

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

It's been a brutal couple of days, heat and humidity wise, and if you're like me, any work outside is getting done in the early morning. We've gotten some much needed rain and every plant seems to be relishing it, growing by leaps and bounds. Several people have told me that the corn is growing a foot a day. I haven't been out of town to see the fields but I certainly believe it.

This is the time of year we've been waiting for, the first blooms of our newest daylilies and the comfort of seeing our old favorites showing their stuff. It always amazes me that one little bud explodes into such a beautiful flower, so many colors, such different forms and all sorts of sizes.

It's a very busy time and the days go by in a whirl. We do have our CVIDS Garden tour in a couple weeks and all you need to know about it is contained in this newsletter thanks to Nancy and Lyle, our editors. Hope to see everyone that day as it's always fun to see member's gardens. Not only do we enjoy the flowers, but we also get some great ideas and inspirations that could work in our own gardens.

Having just received "The Daylily Journal" published by the national organization, there were several articles that were interesting and two of them either pertained or were written by Iowans. Our own Nancy Rash had her article on "Inspiring Youth to Garden" published with photos by husband, Lyle.

The other article written by Drake University's David Senchina was on Dr. Joanne Norton, a nationally recognized breeder from Iowa who had registered daylilies that started with "Broadmoor" from 1969 through the 1980's. They probably would be considered historic but the article about Dr. Norton was very interesting and informative. I don't have any of her daylilies and wondered if any of you might have one.

That's all for now and to all those who will be returning their club plant this August, remember to take notes for your evaluation! Thanks!

Sincerely,
Diane

CLUB TOUR

The Annual CVIDS Club Tour will be July 12, 2025 and will feature the gardens of Lyn Hoversten Hafner, Iowa City, Gina Snyder, Riverside, and Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen, Washington. See page 2 and attached email for driving directions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

July 12, 2025 Club Tour,
Gardens of Lyn Hoversten Hafner (Iowa City),
Gina Synder (Riverside),
Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen (Washington)

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

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

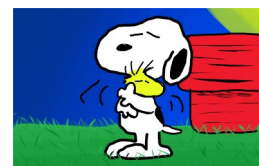
August 23, 2025 Monticello, CVIDS Annual Fall Plant Sale, Club Plant Return, Silent Auction, Club Meeting, Live Auction

October 11, 2025 CVIDS Meeting with Hybridizer sharing for the program, Washington Public Library, Washington, Iowa

November 8, 2025 CVIDS Fall Banquet, Holiday Inn and Kinnick Conference Center (Formerly Radisson Hotel), Coralville, IA

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

CVIDS DAYLILY GARDEN TOUR ~~~

July 12, 2025

10 AM – 11 AM, Garden of Lyn Hoversten Hafner

29 Wolfbrook Circle, Iowa City Iowa
319-631-3823

Lyn has the most beautiful display of Red Volunteer in front of her white house. In August 2019 she attended her first Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society meeting in Monticello and purchased a number of daylilies. She joined the American Hemerocallis Society right away and started collecting more daylilies.

Lyn has a few irises, but loves to select new daylilies for her garden. In 2023, her garden was one of Project Green's open gardens with 325 different daylily cultivars. Now there is close to 400 daylilies.

11:30 to 1 PM, Garden of Gina (Regina) Snyder

2930 105th Street, Riverside, IA
319-325-4580

Gina Snyder is a Washington County Master Gardener and new CVIDS member with an impressive vegetable garden in addition to beautiful flower beds. She has created many memory gardens with themes throughout. Time is allowed for touring the gardens and time to sit down for lunch. Gina has graciously shared her shady spaces with tables and seating to create the perfect setting for our lunch. Bring your own lunch and beverages. Carry out your trash. Use a public restroom leaving Iowa City or in Riverside on the way to Washington.

1:30- 2:30 PM Garden of Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen

1506 N Marion Avenue, Washington, IA 52353
319-591-1419; nrash2000@gmail.com

American Daylily Society Display Garden status was awarded after Scott Elliott and Rhonda Veroeven toured the garden in 2023. The gardens started with perennials and daylily seedlings purchased in 1992 from Gerald Hobbs. After joining CVIDS, more daylilies were added. Nancy and Lyle have lived here 40 years and started the landscaping in 1987 adding trees and shrubs and arbovitae for screening over the years. They will be moving to a new home this fall and plan to move perennials and daylilies! We wanted to share our mature gardens with others one last time.

Thank you for joining us to tour 3 gardens. **Driving instructions to all locations are in the attached newsletter email.**

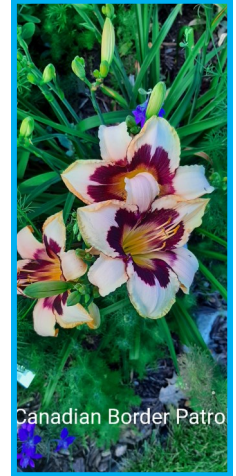
Bring your own lunch and beverages to keep hydrated.

Umbrella, sunscreen, hats and bug repellent are recommended.

THANK YOU, Nancy Rash

SHARING DAYLILIES

Ever wonder what happens to all those daylilies you give away? My neighbor and his granddaughter planted this daylily and followed up with a photo to me of the first day bloom! "Akira"



MORE DAYLILY GARDENS

Watch your email and Facebook for CVIDS members that will be sharing daylilies in the garden with you. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

FROM KATIE BOOK: CVIDS members and friends are welcome to come see my 20-foot-long flag garden, primarily daylilies, in my front yard on the 4th of July, or the weekend after that. (Per the email you received) As you can see it's really popping and I am expecting lots of flowers then with this wonderful rain. Katie Book, 133 Lincoln Dr NE, Mount Vernon Iowa

FROM SHERRY AND LYNN MOFFIT: Sherry & Lynn Moffit are hosting a garden walk to support Pickleball Iowa County's project to build 4 outdoor pickleball courts. Where: 2705 Keokuk Iowa Road, North English, Iowa; When: Saturday, July 12, 4pm-8pm And Sunday, July 13, 9am-3pm. We have over 30+ years of gardening. Enjoy daylilies, perennials, unusual trees and conifers. A free will donation will help build 4-free pickleball courts.



Photos by Sherry Moffit

COLLEEN, JOHN AND ELI HANSEN: Saturday, July 5 & 6, 9-AM- 2 PM; Saturday July 12 & 13, 9 AM -2 PM. 514 Cedar Street, Wilton, IA 52778

MEET THE MEMBERS: TOM & LINDA JONES

I'm Tom Jones, born second child in a family of 4. Mom & Dad were in the restaurant business in Iowa Falls, IA. We all grew up working in the restaurant until we moved away. For me it was after graduation from Ellsworth College and moving into an apartment in Cedar Falls, 1 block off campus at UNI. Down the hall were 3 gals from Mediapolis IA. Well, I fell in love and got married 51 years ago. Still in love to Linda Ann (Kester) Jones. We made the decision to move back to Linda's home, purchased the home site that she was raised on and built a home in the pasture just north of her first house. I went to work for JI Case in Burlington. In my 31 years I had 15 different jobs, ending as the plant's Quality Manager. So how did I get connected to daylilies? I made the mistake of driving my wife to a Master Gardener meeting at Mr. Gerald Hobbs' Garden in Fort Madison. One could say I fell in Love again.



Life is full of things to do other than daylilies. Mornings start at 5:30 with a trip to the Y pool. I swim laps and Linda does water exercises. Then home for breakfast and feed the cats, the birds and get the dogs (two Aus-

tralian Shepherds) out for the day. Then into the yard and gardens. For me on rainy days and in winter, I head to my workshop. I was a woodworker before I became a gardener.

TOM & LINDA:

I am an active member of the Burlington Kiwanis Club having spent a couple of years on the board. I manage the Coats for Kids program, the Change a Childs Story book program, and I am the coordinator for the Kiwanis blood drive. Speaking of blood, I give blood regularly (over 13 gal) and am a volunteer driver for ImpactLife for 10 years (Linda rides shotgun).

Church is important to us and we are always involved with our small Sperry Global Methodist Church. Over 20 years we have been doing VBS. Linda and I tend the landscaping; and we manage the Second Sunday Social. As our church grew, I installed and ran the audio-visual system for over 25 years.

Kids, yes 2 and 3 grand kids. Yes, they supersede all the above. Megan (our oldest) Derrick (husband) Mel (son) and Ella (daughter) live in Cleveland, OH. Nate (our son) Melissa (wife) and Landry (daughter) live in Burlington IA.

Linda here and I have just a little to add. (kids, grandkids, and pets—yes same!) I am indeed a farm girl, attending a 1-room country school until 8th grade, then Mediapolis High School, Burlington Junior College, then UNI. There I had the good fortune to meet Tom. I am a retired math teacher and a Master Gardener for Des Moines Co. since 2006. We have always had big vegetable gardens, but I no longer freeze and can as much. We eat fresh, freeze a little, and give a lot of produce away to family, neighbors, and the elderly (wait—we're elderly!!) Tom has built raised beds for most of the veggies, since I have 4 artificial joints. He does the heavy work, builds things from wood, and fixes what I break. I must confess that daylilies are not my favorite flower. I enjoy them and enjoy their colors, but my passion is cut flowers. I love taking bouquets to church, care centers, the dentist, etc. I love perennials, gladiolas, and zinnias. Both my grandmas lived close to us, and they passed that love on to me. (I've been told that it skips a generation—true???) I always said I wanted to marry a farmer, and my city boy has become quite a good farmer. We love having visitors, and daylily season is a good excuse to invite groups and host our friends. Call first, but you're welcome to visit (and pull a weed or two!).

MEET CVIDS MEMBER DIANNE HARMS:

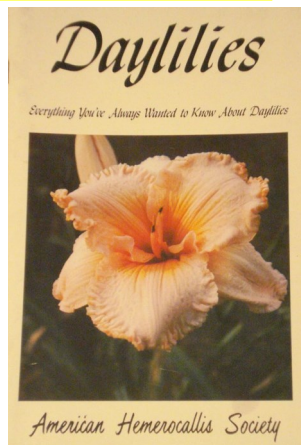
Dianne Harms has had a lifelong interest in gardening, going back to having been raised by her grandmother in the 60's – a woman who literally broke a hip while digging tulip bulbs to take to her hairdresser.

Dianne has made every conceivable mistake, from planting 18 tomato plants to germinating an entire packet of dill weed but no cucumbers! In May, she drove to Ames to pick up 25 wild plum and 25 chokeberry seedlings from the Iowa DNR State Forestry Nursery. Most of them made it, are planted and doing well.

She discovered CVIDS three years ago through an ad for the August sale in the Monticello Express and was hooked. She's an iris enthusiast and just started purchasing specimen lilies through the annual meeting auctions, the most recent acquisition being Curt Hansen's 'Ideological Worldview', pictured here.



Her lily knowledge is limited, but she recently purchased a vintage copy of the American Hemerocallis Society's *Daylilies: Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Daylilies* and is studying it. It probably goes without saying, but she's not currently hybridizing.



DIANNE HARMS:

Dianne retired in February from a decades-long career in broadcast advertising sales and sales management, most recently as VP of Revenue Management at iHeartMedia. Although she longed to be a writer, the math gene in her appreciated a steady paycheck. She lives in rural Monticello, IA with her husband Bruce, where they rent most of their land to a local farmer and save about ten acres back for radishes, tomatoes, kale, chives, and a ton



of flowers and trees.

In their 35 years of marriage, they have raised a variety of rescued fur babies, the majority of whom just showed up somehow. Work has taken her to Colorado,

New York, Wisconsin, and North Carolina, but she always finds her way home. Dianne is a recovering shopaholic, and her advice is, "while you can do anything, you can't do everything!"

