

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

What a good feeling to be able to meet together in person again at our April meeting. I hope you enjoyed Lana's presentation on the variety of plants she grows in her garden. Several lucky bidders were able to go home with the remaining NCAP daylily plants from 2020.

Due to an unforeseen change in plans, our own Peggy Harger-Allen will be presenting "Historic Iris" at our May meeting, (which will again be in the First Friends Church fellowship hall, wearing masks and social distancing). Her presentation will also qualify as a judge's training for those of you who want it or need it. Peggy divides her time between bird watching and gardening. Peggy's Mother and Grandmother grew iris and they became a favorite flower in the 1950's. She joined IDIS in 2005 and started studying iris seriously at that time. Today she grows about 350 varieties of iris and 150 daylilies with an emphasis on black iris and historic iris (iris introduced over 30 years ago). Her garden is one of the display gardens of the Historic Iris Preservation Society. She is a garden/exhibition judge of the American Iris Society. Currently she serves as treasurer for the AIS Region 6. She is also coordinating the AIS Region 6 fall meeting which IDIS is hosting this year. She's won many ribbons over the years for her iris.

Phil Korth has been rescheduled for our June 1st meeting. This may be a zoom meeting so that Phil doesn't have to make the long trip from Wisconsin. Stay tuned for final details on the June meeting.

We had another successful booth at the Hendricks County Master Gardener show on April 24th. We had 12 varieties of daylilies and 27 varieties of iris to sell that were www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com

all potted up. We were able to have several blooming iris on display because of the warm weather we've had this spring. This month we will have a booth at the Garfield Park Master Gardener plant sale on May 15 in lieu of our show. Since this is a fund raiser for their own club, they asked that we not sell plants there, but have a display of blooming iris for the public to see. The sale runs from 9am to noon. If you would like to volunteer to help staff the booth, please let me know.

May will also be the time for the NCAP daylily distribution. Greg Beavers has already ordered our plants from Eric Simpson, a former member of IDIS, currently at Blue Ridge Daylilies in NC. Because of Covid, those who qualified last year are again qualified this year. Please see the attached list of qualified members. Remember that you must also be a member of AHS to be in the first round of drawings. Those who are not AHS members are in the second round (along with dual membership spouses not included in the first round.) We hope to have the flowers on our website soon so that you can get your list ready.

Don't forget the Nominating Committee and their work. Might you venture into volunteering for a board position? Do you know of someone who would be a good board member? Let Laurel, Gene, Janet, or Linda Sutter know of your suggestions.

As always, we'll again have a place for free plants at our May meeting. If you're working in your garden and have an extra plant, consider bringing it along to the meeting to share with others.

Thanks for your support of IDIS! Your active participation is what keeps the club going. See you soon,

Rod Maust, President

Peggy's garden



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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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Program: "Historic Iris"

(Peggy Harger-Allen, Whitestown, IN)

Saturday, May 15, 2021

IDIS Iris Show

Set-up: 8am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(TBA)

May 20-22, 2021

American Daylily Society National Convention

(Hattiesburg, Mississippi)

May 22-23, 2021

American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting

(Cleveland, OH)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Program: "Hybridizing in the Tundra"

(Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, WI)

Saturday, June 26, 2021

IDIS Daylily Show

Set-up: 9am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(Sullivan Hardware & Garden Center)

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July 9-11, 2021

American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting
(Springfield, IL)

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)