

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## From the President

Hello everyone,

I'm going to make this short today as there's lots of important items to read in this newsletter.

May is the busiest month for CVIDS with the May 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Plant Sale in Muscatine and our Club Plant Distribution and auction on the following Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in West Liberty.

Our plant sale committee has been working very hard on this big project so be sure to read Nancy Carlisle's article which has all the information you need to know regarding preparing your plants. Please pay close attention to all those details as they'll be two other groups participating in the sale, each with their own requirements. Colleen Hansen has prepared a sale flyer which is attached for you to print off and distribute if you'd like.

Our club plant distribution and auction follows in West Liberty on May 17<sup>th</sup>. I'll be emailing more information on that event in a few days. One very important item is a sign-up sheet to provide food and help with setup and all the jobs we need to have done that day. You can let Nancy Rash, hospitality chair, or myself know what you'd like to provide, either food or help, by emailing your choice to us.

The sign-up sheet will also be at our table at the May 10<sup>th</sup> plant sale. That way you can see what jobs or food items haven't been taken as yet.

We really appreciate everyone pitching in on these two events to make both our sale and our club plant distribution fun and very worthwhile events.

Thank you,  
Diane Derganz

## Membership Update:

Thanks for thinking of me. This surgery has been more difficult but I'm making good progress with therapy. Really looking forward to bloom season.  
Pete Connolly

Thanks to Sherry Moffit for her instructional presentation at the April 12 meeting. Sherry sent this photo and tells us: "This was my experiment using the selfie on my phone to take a picture of the hellebores that face down." Great photo!



## JUST IN CASE...

If you are not a member of the American Daylily Society, please, consider joining. The Daylily Pioneer is sent to all Region One Members. Two articles that will be in the Daylily Pioneer are attached/printed here for your reading pleasure. Pg 4 & 5

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

## CALENDAR:

### 2025 Calendar – Additional Details on the Website

May 10, Plant Sale

May 17, Club Plant Distribution and Live Auction, Floral Hall, Muscatine County Fairgrounds, West Liberty

July 12, Club Tour

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, Monticello

October 11, 2025 Washington, IA

November 8, 2025 Radisson Hotel, Coralville, IA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10, 2025 CVIDS Plant sale at Discovery Park 9-11:30 ~Bring plants for the sale and shop for bargains!

Three groups of garden enthusiasts are sponsoring the combined plant sale in Muscatine's Discovery Park, 3300 Cedar Street. **Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, Muscatine Master Gardeners, and Muscatine Federated Garden Club** will be bringing reasonably priced plants for your purchase. A Muscatine 4H Club, the **Stampeding Clovers** will have a morning bake sale and the 4 H members will assist in carrying purchases to cars.

The 3 groups are doing a universal checkout station with a checkout ticket. Each group can check out a participant by the use of a combined purchase sales slip. Monies will be divided by the groups at the end of the day. **Cash** is the preferred method of payment.

Plants will be identified by a color ID for each group. CVIDS will be using our usual strip plastic plant markers, with an additional color of pink or green added. Contractors stretch plastic tape comes in hot pink or green and can be easily tied around a bunch. Please try and mark plants in advance. If no access to the contractor tape, it can be marked at the sale. Muscatine Master Gardeners will use red tags, the Muscatine Federated Garden club will use white tags.

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Please identify your daylily plants with a picture, name, hybridizer, ploidy, color, season height, flower dimension and any other details to increase a sale. Please price plants in even multiple numbers, like \$4,6,8. When brought to the sale we will place it on the table with that color plastic cover. Other plants should have similar identifiers. Set up will start at 7 am Saturday morning. Sale starts at 9 am, with no early sales. Nancy Carlisle will be in Cedar Rapids on Friday, May 9th for a medical appointment. Members living in the north may bring plants there to help get them there earlier. Iowa Retina Consultants at 1715 1st Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52403 from 10 to 11:30 am. Please call or email Nancy Carlisle at: [njcarlisle56@gmail.com](mailto:njcarlisle56@gmail.com) or 563-357-0526 that you will be bringing plants to that location.

Current free advertising is going on with the Muscatine Master Gardeners Facebook page, go to it, like it and share the post for increased awareness. Please do the same for the sale post on the CVIDS Facebook page. Durant News and Views, Voice of Muscatine calendar, and an article in the Advocate News. Has anyone found the yard signs yet?

Members can bring plastic bags and small flat boxes. Nancy Carlisle will plan on being at the shelter about 7 am that morning to help with setting up. This is a fun project to promote our society, and build up funds for other projects like our banquet and speaker. The wind often blows there so bring a jacket. See you on May 10th. Nancy Carlisle, Project Chair

## PLANT DISTRIBUTION, MAY 17, 2025

CVIDS members are asked to please look at the sign-up chart (sent to you by email) and send your selected food contribution and how you will help. Please reply to [nrash2000@gmail.com](mailto:nrash2000@gmail.com) or [lemflutist@hotmail.com](mailto:lemflutist@hotmail.com) or both!! Diane Derganz and Nancy Rash will coordinate. Coffee and juice will be provided but you can always bring your own favorite morning beverage. All members are needed to help with set up and cleanup afterwards. Your participation is appreciated! Nancy Rash, Hospitality Chair

PS There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 10 plant sale. Please help with the set-up, clean up and refreshments.



## MEET CVIDS MEMBER Lyn Hoversten Hafner

I was born and raised on a farm in Hamilton County Iowa, where we had one daylily that my Mom had received from my great grandmother Hoversten. A division of that pale yellow daylily that I believe is Hemerocallis Hyperion is still in my garden although I begged another start from my sister



after my original plant was destroyed by voles. Voles and warm then cold winter weather are the main killers of my daylilies.

My husband and I met at Ames, where we were Iowa State University graduates who worked for ISU.



We moved to Iowa City in August 1990 and after being unable to find the house that met our needs, we built our house at 29 Wolfbrook Circle, Iowa City. I completed the Iowa Master Gardener classes in 1993 and continued



volunteering as a Master Gardener until I went back to work once my children were in school. I was thrilled to interview Robert Darby, hybridizer of Lord & Lady Baltimore hardy hibiscus for the Master Gardener newsletter.

I bought my first daylilies from Fred McDowell in 1993 through 1996 many of them I still own today. I especially love Red Volunteer's bright red blooms against my white house. I've given Red Volunteer divisions to untold number of friends and neighbors. I like to travel and I've bought daylilies in Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, and Texas. If I attend the North Dakota Regional meeting this summer, I'm sure I'll spend some money there too.



In July 2019 shortly after I had purchased Hemerocallis Lavender Tutu from Iowa City Landscaping, Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen came to visit me at my house at 29 Wolfbrook Circle in Iowa City. Either they had found me by asking at Iowa City Landscaping or Jackie Westhoff gave them my name after I visited My Savanna Nursery earlier in July after discovering that it was listed as an American Daylily Society Display Garden. In August 2019 I attended my first Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society meeting in Monticello and purchased a number of daylilies. I joined the American Hemerocallis Society right away and started collecting more daylilies.

I have a few irises, but I love to select new daylilies for my garden. In 2023, my garden was one of Project Green's open gardens. At that time, I had 325 different daylily cultivars. I have close to 400 daylilies now. With over 100,000 registered daylilies, I have my work cut out for me.

Lyn Hoversten Hafner

*Thank you to the members that have graciously shared information and photos for MEET THE MEMBERS FEATURE. It makes my heart happy when you say yes! NJR*





## **Pollen Dabbers Spring 2025 Review by Peggy Rash-Daniels**

The Central Iowa Daylily Society (CIDS) was the host of the 2025 Pollen Dabbers Spring Hybridizers Meeting held at the Marshalltown Community College Campus March 28-29, 2025.

I was a first-time attendee, so I am unsure how many daylily hybridizer enthusiasts usually attend, but several people commented that we had a good group of people for the meeting. I checked with Phil Fass and there were 33 people that were in attendance not including the 2 speakers.

The meeting started on Friday afternoon with registration, food, and social time. Before long, Phil was bringing everyone to attention to listen to the speakers. First up were slide presentations from several hybridizers: Mary Baker (slides only), Karol Emmerich (slides only), Bob Langabee, and Tenny Henshaw. After their slide presentations guest speaker Michael Berrigan presented a program entitled: "Perspectives from Another Genera: What is Different and the Same in Daffodil Breeding". It was informative and we enjoyed his pictures and sharing his knowledge of daffodils! He is a scientist by trade and has traveled extensively to view and research daffodils. He mentioned Holland, New Zealand, Ireland, and Germany.

On the next day of the meeting, we were treated to breakfast items during registration and social time. During breakfast, Phil led a discussion of our favorite gardening tools. Attendees were encouraged to bring a favorite tool and to demonstrate or talk about it. There were quite a variety of tools: a stool to sit on, a battery-operated Craftsman drill and auger, a root slayer trowel, a garden shake rake for mulch, and the claw tool to separate day lily clumps. With Phil's signature whistle, the morning program began, reminding all of us to stop talking and start listening. We enjoyed viewing more hybridizer slides and pictures of day lilies. Presenting to the group were: Nan Ripley, Sue Kramer, Carole Hunter, Michael Grossman, Francis & Ginni Klecker, and Kathleen Nordstrom. All the pictures were beautiful! We were able to ask questions about the breeding program and goals of the hybridizers.

After viewing the hybridizers presentations, lunch was served. We could visit and talk about the presentations and interact with everyone. The CIDS club members provided some really great food for all of us!

Special recognition was given to long-time CIDS member and hybridizer, Don Lovell. Several hybridizers gave personal stories of how Don Lovell impacted their lives and supported their daylily journey. He has given selflessly of his time and expertise to help new daylily enthusiasts get a good start. Don was presented with an award for his dedication to the daylily organization. Thank you to Don Lovell for all you have contributed to our organization!

After the tribute to Don, Curt Hanson began his presentation: "Self-Imposed Paradise: You Can't Get There From Here". This was the second time I have listened to Curt speak. He is always an interesting speaker and has great pictures. He reminds me of the ultimate hippy! He speaks from the hip and many times cuts through the noise and says what we all are thinking but don't say. He's not afraid to express himself. We got to see some "groovy" new introductions from Curt!

I thoroughly enjoyed going to the meeting and would encourage others to attend next year. It will increase your knowledge of daylilies and bring you closer to hybridizers and other daylily lovers. It will enlighten you as to what new daylily traits are being developed and who to will have them for sale.

*Peggy Rash-Daniels*

*Member of Cedar  
Valley Iris and Daylily  
Society*



Primal Scream  
Hanson-C., 1994  
June 39, 2024

**Inspiring Youth**  
**Nancy Rash**  
**Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society**  
**March 2025**

40 years ago, Lyle Moen and I married, we bought a house together and I moved to Washington, Iowa. There was a big yard with space for flowers. Not just flowers but whole beds of flowers! There were peonies, iris and several different kinds of daffodil bulbs already growing and they have continued to increase. I grew some tomatoes and peppers and tried some other vegetables too. I dug perennials from my mother's garden and planted them in my garden. I spent many summer hours removing the washed river rock from around the house foundation, around the trees, along the driveway, etc. to make a more suitable planting area for flowers. The little girl next door noticed me outside and quickly became my "gardening" companion. While I was sift-



ing to separate the rock and the soil, she was busy making mud pies. She enjoyed having flower bouquets to take home. She was my helper for many years and learned the names of flowers and some basic gardening techniques like deadheading.

Children that grew up on the "other" side of our house did not express any interest in the digging and planting that I was doing next door but the girls did like to pick flowers to take home to their mom. They liked to pick the color and the variety of flower. The parents expressed interest and started growing daylilies that came from my garden. Now as adults, their children are interested in flowers and are growing new daylilies that also came from



my garden. They may not have participated as youth in the gardening but they did develop an interest as adults. Although they did not ever come over to "help" they were watching and then as adults the memory of seeing me out in my garden inspired them to learn about daylilies and how to grow daylilies.

Now, the third generation, two little girls, are eager to help the grandparents plant and water. They have been given a child sized watering can and gloves that make the gardening experience more fun and lets them feel like adults. They view each visit as an opportunity to help their grandparents with the flowers.

How can you inspire youth to learn about gardening? How or who can you involve in your gardening experience?

Including children and youth in your gardening experience at the right age may be a fun participatory activity for both of you! They like working alongside you and being included in your work. It might inspire them many years into the future when they have their own gardening space. Share your interest in gardening with the next generation.

