

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow CVIDS members,

I hope the rain has let up by the time you read this. What a wet month we've had! There's still lots to do in the garden but I'd like it to be just a little drier.

Our next meeting on Oct. 10th in the Coralville Public Library, will be the hybridizers roundup where our members showcase some of the work they've been doing. Please try to come and see for yourself. Their advice and examples might be all you need to start your own program.

I'll be going over the results of our August plant sale and club plant auctions on that Saturday. We had a very good day and it's interesting to compare the last several years.

Of course, we'll all be looking forward to our November 14th banquet with guest speaker, Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, Marietta, GA. A 50/50 auction of several of his and Diana's daylilies will follow his presentation. Be sure to make your reservations.

Our annual photo contest is another highlight of our banquet festivities. Information on entering was published in the September newsletter.

Please take time and enjoy this monthly newsletter. Nancy and Lyle do a great job of keeping everyone abreast of all our activities. If you have any ideas or want to have a story included, please let them know.

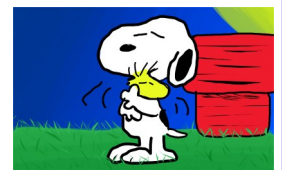
Hope to see you in Coralville on the 10th,
Diane Derganz



Photos of mushrooms in neighbor's yard.
Submitted by Diane Derganz

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

HYBRIDIZER ROUND UP ~ OCTOBER 10, 2026

Heather Harroun is the contact for the Hybridizer Round Up program on October 10. Please contact Heather at: 563-554-0028 or jhsharroun@outlook.com. We want to see your daylilies!

CALENDAR

October 10th, Hybridizers Roundup, Coralville Library

November 14, CVIDS Fall Banquet, Bill and Diana Waldrop, Kenesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, <https://www.kenesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/index.html>. Holiday Inn and Kinnick Conference Center. 11 AM Social Hour. Noon Buffet Meal. 1 PM Program. Auction and Business Meeting to follow.

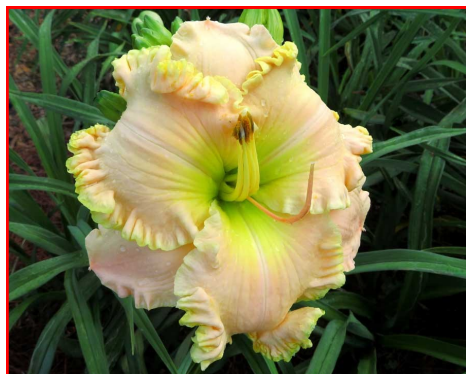
RASPBERRY PLANTS ANYONE?

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

Images copied from Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens Website Bill Waldrop



**Concentric
Rings**



**Kennesaw
Daybreak**

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. See the newsletter for photo contest details. Bill Waldrop, Kenesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, is our featured speaker. Diana is unable to attend but Bill and Diana will provide a selection of daylilies for a 50/50 auction.

<https://www.kenesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/index.html>.

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.

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.

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.

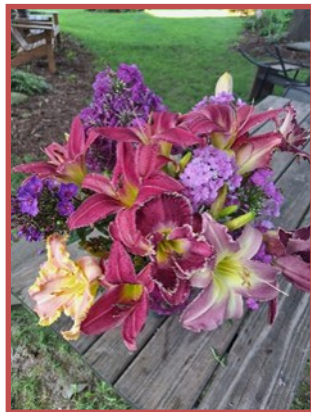
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Heather and Jim Harroun! They are new grandparents. William Scott was born at 9:11 PM on September 19, 2026. Best wishes to all.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Articles or notices are welcome as Diane noted. Information needs to be received by the 25th of the month. Camera ready submissions. Please use word and jpeg photos.

Some Winners from the 2025 Photo Contest



2026 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, 2026.**

Photo contest categories:

1. Single Daylily Bloom—any single, double, spider, unusual form— (One flower in the picture)
2. Clump (more than 1 bloom) Iris or Daylily
3. Iris
4. Landscape Scene—capturing the beauty of our Daylily/Iris gardens (without people or animals)
5. Novelty (featuring e.g. garden sculptures, bird-houses, animals, etc.) Photo must include Daylilies or Iris but are not the focus.

Photo contest rules:

1. Two entries per category per person
2. Flower name and category identified on back of photo along with photographer's name.
3. 4" X 6" photo prints only. No jpegs. Photos with missing or incomplete information will not be accepted
4. No additional enhancements, borders, or backgrounds added to the photo. You may crop.
5. **Submit entries to Peggy Rash-Daniels, 25645 T Ave., Eldora, IA 50627 by November 1, 2026. Photos may be brought to the October meeting.**
6. 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. 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.

This is for all members. Look through your summer photos and share your daylily, iris and garden photos with all of us at the 2026 photo contest. **ALL MEMBERS** are encouraged to enter! Note deadlines and contest rules. Here are some winners from the 2025 contest.