

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CVIDS members,

I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in our plant sale and auctions in Monticello on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. It was a huge success, with the public plant sale surpassing the last five years in total sales!

Our silent and live auctions did great as well. I won't go into specific details now but I'll be preparing an overview of the last four years to be presented at our October meeting.

It was a beautiful day which started early and ended after lots of activities.

Our public sale was very well attended, thanks to great publicity by Dianne Harms and everyone who spread the word via Facebook and word of mouth. The silent auction of club plants, our potluck, monthly meeting and live auctions were enjoyed by everyone. All in all, I can't have wished for a nicer day.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

But now the work continues and we're all back in our gardens, either planting our newly acquired daylilies or starting to clean things up. Just trying to decide where to go with them takes lots of thought for me. I've decided that some of my older, plainer daylilies need to find new homes to make room for some really wonderful, newer varieties.

We won't be having any meetings in September but our October 10th meeting in Coralville will feature our member hybridizers. So please be sure to attend and view the great work that they've been doing. You might even want to try a little creating for yourself. I know they'll be happy to give you some good advice and tips as to hybridizing your own daylily, made specifically by you!

Take care and see you in October,
Diane Derganz



Above: CVIDS lunch attendees in Monticello

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.

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

CVIDS PLANT SALE MONTICELLO



Perfect Weather for the plant sale



Dick Palmer, Jill Gardner, Sylvia Bauguess, Lynne Kirkman



Plant Buyer-Holly Avery & Katie Book

AUGUST 22, 2026



Jackie Westhoff, Chad & Holly Avery, Nancy Rash



Dianne Harms & Joy Adams



Dan Snyder, Lynn Moffit, Linda Jones, Sherry Krogman, Gina Synder

CVIDS PLANT SALE MONTICELLO



Their Shirts tell the Whole Story: Nancy & Jackie Callahan



CVIDS Treasurer Sherry Moffit & Jill Gardner



Hybridizer with Nancy Carlisle, Lynne Kirkman, Deb Bently, Sylvia Bauguess, Heather Harroun

AUGUST 22, 2026



Never in the history of mankind, or this Newsletter, or recently, do we have a photo of the CVIDS Officers: Sherry Moffit, Treasurer; Diane Derganz, President; Jackie Callahan, Vice President; Peggy Rash Daniels, Secretary



Auctioneer Clerks Shelly Lett & Diane Derganz, & crying for bids, Auctioneer Darren Lett (and crying about the deer that ate the buds off the plants to be hybridized);



And then he had the gall to drink Darren's morning coffee !!!

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. 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, <https://www.kenesawmountaindaylilygardens.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 & Kin-nick Conference Center**, 1220 1st Avenue, Coralville, Iowa 52241. Located off I-80 at Exit 242

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.**



Bill & Diana Waldrop Daylily Gardens

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.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Plant Sale Intel Requested

There has been discussion about moving our August plant sale in 2027 from Monticello to another area like Iowa City/Coralville to attract more customers but we need your sleuthing help. Keep an eye out for other groups having plant sales: Who, What, Where and When. The board can then evaluate what sales we would not want to conflict with, or groups to contact about holding a joint sale like we do in Muscatine.

Whatever information you get, please let Diane Derganz (lemflutist@hotmail.com) or Jackie Callahan (jackiecallahan513@gmail.com) know. Thank you!

NOTED AT THE AUGUST MEETING

We have members that cannot attend meeting regularly and you are encouraged to reach out to members via email, mail or phone! Attending the August 22 meeting: Joy Adams – Charter member, Sally and Keith Riewerts and Pete Connolly. We did not have a zoom connection so we missed saying Hi to Bob Papenhausen.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS

Jeff and Lisa Schmidt were awarded the 2026 Region One Service Award at the American Daylily Society Meeting in Valdosta, GA. Thank you Lisa and Jeff for your commitment of service at the regional level to the American Daylily Society.



Congratulations!

