

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greeting Gardening Friends,

What a wet spring we've had, and then a chilling frost in May. I did try Peggy's suggestion of covering iris buds with socks and it did seem to help but many remained uncovered and the initial blooms were damaged. Now it seems the flowers are recovering and my iris are looking lovely. The Siberian iris are also starting to bloom and the spuria are getting buds. The daylilies are showing good growth and I expect a good display of flowers in my daylily beds.

The limitations from the coronavirus continue to impact our lives. In mid-May the Chicago Daylily Society decided to cancel their daylily show scheduled for July 19 as well as their daylily sale in August. The Fort Wayne Daylily Society, on the other hand, is hoping to still hold their show on July 11. In May we were informed that the Holliday Park Nature Center would be closed through June and likely into July. The park manager reported that when they do reopen, "we will have severely limited capacity" and recommended that the show be cancelled. After reviewing the situation, the board decided **to cancel the daylily show this year**. A special "Thank you" to Lezlie and Greg for the work they've already done on the show. It requires much time and effort beforehand to get everything in order and have things run smoothly. I hope we can resume our regular schedule of shows again next year and use their expertise. Perhaps we can visit each other's gardens this summer, being able to maintain social distancing while enjoying the flowers. A decision has not yet been made about our August and September events. Hopefully we'll have more clarity by July.

The NCAP daylily distribution has been completed via email and I hope the plants are now safely in the ground. The host growers will soon be posted on our website. Special thanks to Cara and Steve for coordinating the program, potting up all forty plants, and tending them (including moving them inside when there was the frost forecast) until they could be distributed. Thanks to all of you who were patient with the process.

The NCAP iris plan is also moving forward as Chuck is ordering iris from Mid-America Garden in Salem, OR. We may follow a similar process of distribution when they arrive this summer if our meetings are cancelled.

Thanks for your support of IDIS through all the changes and adjustments we have faced this year. The rain will stop and the sun will shine again.

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(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

July 10-12, 2020

American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting
(Coshocton, OH)

Saturday, July 18, 2020

IDIS Daylily Show

Set-up: 9am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(Holliday Park Nature Center)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

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

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Annual Daylily/Iris Sale

Set-up: 8am

Member buying: 9:45am

Public buying: 10am-3pm

(Sullivan Hardware & Garden)

Saturday, September 12, 2020

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 19, 2020

American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting
(Fort Wayne, IN, hosted by IDIS)

