

March 14th, 2009 CVIDS Meeting Minutes, submitted by Nancy Carlisle, secretary

Marion Public Library

Vice President Mike Carstensen called the meeting together after everyone enjoyed a sumptuous potluck feast coordinated by Susan Minger with the Cedar Rapids area members bringing treats. Bob Papenhausen shared Whitey's ice cream malts in honor of his birthday.

Name tags were requested to be found, and if lost to recreate them as it is very beneficial for members to know each other. Nancy Carlisle volunteered to make new ones if needed. Minutes were approved from the February meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Moore reported that the balance on hand is \$5,408.71. Virtually all of the ordered plants have been paid for. New members are joining our group.

Pollen Dobbers meeting will be held in Marshalltown on March 21. Ruth Coleman reported that Jamie Gossard will discuss his Diploid Conversion Hybridizing program. Show of slides will begin in the morning. Speakers will bring plants for the auction. Fliers are available, and registration can occur at the door.

CVIDS next meeting will feature Don Lovell and hybridizers of Central Iowa. It will be held in Coralville Library on April 18th.

North Liberty Plant Sale will be held on May 9th. Bring your lilies and perennial plants marked. Pictures are nice to have available. Zora Ronan has agreed to coordinate advertising. She questioned who had the banner. Jean Hecht does.

Upcoming National events are near for the Iris lovers. Tall Bearded in Kansas City and Siberian in Minneapolis. American Hemerocallis meeting is being held in Orlando in May.

CVIDS Plant Distribution and Auction of remaining plants will be held in West Liberty at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds in the Floral Exhibit Hall. A donut breakfast will be available with time for members to peruse the purchased plants. Clay is working on the list of members eligible for plant drawings. Membership desires a list printed in the next newsletter.

The CVIDS Garden Tour for daylilies will be held on July 11th. Thanks to the members who will be opening their gardens for our tour. It was brought up about possibly coordinating a tour of members' iris gardens in May.

Discussion was held on the proposed meeting in September for a potluck and member plant auction. It is proposed to hold it in Scott County Park, but this is not felt to be a central location of the membership. Perhaps Iowa City or Cedar Rapids would be a better location. Kent Park, Indian Creek, Squaw Creek, and Palisades were mentioned as possible locations. If anyone has connections in checking on these locations, they were asked to check into them and bring back information to the April meeting.

Notice was provided about CVIDS charter founding member Frederick McDowell's death. A memorial plaque was sent to the services. Barry and Lynn Stoll attended. Motion by Jan Null, and seconded by Dave Appelquist to send \$100 to AHS in memory of Fred.

Barry led a discussion about establishing a memorial garden in Iowa City. Even though this was not accepted by the club in the past, perhaps we should pursue it again. Our membership is larger. Many gardens in Region One were influenced by Fred's. Jackie Westhoff proposed that a garden could be incorporated into a City Park design. Others mentioned contacting Kirkwood, Iowa City, or Marion gardens, perhaps Project Green. Ruth Coleman suggested that a committee be put together in looking at options. Lynn Stoll stated that a person could be hired for a summer job and paid a \$100 or so. Perhaps it could become an FFA or 4H garden project.

Stolls have discussed with Fred's daughter Elizabeth about having one of their seedlings to be named in honor of Fred. There is a Munson daylily called Fred McDowell. Comments were shared by various members of Dr. McDowell's impact into their gardening experience. (See article on page 5 and 6.)

One Eureka catalog was available. A Region One event schedule flier was available. Susan Minger brought up about food brought as a potluck. It is a feast or famine. Suzanne Minger volunteered to chair in Coralville. Motion made to have committees designated for each meeting. Bob Papenhausen showed gloves that he has purchased and is selling. All of the profits are returning as a donation to the club. Sign up sheet provided for order. M/S/C Minger/Barry Stoll for meeting adjournment

Program: Bob Papenhausen narrated a slide show as Barb had laryngitis. A preview of several of the CVIDS gardens on tour in July was shown, as well as pictures from the Ohio Region 2 meeting presenters of Joel Paulsen and Bob Faulkner. Lynn Stoll showed slides of their Walnut Hill 2008 and 2009 introductions. She discussed parentage and her goal of hybridizing sturdy northern daylilies. Seedling 0811, a cross of Bing Cherry Binge and Lake Effect will be considered by Elizabeth McDowell as the selection for Fred McDowell's named flower. Order List can be obtained at their website: Walnuthillnortherndaylily.com