

The CVIDS Newsletter

For the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

Fall 2007



Club Calendar

October 15 - Deadline for Photo Contest

4"x 6" only

- Class
1. Large or single bloom
 2. Doubles
 3. Spider or Variant
 4. Floral Landscape/clump

Max. 2 photos per category.

Label: Class number

Flower name

Member's name

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October 26 – Banquet RSVP due.

BANQUET

November 3 - Club Banquet

Guest Speaker – Lee Pickles

The Button Factory

215 W. Mississippi Dr.

Muscataine, IA

The CVIDS Fall Banquet will be held at the Button Factory, 215 W. Mississippi Drive, Muscatine, Iowa on November 3 with serving at 12:00 noon. Guest speaker will be Lee Pickles.

Members meals will be paid by the club.

Guests will pay \$16.45 each.

RSVP's should be made by **October 26** to Sherry Moffit 319-664-3585 or to sherry-moffit@uiowa.edu. **Please respond if you are attending or if you will not attend. We need to hear from everyone!!!!**

Nov. or Dec. – Meeting of officers.

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Welcome New Members !!

CVIDS would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

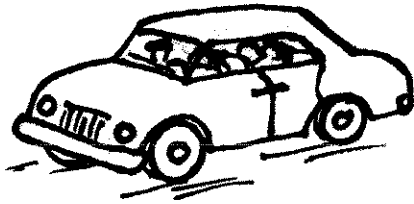
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Directions from Hwy. 61 and Hwy. 38 junction north: Turn onto Park Ave. (Hwy. 38 business) Continue straight to go onto E. 2nd St. Turn left on Mulberry Ave. Continue onto Mississippi Drive to 215 W. Mississippi Drive.

From Hwy. 61 South: Continue straight onto Grandview Ave. Follow IA-92. Continue onto Mississippi Drive to 215 W. Mississippi Drive. 563-264-8590

Notes from the summer:

TOUR



The tour took place Saturday, July 7 and was attended by 43 members and 4 guests. We started out at Hobbs' Hilltop Gardens near Ft. Madison. Gerald was very gracious in showing his flowers, giving advice and hosting. His sons and daughter-in-law greeted us and served refreshments, fruit and rolls/donuts. It started out to be a rather warm, humid day. Everyone took a leisurely stroll through the gardens and relaxed under the numerous shade trees.

After an hour or so the group journeyed to the home of Ken and Susie Messer along the Mississippi River at Keokuk. There we viewed the hillside gardens filled with daylilies. Ken was proud to show his seedling 'Mississippi Betty Miller' named for a CVIDS past president. Everyone was overwhelmed by the beautiful view of the river along with the daylilies. Both Gerald and Ken have some outstanding new creations to share with the daylily world.

From Keokuk we headed for lunch in Mediapolis at the Turn 2 Restaurant. The owner and staff served a nice, simple buffet lunch of ham sandwiches, lettuce and potato salad, and baked beans along with a drink. It was a very nice and cool atmosphere. New members were introduced by Kay Hill and a drawing was held for some daylilies that Barb and Bob Papenhausen so generously donated. Winners were:

Steve Parsons - 'Aunt Wimp'
Verne Moore - 'Double Pompom'
Sylvia Seymour - 'Double Pompom'
Dave Appelquist - 'Brand New Lover'

The next stop was at Bob and Cathy Moore's in Morning Sun. They have a garden with a raised bed plot for daylilies and also beds around the house and garage that are very nice. By this time we had a light breeze, which everyone was enjoying, along with the shade of some big trees.

Wapello was the last stop on our tour. This was the home of Dan and Connie Wagner, friends of the Moores. It was obvious that this couple enjoys their

flower gardens. You walk through an arbor to the side of the garage. It is lined on both sides by daylilies, companion plants, and decorated with garden art as is the rest of the yard. There was a big shade tree in the back yard that provided a spot to visit and say our parting "good byes" for a very great tour.

Special thanks to all our hosts; to Bob and Gerald for helping with directions; and to Bob for setting up the luncheon. You all did a superb job!!

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RIVERSIDE SALE

Forty-five members attended the sale/auction/potluck at Monticello on Saturday, August 25. Plants were donated by thirty-five members. All helped set up the tables and sort plants by color for the sale.

After our potluck lunch, the Silent Auction plants were distributed to those that had the highest bids. Jean Hecht conducted the auction to sell the remaining plants.

Treasurer Bob Moore reports that \$3953.53 was deposited from the sale, a \$25 gift certificate was cashed, and \$12 was collected for dues. The bank balance is currently \$12,578.95. Some advertising Expenses were still outstanding.

Thank you to all committee members and club members for making this a successful day.



THANK YOU

Roger Knipper would like to thank CVIDS' members for the get-well wishes, the cards, and the 'phone call' while he was a patient in the hospital for a ruptured appendix.

Election of Officers



New officers will be elected at our banquet. The term for officers is two years. The following nominations have been made and accepted:

President	Clay Dawson
V. Pres.	Michael Carstensen
Secretary	Nancy Carlisle
Treasurer	Bob Moore

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor before the vote.

A meeting is usually planned after this to set up committees and the calendar for the following year. Suggestions for programs, meeting places, sales, and tours are welcome at this time. The club tries to involve ALL members in activities. Volunteers are most welcome.

Thank you to all who served on committees the past two years and to club members who helped out at functions. **YOU ARE WHAT MAKES CVIDS SPECIAL!!!!**

Important Business----- Agenda for the Fall Banquet

Lee Pickles is our guest speaker for the banquet. He will be giving a power point presentation. Don Lovell will also attend and give some information concerning the 2008 and 2009 Regionals.

The PHOTO CONTEST judging will take place. Members are to choose the winners for each of the four categories. Remember to enter by **OCT. 15.**

Note from Kay Hill, president:

Members need to decide if they want to order the 2008 EUREKA at a reduced club price:

20 books - \$31.12

40 books - \$29.17

There will be a sign-up list at the Fall Banquet. If you are unable to attend and would like a copy, please contact Kay Hill at:

kandkgardens@louisacomm.net

or phone (319) 725-4387

The order will be placed **November 5.**

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Plant Suggestions

It's that time again! Spring will be here before we know it. Do you have suggestions for club plant purchases for 2008? In order to reserve some of the choice plants, requests need to be made early. Bob Moore welcomes your suggestions. Give them to him at the banquet.

ADDRESSES:

Corrections or updates for members' home addresses and e-mail addresses are needed at this time to keep our records current.

If you have any changes, please give them to me. Our newsletters are important for communicating club information.

Remember:

Let Sherry Moffit know if you are attending the banquet or if you are not attending the banquet, Please!!!

NOTICE: Nan Ripley sent Kay a message that Don Lovell's father passed away Oct. 2. Don is RVP for Region One and Pres. of the Central Iowa Daylily Society. He has mentored many daylily people. His address: 3352 - 275S. Street
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

for the day was that of Steve Horan. Oh to be one of his neighbors and enjoy the view from your deck and not have to do any of the work. Two of our club members had guest plants there-Gerald Hobbs, and Lynn Stoll. I enjoyed reading the names of the plants in his Macabre Theme Bed garden. We then returned to the hotel to clean up and rest up for that night's banquet.

On Saturday we rose early again for breakfast and loaded the buses for another fun filled day. The first garden was Karol Emmerich's City Garden-again so many daylilies and hosta. It was so peaceful, you were not aware of the city around you. The second garden of the day was Gary and Rita Schaben's Garden with a Northern Exposure. I remember the tall day lilies. A favorite plant blooming was North Wind Dancer. I also enjoyed seeing Gary's Emma's Song-I received it as my registration plant so it was nice to see what it looked like. Lunch this day was at the Earl Brown Heritage Center. This lunch will be remembered for the many laughs. At our table was Suzanne, Robert, myself, Darrel Apps, Gerald & Betty Heemskerk of the Netherlands, and my bus buddy Steve Wingfield of San Antonio Texas. The gentlemen at our table were visiting about such things as the growing conditions in their regions, and fertilizer when Gerald Hobbs and Ken Messer stopped by our table. Ken was telling us he had picked up a couple books on water features. Well Steve offered Ken some valuable pointers on where not to place a water feature- next to the bedroom window. Water attracts frogs and frog mating sounds are rather loud at night. Steve's wife not being retired yet is unable to sleep through the noise asked him to take care of the problem. So he dresses in his shorts and a miner's hat and goes out and throws the frogs over the fence like a grenade. I bet our laughs were louder than those frogs. Then Darrel Apps educated us on the different sounds that different frogs produce. I'll never see a frog again and not have to laugh. To top that off the last garden of the day was Kathy and Mike Lamb's Loon Song Gardens. You walked a wooded lane to arrive at a hidden scene. The number of seedling was overwhelming-looks like a lot of work on someone's part. I especially enjoyed the Historic Daylily Garden-this daylily thing has been going on for a long time. It was nice to see numerous guest plants of Gerald Hobbs's in Kathy and Mike's garden. I know Gerald enjoyed visiting with others about them. Don Lovell's Hilton Magic (How about those Cyclones!) was also showing some great blooms in the garden. On returning to the hotel at the end of the day we received some great bus plants. We then rested and cleaned up for another wonderful banquet meal. After the meal various awards were presented including the 2006 Stout winner-Ed Brown.

It was sad for your trip to come to an end but a great time was had with old friends, and new friends were made. I guess what I will remember the most about the 2007 convention is the people. I have to say they were the nicest, friendliest people you could find anywhere. There were no strangers to be found. I had a wonderful bus buddy-he kept me laughing and entertained on the ride between gardens. He also educated me on the safe way to have a beer while you are working in your garden and not get stung by a bee, and the proper dress one should wear when going out to pollinate. The gardens were all breath taking, like being in a whole other world. So many people worked hard endless hours to get them ready for our visit. Everyone involved in all aspects of planning and

The 2007 American Hemerocallis Society Convention
By Jill Gardner

The 61st American Hemerocallis Society Convention was held July 25-27, 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Where the Fun Began"-What better slogan because FUN it was. Our club was well represented. Those attending were myself, Robert & Suzanne Moffit, Clay & Kathleen Dawson, Jean Hecht, Gerald Hobbs, Ken Messer, Sharon Murken, Jan Null, Bob & Barb Papenhausen, Zora Ronan, Lynn & Barry Stoll, Jackie Westhoff, and Gary & Holly Williams. If I missed anyone I am sorry. Besides Iowa members there was 41 other states represented as well as Ontario, Nova Scotia, and the Netherlands. There were a total of 640 in attendance.

Suzanne, Robert, and I left for Minneapolis on Wednesday so that we could work in a visit to the Mall of America. Suzanne started out driving, and then Robert took over after our lunch stop. We had driven a while when Suzanne said I know why we are not getting there as fast Robert is driving the speed limit-so who knows how fast she was driving. After getting checked in to our rooms and registering we walked over to Friday's for supper. All I will say about that is ask Aunt Suzanne way you can't order shrimp at Friday's on a Wednesday night. (The laughs were just getting started.)

After visiting the Boutique Thursday morning we boarded the hotel shuttle and headed to the Mall. On the shuttle we meet a lovely couple-Charles Douglas (of Brown's Ferry Gardens) and his fiancée Heidi Willet. They will be getting married this October. After lunch, and shopping (Cold Water Creek had some great buys) we were caught in a torrential down pour while waiting for the return shuttle to the hotel. The only part of me that was dry was my shoes- I had taken them off and put them in my shopping bag. Everyone on the shuttle was soaked-we all laughed and found-humor in it but the shuttle driver. Returning to the hotel lobby who should we run into but Gerald Hobbs and Ken Messer. They sure thought we were a comical sight. Ken said we looked terrible, like a bunch of drowned rats. Needless to say we did clean up well before the Welcome Reception. This was followed by the Live Auction. Can't say we bid on any plants, but it was interesting to see how much the plants sold for. Robert's comment was that \$300 plants die just as well as \$3.00 ones.

On Friday we loaded the buses after a hearty breakfast with our bus captains Don Lovell and Nan Rippy. Our first stop was at Kyle Billadeaus' Turtle Rock Gardens. The garden was breath taking with a large pond surrounded by daylilies, hostas and numerous perennials. Wonderful homemade treats were also found there including gooey chocolate brownies. Our next stop was to Karol Emmerich's Springwood Gardens. Wow! Enormous- the boulder walls, the thousands of seedlings, the large green house, the old farm house, the one room school house (city hall) and the picture like view. But what I remember the most are the numerous bronze status placed throughout the garden. Lunch was at the Oak Ridge Conference Center. The food was fabulous and the deserts were to die for. Yes I did have 2 deserts that day. We sat at a table with Dawn Tubessing from Prescott, Wisconsin. She shared lots of information about the area and the gardens since she had been to and had helped ready some of them for the conference. The last garden

carrying out the convention (gardens, scheduling, meals, etc.) did a super job. It was just wonderful in everyway.

Region 1 maybe where the fun began, but it is not where it ends. If you have not attended a national there is always another one next year and I would encourage you to go. Next year's convention is hosted by Region 6 in Houston, May 14-17, 2008.

A few of our club members emailed me about what they enjoyed about the 2007 convention, their responses follow as well as an invitation from the Region 6 RVP (elect) to "buck up" and come to Texas.

From Suzanne Moffit-

FUN, Flowers and Friends. The big one... The National AHS Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul Minnesota, July 25-28th. We left the morning of the 25th with everything in the Moffit van and off to Minnesota.

Our directions to the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel were the best, arriving we found our hotel in every respect superior which made our stay very pleasurable. Once we were settled in we went and registered, where we received a lovely daylily bag with many booklets of information and also a daylily plant. We each received a name badge with ID #, this we used for the live auction, silent auctions, Chinese auction, and raffles. We also pre-registered for our buses. Evenings we had social hours, live auctions, and banquets. Friday and Saturday morning we were on our buses by 7:15 for our garden tours. On Thursday through Saturday meetings and programs including Exhibitions Judges Clinics and Garden Judges Workshop after we returned from our garden tours. Many classes were so full they extended some.

There were 640 daylily lovers in attendance and they were served in a timely fashion every morning and evening from elegant layered deserts to a pastry wrapped chicken breast with a mushroom filling topped by a flower design on the top, and of course always a bar available.

Friday we started at Turtle Rock Gardens the home of Gene and Kyle Billadeau and family. I fondly remember the front entrance and the charming fairy garden with miniature varieties of daylilies, hostas, conifers and small alpines set the stage for a collection of fairy houses. Their backyard displayed extensive daylily plantings and a large rock garden, which houses many spider and UF daylilies, plus the pond where there are many turtles, they of course enjoy the rocks to sun themselves.

Next on to Karol and Dick Emmerich's Springwood Gardens, entering to see the boulder walls which dramatically set off their gardens and a 1862 one room school house which serves as the town hall. Karol has introduced daylilies since 2003, now she has thousands of seedlings in various stages. She has many beautiful bronze sculptures throughout her garden. (As Gerald said her place is truly amazing.) She says her work has just begun. On Saturday we also visited Karol's 3 acres of hilltop garden in the city,

with a display of approximately 1, 000 daylily cultivars, including guest plants, at least 350 varieties of mature hostas. It was described as a larger-than-life Impressionist Monet painting nestled against the hillside. The property consists of three home sites. Karol and the garden were featured in the June 2006 issue of Better Homes & Gardens. She is truly an amazing woman.

Kathy and Mike Lamb's Loon Song Gardens is best described as a "little piece of country" on 5 acres in a suburb 30 minutes from downtown Minneapolis, evening loon calls from the nearly 4, 900 acre Elm Creek Park Reserve inspired the garden name. Mature Scotch pine, spruce, oak, black locust, and maple trees surround the yard while 1, 800 feet of perimeter fencing protects the entire property from marauding deer. They have 1, 000 named daylily cultivars, with approximately 300 cultivars registered in the last 5 years. Several historic out buildings from the original 1800's farmstead are under renovation. About 6, 000 seedlings are under evaluation in Kathy's hybridizing program.

Steve Horan's garden welcomes you with its custom flagstone walk, colorful daylilies, companion perennials, and ornamental shrubs. The deck overlooks a broad lawn to the naturalistic water feature that anchors the garden. Mass plantings of ornamental grasses provide contrast. Steve loves to speak on the topic of daylilies with fellow garden enthusiasts.

Our ride to the Gary and Rita Schaben's Garden with a Northern Exposure will take you out of the bustling city past fields and farms of Minnesota agricultural heritage. The one acre garden near the border of USDA hardiness Zone 3, offers a unique opportunity to breed daylilies for cold climates. This is a hybridizer's garden, home to such award winning daylilies as "North Wind Dancer", "Debbie's Vows", "Minnesota Morning", and "Remembering Joan". They also had outstanding guest plants which showed impressive quality and breeding programs, they represent from across the nation.

If you have a chance, go to a National. Board a bus, getting together with gardening people from everywhere is a learning experience in itself, and have lots of Great FUN.

From Barb and Bob Papenhausen

THIS IS THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION BOB AND I HAVE ATTENDED. OUR CLUB AND REGION WAS WELL REPRESENTED AND WAS GREAT TO SPEND DAYS AND EVENINGS WITH GREAT FRIENDS. WE HAD TIME ON BUSES TO MEET NEW FRIENDS FROM OTHER PLACES. TWO SESSIONS HELD AFTERNOONS, THAT WE ATTENDED, WERE ROBIN MEMBERS AND A HYBRIDIZER FORUM, QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. WHICH WERE GREAT. WE WERE AMAZED AT THE AMOUNT OF GUEST PLANTS IN THE GARDENS WE VISITED AND HOW GREAT ALL THE GARDENS WERE..

From Zora Ronan

There were three events that were particularly memorable for me:

I took the Garden Judge's Workshop II and David Kirchoff was my garden mentor. What a treat and an education it was to spend 2 hours in a garden with David.

Melanie Mason was a bus captain on my bus. She explained how she counts 'branching.' Another mystery solved!

Steve Horan's garden was the highpoint of the garden tours. He has an average sized suburban lot that has been landscaped with a variety of plant material that enhances the daylilies. Because of the variety it is a garden that will last beyond daylily season.

From Sharon Murken

The daylilies themselves were the highlight of the convention for me. You get to see so many newer, absolutely gorgeous cultivars and also some oldies that you've never seen before but are very nice.

Springwood Gardens was just phenomenal. Jan & I were there a year ago in May for a garden judges workshop, and the progress they've made on restoring and beautifying the whole property just boggled my mind. However, there were too many seedlings for it to be my favorite stop. I get frustrated when I see lots of flowers I love but can't buy because they aren't named and registered. SO, Steve Horan's garden was my favorite garden on the tours. He has created such a jewel of a garden in a fairly small city lot, and it contained elements that any of us could incorporate into our own gardens. The convention makes you look at your own yard with a new perspective and inspires you to get out there and dig.

I'm having a load of black dirt delivered today because there just wasn't enough space to do justice to my purchases at Riverside. A new bed is in the making. :-)

From Steve Wingfield
Region 6 RVP (elect)

First National Convention

I had heard that some people go to a National Convention to see the flowers and the gardens. Later, I heard that it was the people who make the convention and the flowers and gardens are just a bonus. While both of these adages are true, I came to see the logistics of running a National Convention since Region 6 will be next years host in Houston.

The first two age-old sayings I found to be completely true. The flowers and gardens were spectacular. The height of the scapes, the performance of the dormant daylilies, and the "zero rust" on the foliage was very impressive. It was educational to see how a particular daylily performed in Minnesota versus my garden here in Texas. Generally, dormant daylilies do not survive or perform well because of the Texas heat and our mild winters. If they do survive, my dormant daylilies have half the scape height with fewer buds. Hence, a first time traveler was able to accurately see the beauty of daylilies that grow in a different region.

The people who do attend the Convention make the experience that lives with you longer than the memories of the flowers and gardens. During my short stay at the Convention, I was able to meet all sorts of people from the "Hall of Fame" daylily folks, hybridizers (both large and small in production), fellow Region 6 attendees, and most importantly, "common" daylily lovers like yours truly. One of the priceless aspects of attending a National Convention is having the opportunity to dine with or just walk up to one of the known hybridizers while touring a garden and ask them any question pertaining to daylilies and then receiving a free tutorial. On the other hand, it was the day-to-day interface with your new fellow attendees while either at the various meals and social hours, the auction, or on the bus tours (do you still know your bus buddy?) that creates lasting memories.

Logistically, the Convention was flawless. You could see the attention to detail throughout each day. While I was busy making copious notes of which daylilies I thought might survive here in Texas, I found myself only taking a relative few notes on how to improve upon running a National Convention. That is a testament to the hard work of the Convention organizers and volunteers.

Next year will be my second National Convention (May 14-17 in Houston) and I invite all of you to attend and am looking forward seeing you again.