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Dear Fellow CVIDS members,

It's October already and the bigger than ever mums are guarding storefronts in every community. There is almost an over abundance of fall and Halloween decorations in many stores and I wonder just how much of it will actually be sold.

But, this month is also a time to continue to clean up our gardens, put away the statues and solar lights, plant some spring blooming bulbs and generally assess the changes we'd like to make for next season.

We have two gatherings left for our club in 2025, the first being our October 11th meeting in Washington, IA. Our fellow hybridizers have a program you won't want to miss with many special daylilies they have created. They will also be showing you how to start the process of hybridizing your own plants and offering advice to help those interested in doing so.

Other business includes the revised Betty Miller photo contest rules as well as our officer and committee reports.

Our final activity for the year will be our November 8th Banquet in Coralville with guest speaker Kirsten Hatfield, Dorsets N Daylilies, Zanesville, Ohio. Be sure to get your reservations in for that event.

Lastly, we are in need of members to serve as officers for our club in the coming year. As you know we haven't had a vice president to step into the role of president for 2026. To review how this process works, which is slightly different than the two year terms for secretary and treasurer, the positions of vice president, president and past president are for only one year. These officers move up to the next position the following year. We do this so that these three can basically learn from and support one another through the three years they serve.

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Each year we are to elect a new vice president whose duties include serving in the absence of the president at meetings and keeping track of eligibility requirements for a club plant. Last year we were unable to find anyone to hold that position. The board has been trying to find members willing to commit. As of now, we have no one to move up to president.

The office of secretary is also up for election to a two year term. Our current secretary, Cari Rusnak, has held that position for two terms, therefore, a new secretary must be elected.

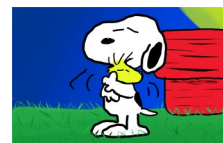
We must fill three officer vacancies and candidates have to be voted on at the November banquet. Please consider your role in our club and if you'd be willing to serve. Board members to contact, if interested, include myself, Sherry Moffit, Cari Rusnak, Heather Harroun, Nancy Rash, Sue Kramer, Jonathan Poulton, and Sara Hankemeier.

Respectfully,
Diane Derganz



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

CVIDS SCHEDULE:

October 11, 2025 Washington Public Library, Washington, Iowa. This is a meeting for all members. The program is a presentation by hybridizers of their latest seedlings and new introductions. Come be part of their excitement! Potluck at noon, bring your own table service and beverage.

Barb and Heather will be presenting a program on hybridizing and are requesting you contact them if you plan to show any of your new seedlings at the Oct. 11th meeting. If you have a power point presentation or pictures ready, please let them know so that they can include it in the program.

November 8, 2025 CVIDS Fall Banquet, Holiday Inn and Kinnick Conference Center (Formerly Radisson Hotel), Coralville, IA. Social hour at 11 AM, Meal at Noon. Speaker: Kirsten Hatfield, Dorsets N Daylilies. Registration begins October 11 at the October Meeting in Washington. Sherry Mofit will take your registration.

THANK YOU

Dear CVIDS members,
Thanks so much for the cards and well-wishes since my fall.

I am blessed to have so many floral friends!
I am recuperating and trying to be a good patient. It is hard for me to not drive, mow, run my bobcat, or dig holes for plants!

Again, thanks for all your good wishes!
Peggy Rash-Daniels



FACE BOOK ADMINISTRATOR

MEET THE NEW MEMBER – Gina Snyder

Dan and I have been married 44 years and live on our century and a half farm, north of Riverside. I have been gardening all my life with 14 flower beds and one large vegetable garden. I retired in 2024 and haven't found time to rest. We have 3 children, 5 grandsons and 1 grand-daughter. I enjoy having gatherings. I'm President of the Master Gardeners of Washington County this year. I'm looking forward to a more relaxing year in 2026.

I'm happy to be a new member of the CVIDS. Everyone has been so kind. Becky and I received many daylily treasures at the plant sale in August. We were given many non-purchased plants that we used to spruce the gardens at the Elementary school and Senior Village. We thank Heather and Barb who additionally gave us new members some daylilies. I look forward to meeting more of you at the upcoming meetings.

Gina Snyder



Gina and new Grand-daughter. Congratulations!

CVIDS SCHEDULE:

2025 CVIDS FALL BANQUET – NOVEMBER 8

The Fall Banquet will be held in the same location but the hotel is now the Holiday Inn and Kinnick Conference Center. Our speaker is Kirsten Hatfield. Kirsten Hatfield owns Dorsets N Daylilies along with her husband Jason. They are located in Zanesville Ohio on a 247-acre farm that they own. The farm is home to 600 daylilies, thousands of seedlings, 35 Angus cows, and 75 Dorset ewes and 50 White Dorper ewes. They also grow corn, soybeans, and hay.

Kirsten originally caught the daylily bug in the late 80's while working on Hemknoll Farms in Hope, NJ. She began hybridizing in 2012 and has 65 introductions with focus on double forms.

All members are invited to attend and guests are welcome with the cost of the meal. If you cannot attend the meal do come hear Kirsten speak. The day begins at 11 AM with the Social Hour and voting in the Betty Miller Photo Contest. The October Newsletter describes the **new categories for the photo contest**. Be searching your photos! The banquet meal is at noon with the presentation by Kirsten at 1 PM. We will have a short business meeting with election of officers and Kirsten will have daylilies for a 50/50 auction. It will be another fun day with friends and learning about the daylilies at Dorsets N Daylilies.

For more information about Kirsten:

<https://47daylilies.blogspot.com/2019/03/a-visit-with-kirsten-hatfield.html>.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the family of Scott and Diane Feddern. Diane's mother recently passed away, Mary "Sandy" Mouglin, 81, of Riverside on Sept. 13th.

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS

Please keep members Gary Oster and Jonathan Poulton, in your thoughts.

2025 BETTY MILLER PHOTO CONTEST

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, 2025.

Photo contest categories:

Single Daylily Bloom—any single, double, spider, unusual form— (One flower in the picture)

Clump (more than 1 bloom) Iris or Daylily

Iris

Landscape Scene—capturing the beauty of our Daylily/Iris gardens (without people or animals)

Novelty (featuring e.g. garden sculptures, bird-houses, animals, etc.) Photo must include Daylilies or Iris but are not the focus.

Photo contest rules:

Two entries per category per person

Flower name and category identified on back of photo along with photographer's name.

4" X 6" photo prints only. No jpegs. Photos with missing or incomplete information will not be accepted

No additional enhancements, borders, or backgrounds added to the photo. You may crop.

Submit entries to Peggy Rash-Daniels, 25645 T Ave., Eldora, IA 50627 by November 1, 2025. **Photos may be brought to the October meeting.**

Members will judge photos by popular ballot at the November Banquet.

Prizes:

First Place, each category \$15.00

Second Place, each category \$10.00

The same amount will be paid for ties.

The person submitting the photo must have taken the picture.

Photos need not be taken in the submitter's garden. The photo should be in focus with clear vibrant color. 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.