

## Indiana IDIS Newsletter

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### President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

Our speaker this month will be Rich Crider from Three Shovels Farm in South Carolina, presenting "Not Your Grandma's Iris: Discover Louisiana Irises". Rich is currently president of the American Daylily Society. A dedicated plant enthusiast since childhood, he is actively involved in both the daylily and iris communities, with a focus on bringing people together and sharing a love of gardening. He is especially interested in making it easier for new gardeners to get involved and in helping plant societies grow and thrive. His presentation will highlight a unique and lesser-known group of irises well worth exploring.

We had another wonderful week at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show...selling many plants, passing out brochures, and talking about flowers with many visitors. A special welcome to new members who joined during the week! A special thanks as well to all the volunteers who staffed the booth and donated plants for the sale! Working together made it a great success.

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This month we'll have a booth at the Hendrick's County Master Gardener event on Saturday, April 25, 9am-4pm in Danville, IN. If you would like to volunteer, just let me know. If you have any plants to donate, let me know so I can make picture labels. You may bring them to our April meeting if you wish. (Donation of ten plants for our sale is an NCAP qualifying volunteer credit.)

Our Iris Show, "Early To Rise" is quickly approaching. We'll be setting up the room on Thursday, April 30, starting at 2pm. The show will be the following day, Friday, May 1, from 6-9pm. Grooming will be from noon to 2:30 with judging from 3-5pm. What early blooming irises might you be able to bring to the show? (Showing at least five plants at our show is an NCAP qualifying volunteer credit.) Might you have some time to volunteer during the grooming phase, in the evening public showing, or dismantling the room after the show? We'll have some flower labels at our April meeting.

At our March meeting, we did approve the proposed budget. There was also a sign up sheet for club T-shirts. The sign up sheet will be there again at our April meeting. If you would like to order a shirt, be sure to sign the form. The cost will be \$5 per shirt with the club picking up the remaining expense.

Barb Zupan, Steve Thompson, 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?

As you are working in the garden this spring and have extra plants or plant items, bring them along to the April meeting to share with others in the free exchange.

As always, thanks for your support of IDIS,

Rod Maust, IDIS president

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## 2026 IDIS Schedule of Events

(All meetings 6:30 P. M. at Clermont Lions Club), 3201 N Tansel Rd  
Clermont, Indiana 46234 , unless otherwise noted.)

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Program: "Louisiana Iris", (Rich Crider, St Matthews, SC)

Time: 6:30pm ET

Place: Clermont Lions Club, 3201 Tansel Rd, Clermont, IN

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Hendricks County Master Gardener booth, Danville, IN

Friday, May 1, 2026

Iris Show "Iris Extravaganza"

Set-up: Noon-2:45pm

Judging: 3-5pm

Public Viewing: 6-9pm

Place: Harrison Center, 1505 N Delaware St, Indianapolis, IN

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Johnson County Garden Celebration booth, Franklin, IN

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Program: NCAP daylily distribution (members only)

Time: 6:30pm ET

Place: Bill Stephens homestead, Pittsboro, IN

May 18-23, 2026

American Iris Society National Convention, Newark, New Jersey

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May 20-23, 2026

American Daylily Society National Convention, Valdosta, Georgia

May 29-30, 2026

American Iris Society Region 6 Spring meeting, Richfield, OH

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Program: "My Adventures With The Daylily", (Nikki Schmith, Worden, IL)

Time: 6:30pm ET

Place: Clermont Lions Club, 3201 Tansel Rd, Clermont, IN

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Program: "Beardless Iris", (Jody Nolin, Rushsylvania, OH)

Time: 6:30pm ET

Place: Clermont Lions Club, 3201 Tansel Rd, Clermont, IN

July 17-19, 2026

American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer meeting, Madison, WI

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Program: "Endless Spring: Extending Your Daffodil Season", (Lisa Kuduk, Winchester, KY)

Time: 6:30pm ET

Place: Clermont Lions Club, 3201 Tansel Rd, Clermont, IN

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Annual Daylily/Iris Plant Sale

Set-up: 8am

Member buying: 9:45am

Public buying: 10am-3pm

Place: Dammann's Garden Center, 4914 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis, IN

Saturday, September 5, 2026

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Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, & NCAP Daylily Auction  
(Members and guests only)

Set-up: 11:00am

Lunch: 11:45am

Auction: 12:30pm

Place: Zupan homestead, Avon, IN

Saturday, September 19, 2026

American Iris Society Region 6 Fall meeting, Avilla, IN