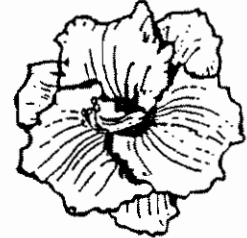




# Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society



August 7, 1995

## REMINDER: CVIDS ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE & POTLUCK

Don't forget that our annual plant sale and potluck will be held Saturday, Aug. 24 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Riverside Gardens, Monticello. This is our only fund-raising event. We hope all members will be able to contribute plants, help with digging and labeling, and/or help out at the sale itself. Please label all plants with name, color, and price, at a minimum. Choice items might also include year of introduction and list price. **Please bring your labeled iris, daylilies, and companion plants to the park at 9 AM so we can have everything nicely laid out on the tables by 11 AM.** Club plants from the mail auction will be distributed to the winning bidders before the public sale starts at 11. There will also be some club plants available which were not bid on in the auction; these will be priced at the "minimum suggested bid" in the auction, which is approximately half of the average price listed in the current edition of Eureka Hemerocallis. We will have our potluck after the initial rush (*we hope!*) of public sales subsidies; in previous years this has happened about 1:30.

Please price your plants; the members working at the sale may not be familiar with the varieties and may not know what they are worth. Iris and daylilies will be sold as bare-root plants and should be clearly marked with name and color. Older named varieties will be priced at \$3-\$5; "unknown yellow daylily" or "red seedling" for \$2. Newer varieties should be marked with hybridizer and year of introduction, if known, and priced appropriately. Companion plants should be potted, if possible, and labeled. These will ordinarily be priced at \$2-\$5.

If possible, try to bring some pictures of the daylilies or other plants you are contributing. People always ask us, "What does this one look like?" It's really helpful to have some pictures so we can *show* them, not just *tell* them. Posters with colored pictures of daylilies and iris would be especially helpful. Just having the color pictures there at a time when most people's gardens are in the late-summer doldrums can generate interest and increased sales.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the sale. If you have plants to contribute but can't bring them to the sale yourself, please contact the Stolls (946-3471) to arrange for someone to pick them up. The Stolls would also appreciate volunteers to help with labeling and digging of iris and daylilies anytime the week before the sale (especially on Thurs. and Fri., Aug. 22-23). They have a great many plants they would be happy to contribute to the sale; however, the plants need to be dug, divided, and labeled in the days just before the sale so they will be nice and fresh for Saturday, and Lynn and Barry can only do part of this project themselves in 2-3 days.

**Don't forget: we need lots of publicity to make the sale a success!** Last year we had many more plants than buyers. This year we plan to have more ads in local area newspapers, shoppers, etc. Also, word-of-mouth advertising is important. Do your part: tell your friends and neighbors!

### NOTE: DUES INCREASE

Because of increased postage rates, CVIDS members at the May meeting voted to increase club dues by \$1 (\$6.00 individual, \$8.00 family) to cover the increased cost of mailing newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am happy that our first CVIDS Garden Tour on July 27 was such a great success. Both the weather and the daylily bloom were outstanding, all the gardens were beautiful, and everyone who participated had a very enjoyable day. Since the tour date was chosen to avoid conflict with the AHS National and Regional Conventions, we had been worried that the gardens would be considerably past peak bloom. But the unusually cool July weather delayed bloom by about two weeks, so the gardens were actually near peak bloom on July 27, as if they were anticipating Sarah's arrival and wanted to show her their very best! I want to thank all those members who allowed us to tour their gardens: the McDowells, Adams, Hadravas and Stolls.

As a result of the tour, 13 enthusiastic new members joined the club. Now that they have met our group and gotten an idea of the kinds of things we do, we hope they will continue as active members for a long time. Please look at the list of new members in this newsletter to find some new members near you, and invite them to your gardens!

At the banquet I was proud to announce that three of our club members won national awards for their contributions to regional newsletters this year. These awards are made in 12 different categories; for our club members to have won three of these twelve national awards is an extraordinary accomplishment! Lynn won the award for the best article on daylily cultivars with her article "Golden Oldies," which also appeared in our club newsletter. Lynn's article "One in a Hundred" was the runner-up for this same award. This award was presented at the national convention in Denver.

Two other club members were not present in Denver to receive their awards, so I had the pleasure of presenting them at the banquet. The award for the best article on a hybridizer went to Fred McDowell and Lynn Stoll, for their article "Remembering Bryant Millikan." This also appeared in our newsletter. The award for the best article on daylily gardens was won by one of our newest members: Mary Baker, for her article "Four Fabulous Gardens in North and South Carolina."

Congratulations to Lynn, Fred, and Mary! I hope that this will encourage more of you to share your knowledge and experiences by writing something for either our club or our regional newsletter. Even short articles are very welcome; putting together a newsletter is a much easier job if there is material to assemble!

Our guest speaker at the banquet was the highly respected daylily hybridizer, Sarah Sikes from Luverne, Alabama. At the National AHS convention in Denver the previous week, Sarah had received three of the highest awards given by the American Hemerocallis Society -- like the Triple Crown of Daylilies! Most of you know that she won the Stout Silver Medal for her 1987 introduction NEAL BERREY, a beautiful pink. The Stout Medal is the highest award given by the AHS for a daylily cultivar. Sarah also received the Lenington All-American Award for DESIGNER JEANS. This award is given once each year for a daylily that performs well in all regions of the country. Finally, Sarah received the Bertrand Farr Medal for outstanding achievement in daylily hybridizing. This is like the Nobel Prize in Daylilies. Sarah characterized herself as "a Southern hybridizer of dormant daylilies." We are proud to grow many wonderful daylilies of Sarah's, which have given a great deal of pleasure to us and to our garden visitors over the years. These include her wonderful pink SECOND THOUGHTS, her lovely yellow spider WINDMILL YELLOW, the gorgeous ruffled PINK SCENARIO, LUVERNE (named after her home town), ANTIQUE ROSE, which won an Award of Merit in 1994, RUFFLED BUDS, SPECIAL MOMENTS, ARDENT AFFAIR, BONNY PINK RUFFLES, HANDSOME IS, RESTLESS HEART, ROYAL DANCER, and many others.

Sarah opened her banquet address by telling us how much her daylily friends and the American Hemerocallis Society have enriched her life. She encouraged everyone present to join both the AHS and the local club, telling us convincingly that "daylily people are special people." In her talk, Sarah commented that a garden is "an ever-changing work of art." In the spirit of this theme, she presented a series of slides showing the evolution of her own Windmill Gardens over the years, as her hybridizing program grew (a recurring theme being "letting out the fences"! ). Along with the windmill from which the garden gets its name, a distinctive focal point is a number of pieces of "weathered wood" ("dead trees only to the unimaginitive"). Some of the most recent changes came about as a result of damage from Hurricane Opal. She showed us all the destruction Opal had caused to her garden and property -- and the new plantings and deck which had been created in the aftermath of the hurricane. Another interesting series of slides traced the creation of a new hybrid daylily, from the actual pollination process through ripening seed pods, harvesting the seed, preparing the seedling bed, planting the seedlings, growth of the seedlings, and -- finally! -- the long-awaited flowering of the seedling. This was especially interesting to our newer members who were unfamiliar with how new daylily cultivars are actually developed. Many of us were particularly interested in her method of heat-sterilizing the soil in the seedbed before planting the seeds. She prepares the bed for planting, then waters thoroughly, covers with plastic, and cooks in the sun for several weeks to kill weed seeds. The soil is then disturbed as little as possible when the seeds are planted, to avoid bringing up still-viable weed seeds from deep in the soil. Sarah's presentation also included some excellent slides of her past and future introductions, with commentary on how they came about, how they were named, etc.

Sarah Sikes is not only an outstanding hybridizer of quality daylilies, but also a warm and delightful human being. We were greatly honored to have her as our guest at our tour. She provided a wonderful stimulus to the growth of our small club, and because of the size of the group, everyone had the opportunity to visit with her. Thank you, Sarah!

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### DON MISEL'S TEX MEX DIP

(one of the highlights of our May potluck at Stoll's!)

Layer 1 -- 1 can refried beans with or without green chilies

Layer 2 -- 8 oz. guacamole dip

Layer 3 -- Combine 8 oz. sour cream, ½ cup mayonnaise, and 1 pkg. taco seasoning

Layer 4 -- 1 small can chopped ripe olives

Layer 5 -- 2 tomatoes chopped

Layer 6 -- 1 bunch green onions chopped

Layer 7 -- 8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese

**Directions:** Layer the ingredients in order in a 10 x 15" pan. Needs to be refrigerated overnight before eating. Serve with tostado chips.

**Hint:** I take the seeds and pulp out of the tomatoes because they make the dip too messy. Sometimes I use the taco shredded cheese.

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## PRAIRIE IN BLOOM 2000

Do you like this logo??? For those of you who haven't heard, the national Siberian and Species Iris Convention will be held in Iowa City in the year 2000. This meeting will be co-hosted by our club and the Iowa Arboretum. "Prairie in Bloom 2000" is our tentative logo for the meeting, but we are still open to all ideas and suggestions. The tentative date is the first weekend of June, 2000. Registration will be limited to 200, in order to keep the group to a manageable size. Three gardens in this area will be on the Saturday tour, with three gardens in the Ames area on Sunday. This will be an exciting event to look forward to. This fall and next year we will be receiving a large number of state-of-the-art guest Siberian irises from hybridizers all over the country, as well as from Germany and Japan. The master planting for the convention (one plant of each variety sent by hybridizers) will be located at the Iowa Arboretum, where it will remain on public display permanently. We also plan to place as many guest plants as possible at Riverside Gardens, where they will form a permanent public display after the convention. Lois Girton from Ames will coordinate the gardens and activities in that area, and will serve as guest plant chairman for the convention.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome our newest members:

Don Misel	Blanche Misel	Joel & Judy Rutledge
Keith Riewerts	Mary Nicklaus	Merry Howell
Linda Spence	Dawn Jones	Sarajane Peterson
Gary & Betty Karkosh	Beverly Robalino	Kathleen Detert
Iris Johnson		Mary Helen Nicklaus

We all look forward to getting to know you during future club activities! All members are encouraged to contact these new members, invite them to their gardens and include them in their gardening ventures.

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## DAYLILY FAVORITES OF 1996

Now that the season is about over, what daylilies (or other plants) did you enjoy most in *your* garden this season? It's always so hard to pick a single favorite! Please take a few minutes to tell your fellow club members what varieties were especially outstanding in your garden this year, and why. Send your lists (long or short) and comments to the Editor for the next newsletter. Thank you for sharing this information; it will be of great interest to all club members, particularly those new members who are just starting out in daylilies.

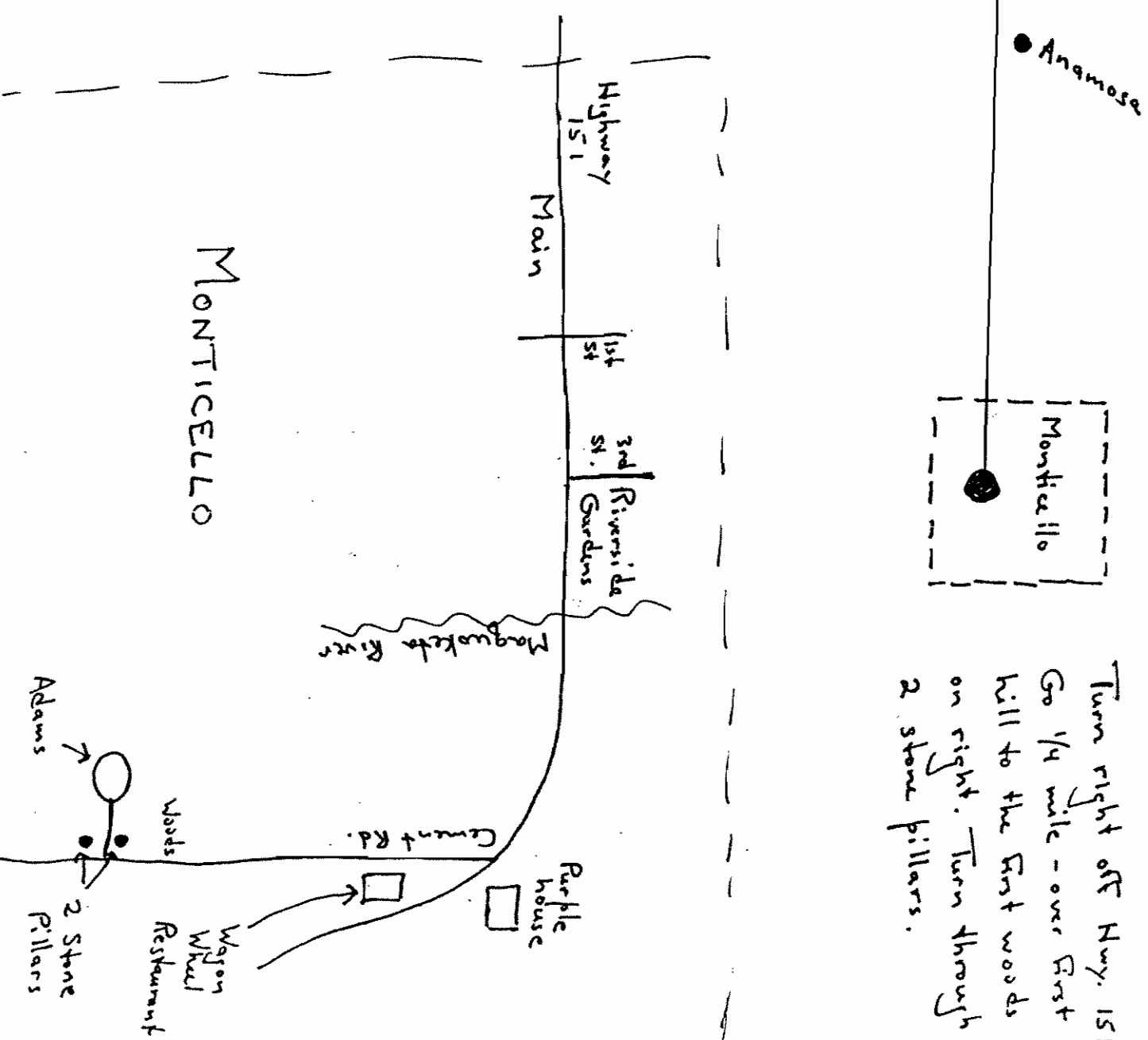
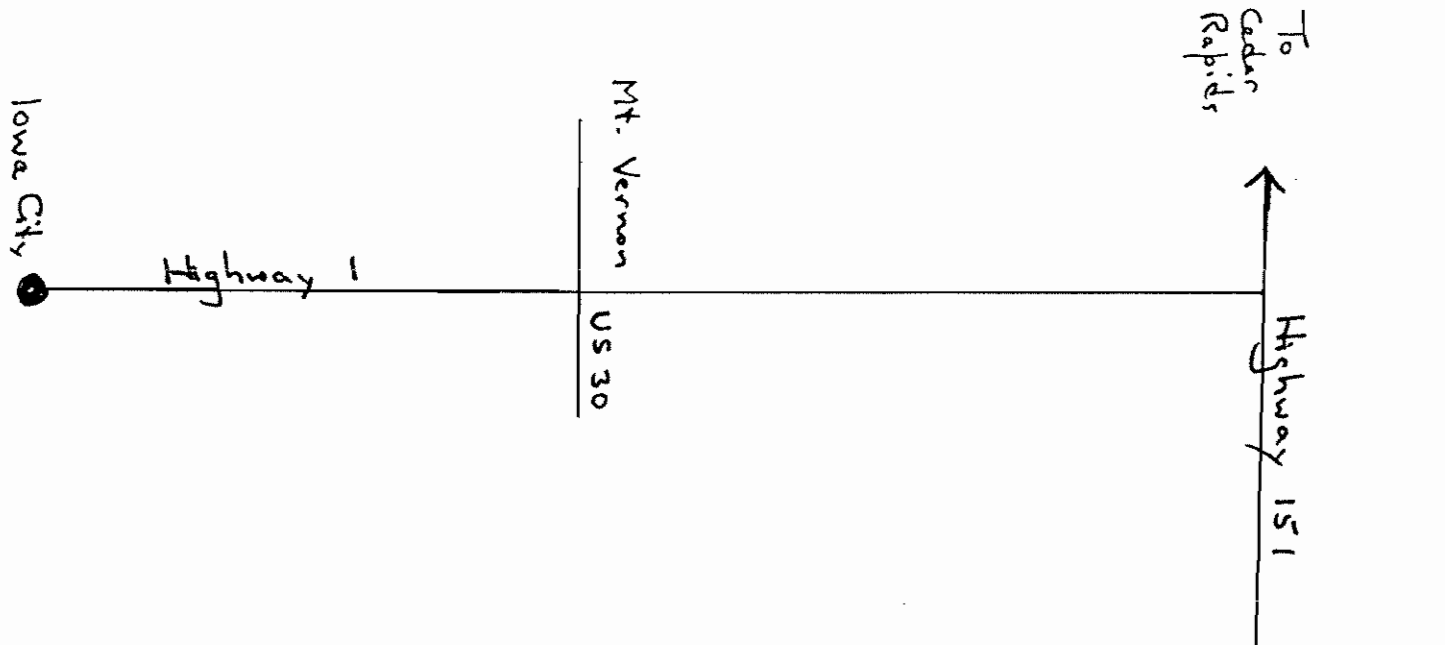
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## MEMBERS, AUGUST, 1996

Dues paid through year in parentheses; *please check to see if this information is correct!* If you haven't paid your 1996 dues, please send a check to the treasurer (\$5.00 individual, \$7.00 family).

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