

# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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## MISSION OF CVIDS

“Founded in 1990, CVIDS is a scientific, educational, and social organization whose mission is to promote the genera Hemerocallis (daylily) and Iris. Its purpose is to educate our members and the general public about all aspects of growing daylilies and irises in eastern Iowa and surrounding regions. To further these goals, this organization provides lectures, garden tours, plant sales, and fellowship among its members and with members of other groups with similar goals.”

## Quick view of upcoming in 2023:

### ADS Region One Summer Meeting

**\*\*August 26 = Club Plant Return, Iris Sale, and Auction** at the Monticello ISU Extension Expo Center. Starts 9-11AM with public plant sale; 11:15AM Potluck, followed by 12PM Auction

**\*\*October 14 = CVIDS Annual Hybridizer's Roundup** at the Washington Public Library, 115 W Washington St, Washington Starts 12PM Potluck, 1PM show

**\*\*November 11 = Annual CVIDS Fall Banquet** at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville Starts 11AM with social hour

## DUES ARE STILL DUE

**CVIDS Dues are \$10 per person  
for a one-year membership.**

Please send your check to: Jackie Westhoff, 6161 32nd Avenue, Shellsburg, IA 52332.

From the By-Laws: “Membership dues are for a calendar year and will fall due on January 1. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1.”

## Bid, Bid, Bid...

You still have time to submit your bids on some very nice daylilies that our members have nurtured in their gardens. Please send bids to Diane Derganz by 8:00 PM, Sunday, August 20.

**Inside This Issue - Old and New Stuff**  
Shelly Lett, Newsletter Editor  
(Serious and Fun)



## Picture, Pictures, Pictures...

Jonathan Poulton is looking for more photos to document the 2023 Summer Meeting Open Gardens. Please send any photos that you may have to:

[jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu](mailto:jonathan-poulton@uiowa.edu)



## Some Good News...

2023 CVIDS REGIONAL!

Matthew 6:28} Why do we worry about clothes? See how the Lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29} Yet I tell you, that not even King Solomon in all his splendor, was dressed like one of these!

One of the flowers (Lilies) it's actually mentioned by name in the Bible, how could we go wrong in growing and nurturing our beloved Daylilies, it's no wonder our passions run high.

Since the 2023 regional The Pearls of Region One in July, I have been reflecting while still daily in my garden deadheading my Daylilies. Although they are well past their prime, individually their beauty is still scattered throughout my gardens and well worth the time to gaze and enjoy!

This has probably been one of the worst summers of memory, so dry and extremely hot! Of all the years, it had to pick this summer for our regional. Like everyone who had an open garden, and especially the ones that their labors of love were chosen for the regional bus tours, it has been stressful. Watering and praying that we would get rain soon and in time to have the gardens at their prime for show! Trying to think of positive aspects of gardening in a drought year:

1. I can actually walk between my Daylilies and not have to kick my way through and threaten them with a haircut!
2. Amazed at the fact that although the leaves are turning yellow most of my plants are still producing abundant buds and blooms.
3. Still had beautiful Daylily gardens to share with regional guests.
4. Did not have to be worried that we would be rained out!

Oh well, all that concern and worrying was for naught! Our Daylilies came through (without rain or optimum conditions) and fulfilled all our desires for a successful 2023. I would like to thank everyone who participated in putting this regional together! No matter how big or insignificant you participated – what you did, someone else did not have to do! It all came together beautifully. The people who came through my gardens complimented our club for a job well done! Wonderful Hotel accommodations and great organization!

I really enjoyed the visitors who came to my garden, might have had more, but my land line number was provided and some re-marked my number had been disconnected. They were correct I only have my cell phone 319-558-6016.

I attended the banquet Friday evening and thoroughly enjoyed the speaker Kathleen Nordstrom of Northern Lights Daylilies. I had no idea that Daylilies could look like that. They reminded me of my childhood experience of looking through a kaleidoscope! Kathleen remarked on a Daylily "trait" that I have in my garden, Jerry Hyatt by Hansen! I got mine at the South Dakota regional several years ago and was told it was a Must Have! She is right, because I can see that "trait" in subsequent Daylilies that I have acquired since Jerry Hyatt. Also, a "trait" is Rose F. Kennedy by Doorakian and then hybridizers jumped off that one too with similarities hard to miss! I do wish each one would be so different that there is no mistake in identifying its name. I will definitely be able to recognize a Kathleen Nordstrom introduction, as they are so different from anything I have ever seen. Funny, isn't it, that now all these years later and many thousands of registered daylilies later, we can still easily identify the common orange "ditch lily" and Stella de Oro the beginnings.....

Barbara McCreight

Memories Made at the Merrill in Muscatine during the Region One summer meeting July 14-16, 2023.

A HUGE shout out to all of the CVIDS members who helped in so many ways to make the “Daylilies, The Pearls of Region One” meeting in Muscatine such a smashing success. Compliments were given by the attendees about having a well planned and well organized meeting. Keith and Nancy were the co-chairs, but it truly takes the helpful hands and contributions to help make things go well. Thank you to each person who contributed.

Mike Grossmann stopped in his tracks in the ballroom when he saw the plants for the silent auction displayed. “I have never seen such nice plants coming to an auction, these were so very well taken care of.” coming from a plant man who brought huge well rooted plants as the registration plant gift, this was a huge compliment. Kudos to Dave and Sue Kramer for the hours spent on tending the plants with their knowledge and skilled care. The plant sale brought in about \$8,700 before expenses were taken out. This money will be sent to the Region One treasurer for use in Region One expenses over the year.

We had 76 people who registered for the meeting, 73 persons actually attended with some last minute cancellations related to a family death, a fall, and a hospitalization. We served 91 meals on Friday, and 90 people on Saturday night with members and guests making up the total. The scrumptious meals were quickly served by the excellent staff of the Merrill in the elegant setting overlooking the Mississippi River. The Merrill does not serve desserts, so outside items were enjoyed. You may have seen a picture of Bob Papenhausen tearing open the package to get to the decorated sugar cookie made by Jolynn Herr of Riverside. “A Guy and a Grill” provided cherry and apple crisp that was devoured in short order. Meals were just fabulous.

Darrin Lett and Mike Grossmann served as the plant auctioneers, going through the list in record time. Check out went well with Deb Hansen, Shelly Lett and Jackie Westhoff being efficient with the help of using the Square device for charge cards. Diane Derganz, Keith Riewerts and Diann Pavelka put many hours into the organization of the Powerpoint that Jonathan Poulton placed on the website and Jason Halonen put on the Region One Facebook page.

Thanks to all the members who contributed to the Silent Auction. We had over 140 items with an excellent assortment. It was well attended and the bidding was busy. Big shout outs to Diann Pavelka in creating the Powerpoint for promotion that ran in the room and was on the website. Deb Hansen was a trooper in taking in the monies during the Saturday evening. Many hands made this new project section come together. Final totals will be tallied when the committee meets on Friday, August 11th. This money will be part of meeting the expenses of the Regional.

Tri-State Tour buses arrived on time with delightful drivers. Many thanks to bus captains Karmin Mullins, Lynn Hafner, Susie and Jonathan Poulton for keeping track of people on the bus route. Entertainment of an Iowa Trivia contest created by Rachel Moeller kept people on their toes to get the correct answer. Do you know what the state food of Iowa is? Hint: it is not sweet corn. A great tour of the 4 hosted gardens occurred with many comments on what beautiful well cared for gardens were available to view. Thank you to all who hosted, who helped dead head and get the gardens to their glory of the day. That also goes to the crew of the 11 open gardens. Record number of open gardens were a great draw to the visitors. Many of the garden judges of the Region needed to get in their required number of visits for their 5 year records as COVID had prevented touring easily in the past 2 years. Wonderful comments were made about the variety and again the quality of the gardens they visited. I know hours were spent by the individuals who were an open garden host. Thank you.

At the Wilton lunch stop, the meal was served by the crew of the Wilton Candy Kitchen in record time. Visitors then had the opportunity to visit the train depot and listen to a guided talk about the Muscatine County Freedom Rock by volunteers from the Wilton American Legion. And I heard no complaints about the sweet treat of a vanilla or chocolate shake to cap off the stop. Thank you to Tom and Linda Jones for hosting the Wilton Community Room. We served 78 persons, the volunteers and the bus drivers in under an hour!

Our guest speakers, Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossmann were such excellent presenters. Each has a unique way for their own hybridization program. I loved the plants that were given and named for the meeting. Scott Elliott and Rhonda Veroeven, national ADS officers presented a forum prior to the Saturday banquet that was well attended with excellent information presented about the national Daylily Society. Phil Fass led a panel of hybridizers in a discussion and presentation of their up and coming daylily seedlings. The future looks great. Sunday, Phil led a group of people through the process of being garden judges in the abundant gardens of Sue and Dave Kramer.

The Merrill Hotel was an excellent venue with friendly staff, first class service, incredible food and genuine helpfulness in any way needed. A special bonus was the arrival of the American Countess river boat at the dock early Sunday morning that greeted us as we left.

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, you are an amazing group of talented gardeners who came together in friendship and support in making this event shine in the memories of all who attended.

Thank you,

Nancy Carlisle  
Keith Riewerts  
Co-Chair Pearls







