the dining room for the meal and then return to the banquet room for the meeting. Zora read the rules of the Betty Miller photo contest that will take place at the banquet. Sylvia Seymour is chairing this event.

**Election of Officers.** Clay Dawson reported the following nominations for next year's officers:

President: Zora Ronan  
Vice President: Nancy Carlisle  
Treasurer: Debbie Hansen  
Secretary: Need nomination  
Webmaster: Jonathan Poulton  
Newsletter Editor: Lynn Stoll

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## **BOARD RESPONDS TO CONCERNS ABOUT CLUB PLANT ELIGIBILITY**

Members attending last month's meeting in Coralville expressed their concerns about the 2012 club plant eligibility requirements that were approved in April 2011 (for details, see April meeting minutes). After much discussion, the Board was requested to draw up new guidelines for consideration at the Fall Banquet. Accordingly, the document shown below will be discussed and voted upon at the banquet. If you have any concerns or questions about this proposal but are not attending the banquet, please contact Zora Ronan. While it is not part of the rules, another concern that the Board would like to address is communication and the timeliness of the information. It is working on a system to keep members informed on a regular basis of their attendance and other activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB PLANT DISTRIBUTION**

A club plant is a reward for being an active member of the club. Each year, CVIDS will use a portion of its funds to buy some choice daylilies that will be distributed in the spring to eligible members to grow in their garden for two years. Members choose their plants in a lottery draw. Members are asked to help evaluate the characteristics and hardiness of their chosen cultivar in this area. It is expected that the member will treat their club plant with kindness yet let the plant experience the same growing conditions that make our Eastern Iowa area an unique one. In August of the second year, members will keep a plant equal to the original size (number of fans) that they received and return all fan increases to CVIDS for its Silent and Live Auctions that month. At that time, the largest double fan will be awarded to the highest bidder, and any additional increases will also be auctioned.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

To be eligible to receive a club plant for the current year, a member must have:

- ▶ paid membership dues for both the current and previous years (paid by April 1 of each year).
- ▶ contributed to the club's activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) by undertaking any two of the following:
  - (1) attended two club meetings (includes garden tour but not the banquet)
  - (2) served as a CVIDS Board member
  - (3) chaired or co-chaired a committee
  - (4) donated plants to a club sale
  - (5) assisted at the CVIDS plant sales or auctions
  - (6) presented a club program
  - (7) hosted a CVIDS garden tour
  - (8) written an article for the newsletter
  - (9) bid in the Silent Auction of returning club plants
  - (10) performed any other activity that contributes to the success of the club.

### **SELECTION BY PROXY:**

If a member with eligibility to receive a plant is unable to attend the Plant Distribution, he/she may assign a proxy to select a plant for them during the drawing. However, the member must inform the Treasurer of their designated proxy prior to the Plant Distribution. If no proxy is designated, no proxy will be chosen for them.

## **MINUTES FROM OCT.8 MEETING (CONT.)**

Clay requested members interested in running for a position to contact him so he can add them to the list. The election will be held at the annual banquet.

A motion was made and approved to include the Newsletter Editor on the board (M/S Gary Oster/Clay Dawson).

A motion was made and approved to include the past President on the board (M/S Clay Dawson and Keith Riewerts).

**2012 Regional Meeting:** Zora gave a slide presentation promoting the regional meeting. Jackie Westhoff handed out a budget estimate and registration form. Jackie gave an overview of the events and passed out copies of the schedule and registration form.

**Website:** Jonathan Poulton would welcome any new photos that members would like to submit. He is especially interested in receiving photos of our May 2011 Plant Sale in North Liberty. You can pick up a Meet the Members booklet from Jonathan if you have not received one yet.

**2102 Club Plants:** Keith Riewerts has already been reviewing selections for the club plants. Keith passed a list for members to write down what their favorite plant is in their garden. A motion was approved to spend \$5,000 (same as last year) on club plants (M/S/C Keith Riewerts/Clay Dawson).

**Club Plant Eligibility:** Zora Ronan led the group discussion on revising the club plant eligibility that included a handout of the old (April 2009) and new (April 2011) eligibility for club plant distribution. The Board was requested to develop new guidelines for consideration at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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## **REQUESTED RECIPE FROM AUGUST POTLUCK NATILLAS BLANCAS (WHITE CUSTARD)**

**From Sherri Baldonado**

2¼ cups fresh or canned milk that has been diluted  
¾ cups sugar  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
1 Tbsp. cinnamon  
3 eggs, separated  
3 Tbsp. corn starch  
1 Tbsp. sugar  
Pinch of salt

Dissolve sugar and corn starch in 1 cup of milk in a shaker jar. Pour mixture into a pan, add nutmeg, cinnamon and beaten egg yolks. Add rest of milk, cooking on medium heat, and boil until it thickens, stirring often. Beat egg whites until stiff, adding 1 tablespoon of sugar. Fold into hot custard mixture. Chill or serve warm.

**Serving suggestion:** Vanilla wafers, strawberries or raspberries, whipped cream.

## REGIONAL MEETING UPDATE

This column will be a regular feature of forthcoming newsletters from now until our regional convention next July. Watch this space for information about ongoing plans and opportunities to get involved.

### PLANT DONATIONS NEEDED FOR REGIONAL

Many CVIDS members are not aware that our club is an official affiliate of the American Hemerocallis Society, and, through that parent organization, also of Region One. We are dependent on this parent organization for our tax-exempt status and our liability insurance coverage. In hosting the regional convention in 2012, it is our turn to take responsibility for raising the funds that the region depends on for two semiannual issues of the regional newsletter "The Pioneer", as well as underwriting required attendance by regional officers at national meetings. We are expected to NET at least \$6,000 from this auction in 2012. (The Marshalltown club netted \$6,817 in 2009, and the much smaller North Dakota club, after having been in existence only a few years, netted \$6,765 in 2010.) This issue is especially crucial because there will be no regional in 2013 since the 2013 national will be held in Minnesota, in lieu of a regional. Thus there will be no opportunity to make up any shortfall if we fail to raise the expected amount of money next year. For that reason, we should try our best to make extra funds for the region.

The club will be purchasing auction plants next spring from hybridizers and other growers who are known to be extremely generous to clubs, often sending 100% or more in bonus plants. (This budget item costs the club nothing in the long run; the club's investment in buying auction plants is taken off the top of the gross proceeds from the auction and returned to the club before the net income is sent to the region.) However, since we will need to repay the club first from the auction proceeds for these purchased plants, the profit designated for the region is only a percentage (often less than half) of the sale price.

The best source of pure profit for the auction is plants donated by the members, for which 100% of the sale price goes directly to the region. We hope that each CVIDS member will donate at least one plant with a value of \$50 or more to the regional auction. More inexpensive plants will be sold at the Boutique, which benefits our club. But for the auction, it is better to have one plant with a value of \$50 than five plants with \$10 values. This will ensure a lively auction running at a brisk pace, rather than one that seems to drag on forever.

We hope that all members will start to think now about what they might donate to the regional auction. Perhaps members might consider donating a fan or two from one of those multifan clumps we get in the spring plant distribution – or a division of a club plant they have received in the past that has grown particularly well for them. Members might also wish to donate one or more newer bonus plants received from their orders this spring which they don't wish to grow themselves.

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## CVIDS.ORG WEBSITE UPDATE

by Jonathan Poulton

Several additions were made to our website in recent months. In addition to updating the membership list, photos taken during our 2011 Garden Tour and Fall Sale were uploaded (see 2011 Archives page). I have received but a single photo of our May Sale in North Liberty, so, if you took any that day, please let me know. I'm grateful to the Papenhausens for providing a revised master list of club plants obtained in 2003-2011. Allow me to conclude this update with my usual exhortation. If you have anything for the website (e.g. photos of seedlings, yards, or favorite cultivars; meeting reports; advice on hybridizing, propagation, judging, etc.), please send it to me by mail or e-mail or bring it to the Fall Banquet on a CD or flash drive. With frost now imminent, I'll have plenty of time to upload your contributions.

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## REGION ONE HYBRIDIZERS WIN AHS AWARDS

It was a great day for Region One when the annual AHS awards were announced at the Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 14. Region One had its first ever Stout Medal winner! Gary Schaben's North Wind Dancer won this year's Stout Medal with 55 votes. (1st runner up was Persian Ruby with 45, and 2nd runner up was Holly Dancer with 39 -- not even close!) Congratulations to Gary for this wonderful achievement. But that's not all – Gary also won 3 HMs for Captain Jack, Hakuna Matata, and North Wind Curly Joe.

Another big winner was Karol Emmerich. Her Intelligent Design was 5th in the Award of Merit voting with 61 votes. And she also won 3 HMs for Entwined in the Vine, Storm Shelter, and Handwriting on the Wall. Entwined in the Vine was the highest vote getter of all the HMs this year with 122 votes, runner up Wild Wookie (98), and the rest trailing far behind.

This is a great achievement for Region One and for northern hybridizing in general. Watch for these award-winning cultivars in gardens next summer. And be sure to contact Gary and Karol with your congratulations:

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## PLANT DONATIONS NEEDED (CONTINUED)

All plant donations will be welcome, both for the Region One auction and for the boutique. We hope all members will contribute plants to both events. For those higher-value plants that are destined for the auction, please send Lynn Stoll the names (and pictures, if possible) of these plants. Lynn will be developing and maintaining a folder of all the auction plants, with description, starting price, picture, and donor. This will be similar to the online folders Jonathan and the Papenhausens have maintained for previous CVIDS auctions. Changes can be made at any time, of course, but Lynn is hoping to get an early start on this big project.



## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!

### Meet Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen

New members Nancy Rash and husband Lyle Moen of Washington, Iowa, joined CVIDS while exhibiting their photography at the Washington Public Library and following the CVIDS meeting in the upper level of the Library. As strangers to the CVIDS group, we were greeted enthusiastically and asked if we were interested in joining the club as dues were only \$8. This sounded like the real deal to us! So, here we are: We both retired on June 30, 2011, after 37 years in the educational field for Nancy, and 42 years for Lyle serving as Assistant to the Washington County Engineer. We have been warmly greeted at each CVIDS meeting and it has been fun getting to know at least some of you a little better, and understanding the intensity of your passion with daylilies and hybridizing.

The accompanying image was taken in 1991 when Nancy first introduced the Washington community to a private "garden walk" tour. Over 200 guests braved the 97 degree temperature and a very hot, dry day to tour Nancy's flower garden (I pretty much just dig the holes for new plants when needed). Guests were introduced to bermed areas of flower gardening, hostesses answered questions and provided names of flowers, specialists from Iowa State University explained the benefits of composting, and a detailed list of all plantings was provided to each guest.

Other passions and interests include photography, canoeing, whitewater kayaking, traveling, especially hiking and photographing the backcountry of all 64 National Parks. Our community volunteerism involves Lyle with the Lions Club, City Board of Adjustment, Washington Betterment Foundation, Main Street Washington, Washington County Recreational Trails Committee, and Washington County Conservation Board and Foundation. Nancy is a Rotarian and board member of the Washington Rotary Club and assists Lyle on Conservation Board projects.



## MINUTES FROM APRIL 9 MEETING

### by Debbie Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM at the Scott County Public Library in Eldridge, Iowa, by President Mike Carstensen. 32 members were present. March meeting minutes were approved. Barb Papenhausen/Clay Dawson M/S/C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bob Moore reported a balance of \$9,173.89.

#### Old Business:

**Membership Photo Gallery:** Jonathan Poulton reported that he and Keith Riewerts have been working on the "Meet the Members" photo gallery. Jonathan presented the latest draft for members present to review and confirm their picture with their name. There are 81 members in the gallery. A free copy of "Meet the Members" will be given to all members (1 per couple). However, it will not be mailed to members but will need to be picked up at future meetings, beginning in May. A motion was made and approved to order 100 copies from Office Depot for \$285 plus sales tax. Jack Jones/Keith Riewerts M/S/C.

**Dues:** Bob Moore read a list of the members who have not yet paid their 2011 dues. Dues should be paid by May 1.

**New Members:** Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen were present at the meeting.

**October Meeting:** A park in Iowa City was suggested as a location for the October meeting. Keith Riewerts suggested the Wilton Library. Jonathan Poulton was going to look into the Coralville Library.

**Frederick McDowell Memorial Garden:** Barry Stoll reported that plans for the garden are on hold.

**July Garden Tour:** Susan Minger reported the following gardens will be on tour: Caroline and Jack Jones, Olin; the others are in Lowden--Joyce Petersen, Joyce's neighbor Ginger Pruess, who has a water wheel and pond, Barb and Rex McCreight, and Gary Oster. There are 2 options for the luncheon. Option 1: a German meal served by a private company at the Lowden Memorial Park which would be a fundraiser for the Park. Option 2: Hale Tavern in Hale, Iowa. A motion was made and approved for members to pay for their own lunch on this year's garden tour. Susan Minger/Barb Papenhausen M/S/C.

**Fall Banquet:** Scott Hansen wanted a confirmation of the date November 12 for the Fall Banquet at Riverside Casino so he could finalize the conference room reservation. The group consensus was that November 12 would be the date.

#### New Business:

**Membership Updates:** Susan Minger reported Mary Moore had surgery.

**Club Plant Requirements:** [Editor's note: a lengthy discussion about club plant distribution eligibility took place, which is summarized in the full minutes on the website. This information is now superseded by the information on page 2 of this newsletter.]

**Spring Plant Sale:** Barb and Bob Papenhausen have reserved Penn Meadows Park Gazebo Park, North Liberty, May 7, for the plant sale. Cathy Moore recommended having the sale the same day and same place every year. Barry Stoll suggested not having the club plant sale during the Iowa City Project Green sale. Another member commented having the plant sales on the same date could draw some buyers.

**Regional 2012 Update:** No one present to give an update.

**Presentation:** Barb and Bob Papenhausen gave slide presentations of a promotion for the 2011 Louisiana National Convention, additional 40 club plants purchased, Gardening with Daylilies from the AHS library, and an Orchids presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM. Mike Carstensen/Jonathan Poulton M/S/C.