Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It's almost the end of our 2026 year and the annual banquet is just a couple weeks away. I'm looking forward to hearing our speaker, Bill Waldrop, as I've heard nothing but good things about him, his wife, Diana, and their beautiful gardens.

Hope you've all got your reservations in. Along with the meal, drawings, and photo contest, you'll have a chance to bid on some of Waldrop's newest introductions.

This is my last message to everyone and I just want to say thank you to all who have helped and guided me over the past two years. Working together we've been able to accomplish many projects, both old and new. We've purchased newly hybridized daylilies to grow in our gardens and we look forward to seeing how they progress.

But we're definitely going to need all our members as we continue to prepare for the 2027 Region One meeting that we are hosting in July. It's a huge undertaking but we've done it before and I know we'll be putting on a great show.

Before I conclude this message, I wanted to tell you about what's going on in my garden right now. It concerns an iris I received last fall in our free giveaway to celebrate 35 years as a club. It's called Mariposa Wizard and it's reblooming right now with seven buds on two scapes. I imagine this late warm weather and abundant rain a while ago had something to do with this. It definitely was a nice surprise.

Again, thanks and please support our officers who will be leading this great club in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,
Diane Derganz

REACHING OUT TO OUR MEMBERS:

Pete Connolly

had hip surgery on October 13, 2026:

105 Riviera Drive, Bellevue, IA 52031; 563-221-2949; daydreaminpete@yahoo.com.

Sue Kramer

had knee replacement surgery on October 13, 2026 and will have the other knee replaced on November 21 (?). 3592 Rogers Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405, 319-213-6026; 319-396-3429; skqm50@gmail.com

Dave Kramer

will have knee replacement surgery on December 22, 2026. 3592 Rogers Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405; 319-743-8554; iowala@aol.com.

One common denominator: All are gardeners! Wishing them all a quick recovery!

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2026 FALL BANQUET

November 14, 2026 is the annual CVIDS Fall Banquet that is a celebration of our year! We hope all members can attend. The meal is provided at no cost to paid-up members (i.e. dues paid by April 1 of that year). Guests are also welcome but are asked to pay for their meal, $35. Reservations are required. The social hour begins at 11 AM with voting for the photo contest from 11 to noon and an opportunity to talk personally with Bill Waldrop. Bill Waldrop, Kenesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, https://www.kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/index.html. is our featured speaker. Diana is unable to attend but Bill and Diana will provide a selection of daylilies for a 50/50 auction. 11 AM Social Hour. Noon Buffet Meal. 1 PM Program. Auction and Business Meeting to follow. **Holiday Inn & Kinnick Conference Center,**1220 1st Avenue, Coralville, Iowa 52241. Located off I-80 at Exit 242. Bring and wear your **CVIDS nametag**.

FALL Banquet Reservations: Contact Jill Gardner: 641-680-4435 or jillsadie@mchsi.com.
Deadline by November 1. Please let Jill know if you need to cancel or can attend. Before and after the deadline! NEW DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS!

Bill is an energetic person and daylily hybridizer. "Hybridizing goals: To create completely new daylilies; Daylilies that are different from some we often see. We give considerable effort to converting diploid daylilies to tetraploid plants, and then crossing these converted, tetraploid daylilies with our own seedlings. The hope is to see new directions emerge in size, color, height and bud count." In 2023 Bill and his wife Diana were awarded the ADS **REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR REGION 5. You do not want to miss this event and the presentation. Even if you cannot attend the meal, please come hear the speaker.**

2027 Calendar
January 9, 2027 CVIDS Meeting, location TBD

RASPBERRY PLANTS ANYONE?

Hardy, bareroot, spring bearing, Latham Red raspberry plants available to receive at the CVIDS November Banquet. Please text or email Jackie Westhoff if interested. 319-521-1607, Jackie.mysavanna@yahoo.com.

A Grasshopper walks into a bar and hops up on the stool.

The bartender looks at him, smiles, and says, "Hey, we have drink named after you!"

The Grasshopper looks surprised, brightens up, and asks, "You have a drink named Daylily?"

2026 FALL BANQUET

DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE ITEMS For Fall Banquet
Members will buy tickets for raffle items. Bring something **you would pay to win**. Some folks offer a daylily to be dug Spring 2027. It needs a photo with description. Bring a door prize **you would want to win**. Give your items to Rex, Judy, Dick and Jo at the banquet. Please indicate raffle or door prize. Raffle ticket prices are: 5 for $10 and 12 for $20.

2026 Betty Miller Photo Contest – NO LATE ENTRIES
Entries for the annual photo contest named in honor of our past president and hybridizer Betty Miller must be **received by Peggy Rash-Daniels by November 1, 2026. All rules and details are on the website and the reminder email from Diane Derganz**

Members will judge photos by popular ballot at the November Banquet.
Prizes:
1. First Place, each category $15.00
2. Second Place, each category $10.00
The same amount will be paid for ties.

Voters will be reminded that this is a **photography contest.** They will be asked to vote for the best photo, not the prettiest flower or the newest or most popular flower.

OFFICERS FOR 2027

We have a full slate of CVIDS officers for 2027! Please attend the Fall Banquet for voting at the short business meeting. Thank you to all our officers. Thank you to Dianne Harms for stepping up to take the position of Vice President. Thank you, Diane Derganz, for two years of commitment to being the CVIDS president.

OCTOBER HYBRIDIZER ROUND UP
Thank you, Barb, Heather, Sue and Jackie, for the great presentations today. We appreciate your time, effort and commitment to hybridize and then too your willingness to share your beautiful creations with us! That is lots of record keeping and lots of time in the garden to view what is blooming each day.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
Articles or notices are welcome. Information needs to be received by the 25th of the month. Camera ready submissions. Please use word and jpg photos.