

## Indiana IDIS Newsletter

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### President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

Spring is around the corner. Thanks to Mary Vinson and Tom Bohn who already represented our club at the Master Gardener Spring Garden Clinic at St Luke's United Methodist Church on February 7th.

Since meeting at the Clermont Lions Club, our attendance has gone up compared to First Friends Church, so we will continue holding our regular meetings at Clermont this year. Laurel has arranged a variety of daylily/iris speakers this year. We will start the year with our own Bret Clement, giving a presentation on "Consider The Lilies". Bret maintains a garden at his residence on a relatively small lot in Carmel where he grows approximately 1000 registered daylilies for hybridizing purposes and his personal enjoyment. His main garden is at Gregg and Linda Sutter's farm about 45 minutes northwest of Indianapolis. He notes that his flowers are growing much better there than at his previous location. He has over 200 registered daylilies and remains active at hybridizing. His focus has been on both tetraploid and diploid unusual forms [www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com](http://www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com)

and spiders, as well as round and ruffled tetraploid forms. Come hear about his latest endeavors.

The main business item at the March meeting will be the review and approval of the 2025 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.

We will again have a free educational booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show, March 14-22. 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? This is a qualifying volunteer activity toward our NCAP and Registration Refund programs. 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.

### **There are some things to note this year-**

1. We will have an **Iris Show on Friday, May 1** at the Harrison Center, 1505 N Delaware St, Indianapolis. The Harrison Center holds a First Friday event each month with around 1000 folks attending. The Iris Show will open to the public from 6-9pm in conjunction with the other First Friday activities. There will be no Daylily show this year.
2. The NCAP daylily distribution will be May 12 at Bill Stephens' house in Pittsboro. Lezlie has ordered plants from Bret Clement, Steven Franklin, and Elaine Seifert

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3. Our plant sale will be held at Dammann's Garden Center, 4914 Rockville Rd, Indianapolis on August 8. They sell a variety of plants and are open year round.
4. Our September 5th NCAP auction will be at Barb and Dennis Zupan's house in Avon. They have a beautiful new location that's a joy to see.
5. We have a new Facebook page thanks to Laurel and Nancy...Indiana Daylily - Iris Society Members & Friends. This should be more user friendly than our old site.

Some folks have asked about ordering tee shirts with the club logo. We no longer have the former template but can get it redone. The club has subsidized the cost in the past as a member benefit. If you're interested in buying a tee shirt, let me know. I'll have further information at our March meeting.

It's not too early to begin thinking about 2027. 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? Would you have an interest in shadowing a current board member to see what a position might involve?

The preliminary lists of NCAP and Registration Refund members are also attached. Please review these lists to check your status. Don't forget to sign the attendance sheet at each meeting.

There will again be a free table at each meeting so if you have extra plants or plant items, feel free to bring them along to share with others.

Thanks again 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, March 3, 2026

Program: "Consider The Lilies", (Bret Clement, Carmel, IN)

Time: 6:30pm ET

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

March 14-22, 2026

Indiana Flower & Patio Show booth

(Indiana State Fairgrounds)

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

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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

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

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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

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