

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

I hope everyone who heard Scott Keller's presentation at our last meeting learned a thing or two about hybridizing. He explained that even on a small scale, creating new daylilies is possible for anyone.

With this warmer weather I've been outside cleaning up as all of you have, I'm sure. So far all of my daylilies and iris are showing growth and my early tulips aren't far from blooming. This is the season we've all been waiting and planning for.

Speaking of planning, our April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be showcasing our 2026 club plants. I'll be sending everyone the list of plants we've purchased from four hybridizers and at the meeting a PowerPoint will be shown. Barb Papenhausen tells me we'll be getting about 75 daylilies which includes many bonus plants.

There are 37 members who are eligible to choose a club plant that they will grow in their garden for two years with the increase returned. The remaining daylilies will be auctioned so that all our members can purchase them. These plants are yours to keep and do not have to be brought back later on.

This is a great time to get these new daylilies as they are all less than 3 years old. And they have been chosen for their distinctive qualities just for our club members. Thanks, Barb.

I don't want to forget the other plant we love, the iris. Jackie Westhoff has ordered iris which will be available for purchase at our August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Monticello. She will be showing them at our April meeting in Wilton and we'll have a list of them as well.

I need to get back outside and keep cleaning up the leaves that the wind has been carrying over to my yard! Where do they all come from? LOL

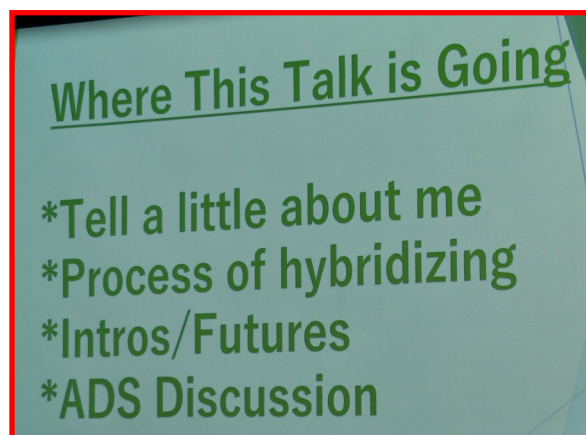
Hope to see you all in Wilton on the 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Diane

## SPECIAL CLUB VISIT BY SCOTT KELLER



### SCOTT KELLER, MARCH 14, 20206

If you missed the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Coralville Public Library, you missed a lot! We had a great presentation by Scott Keller, Region One Director on the Board of the American Daylily Society. Scott has a website with a wide range of daylilies for purchase. With photos of beautiful daylilies, we learned of his hybridizing program and specifically how he makes daylily crosses. There are lots of advantages of belonging to the American Daylily Society! Thank you Scott for making the trip to our meeting and sharing your expertise.  
By Nancy Rash



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**Nancy Rash, Newsletter Co-Editor (Serious)**  
**Lyle Moen, Newsletter Co-Editor (Fun Stuff)**

**Region One Director Scott Keller program to  
CVIDS Members March 14, 2026**



Region One Director Scott Keller prepares for presentation with Heather Harron assisting with tech support



Region One Director Scott Keller gives overstory of his Display Daylily Garden at home in Lincoln, Nebraska, and makes reference to his "North Forty" where he has additional Daylily plantings.

**Where This Talk is Going**

- \*Tell a little about me
- \*Process of hybridizing
- \*Intros/Futures
- \*ADS Discussion

**Scott Keller Program continued:**



Scott provided Daylily Seed Give-Away



CVIDS Member Sue Kramer visits with Scott Keller following program



Nancy Carlise gives CVIDS Regional 2027 meeting updates

Below: Attendees at the March 14, 2026 CVIDS meeting with special guest Region One Director Scott Keller providing a very interesting program on Daylily hybridizing



## CVIDS CALENDAR

April 11th, Wilton Community Room, Wilton,  
CLUB PLANT POWER POINT

May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Plant sale, Muscatine Discovery Park

May 16th, Club Plant Distribution, Floral Hall,  
Muscatine Co. Fairgrounds, West Liberty

Aug. 22nd, Monticello Fairgrounds, Youth Develop-  
ment Center

Oct. 10th, Hybridizers roundup TBA

November 14, CVIDS Fall Banquet

**Spring is Here!** For our Plant Sale in May: Infor-  
mation below to share with folks that are planting  
daylilies for the first time or are needing some rec-  
ommendations.

### Spring Daylily Care

Daylilies usually require little care, and that includes  
during spring. Removing dead foliage and scapes  
always helps to make things more aesthetically  
pleasing. Try to do this before much growth has oc-  
curred, but not so early that the plants don't receive  
the extra protection from late freezes. The dead foli-  
age and scapes should pull out easily, but if not, use  
gardening shears or scissors.

If you have daylilies you'd like to move, moving  
them in spring with a large ball of soil will disturb  
them the least. Spring is also a great time for divid-  
ing daylilies, but wait until you see at least several  
inches of growth. Keep in mind that dividing daylil-  
ies can set them back a bit.

Double check all of your labels, in case critters have  
disturbed them or frost has heaved them out of the  
ground. If you haven't made a garden map, consider  
adding it as a spring project.

Lastly, apply additional mulch if needed. It's easiest  
to wait until you see fresh growth, to avoid acci-  
dentally covering the plant.



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Nancy Rash  
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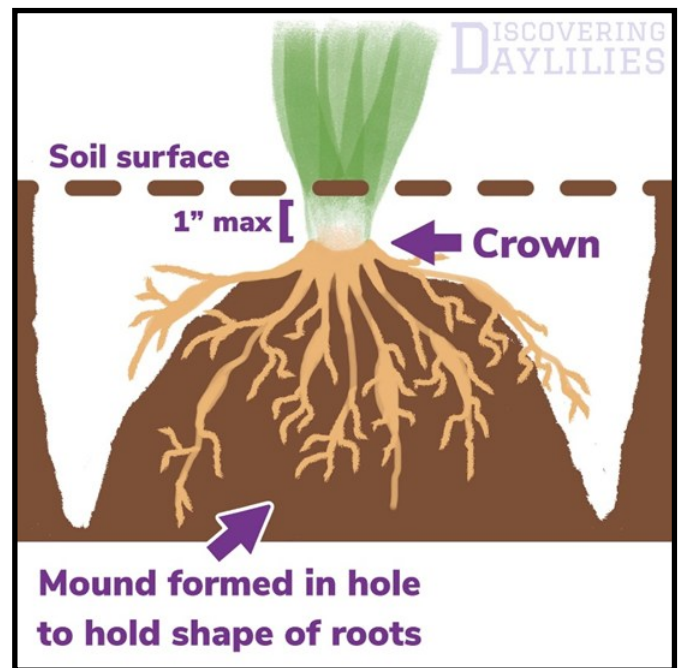


## PLANTING ADVICE:

### Planting Bare Root Daylilies

🌱 Planting Bare Root Daylilies 😊

- 1) Upon arrival, soak roots 12-24 hours or until  
ready to plant. It's best to do this out of the heat and  
sun. it is not recommended to soak any longer. If  
necessary, remove any broken or dead root pieces.  
Also trim off any weak, discolored, or dead foliage.
- 2) Dig a hole as large as needed. If the soil is com-  
pact, dig a hole at least twice as wide and deep as the  
root mass. This will make it easier for the plant to  
establish itself.
- 3) In the hole, create a firm mound that the roots will  
rest nicely on. It doesn't need to be perfect.
- 4) Spread the root mass and set over the mound.  
Gently wiggle it into the mound as needed to ensure  
the crown will be no more than 1" under the soil line.
- 5) Back-fill soil around and between the roots, tamp-  
ing down as you go. This will help prevent air pock-  
ets.
- 6) Water gently and deeply, add more soil if needed,  
and wait for the magic to happen!



From *Discovering Daylilies Guides*, Used with permission,  
Submitted by NJR

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS:

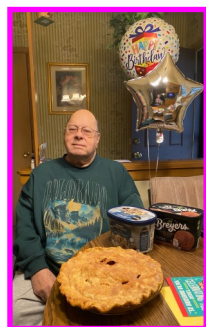
In April we will view the daylilies selected as club plants. They will come from:

1. Browns Ferry Gardens,  
<https://www.brownsferrygardens.com>.  
Charles & Heidi Douglas. Georgetown, NC.
2. Riverbend Daylily Garden,  
<https://www.daylily.ws/>.  
Mike and Sandy Holmes. Xenia, OH
3. Dorsets and Daylilies,  
<http://www.dorsetsndaylilies.com/>.  
Kirsten Hatfield, 3660 Big B Rd - Zanesville Ohio  
43701
4. Blue Ridge Daylilies,  
<https://blueridgedaylilies.com/>.  
Robert Selman and Eric Simpson. Alexander, NC.



**CVIDS Members attending Pollen Dabbers, March 27-28 at Marshalltown**

Lisa Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt, Nancy Carlisle, Deb Deemer, Peggy Rash-Daniels, Phil Fass. Photo submitted by Peggy Rash-Daniels.

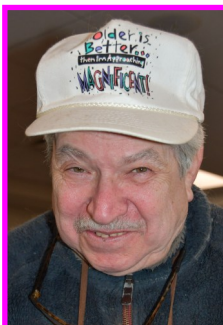


Left:

Bob Papenhausen celebrates Birthday With Pie & Ice Cream

Right:

Barry sports new hat: "Older is Better" "Than I'm Appreciating"



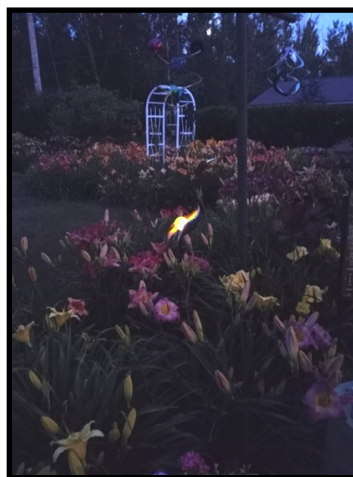
**Thank you to a former member of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society for this article and photo:**

"I found myself reading a favorite series of stories called the "Mitford Years" by Jan Karon. She published a new novel last year, and it had been so long ago that I had read some of them and many I had not yet read! So began the long enjoyable process of re-reading them! If you have not yet read this series, I would highly recommend them!

They are about an Episcopalian Father from a small southern town who marries late in life! He loves gardening! So much of his spare time is spent in a garden between the rectory and a yellow house separated by a hedge. Where unknown to him, his future love of his life now resides. She is unmarried and is a writer of children's books.

On one of the many pages describing his gardening experiences, there was mentioned a quote by Theodore Roethke 1908-1963 "Deep in their roots, all flowers keep the light." Roethke was a poet and writer, much of which described nature as a spiritual force of hope and resilience. I thought immediately of a picture I had taken last summer in the evening. I was sitting on my back patio and noticed how they seemed to glow in the dark. So, I took a picture and the poet captured it perfectly – Deep in their roots, they do keep the light!"

By Barbara McCreight



Night photo in the garden of Barb McCreight