



The CVIDS Newsletter

From the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

April 2004

March Minutes

The March meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 13, at the Washington Public Library. Jan asked members to respond to the roll call with their favorite garden-related harbinger of spring. It was announced time would be allotted at the end of each meeting for news regarding members and upcoming events and announcements.

Jan introduced Marge Stubbe, a Master Gardener and past president of the Monticello Federated Garden Club, who presented her "Wildflower Extravaganza" program.

Marge has made "Surround Your Life with Beauty and Share it with Others" her motto, and highly recommends converting old golf carts into garden carts. Her presentation was informative and entertaining. It included slides and photos of wildflowers native to Jones County.

Jan started the business meeting by announcing that Jill Gardner's "Gardening with Young Children" and Jan's "Remembering Betty" articles will be published in the PIONEER.

Jan e-mailed Mary Baker after the February meeting. Jan's questions and excerpts from Mary's answers are as follow:

- Q. What are the rules governing a non-profit organization?
Specifically, how much money can

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we hold in our treasury without overstepping any boundaries?

- A. As a nonprofit organization CVIDS wouldn't need to file a tax return for any year unless CVIDS would receive more than \$25,000 in gross receipts during the year. (This would not include summer regional auctions, which go to Region 1.)

You have to be careful regarding accumulating funds in the treasury. The IRS looks at whether or not you're acting like a nonprofit organization. Making donations to memorials and publishing articles to educate members (which you already do) are two expenditures that would fulfill those requirements. I would say that once you exceed \$10,000 to \$12,000 you would need to start thinking about routinely spending down your funds. If the total of the club balance plus CD balance is under \$10,000 you're probably already spending sufficient funds for these purposes and not building up an excessive treasury balance.

- Q. CVIDS members are interested in forming a memorial for Betty Miller along the following lines.

\$50/year for 5 years award for a photography contest for Region One members to honor Betty's interest in photographing daylilies. Our thoughts are this award could be given annually at the Region 1 summer meeting. Are we allowed, as a club, to organize this or do we need permission from the "higher ups" to do it?

- A. This is an excellent idea as well as a wonderful tribute to Betty. You're allowed as a club to organize the award. You don't need anyone's permission to establish an award presented by your club. We don't usually present awards during the summer regional tour. Your award to honor Betty is welcome to become part of our annual AHS Region One Fall Daylily Festival Awards Ceremony. In 2004 the Nebraska Daylily Society will host this event in Omaha. In 2005 and 2006 CIDS is hosting it in the Marshalltown area. Our Fall Festival is held during the first weekend in October.

Jean pointed out that if we proceed with this memorial award we will need a chairman and award committee to establish criteria and handle the selection of a winner and presentation of the award each year. Barry mentioned we may have another option for presenting the award at the Regional Meeting. Jan will check with Mary Baker if we can have 5 minutes at the Regional banquet in the summer. Further discussion was tabled until another meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Gerald reported income of \$30 in dues and \$26 for the last Eureka. Expenditures were \$6.05 for postage to return slides and \$100 sent to Kay Day of the AHS for the Monroe Endowment Trust Fund in memory of Betty Miller. This leaves a balance of \$6239.01.

Club Plant Committee Report

Sylvia has received a list of club plants from Singing Oakes and Bells. She sent Singing Oakes \$500 and is receiving \$800 worth in plants, and Bells \$750 and is receiving \$1000 worth of plants. She will compile a complete list of the plants we will receive as soon as she hears what Stamiles, Moldovan & Apps are sending us.

Spring Sale Committee Report

The spring sale will be held on May 2 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost to the club is \$25 plus 10% of our sales. We are to bring only iris and daylilies and set up is between 9 and 10 a.m. The sale is open to Friends of VanderVeer at 10 and to the public at 11. Anyone wishing to donate plants should wash and label them with the name, color and price (height & bloom size if you're ambitious), and bring photos if possible. Past experience has taught that we can sell anything if we have a nice picture of it! VanderVeer will provide us tables for the plants, but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs and umbrellas. Everyone is responsible for his/her own lunch.

It was decided we would schedule an April meeting. See Upcoming Events for time and place.

Summer Garden Tour

Anyone willing to be on a club garden tour this summer should contact Jan. Barry volunteered Walnut Hill. Jean, Dawsons, Sherry Moffit (ankle permitting), Williams, Appelquists, Joy & Jan are all possibilities. A day and schedule will be decided later.

The subject of a charter bus to St. Louis was discussed. Jan will call someone from Minnesota and CIDS to see if there is any interest.

Member News

Sherry Moffit is recovering from a broken ankle. Ken Messer is doing well after a gall bladder procedure, and the Messers have a new grandson. According to Gerald, Ken won't be able to weed his garden for a few months and would be willing to "trade weeds for perspiration".

Gerald had canvas bags and pens left over from last summer's Regional. Suzanne suggested they be given to our new members. The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Events

April CVIDS Meeting: Sunday, April 4 at 1:30 at the North Liberty Community Center. — 260

Quad Cities Lawn & Garden Show: March 26, 27 & 28 at the QCA Center. 10 – 9 Friday and Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday.

Club Plant Distribution. May 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Kenneth & Betty Capps. Breakfast provided by CVIDS. Bring your own lawn chairs.

Thanks to Kim Edge for the following piece.



**GARDENING
TEACHES YOU
MANY SKILLS**

Gardening makes you strong. Shovel a truckload of mulch. Lug sacks of potting soil, prune fruit trees in midwinter, and tote buckets of ripe tomatoes.

Gardening hones fine motor skills. How many tiny weed seedlings does it take to fill a bucket?

Gardening makes you limber. You think nothing of reaching to shake down fall webworms from trees, stretching to peek in a bird's nest in the hedge row, or bending to plant a seed or smell a violet.

Gardening polishes those language skills. What's Plantanicus botanicus latinus cv. "Whatchamacallit"?

Gardening teaches self discipline. No more screaming at the sight of a little bitty garter snake.

Gardening builds mental fortitude. Battling hungry rabbits or watching a herd of hungry deer decimate your evergreens will do that.

Gardening develops math skills. What percentage germination can I expect from these old seeds, based on the damp paper towel test batch? How many cubic yards of mulch should I order?

Gardening requires financial management skills. Have I really spent all my gift certificates? It's only February!

Gardening develops research skills. Why did my plant die?

Gardening develops time management skills. Spring comes but once a year.

Gardening teaches patience. No seed germinates before its time!

Gardening instills attention to detail. Identify thrips under a hand lens. Check your pants legs for ticks.

Gardening develops ingenuity. Quick! I need an emergency cold frame before tonight's surprise, late-spring freeze.

Gardening requires engineering skills. Can I design a deck, patio, ornamental pond, drip irrigation system?

Gardening hones your sense of smell. Does the perfume of this rose remind me of jasmine, fruit, or spice? Is that steer manure a little ripe?

Gardening hones your sense of taste. Which variety of home-grown, sun-warmed, cherry tomato tastes sweetest? Do golden ones taste metallic? Do you like the taste of squash blossoms?

Gardening hones your sense of touch. Compare a velvety leaf, a crunchy leaf, and a slick and slimy one pulled from the garden pond. How does an earthworm feel in the palm of your hand?

Gardening hones your sense of hearing. Which bird song woke me up today? Is that a panther rustling through the grass, or just a squirrel?

Gardening hones your sense of seeing. Is that a monarch or a viceroy butterfly – or a dragonfly? Is this pink petal a bit orange or is it a bit blue? Does the symmetrical arrangement please me or would a less formal grouping work better?

Gardening teaches endurance. Busting sod is hard work. So is planting daffodils down deep by the dozen.

Gardening teaches you not to be afraid of the dark. The best time to catch slugs is at night, by moonlight.

Handwritten notes:
Gardening
is a
great
way
to
live!