

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

At the end of June we were able to hold our Daylily Show again after missing last year. Thanks to Lezlie and Greg for coordinating the event, and to everyone who brought flowers to share! There were over 100 flowers to appreciate. See Lezlie's report elsewhere in the newsletter.

Phil Korth gave an interesting presentation in June on his daylily hybridizing work in Wisconsin and showed some beautiful flowers. Some lucky folks were able to buy the plants that he brought along for auction. This month we will be hearing from Don Wolff of Wolff's Daylilies. Don and his wife, Claudia, live on an average size residential lot in Louisville, KY. They have limited space to plant seedlings, evaluate them, and line out those he's registered. He started hybridizing in 1996 and to date has registered 26 daylilies of which 23 have been doubles. Don's favorite form of daylily is the double and in recent years he's been working with double unusual forms such as 'Ginseng Man', 2013, 'Sippin Bourbon' 2014, and 'Bourbon and a Fine Cigar' 2016.

Our NCAP iris will be distributed at our August meeting. Peggy is getting a shipment from Hooker and Bonnie Nichols with a mixture of novelty iris. These will be grown for two years and then the increase returned for the IDIS August plant sale in 2023. We hope to get pictures out before our meeting so folks can review the flowers.

The Nominating Committee will be presenting the slate of nominees for 2022 officers at the August meeting. There will be an election requiring two-thirds vote of the members present. The slate includes President--Rod Maust, First Vice-President--Mary Vinson, Second Vice-President--Greg Beavers, Recording Secretary--Janet Wilke, Corresponding Secretary--Lezlie Myers, and Treasurer--Tom Bohn. Consider volunteering to become an officer for 2023.

August will also bring us our annual plant sale at Sullivan Hardware & Garden Center after a pause last year. There will be daylilies and iris to dig at Gregg and Linda Sutter's place.

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Doris Winton also wants to donate some iris for this year's sale as she downsizes, and will need help with dividing and labeling. We'll need volunteers who have some time in the week before the sale (August 14) to help dig, clean, divide, and/or label sale plants. Might you be able to help? Are there plants from your own garden that you might contribute? This is our main fund raiser which supports our speaker bureau, flower shows, NCAP program, and other IDIS benefits. Find out more about our sale here in the newsletter.

IDIS is hosting the AIS Region 6 Fall Meeting on September 18 in the Fort Wayne area. Peggy is coordinating this for our club. If you can volunteer, please contact Peggy. AIS Region 6 is looking for a club to host the Spring meeting in 2024. Might this be something we want to do? It's usually a Friday evening and Saturday event. Would you be willing to volunteer if we sponsored the event? What are your thoughts on this?

As is our custom, there will be a spot for free plants at the meeting. As you're working in your garden, consider bringing an extra plant along to share.

Thanks for your support of IDIS,
Rod Maust, IDIS president

Daylily Show

Thank you to all who helped put on a terrific Daylily Show this past Saturday at Sullivan's. We had 8 exhibitors bringing a total of 120 daylilies to be judged. I saw lots of blue and purple ribbons on many beautiful daylilies!

Our head table winners were as follows:

Extra Large Flower 7": Rod Maust with Big Spender

Large Flower 4.5- 7": Lezlie Myers with Indy Fireworks

Small Flower 3-4.5": Greg Beavers with Brookwood Wow

Miniature Flower Less than 3": Greg Beavers with Burgundy Babe

Double Flower: Greg Beavers with Double Angels

Spider Flower: Rod Maust with Small Wonder

UFO: Greg Beavers with Adavier

Popularity Poll: Rod Maust with All American Chief

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The Best in Show went to **Greg Beavers with Brookwood Wow**. Congratulations!

Rod Maust won the Sweepstakes with 32 entries. Nice job!

Yes, it is a sacrifice to cut the scape and bring it to the show, I know, but it's a great way to show others what beautiful daylilies you grow and educate the public on daylilies. Plus, a little friendly competition!

So, we hope to see many of you exhibiting next year!!

Why should I consider becoming a Garden Judge?

If you are highly interested in daylilies and want to learn more about them, you should consider becoming a garden judge. Garden judges learn to look at the "whole plant" in evaluating what makes a great garden plant. Some of the areas judges are trained to evaluate are: foliage, plant vigor, scape height, bud placement, overall beauty and distinction of the bloom and plant, resistance to disease, form, and bloom substance. As a garden judge, you are encouraged to grow a representative sampling of all forms and types of daylilies so that you can better train your eyes to recognize outstanding plant performance as well as gain knowledge of the various forms of daylilies.

Daylily Garden Judges 1 will be offered at 5 pm, Aug 3, before the regularly scheduled August meeting at First Friends. To attend, you must have been a member of AHS for one year. It is a very informative class, and even those who are not planning to become daylily garden judges would pick up some useful information. It may be taken on an audit basis. Please join us. For those unable to work this into their schedules, it will again be offered online in October.

ANNUAL IDIS SALE - DAYLILIES AND IRISES

The annual sale is our main source of income for the next year, so everyone please pitch in with

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either plants or time on duty or BOTH! We missed 2020 due to the pandemic so this year should be a great sale.

Saturday, August 14, 2021 Sullivan's Hardware

71st & Keystone Ave, Indianapolis Co-chairs:

**Peggy Allen (dpmallen52@gmail.com) or
317-260-0257 John Everitt (everittjt@gmail.com)
or 317-627-1609 Set up: 8:00 AM until 9:45 AM**

We need lots of helpers to distribute plants into display boxes, match info sheets and photos, and set up signs.

Sale open to members — 9:45 AM-10:00 AM

Sale open to the public — 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Plants: Please bring only plants you would want to purchase—good cultivars that are healthy and strong.

Iris rhizomes and daylily double fans should be cleaned, trimmed, and labeled (name, color, type, season, height, flower size, and price). *To maintain*

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*sale-worthy appearance, cut daylily foliage
BEFORE you dig to avoid broken, bent fans.*

Pricing the plants:

Irises — Tall bearded — \$6.00 each

Medians - \$4.00 each or 2 for \$6.00 . Beardless
irises — \$8.00

Daylilies — Cultivars registered prior to 2010 -
\$5.00 for double fan Cultivars registered 2010 and
after - Prices will be calculated for you at the sale.
Donations of very recent introductions will be
priced accordingly and placed on a special
“Connoisseurs’ Table.”

Special price for Stella de Oro - \$3.00 for small
clump

Good pictures sell plants

We hope you can bring a good photo of the flowers
you bring, but if you don't, email or call in your list
of photos needed. Requests for photos (Iris-

Peggy. Daylily-John) are needed by Wednesday, August 11th.

Qualifying credits: Donate at least 10 plants or work a minimum of 4 hours and earn credits toward the NCAP (club plant) and Registration Reimbursement programs.

We will be in Sullivan's greenhouse again as in recent years. IDIS will provide cold bottles of water. Bring a lunch and drinks in a small cooler. There is Sully's Grill in the store that offers sandwiches and drinks. The only restaurant within walking distance is Dairy Queen (but they have GREAT tasting hamburgers)!

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR IDIS SHIRT!

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

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Program: "Front Yard, Back Yard, and Side Yard Hybridizing"
(Don Wolff, Wolff's Daylilies, Louisville, KY)

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Annual Daylily/Iris Sale

Set-up: 8am

Member buying: 9:45am

Public buying: 10am-3pm

(Sullivan Hardware & Garden)

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Annual Pitch-In, Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, & NCAP Daylily Auction
(Members and guests only)

Set-up: 11am, Lunch: 11:45am

Auction: 12:45pm

First Friends Church (hall)

Saturday, September 18, 2021

American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting

(Fort Wayne, IN, hosted by IDIS)

