

CVIDS Meeting Minutes February 17, 2018

Muscatine County Environmental Learning Center

The February 17, 2018 Cedar Valley and Iris Daylily Society meeting was called to order at 12:51 PM by President Keith Riewerts. Roll call was answered by sharing a favorite garden tool. Members showed or described their favorite tool. The “tools” ranged from Round-Up to shovels and hoes to beer and lawn chairs. President Keith thanked members for sharing.

The first presentation by Keith Riewerts included highlights of the time Sally and Keith spent wintering in Florida. Bok Tower Gardens was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. to be a contemplative and informal setting with breathtaking views of the Singing Tower. The 205-foot tower houses one of the world’s finest carillons.

Keith’s presentation “Cell Phone Photography” outlined nine ways to take better photos:

1. Keep your photos simple
2. Shoot from a low or different angle
3. Show depth in your photos
4. Align your subject diagonally
5. Capture close up detail
6. Include shadows in your composition
7. Take silhouette photos
8. Photograph reflections
9. Use symmetry

The business meeting was called to order by President Keith at 2:09 PM. New members were welcomed. The January 13 minutes have been posted on the website. Copies of the minutes and treasurer’s report were distributed to members. Club Treasurer Sue Kramer provided a January 31, 2018 balance.

Jonathan reminded members to sign up for club projects. Help is needed immediately for the garden fair on March 17.

Member updates were given for Susie’s mom Rosemary, Clay and Kathy Dawson, Sally Riewerts, Rex and Barb McCreight. (Rosemary passed away peacefully on February 19 at age 93).

The club needs a volunteer to bring the paper/drink supplies to the meetings. Gary will bring all supplies to the March 10 meeting including a cart donated by Barb and Rex. Steve Parsons will prepare and bring the coffee.

The March 10 meeting will be held in Williamsburg in the Parish Hall belonging to St Mary's Catholic Church (S. Highland Street, across from Casey's). Directions are available on our website.

Heather Harroun distributed samples of the new membership brochure. Some photos from the fall 2017 photo contest were used. Membership will receive copies.

Jackie Westhoff gave an update on the 2018 Club Plants to be distributed May 19. There will be daylilies from new hybridizers as well as some familiar names. The April 14 meeting program will be presentation of the Club Plants.

There was not a calendar update. Upcoming events were noted.

Members were reminded to pay dues of \$10 per person by April 1 to be eligible for Club Plants and for the club to pay for the Fall Banquet meal.

Door Prizes were provided by Pat and Pete Connolly, Suzanne and Bob Moffit, Sam and Mary McCord, and Nancy Carlisle.

Sam McCord made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Gary Oster. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Submitted by Nancy Rash