

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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From the President

Dear CVIDS Members,

You are a strong membership that has dealt with meeting cancellations due to COVID-19 and created alternatives to the Club Plant Distribution and the Iris Silent Auction. We were all disappointed the Region One Meeting was cancelled. Now many members have been affected by the Derecho of August 10 with destruction from our western membership to the eastern membership area in Illinois. Our members in the Cedar Rapids area had the most severe damage to property. Our thoughts are with all of you regardless of the degree of destruction and stress.

I hope all of you are safe now with electrical power, internet service and all the other essentials for daily living. 2020 will be a year to remember for many reasons.

I am most proud of the way members stepped up to create what we could for CVIDS activities.

Nancy Rash, CVIDS President

ABOUT THE MEMBERS

In addition to members that need to be lifted up after the storm we have members with health issues. Keith is dealing with back issues. Heather has 3 broken toes (smashed) and 26 stitches after a 50 pound block of salt fell on her foot.

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Nancy Rash, Newsletter Co-Editor (Serious)

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CVIDS 2020 CALENDAR:

***NOTE: CALENDAR DATES WILL BE
CONFIRMED AND ANNOUNCED AS DETER-
MINED BY THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC CRISIS***

October 10, 2020

Program: Hybridizers Spotlight

Location: TBD

November 14, 2020

CVIDS Fall Banquet, Location: Radisson Hotel

2020 FALL BANQUET

I have been in contact with the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville about our scheduled November 14 Fall Banquet. Just as for the October meeting, we have not made a decision to cancel. Here is how the Radisson will work with us. They have the date saved for us and because of COVID we will not be subject to the deadlines that were in place pre-COVID-19. We would have a much longer time to cancel without any cost to us. They are willing to open up more space if we want to hold the banquet. That would mean less people at each table and more space around the tables. They would work with us on costs if we were to hold the banquet with less than our usual 75-80 attendance. We would survey the membership ahead of time to see how many members would even consider attending. I plan to provide some financial information as well to help members decide about the rest of the year. Again, I am hopeful we can hold one or two last CVIDS events for 2020. This has been a very long year with so little interaction for the membership.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Sam McCord and family at the loss of his wife Mary on June 18, 2020. We will miss her smile.

IRIS SILENT AUCTION

We had a very successful Silent Auction for the Iris purchased by the club. We do not have an iris "distribution" like the daylilies but several years ago it was decided that we needed to actively keep "iris" in the club activities. Diann Pavelka and LeeAnn Pisarik led the charge the first year and now have added Shelly Lett to the team. With some brainstorming it was determined that we could hold a silent auction for the iris with bids from club members only. Cancellation of the May plant distribution and auction meant that Diann and LeeAnn potted the Japanese and Siberian Iris and Diann was the "plant sitter" all summer. Then the Bearded Iris were delivered and it was important that the iris all go to new homes in an expedient manner. Shelly received and tallied all the bids. Diann Pavelka and Lyle Moen did delivery of many iris. Thank you Diann, LeeAnn, Shelly and Lyle. A big thank you to all the members bidding on the iris. We appreciate your support of this event to raise funds for future CVIDS activities. I hope you have your iris planted and will enjoy the color next spring.

REMEMBER....

You will need notes and photos from your daylily club plants that will be returned in 2021. We could not bring back our 2018 club plants and hope you have saved the information needed when the plants are hopefully auctioned in 2021.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CVIDS

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society was started in 1990. We have active Charter Members. Five years ago Nancy Carlisle led the club in a 25th Anniversary Celebration. We have not had an opportunity to hold a 30th Anniversary Celebration (yet) but do congratulate all members for their contributions to keep the club running.

The November Banquet marks the end of my Presidential term and the club will need new leadership. With only one meeting so far this year and the last two meetings still undecided, there will be an opportunity for looking at what we did and did not accomplish this year. The club is scheduled to host the Summer 2023 Region One Meeting and planning can begin again.

MOVING FORWARD

I am hopeful we can hold an October meeting and the November Fall Banquet. They are both scheduled but the decision has yet to be made about a cancellation. We will wait to see if schools remain in session and wait to see if there are directives from the Governor. I do know we cannot meet in Williamsburg at the Catholic Church but a new location will be found if we can indeed meet October 10. Heather is excited to organize a Hybridizer Spotlight and has been working on a way to show her seedlings. I hope other hybridizers are willing to participate also. Look for more information coming soon.

For now, the plan is to create the hybridizer program for the October meeting. If we do not meet in October, the presentation will be emailed as a Power Point Program to all members. It is good to have "Plan B" and hope we do not get to "Plan C".

The DERECHO IN IOWA

In July Lyle and I were traveling to Open Gardens and were caught in a wind, hail and rain storm but that is nothing compared to the derecho in Iowa and Illinois and other areas of the Midwest. I do not know the extent of damage each member experienced but I do know it was extensive for many members. Sherry and Lynn have a lifetime supply of firewood. Sue and Dave in Cedar Rapids lost many valuable shade trees that will have serious consequences for their gardens. Cari and family in Cedar Rapids cannot live in their home. Mary Moore's family came to help with her clean up. A tree fell on Gary's car in Lowden and it is a total loss. Keith and Sally lost two giant oak trees. Heather and her family lost trees as well. Ginger lost 6 trees and many tree limbs. Barb lost tree limbs. Thankfully Ginger, Barb and Gary are safe and supporting each other. Tony and Kim have a "twisted" garage. Nancy Carlisle had tree and electrical damage. This is not a complete list and I want all members to know we care about your losses and let us know if we can help.





**Cedar Rapids
Derecho
Photos August 11, 2020
(1 Day After Storm Hit)**



Cedar Rapids

Derecho

Photos August 29, 2020
(19 Days After Storm Hit)

- No Parking (Except for Trees)
- Trees Overhanging Streets
- 1 of Many Sites for Trees
- Adjacent Site for Trees Mulched
- Metal Siding or Roofing