

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the presentation last month on Indiana ferns. There are quite a few different types growing in Indiana. During the business meeting, the proposed budget was passed.

This month (Tuesday, April 5) our own Chuck Bunnell is presenting on "The Ups And Downs Of Hybridizing". Chuck is a retired PhD chemist from Eli Lilly who began growing iris fifteen years prior to his retirement and quickly found he could fill many hours with this hobby. He not only grows iris but has been hybridizing iris for the past 32 years. Chuck has introduced 14 iris in the Miniature Tall Bearded classification. His introduction, "Dividing Line", introduced in 2005, was the first MTB awarded the top honor in the American Iris Society, winning the Dykes Medal in 2014. His garden holds over 1000 named iris varieties along with his seedling beds which house up to another 1000 iris he is evaluating. He will share the challenges of developing new iris varieties.

We had another good time at the Flower & Patio Show. Many folks stopped by to visit and talk about flowers. Thanks to those of you who potted up plants last fall, we had over 40 varieties of flowers to sell with almost 80 pots. All the plants were sold and earned over \$500 for the club. A big thanks to all of you who volunteered to staff the booth!

The Hendricks County Master Gardener show will be coming up this month on Saturday, April 23, 9am-4pm in Danville, IN. If you would like to volunteer at this show, please let me know. If any of you have potted plants that could be sold, please bring them to our April meeting. Our supply of potted plants is quite low now because of the success of the Flower & Patio Show.

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Laurel Richardson has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee this year. Joining her are Gene Schroeder, and Bret Clement. If you have suggestions for officers, please let someone on the committee know. If you might be willing to serve in a position, please let them know.

As you are working in the garden this spring and have extra plants, bring them along to the April meeting to share with others in the free exchange. I'll be bringing some coffee/tea mugs featuring iris from the estate of the late Carol Morgan, an iris hybridizer from Michigan.

Thanks for your support of IDIS. See you soon,
Rod Maust, president

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2022 IDIS EVENTS

(All meetings 6:30pm at First Friends Church (fellowship hall), 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis, unless otherwise noted)

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Program: "The Ups And Downs Of Hybridizing"
(Charles Bunnell, Iris Hybridizer, Lafayette, IN)

April 11-16, 2022
American Iris Society National Convention
(Las Cruces, NM)

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Saturday, April 23, 2022
“Gardening For All Ages”, 9am-4pm
Hendricks County Master Gardener Show
(Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
No program, Distribution of NCAP daylilies
(Members only)

Saturday, May 21, 2022
IDIS Iris Show
Set-up: 8am-10:30am
Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm
Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm
(TBA)

May 27-28, 2022
American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting
(Paw Paw, MI)

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Program: TBA
(Dan Hansen, Ladybug Daylilies, Geneva, FL)

Saturday, July 2, 2022
IDIS Daylily Show
Set-up: 8am-10:30am
Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm
Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm
(Sullivan Hardware & Garden pavilion)

July 6-9, 2022
American Daylily Society National Convention
(Ashville, NC)

July 15-17, 2022
American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting
(Columbus, OH)

Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Program: "What Is Happening At Riverbend Gardens?"
(Sandy Holmes, Riverbend Daylily Garden, Xenia, OH)

Saturday, August 13, 2022
Annual Daylily/Iris Sale
Set-up: 8am
Member buying: 9:45am
Public buying: 10am-3pm
(Allisonville Home & Garden, 11405 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN)

Saturday, September 3, 2022
Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, & NCAP Daylily Auction
(Members and guests only)
Set-up: 12:15pm
Auction: 1:00pm
(Lezlie and Pat Myers, Lebanon, IN)

Saturday, September 17, 2022
American Iris Society Region 2 Fall Meeting
(Fort Wayne, IN)