

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

The birds are singing, the snowdrops are blooming...sure signs that spring is on its way.

What a pleasant surprise we had last fall when we received an unsolicited donation of \$500 from the **Glick Gives Fund**. A member of the Gene B. Glick Company came to our August sale and then suggested that the fund give a grant to support the work of our club. What an unexpected gift! Many thanks for this generous donation!

Thanks to Mary Vinson for already representing our club this year at the February Master Gardener Spring Garden Clinic held at St Luke's United Methodist Church.

Greg has lined up some great speakers for 2024. **Tuesday, March 5** will feature our own Chuck Bunnell presenting "The Move: Relocating An Iris Garden". 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 34 years. Chuck has introduced 14 iris in the Miniature Tall Bearded classification. His introduction, "Dividing Line", introduced in 2005, was the first MTB iris awarded the top honor in the American Iris Society, winning the Dykes Medal in 2014. This past summer, he and his wife, Barb, moved from their 10 acre homestead to a small lakeside plot. Moving from a garden with over 1000 named iris varieties, along with his www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com

seedling beds which housed up to another 1000 iris he was evaluating, became a challenge. Join us as he shares his decision-making about which iris to move, what the process involved, and what to consider if you are moving to a new location.

We will again have a free educational booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show, March 9-17. The show opens each day at 10am and usually closes at 7 or 8pm. Might you have four hours of time to volunteer at the booth? You get free admission and can visit the many other booths when you're not working. There will be a sign up sheet at our March meeting.

We will also have a booth at the Hendricks County Master Gardener Show on Saturday, April 27. This year we will be adding a booth at the Johnson County Garden Celebration on Saturday, May 14.

There are some things to note this year. **1.** Our May meeting will again be on the second Tuesday because of the primary election on the first Tuesday. **2.** We will have an Iris Show on Saturday, May 18 at the Judge Stone House in Noblesville. There will be no Daylily Show this year. **3.** The NCAP daylily distribution will be at our June 4 meeting. We will forgo a speaker in June since the NCAP daylily distribution is often quite lengthy. **4.** We will have a meeting in July this year, Tuesday, July 2. **5.** In addition to the speaker in August, we will have the NCAP iris distribution. **6.** We will again hold our August plant sale at Avon Gardens, August 10.

It's not too early to begin thinking about 2025. Laurel Richardson, Alex Sutherland, and Mary Vinson have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Is there some position you might be willing to fill? Is there someone you might recommend or encourage? Would you have an interest in shadowing a current board member to see what a position might involve?

The main agenda at the March meeting will be the review and approval of the 2024 budget which is attached. Please review this prior to the meeting and if you have any questions about a line item, contact Tom Bohn or me.

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The preliminary lists of NCAP and Registration Refund members are also attached. Please review these lists to check your status. Some folks forgot to sign the attendance sheet...please be sure to do that each meeting.

Be sure to also look over the 2024 calendar of events as it includes both regional and national meetings which you may want to attend.

Thanks again for your support and participation in IDIS. See you soon,

Rod Maust, IDIS president

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2024 IDIS EVENTS

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Program: "The Move: Relocating An Iris Garden", (Chuck Bunnell, Otterbein, IN)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

March 9-17—Flower & Patio Show booth, State Fairgrounds

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Program: "The Present and Future of Novelty Bearded Iris", (David Toth, Pickrell, NE)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

April 27—Hendricks County Master Gardener booth, Danville, IN

May 4—Johnson County Garden Celebration booth, Franklin, IN

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Program: "How Daylilies Grow and Divide", (Gus Guzinski, Kalamakoo, MI)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

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Saturday, May 18, 2024—Iris Show “Iris In Wonderland”

Time: Set-up: 8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Judging: 10:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

Public Viewing: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Place: Judge Stone House, 107 S 8th St, Noblesville, IN

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Program: NCAP daylily distribution (Members only)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

June 12-15—American Daylily Society National Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

June 22—American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting, Avilla, IN

June 26-29—American Iris Society National Convention, Portland, OR

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Program: “Evolution of a Garden From Pasture to Paradise”, (Laura Teague, Madisonville, KY)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

July 19-21—American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting, Wooster, OH

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Program: “Hybridizing Daylilies in the Midwest”, (Steven Franklin, Louisville, KY)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

Saturday, August 10, 2024—IDIS Annual Daylily/Iris plant sale

Time: Setup: 8am, Membership buying: 9:45am

Public Buying: 10am-3pm

Place: Avon Gardens, 6259 E County Rd 91N, Avon, IN

Saturday, September 7, 2024—Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, NCAP Daylily Auction
(members and guests only)

Time: Set-up: 11:00 A.M.; Lunch: 11:45 A.M.;

Auction: 12:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

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Saturday, September 21—American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting, Avilla, IN