Indiana IDIS Newsletter







President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

I hope you enjoyed Don Wolff's presentation on his work with unusual double forms of daylilies. He graciously donated all the auction proceeds from the nine introductions that he brought along.

What a wonderful plant sale we had again this year at Sullivan Hardware & Garden Center. A special thanks to all who contributed labor and plants for the sale! It involved several days of digging of Jim Poor's cultivars that continue to multiply in the rich soil at Gregg and Linda's farmstead. Thanks to Peggy and John for again doing a yeoman's job of organizing the sale! It takes lots of work from many folks to make it a success. Thanks for your contribution!

Congratulations are again in order to Chuck Bunnell as he continues to win awards at the national level for his iris introductions! His Hoosier Belle won the Williamson-White Medal for the best Miniature Tall Bearded iris. Breakfast In Bed was a runner up. See Peggy's article elsewhere in the newsletter on his achievements.

Congratulations to Mary Lou Swann-Young as her Cold Hands Warm Heart was in the runner up category for the Intermediate iris Award of Merit.

This September we will again be meeting at Lezlie Myers' house. We will have a brief business meeting followed by the auction of the NCAP daylilies from Karol Emmerich that we received in 2018. You are invited to start arriving around 12:15 so that John and Dan can check in the plants and get them set up. The meeting/auction will begin at 1pm. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If you wish, you may bring along your own sack lunch to eat prior to the auction. Please bring your own beverage. In light of the new delta variant going around, we ask everyone to again wear a mask, and maintain social distancing for the mutual safety of our fellow club members.

One item of business will be the discussion of possibly hosting the American Iris Society Region 6 spring meeting in 2024. Please see Peggy's article about what would be involved elsewhere in this newsletter. Is anyone willing to step up as chairperson for the event?

Here is the link of 2018 NCAP host growers and the Emmerich plants that are to be returned at our September 11 meeting, http://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/
NCAP_Daylily_2018.html Please find your name and the flowers that you are to return. You www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com

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are to dig the clump, save two fans for yourself, and then return the increase for the club auction. Please divide them into double fans and be sure each double fan is clearly labeled, ready for the auction. Put them in a bag with your name on it so you get credit for its return. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please make arrangements to drop off your plants with John Everitt, <<u>everittjt@gmail.com</u>>, (or some other member who will be attending) prior to the meeting. Please notify John of any errors or losses.

This year we will also be selling three cultivars from George Doorakian which he donated in 2018, <u>Senator Edward M Kennedy</u>, <u>Phill Warbasse</u>, <u>Cosmic Explosion</u>. These have been growing in the flower bed at Shalom Mennonite Church. There should be several double fans of each cultivar.

We will also have an area for the free plant exchange. If you are dividing clumps of something and have extra, bring them along to share. If you have garden related items you no longer want, bring them along. Does anyone know who brought Lavender Tutu to the free exchange last year? If so, please let me know.

Lezlie lives at 3273 E. 700 South, Lebanon, IN 46052. This is about 5 miles west of I-65. On I-65 take the Whitestown/Zionsville exit #130 and go west on Whitestown Parkway. Whitestown Parkway will tee into 267. Go south on 267 to the first road going west (700 South) (Mt Tabor Primitive Baptist Church is at that corner.) Her house will be 3273 on the south side of the road.

Thanks for your ongoing support of IDIS, See you soon, Rod Maust, IDIS president

HOSTS RETURNING EMMERICH DAYLILIES

Peggy Allen Song of Deliverance

Tom Anders Caught Up in the Clouds

No Ordinary Child

Jeff Barnett Free the Captives

Spoken in Parables

Nancy Barnett Fear Not

Greg Beavers Broken Chains

Let the Sea Resound

Jeanette Blackstone. Rainbow in the Clouds

Bret Clement Mystery of the Ages

Song of the Sea

John Everitt Love Never Fails

Rainbow in the Clouds

Marie Everitt Minnesota nice

Dan Howell Dreamer of Dreams

From Sea to Shining Sea

www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com

Rod Maust Hold Me Close

Kingdom Bound

Lezlie Myers Guard Your Heart

Not Guilty

Kent Rumbaugh Shining Through the Darkness

Gene Schroeder Called to Freedom

Jackie Schroeder Vision of Things to Come

Pat Siegman Spoken in Parables

Through a Glass Darkly

Nancy Sutherland Cord of Three Strands

World Without End

Alex Sutherland Love Never Fails

Gregg Sutter Terrible Swift Sword

Linda Sutter Gentle Answer

Steve Wildermuth Citizen of Heaven

Sons of Thunder

Cara Wildermuth All Things to All Men

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Iris Info fromm Peggy

AIS Region 6 Spring Regional Iris Convention May 2024 - Seeking feedback from the membership.

AIS Region 6 (Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana) hosts a two day spring regional in May each year (around May 17-18 or 24-25). They are looking for an Indiana club to host in 2024. Is this something we might want to consider? It is a large commitment and the board needs feedback from the membership.

It takes lots of volunteers to host a regional. It takes a committed Chairperson or Co-chairs to have the time to work it both immediately, in 2022 and in 2024. It takes 3-4 committed gardeners for guest gardens for the entire two years (maintenance is key). One reason the AIS holds these regional conventions is to evaluate recent introductions in the garden and to be able to recommend new plants to the gardening public.

IDIS has hosted the regional in 2017, 2011, 2005, etc. Here are some of the tasks involved:

Convention Chairperson - **immediate commitment** Note: Barb, Chuck and Peggy are unable to

chair the event or be guest gardens.

Guest gardens (3-4 gardens)

Motel accommodations (remember the Month of May in Indianapolis is packed and a motel may be impossible fo find).

Convention booklet

Convention bags

Guest iris coordinator (**tasks now**, 2022 and 2024) Speaker and judges training coordinator Registrar

Treasurer and helpers for auction

Hospitality

Garden helpers

Publicity coordinator

August digging coordinator — volunteers to dig iris in

August after the convention, box and mail the iris. Travel coordinator — to keep costs down we strive carpool instead of doing buses, but still need a logistics

person to arrange and publicize the actual routes, etc.

There are usually 3-4 guest gardens to visit. To make it meaningful for travelers we need 3-4 gardens.

Guest gardens (3-4 gardens) need to have space prepared in 2022 to receive guest plants (75-100 iris both bearded and beardless) that will be grown for two years. Beds need to be maintained well for the entire two years so the convention will be a success — no weeds, no leaf spot, perfection is the goal. At the convention, the iris are auctioned, mailed out in August, and also donated to the IDIS sale. Host growers may keep one rhizome of most named varieties. Seedlings will be returned to the hybridizers or destroyed.

Lots of information to consider. We plan to have a discussion at the September meeting to see if this is something IDIS can undertake now, in 2022 and 2024. We encourage the membership to let the board know if you are interested volunteering, or if it is just too much work and we should pass on this commitment. If you cannot attend the Sept. meeting and have thoughts please email Rod Maust (yodermaust@gmail.com) or Peggy Allen (dpmallen52@gmail.com). Thank you.

Upcoming Events

(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

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)