

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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From the President

About 3 ½ years ago I wrote an article for the newsletter about Rainbow Rhythm Daylilies, a group of “new” daylilies that Walters Gardens was selling through the Proven Winners website. There were about 11 varieties and they all had the prefix “Rainbow Rhythm.”

But the rest of their names sounded familiar to me, such as King of the Ages and Lake of Fire. After some research I determined that these “new” daylilies weren't really that new, just the names had been changed (to protect the innocent?) LOL

None of the hybridizer's names were mentioned on the PW website and you ordered them by quart or gallons with prices at that time from \$20 to \$27 depending on the size.

Well, the reason I'm bringing this up again is that I just received an email from Proven Winners on a big 25 percent off sale on five varieties of “Rainbow Rhythm” daylilies. After looking up their actual names (without the RR prefix) four of them have been hybridized by Karol Emmerich and one by C. Meyer. The price for a half gallon is \$24.74, originally \$33.

The ad says “the dormant plants will be shipped now in their pot with instructions included in the package. Our perennials are currently going dormant, meaning they naturally lose foliage and blooms during colder months. During the winter this plant will ship with little to no visible growth above the soil,” according to the PW website email.

So, I'm just asking has anyone ever ordered a daylily in a dormant state? I personally wouldn't do it but maybe someone has. What kind of luck did you have with it?

Just wondering....
Diane Derganz

CVIDS 1ST MEETING IN 2025

The first meeting of 2025 will be held at the Eldridge Public Library, Eldridge, IA on January 11, 2025. Come excited to greet friends and begin a new year of daylily and iris learning activities. We have set up at 11 AM, social time at 11:30 and a pot luck lunch at noon. Bring your own beverage, plate and table service. 12:30 Programs: Our programs will be by Barb Papenhausen: My Favorite Play Things and ‘Take a Walk on the Wild Side – A Trip Through the World of Spider, Unusual Form, and Sculpted Daylilies’ by Heather Harroun.

Add to Your CVIDS Calendar:

American Daylily Society National Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 9-10, 2025.

American Daylily Society, Region One Summer Meeting Fargo, ND, July 18-20, 2025.

CVIDS MEETINGS:

Jan 11	May TBD Plant Sale
Feb 8	July, Club Tour
Mar 8	Aug, TBD
Apr 12	Oct 11 & Nov Banquet

MEMBER UPDATES

Our sincere condolences to Sylvia Bauguess, at the passing of her husband Melvin Bauguess. Condolences also to stepdaughters Nancy Carlisle and Lynne Kirkman.

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

CVIDS IMPORTANT BUSINESS:

IMPORTANT BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 11, 2025: We need all members to sign up for committee responsibilities. There are opportunities to be the chair and for all to be members of a committee or more than one committee! Sign up sheets will be on a table at the January meeting. Come prepared to write your name on a list or lists. We need lots of help to keep our club running. Opportunities will be:

Nominating Committee: We need a Vice President immediately. The board has been unsuccessful finding a VP. We need two or three folks to brain storm and find a candidate.

Membership Committee Chair: We need a chairperson to 1. Welcome new members at the meetings, introduce them to the members and help them learn more about CVIDS. Sit with them at the meal/meeting. 2.Head –up the CVIDS Directory update. We would like to have a digital version of the “old” printed membership directory. This would involve determining how we get photos of members and formatting the “book”. Committee members to help as needed.

Photo Contest Chair: (Peggy Rash-Daniels): Need 2 Committee Members

Program Chair: We need an educational component each month about daylilies and/or iris to fill a 45 to 60- minute time. Find/select/recruit programs for February and March meetings. We had ideas presented at the October meeting. Ask for the topics. Ask a friend to Co-Chair this committee with you.

Spring and Fall Plant Sales: We need one person to chair both or better yet, grab a friend and co-chair both sales. We need committee members to help cashier, bag plants, set up tables with cloths, design a flier, clean up and be “good salesmen” the day of the sale.

Garden Tour, July 12, 2025: The Board is working on the gardens for 2024. We need someone to figure out the logistics of lunch and travel.

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CVIDS BUSINESS: (continued);

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Special Events Chair and Committee: .

Every Member needs to be on a committee. We need chair persons as listed above. IF you have not been a chair person, it’s your turn! Other committees will be announced and you will be recruited to help with additional club events and activities.

Dues for CVIDS Membership are \$10 per person and are payable now to the CVIDS treasurer. Eligibility for a club plant requires club dues paid each year by April 1. Eligibility for Fall Banquet meal paid by club is dues paid each year by April 1.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: We always worry about you traveling in bad weather. No meeting is worth attending if your safety is at risk. Sometimes a storm is localized, in which case the meeting may be held by those who can attend. However, if a major storm is forecast, one big enough that nearby events are canceling in advance, you should consider our meeting canceled. If this happens, the Board will make every effort to notify members via e-mail, our website, and Facebook. If in doubt, don’t set out before checking these sources of information. For those not connected to the internet, a club officer will telephone with relevant information. Member calls should be directed to the current president. Diane Derganz: 563-349-2008.

**Historically, we have experienced wintery weather in January that caused the cancellation of the first meeting of the year. If the meeting is cancelled, we will NOT meet by ZOOM. For the January 2025 meeting to be held at the Eldridge Public Library, check the CVIDS website and CVIDS Facebook on Friday night, January 10. A determination about weather will be made before Saturday morning.

Who protects snowmen? Snow Angels

What do you call a slow skier? A slopepoke

What do you call a snowman in August? A puddle

Who is Frosty’s favorite aunt? Aunt Arctica

Article

What to do this winter? Think about daylilies, read about daylilies, talk about daylilies....

As you are contemplating the garden of your dreams for 2025, Choose Garden Impact.

Choose Garden Impact

If one of your goals is to amaze and delight your friends (and yourself) with the beauty of your garden, you might want to consider choosing daylilies which have impact. What does impact look like?

1. Daylilies which put on a show – which make a statement – which say “look at me” – and which give you a lot of “bang” for the space they are occupying. You get the idea. These are a few pictures of daylilies which do that.
2. Impact can also be more subtle - like the visual impact of a daylily planted next to statue or other garden feature or next to a companion plant which brings out the best features of both.

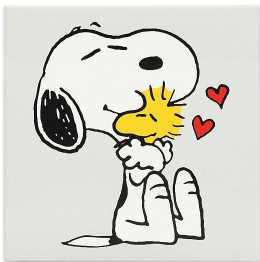


Tidewater Elf

So how do you go about finding these plants?

1. Visit gardens, visit Facebook groups to see pictures of clumps, see hybridizer pictures.
2. Keep in mind that a picture of a bloom online does NOT tell the whole story. The best daylilies for impact in the garden often aren't because of their “face” but what the whole plant brings to the party – good increase, branching, bud count, attractively shaped clump, and “bouquet” blooming (many blooms at once rather than just a couple). For example, Tidewater Elf drew almost no attention when it was introduced, but when people saw it in a garden setting, they got really excited, and now it is in the running for the Stout Medal.
3. Keep in mind that statistics do NOT tell the whole story. A daylily with 10 buds and instant rebloom and rapid increase can have as much or more impact as one with higher bud count but which is slower growing and has no rebloom. For more photos, click here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/364353112266898/learning_content. Click on: Select Guides, Choose Garden Impact.

The above is from the Discovering Daylilies Facebook page. Information by Jason Halonen and Karol Emmerich, with permission. Adapted by Nancy Rash for the January 2025 CVIDS Newsletter.



You are Invited to: Photos with Backstories: A Collection of Favorite Photos over 32 Years by Lyle Moen & Nancy Rash featured in the 33rd Annual Photo Exhibit at the Washington Public Library, Helen Wilson Gallery, January 2, 2025 to January 31, 2025. Whether hiking through grizzly bear country in Alaska, or flying in a helicopter with the doors off for better photography, these are the backstories with the photos.