

CVIDS Zoom Meeting February 12, 2022

CVIDS president, Darrin Lett, opened the February 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. He introduced Phil Fass, president pro-tem of the Centra Iowa Daylily Society, CIDS, who began his presentation on the 2022 Region One Regional, "Back in the Saddle Again," to be held in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Phil referred to the registration materials and information that have been emailed and which are available at the Regional website. The pdf registration can be filled out online or printed and mailed conventionally.

Friday's program includes two open gardens, Don Lovell and Nan Ripley. Don's garden included his broken pattern cultivars and many others. His Cyclone series are all diploids and his Hawkeye series are tetraploid.

Nan Ripley's introductions are beautifully set in her expansive garden and feature her 2019 Stout Silver Award winner, "Scarlet Pimpernel," among many other of her hybridizing efforts. These gardens are well-worth the trip.

Saturday bus tour gardens include Deb Husak, Roger and Corlis Brannanan in Marshalltown, Ash Creek Havens with 15 acres of beauty, Bob Wilson and his extensive collection and hybridization efforts and finally, Ginny Geetings.

Phil will be sending addresses for all these gardens.

Buzz called the CVIDS Business Meeting to order about 12:35 p.m.

First on the agenda was Treasurer's report by Shelly Lett. She reported that disbursements included daylilies purchased and dues that came in, giving us a current balance of \$14,769.35. She also reported that Jackie Westhoff will be auditing the CVIDS books during February.

Mary Jo Duffy then gave an update on the CVIDS website. She gave kudos to Jonathan Poulton and his years of work on our website. She is currently trying to switch to a new and simpler web browser, "Word Press," which hopefully will simplify input for herself and others. Sam McCord offered that he uses the same software for his business and indicated that he might assist Mary Jo.

Open Board vacancies were then discussed, including:

1. Secretary: ? still open

2. Membership: Joyce Parsons offered to continue working with membership and roll taking at club events. Shelly works with collecting dues and new members.

3. Newsletter editor: ?

4. Hospitality: I think Rex Raub offered to help with this.

5. Special Events: Keith Riewerts offered to head up the 2023 Region One Regional effort, but only with the help of everyone in the club as happened for our 2020 effort, which was cancelled due

to COVID. There are many questions to be answered quickly and much to do to prepare for this. Keith offered one possible title for the regional, 2023 ADS Region One Regional: "Goodbye COVID: Hello CVIDS!"

Following this, the discussion returned to duties of the Membership chair, treasured regarding dues, attendance and membership, including new member updates, etc.

Sue Kramer volunteered to work with the Spring Plant Sale in Muscatine. Heather Harroun said that the Muscatine Master Gardeners want to be included and likely Deb Bently with her Muscatine Garden Club may join us also.

Upcoming events include May 14 for the CVIDS Plant Distribution. It will now be a one-day event at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds, due to price increases for the facility. No food will be available, but members can bring snacks as they wish. **Update: the CVIDS Plant Distribution has been moved to May 21: Muscatine County Fairgrounds Floral Hall (West Liberty, IA).**

Darrin indicated that future venues will be selected at free-use facilities if possible. We will not be procuring a table at the Art of Gardening fair in Muscatine on March 14. Keith Riewerts will give a "Daylilies in your Garden" presentation at that event and will make CVIDS brochures available then.

The 2021 Calendar is tentatively set for the following dates:

1. **Mar 12: Williamsburg Church's Hall @ 1pm (all other venues were booked)**
2. April 9: TBD
3. **May 21: Muscatine County Fairgrounds Floral Hall (West Liberty, IA)**

June 4: TBD

July 15-17: CVIDS Regional Meeting, Marshalltown, Iowa

August 13: Plant Return

Sept: Optional/TBD

October 8: Hybridizers Workshop

November 12: CVIDS Annual Banquet

There was discussion about presentation topics for our programs, which focused on favoring topics relating to iris and daylilies. Joyce Parsons has worked with possible presenters regarding bonsai growing, Monarch butterflies, et. al. It was agreed that the bonsai topic would be very good. Shelly Lett offered to develop an Iris hybridizing presentation.

Darrin closed the meeting, repeating that he is always looking for positive feedback, not trying to reinvent the wheel...

A good time was had by all!

Respectfully submitted (and likely missing a few details... Keith Riewerts, acting secretary for one time only). Thanks, Keith!

Darrin Lett
CVIDS President