# **Indiana IDIS Newsletter**



## President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

What an informative program Jody Nolin gave us in April on comparing bearded and beardless iris. Those present also got judge's training credit as an extra bonus. Two new members who joined at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show were introduced...welcome Sharon and Sarah!

This month we'll be meeting on the second Tuesday, May 9 and will hear from Jerry Marlatt of Ogden Station Daylilies, Blissfield, MI. Ogden Station became a booming community in the 1870's when the railroad was built. Jerry and his wife, Lisa, started Ogden Station Daylilies in 2007 when they bought 400 daylily seedlings from Fred Sheill of AuGres, MI. They have since added nearly 800 registered varieties, including miniatures, spiders, unusual forms, and double. They've been concentrating on building a collection of reblooming daylilies. Jerry has introduced almost 100 cultivars through his own hybridizing work. He will share about his own program and is bringing along 10+ introductions that will be up for auction. See the attached list of cultivars he's bringing. Don't forget your checkbooks.

This month we'll also have the opportunity to display some iris at the Avon Gardens Peony Festival on Sunday, May 21, 11am-4pm. Set up starts at 8am and Peggy is coordinating our display. This will be a chance to share some of your favorite iris with the public. We'll have handouts about growing iris and about our club's activities. We'll hear more about it at our May meeting.

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, Mary, or Bret know of your suggestions.

Our June meeting will include the NCAP daylily distribution and we will not have a formal speaker.

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The Johnson County Garden Club will be holding their annual event on Saturday, May 6, 9am-3pm at the fairgrounds in Franklin, IN. Parking is free but there is a \$2 admission to the show. See the link for more information <u>https://www.festivalcountryindiana.com/johnson-county-garden-celebration</u>

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

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

Rod Maust, IDIS president



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1. CORRECTION to booklet page 6: Iris display will be Sunday (not Sat) May 21st at Avon Gardens Peony Festival

2. Iris Display at Avon Gardens on Sunday May 21 from 11am-5pm

IDIS is not having a sanctioned iris show in 2023 (returning in 2024) but we plan to have an informal display of stalks at the Avon Gardens Peony Festival. If you have stalks and would like to be a part of the display please bring some of your favorites between 8-10am during set up. IDIS will have a booth, glass vases (tall and short) with water and tables to display. Visitors will have one blue ribbon each to place with his or her favorite entry. This will be just for fun and not a judged show. Hope to see you there!

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# 2023 IDIS EVENTS

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

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Program: "Keeping Ogden Station On The Map One Daylily At A Time" (Jerry Marlatt, Ogden Station Daylilies, Blissfield, MI) Time: 6:30 P.M. Place: First Friends Church 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

**May 21, 11am-4pm**—Avon Gardens Peony Festival (Iris display) **June 2-3**—AIS Region 6 Spring meeting, Lansing, MI

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Program: NCAP distribution (Members only) Time: 6:30 P.M. Place: First Friends Church 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

June 15-17—AHS National Convention, Nashville, TN

Saturday, July 1, 2023—Daylily Show

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

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July 21-23—AHS Region 2 Summer meeting, Lansing, MI

## Tuesday, August 1 Program: "Louisiana Iris: Taming An American Wildflower" (Steve Poole, Eldorado, IL)

Time: 6:30 P.M. Place: First Friends Church 3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

#### Saturday, August 12, 2023—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 2, 2023—Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, NCAP Daylily

Auction, & NCAP iris distribution (members and guests only) Time: Set-up: 11:00 A.M.; Lunch: 11:45 A.M.; Auction: 12:45 P.M. Place: First Friends Church 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis

Saturday, September 16—AIS Region 6 Fall Meeting, Ft Wayne area

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