

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## From the President

Hello fellow CVIDS members,

The weather's looking up and I think all of us are anxious to get out in our yards and breathe some fresh air. Little by little I've been gathering up the leaves that have settled in the corners and crevices around my house. It sure seems to take me lots longer than it used to, but, that's okay.

Our club received some good news from our iris gals, Diann Pavelka and Jackie Westhoff. They've chosen a nice variety of bearded iris which will be our first ever "Iris Club Plant." We're celebrating the club's 35th anniversary this year and I think doing something special is warranted.

The plants have been ordered from Mid-America Gardens in Salem, OR and will be delivered in August for distribution by lottery at our annual Monticello event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eligible club plant recipients will be able to choose from six types - intermediate bearded, border bearded, miniature dwarf bearded, miniature tall bearded, standard dwarf bearded and tall bearded.

Diann will be putting together a power point later on so that members can make a list of their first choices. There are 40 plants available and I noticed on the invoice that they range in price from \$10 to \$41 each. Last year the irises auctioned at our meeting in August were also from Mid-America. They were very nice, large, healthy looking and everyone seemed impressed with them. As we do with the extra daylilies, members will be able to purchase those not chosen in the drawing.

I'm hoping that if everything goes well and members like this idea, maybe we'll be able to continue an "Iris Club Plant" in years to come.

A big thank you to Diann and Jackie for their efforts on this and also to our treasurer, Sherry Moffit, for getting the check to Mid-America mailed so promptly.

Just a quick note, don't miss our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Wilton where Sue Kramer will present a slideshow of our 2025 Daylily Club Plants and Sherry Moffit will be giving a talk on photography. It should be a very informative and interesting meeting!

Hope to see you there,

Diane

Poem by Stephane Mallarme (brought to you by Lyle):

"A Throw of the Dice  
will Never Abolish Chance"

Every Thought emits a Roll of the  
Dice



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What do Gardeners wear on their legs "  
*Garden Hose.*

When is it impossible to plant flowers ?  
*When you haven't botany.*

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## MEMBER UPDATE:

A "speedy recovery" shout-out to Pete Connolly who underwent his second knee surgery March 20. Last report he's getting along well and starts therapy the first week of April. All the best to Pete!

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

## APRIL 12, 2025 MEETING

Come excited to greet friends. We have set up at 11 AM, social time at 11:30 and a pot luck lunch at noon. Bring your own beverage, plate and table service. 12:30 Program. **Our program will be by Sherry Moffit, Photographing Daylilies-Tips for Amateurs:** You don't have to be a professional to take nice pictures if you follow these easy tips to help you create great photos that will give you confidence to enter in the Betty Miller Photo Contest. Sherry Moffit, Presenter: April 2025

Dues for CVIDS Membership are \$10 per person and are payable now to the CVIDS treasurer, Sherry Moffit. Eligibility for a club plant requires club dues paid each year by **April 1**. Eligibility for Fall Banquet meal paid by club is dues paid each year by April 1. Please pay at the next club meeting or mail dues to Sherry Moffit, P O Box 273, North English, IA 52316.

### 2025 Calendar – Additional Details on the Website

April 12, 2025, Wilton Community Room, Wilton  
May Plant Sale  
May, Club Plant Distribution and Live Auction, Floral Hall, Muscatine County Fairgrounds, West Liberty  
July Club Tour  
American Daylily Society National Meeting, Seattle, WA, July 9-10, 2025.  
American Daylily Society, Region One Summer Meeting Fargo, ND, July 18-20, 2025.  
August TBD, Monticello  
October 11, 2025  
November 8, 2025 Radisson Hotel, Coralville, IA



Flight of Orchids 2024

Kowalchuk Garden, Oklahoma City, OK National Meeting

## DAYLILY POEM FROM PRESIDENT DIANE DERGANZ

Diane reports: "Daylily Blossoms" is a poem which I found in an old Daylily book which I've had for many years. Don't know much about the author, Rod McKuen, but he was a poet, singer and song writer popular in the 60's and 70's. He was born in California in 1933 and died in 2015. Enjoy the poem about our favorite flower.

Daylily Blossoms  
by Rod McKuen

Borning  
in the middle night  
opening at dawn.  
A single day  
of brilliant bloom  
then slipping, ageing, gone.

Ah, but what a perfect life,  
a metaphor for lives  
of every kind;  
busy morning,  
shining mid-day,  
languid afternoon.  
Then pollen swollen sunset  
deepening to darkness  
and the ever after.

Daylily blossoms  
dancing out  
across a thousand Junes  
are all the proof  
we need of God,  
and Nature singing  
His own songs,  
His rumble-tumble tunes.



From Me to You, Woodstock



## MEET CVIDS MEMBERS JEFF AND LISA SCHMIDT.



The ND club, Central North Dakota Daylily Society (CNDDS) was started in 2002 by Karen Schock. Lisa joined 2006 and Jeff in 2016, when we retired. When I started, I was still working and only bought 1 or 2 plants a year at the club auction. So, when the big Missouri flood hit Bismarck, ND in 2011, I only had to move about 50 plants to my brother's farm in Wimbledon, ND. We moved out of our house from the end of May until October to protect our septic system. We moved 'EVERYTHING' out of the house, including the furnace in the basement and the daylilies in the yard. A nephew helping us move out, said "take it all out or the river will wash it away"! He had gone through the big flood in 1997 when the Red River completely devastated Grand Forks (We had just moved from Grand Forks to Bismarck a year and a half earlier). Our house actually stayed dry (didn't even put up sand bags), but had to drive through water in several places to get in. But we did not have to canoe in like some people and our house did not wash away (we are not on the river and can't even see the river), although a mile north of us, 3 houses did wash into the river.

Anyway, enough bad news... the summer after the flood is when we started to plan out and build new flower beds to bring back the plants from my brother's farm. And I was able to split the daylilies to get my sister-in-law and brother started with daylilies. And good news, this is when we started collecting more daylilies.

A few years later we started going to the Region 1 meetings. Jeff has to drive Miss Lisa to the meetings! It was so much fun meeting nice daylily people and seeing yards. Getting ideas from all the different yards was a big help to plan where the next patch of grass Jeff would be tilling up. Jeff also 'loves' to cut down trees and dig out the stumps to make the next sunny patch for daylilies. In 2016, we both retired and enjoyed traveling especially going to region 1 and region 2 meetings and national conventions. We had started traveling while still working, planning a vacation to another state each time, so that we both have made it to all 50 states by 50 years old.



When Lisa became CNDDS president we joined other clubs from Region 1 to see how other clubs operated, looking for ideas to bring back to the ND club.

Lisa's 1st place seedling in the  
2024 Betty Miller photo contest, 21T631

So, in retirement, we have really started collecting daylilies. Because Lisa started hybridizing, we needed to build up the breeding stock collection. We are starting to get some nice-looking babies. We have many other perennial plants, especially thanks to cousin Bob getting us started in our gardens in our new house, way back when, by giving us plants to start our gardens. Cousin Bob died 2022 only a few months from turning 96. So, we are working on creating a 'Bob' daylily bed, we already have several daylilies with Bob in their name. Jeff laughs at Lisa because her favorite flower is the one she is currently looking at, but Jeff gets pretty excited explaining daylilies and hybridizing to family and neighbors.  
**Jeff and Lisa**



## MEET CVIDS MEMBER PEGGY RASH-DANIELS



**Hi everyone!**

I have been a member of the club for several years now. My sister, Nancy Rash invited me and probably paid for my first membership! (That's one way to recruit new members!) I am a retired (since January of 2024) federal employee. I worked at the Natural Resources Conservation Service for over 20 years. My job was planning, designing, and supervising construction of various conservation practices such as waterways, terraces, ponds, and sediment basins. I have surveyed in Franklin, Grundy, Hardin, Story, Hamilton, Wright, Marshall Counties. I was a civil engineering technician. My education was in Landscape Architecture. I received my bachelor's degree from Iowa State.

I live in Hardin County on a property that my husband and I bought. I have lived on this place for 30 years now. I grew up on a farm in Hardin County. I am an outdoor person. I enjoy working in my vegetable garden and tending to my flower garden, especially my daylilies! If you have seen me at our auctions, you know that I like to buy new daylilies!



I plant trees and tend to those as well during the growing season; mowing, pruning, protecting with fence. I hunt deer to keep the population in check, as if that helps much!?

I enjoy my Wetland Reserve Easement (130 acres) that is planted with native prairie grasses and forbs. I have done several prescribed burns on my property. A prescribed burn is necessary to rejuvenate the grasses and forbs. It requires careful planning.



I enjoy belonging to the club and meeting all the members!

**Peggy Rash-Daniels**

**Thank you, Lisa, Jeff and Peggy,** for the great photos and stories for our Meet the Member feature!!! Nancy

Nancy Carlisle

### Five Color Words to help describe Iris

Color and the way it is described in patterns is a base for iris descriptive terms.

### Self

An iris with the same color on the standards and falls is described as a “self”. The term implies that there is no pattern, and the color is uniform throughout the flower. The beard may be the same color or different. An iris with a tonal shift between the standards and falls is then referred to as a bitone.

### Plicata

Plicata is the pattern of contrasting pigment that resembles stitching or pleats on the edge of the petals. This pattern can present on both the standards and falls in varying degrees. Today’s plicatas can have a light background of white, cream, yellow, apricot and pink with contrasting stitching of blue, purple, plum, gold, brown or red. (‘Jesse’s Song’ Bryce Williamson 1983, TB Dykes Medal is a good example in my garden.)

### Variegata

This color pattern is named from the species *Iris variegata*, that introduced yellow into early bearded hybrids. The variegata pattern has yellow standards with red falls. Striping and veining on the falls are common. There is a range of tones from yellow, gold and cream in the standards and red, maroon and brown falls. I have a family heirloom from my great grandmother with this coloring.

### Amoena (ah-MEE-nah)

This is a type of bicolor, meaning the standards and falls are of different colors. Specifically, in the amoena pattern, the standards are white, and the falls are colored. When this pattern is reversed: standards are colored and the falls are white are referred to as “reverse amoenas.”

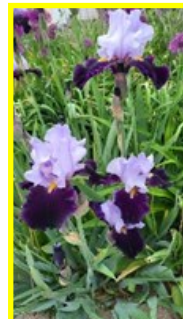
Dykes Medal ‘Wabash’ Mary Williamson 1938 is a well known early historic amoena.

### Luminata

The color pattern is any iris with a white or yellow ground color washed with another color. The luminata effect is where the center of the falls appears to glow or illuminate due to its absence of pigment. Many modern luminatas appear to have a “moon” spot surrounding the beard on the falls.

(Excerpted from AIS Bulletin Summer 2024. “Plant Vocabulary”, Linda Wilkie, Nebraska, Pages 50-51)

Pictures are from Nancy Carlisle’s garden. Can you identify the form? I (Nancy Carlisle) do not have a luminata example picture. Historic dwarf yellow NOID, Historic NOID from great grandma, Jesse’s Song, Mango Entree, Historic ‘Wabash’





**From the March Meeting:**

Who had the most number of Stout Daylilies in their garden? How many?

It must be spring. Enjoy the photo of daffodils blooming in the garden of Sherry Moffit



Newsletter Editors Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary February 16, 2025.

