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## Indiana Daylily – Iris Society



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### March 2019 Newsletter

Website:

[www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com)

Greeting Gardening Friends,

What a fluctuating winter we've had! With the widely varying temperatures, I had some iris heave out of the ground since they were planted late in the year, but I trust they'll find a way to survive.

Laurel has lined up some interesting speakers again this year and we will open with a presentation by Greg Beavers on "Bluebirds in your garden". He'll show us a few pictures of his flower beds and then talk about bluebirds: their habitat, design and placement of nesting boxes, how to control predators, how to attract them, etc. He'll also have a few nesting boxes for sale for those interested. An interesting topic as we think about our flower beds in the larger context of the garden biome.

A new experience this year will be a booth at the Flower and Patio Show from March 9-17 at the State Fairgrounds. It's considered an educational booth so we'll have our flyers on growing daylilies and iris. There will also be a few potted iris plants for sale even though they are dormant. I'm looking for volunteers to help staff the booth. This would just involve talking with the public about your experience growing these plants. The show runs from 10am to 8pm every day except Sundays which are 10am to 5pm. If you could volunteer for a morning (10am-3pm) or afternoon (3pm-8pm) shift, it would be appreciated. (Sundays could be 10am-2pm or 1pm to 5pm). This is a qualifying event toward the NCAP and registration refund programs. One is welcome to volunteer for a shorter time as well if a full shift doesn't work for your schedule. There are free parking passes

and entrance passes available for volunteers. It should be a fun event. Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Another change we're trying this year involves the fall banquet. Our attendance has been low at recent banquets and it has been suggested that we try another format. We will be having a pitch-in picnic, (possibly at Eagle Creek Park) on **Sunday**, October 6th. Instead of recruiting an outside speaker and having a catered meal, we will be using our funds to purchase both daylilies and iris plants to give away to attending members. We will still have the show award winners announced as well as installation of the officers. There will be more information about the event later in the year.

As you all know, Emily Poor graciously donated Jim's daylilies to our club. These were dug last summer by John Everitt, Dan Howell, and Tom Bohn. About half of them will be offered at our August plant sale. However as club members, we will get first choice on buying his plants. John has made a PDF of Jim's daylilies, along with an order form. Please review the list, fill out the order form, and bring it to the March or April meeting. Give the order form and your payment to Tom Bohn. Your plants will be brought to the May meeting. This means we can get the daylilies planted yet this spring and won't need to wait until the August sale. Thanks John for this early sale opportunity!

At our March business meeting, we will review and pass a budget for this year. Please review the budget and if you have any questions about it, feel free to talk with Tom or me beforehand.

We have also been asked by the AIS Region 6 if we would host the September 19, 2020 fall regional meeting. It is usually held in the Fort Wayne area because of its central location for the region. The board has endorsed accepting this assignment upon approval of the membership. Four members have already vol-

unteered to take on this assignment if the membership up to \$150 be available toward registration costs approves moving forward.

Another item for the business meeting will be the registration refund program. As you may know, there are not always regional daylily and iris meetings as it's become increasingly difficult to find sponsoring clubs. The registration fees for iris and day-lily **regional** meetings are quite different. (eg the last iris regional cost \$45, while the last daylily regional cost \$145). The **national** meetings are more comparable. (eg this year's iris national is \$330, while the daylily national is \$289). It seems in the interest of fairness, that the same reimbursement should be available to all qualifying members. The board is recommending that

for **our** regional or national meetings. This motion would fall under the "exception" clause in our current registration refund program. What are your thoughts on this?

Spring is coming. Flowers are waiting to burst forth. What new blooms will we see for the first time this year in our own gardens? Hang on, there's an exciting ride ahead this year! See you soon,

Rod Maust, President

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**Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:30 PM**

**First Friends Church**

**3030 Kessler Blvd E Drive**

**Indianapolis**

***About Our Speaker***

**"Bluebirds In The Garden"**

Greg Beavers from Bloomington IN will speak on Bluebirds. (not to be confused with the aggressive Blue-jays)

He'll show us a few pictures of his flower beds and then talk about bluebirds: their habitat, design and placement of nesting boxes, how to control predators, how to attract them, etc. He'll also have a few nesting boxes for sale for those interested. An interesting topic as we think about our flower beds in the larger context of the garden biome.

We all love these beautiful birds, and perhaps we can learn how to attract them to our gardens and the benefits of doing so. I know that Alex has been making houses for them for years, so we will love learning more about them!



## Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

### **2019 IDIS EVENTS**

(all meetings 6:30 P.M. at First Friends Church (parlor) 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis, unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
Program: "Bluebirds In The Garden"  
(Greg Beavers, Bloomington, IN)

March 9-17, 2019  
Flower & Patio Show booth  
(Indiana State Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, April 2, 2019  
Program: "Daylilies"  
(Steve Williams, O'Bannon Springs Daylilies)

Saturday, April 13, 2019  
"Gardening For All Ages", 9am-4pm  
Hendricks County Master Gardener Show  
(Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

April 23-27, 2019  
American Iris Society National Convention  
(San Ramon, CA)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019  
Program: "Daffodils"  
(Lisa Kuduk, American Daffodil Society)

Saturday, May 18, 2019  
IDIS Iris Show  
Set-up: 8am-10:30am  
Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm  
Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm  
(Sullivan Hardware & Garden pavilion)

May 24-25, 2019  
American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting  
(Auburn, IN)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019  
Program: "Reblooming Iris"  
(Mike Lockatell, Roots & Blooms)

Saturday, June 29, 2019  
IDIS Daylily Show  
Set-up: 8am-10:30am  
Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm  
Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm  
(Sullivan Hardware & Garden pavilion)

July 10-13, 2019  
American Daylily Society National Convention  
(Madison, WI)

Tuesday, August 6, 2019  
Program: TBA

Saturday, August 17, 2019  
Annual Daylily/Iris Sale  
Set-up: 8am  
Member buying: 9:45am  
Public buying: 10am-3pm  
(Sullivan Hardware & Garden)

Saturday, September 14, 2019  
"Annual Pitch-In, Plant Exchange, & NCAP Daylily Auction"  
Set-up: 11am, Lunch: 11:45am  
Auction: 12:45pm  
First Friends Church (hall)

Sunday, October 6, 2019  
"Awards Event"  
Set-up: 11am, Pitch-in lunch: 1:30  
Location yet to be determined

Red font indicates local events  
Black font indicates regional/national events