

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## March 14, 2009 1:00 pm

**Marion Public Library in Marion, IA**

**Speakers: Barb Papenhausen and Lynn Stoll**

Our own CVIDS members are sharing pictures and tidbits of advice from their own gardens and recent regional meetings they have attended.

**Nancy Miller Marion Public Library**

1095 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Marion, Iowa 319-377-3412

From **West or South**: 1-380 North to exit 24A, turn right onto SR-100 East/Collins Road NE for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto US-151 Business/1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE/Marion Blvd for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn Left onto 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. From **East or North East**: Hiway 30 east to Hiway 13 North. Turn left (west) onto 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue for 2.3 miles. Turn left onto 14<sup>th</sup> street, then turn right onto 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## President Clay Comments:

As the winter is waning, the warmer weather is giving us time to plan out our gardens for spring. See you in Marion!

## Winter Impacts on Gardens

*Ray Wolf, Master Gardener*

As we plan for the eventual spring warm up, what did this harsh winter do to my garden? How often do we get winters with extreme cold like this? The official weather station in the Quad Cities recorded -27 on January 16 with many of our northern counties even colder (-38 recorded in Clinton). The Quad Cities is designated as a Zone 5a on the USDA Plant Hardiness map. Winter temperatures are expected to bottom out between -15 to -20 degrees.

Due to the extreme cold this winter, there will be some negative impacts on our gardens. In 2007, an unusually warm March was followed by a record-breaking Arctic blast the first week of April. This resulted in over \$2 Billion damages to the agriculture and horticulture industries in central and southeast US. Plants broke dormancy in the unusually warm March that made them more vulnerable to the April freeze. Timing and duration of the cold are factors that affect a plant's ability to survive extreme temperatures. Snow cover can be a detriment and a benefit. Snow can act as an insulator like a thermal blanket, so herbaceous perennials that reestablish from underground roots or bulbs may not fair so badly. On the down side, air temperatures average 15 degrees colder than when the ground is bare. Snow reflects the sunshine rather than allowing it to warm up the air. We have had a number of days with snow on the ground this year. Plant material above the snow has been very stressed by the extreme cold. The snow also covers the food for wildlife allowing them to browse on vegetation above the snow.

Plant hardiness zones can be a useful tool for assessing a plants success in your garden. Some

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Pay Your 2009 Club Dues! Due by April 30<sup>th</sup> for Club Plant eligibility. Send to Bob Moore, PO Box 25, Morning Sun, IA 52640. \$6 for individual, \$8 for family.

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## **February 14th, 2009 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Jayne Carstensen, pro tem secretary**

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 14, 2009 CVIDS MEETING

PLACE: MARION LIBRARY, MARION IA

TIME: 1 PM

SPEAKERS: BARB PAPENHAUSEN, LYNN STOLL

### MARCH 21, 2009 CIDS POLLEN DABBERS MTG

PLACE: MARSHALLTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TIME: ALL DAY. SEE ARTICLE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Speakers are Bob Faulkner and Jamie Gossard.

### APRIL 18TH MEETING

CORALVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

TIME: 1 PM

Don Lovell, Former Region One RVP

### NORTH LIBERTY SPRING PLANT SALE

PLACE: GAZEBO, CHERRY AND DUBUQUE STREET, NORTH LIBERTY

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 9, 2009

### AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY MEETING MAY 11-16, 2009

KANSAS CITY IRISES.ORG

### AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION

PLACE: ORLANDO FLORIDA

DATE: MAY 20-24, 2009

www.ahsregion12.org

### PLANT DISTRIBUTION MAY 23RD

PLACE: WEST LIBERTY FLORAL HALL

MORNING: PLANT DISTRIBUTION, PLANT AUCTION FOR ALL MEMBERS

### TALL BEARDED IRIS SOCIETY MAY 29-30

2009 SALEM OREGON TBISONLINE.COM

### CVIDS GARDEN TOUR

PLACE: EASTERN IA, WESTERN IL GARDENS

DATE: JULY 11, 2009

### 2009 REGION ONE CONVENTION

PLACE: MARSHALLTOWN, IA

DATE: JULY 17- 19, 2009

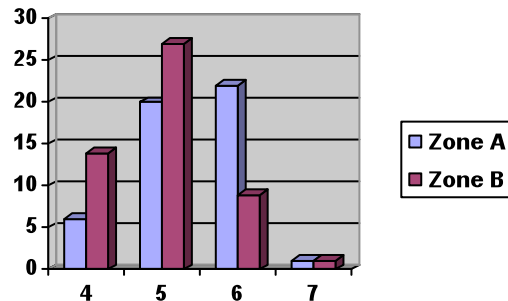
See Flier or CVIDS website for more information.

### BRUCEMORE LAWN AND GARDEN SHOW

PLACE: BRUCEMORE GARDENS, CEDAR RAPIDS

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2009 ALL DAY

winters are colder than Zone 5a-b, explaining why a plant labeled for Zone 5 may not survive a winter. Zone 6 or 7 plants must have some extraordinary protection efforts to survive. Chart is showing the Frequency of Plant Hardiness Zone Occurrences in Moline, Illinois 1874-2009.



### Bus Trip: Saturday June 6, 2009

Silvis Garden Club is sponsoring a trip for \$53.00 per person. Bus trip will go to Klehm's Song Sparrow in Avalon, WI, Olbrich Botanical Garden in Madison, WI, and Flower Factory Nursery in Stoughton, WI. Send payment to Dean Wagner, 36 Deer Court, Geneseo, IL 61254.

### Sowing: Stick to it

Seed tapes - strips onto which small seeds are glued at even intervals - present an easy way to space your plants properly and alleviate the need to thin them later. Another plus: you can make these tapes while you patiently wait for planting time. Cut paper towels into 2 inch wide strips. Use a pencil to mark a series of dots along the middle of each, spacing them the distance recommended on each seed packet. Write the seed type on each strip. Squeeze a drop of nontoxic water soluble glue onto each dot and top with a seed. Once the glue sets, store the strips in a cool, dark, dry spot. When it is time to plant, follow the seed packet instructions.

### Native Plant Sale - Black Hawk Historic Site, Rock Island, IL 10-3 pm

Prairie plants, trees, and shrubs will be available for sale by the Quad Cities Natural Area Guardians. Contact the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District. 309-764-1486, Ext 3 for more information.

## **CVIDS members are Speakers**

Zora Ronan is presenting at The Art of Gardening fair in Muscatine. Her topic is Perennials 101-The Basics. She is also a speaker at the Linn County Extension Office as a free to the public class on March 11, at 6:30. Her focus is on Criteria for Judging or picking the perfect daylilies and "All the Pretty Faces-Forms and Color". Wanda Lunn is a featured speaker on iris and lilies at the 2009 Siouxland Garden Show in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

### **Bring Treats for March Meeting**

Susan Minger, Zora Ronan, Deb Hansen, Joyce Parson, Gary Oster and anyone living near Marion.

### **Region One Website:**

<http://www.northerndaylily.com/index.html>

### **CVIDS Website:**

[www.cvids.org](http://www.cvids.org)

## **Get Well Wishes**

Several of our CVIDS members have been hospitalized this past quarter. Our wish is for all to have a very speedy recovery. Vern Moore, Cathy Moore, Marilyn Little, and Lynn Moffit would welcome cards and well wishes. John Kirkman, husband of Lynne Kirkman and son-in-law of Sylvia Seymour, will be having his third surgery since December for an occluded leg artery on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Well wishes and prayers are needed.

### **March 20-21, 2009 Siouxland Garden Show**

[www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury)

**March 21, 2009 Muscatine Art of Gardening** \$35 Muscatine Community College 563-288-6161

### **March 21, 2009 Pollen Dabbers**

We have been invited to attend the Central Iowa Daylily Society meeting, featuring speakers: Bob Faulkner, Dayton, Ohio, and Jamie Gossard, Columbus, Ohio. \$25 For more information, contact Don Lovell, [dml Lovell@aol.com](mailto:dml Lovell@aol.com)

### **March 27-29, Quad City Flower and Garden Show \$6**

Advanced tickets at HyVee or online at [www.QCCAExpoCenter.com](http://www.QCCAExpoCenter.com)

**March 28-29, Illowa Orchid Society Show** Free and open to the public. Putnam Museum, 1717 W 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport

### **Creative Gardening Series**

**March 31-April 18**, contact 319-377-9839 Linn County Extension Service

**April 3-4, 2009 Ottumwa All Iowa Horticulture Exposition** Kelly Norris from Rainbow Iris Farm will speak on Growing Bearded Iris. Many featured speakers. Contact [www.iowahort.org](http://www.iowahort.org) or 641-683-6260

### **July 17-19, 2009 REGION ONE**

Tour Gardens will be: Nan Ripley's Walkabout Gardens in Nevada. See Don Lovell's garden in LeGrand, Turkey Ridge Daylily Farm in Marshalltown and the Selwyn Rash's garden located in Ellsworth. Judge's Workshop will be held at the garden of Phil Fass.