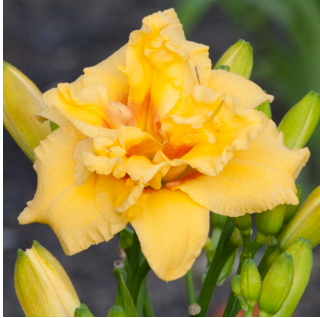


Indiana IDIS Newsletter



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President's message

Greeting Gardening Friends,

First Friends Church has agreed to allow us to use their fellowship hall for our April 6 meeting. They are requiring that we wear masks and maintain social distancing while in the building, but we will be able to see each other again! Only one person can be in the bathroom at a time and no food/drinks will be allowed. Despite these limitations, I think we'll be able to have an enjoyable evening together. Our April speaker will be Lana Wolfe who is president of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society. She will give a presentation entitled "My Favorite Flowers". She grows both daylilies and iris, but has an interest in many flowering plants. It should be an informative evening.

At our September 2020 meeting, not everyone was able to return their NCAP daylilies for auction. Four of those flowers are now available along with an NCAP flower from 2019. **These will be auctioned off at our April meeting** so that you can get them in your garden this spring. The flowers to be auctioned are Heavenly Dark Knight, Heavenly Fireblaster, Lemon Pomegranate Cream, Scatter Your Senses, and Cream and Sugar. Please see the attached sheet with pictures and information on these plants. Bring your checkbooks and be prepared to bid for some beautiful flowers.

Thanks to those of you who joined us for our March zoom meeting with Bret Clement. He showed us some of his recent introductions as well as some of his favorite past introductions. Tom Bohn also presented the proposed 2021 budget which was approved.

We will again have a booth at the Hendricks County Master Gardener show on Saturday, April 24 in Danville, IN. If you would like to volunteer for a four hour shift (9am-1pm, or 12pm-4pm) let me know. This does qualify as a volunteer activity for the NCAP and/or Registration Refund programs.

Because of the difficulty in finding an appropriate venue for the Iris Show (with continuing COVID limitations), it has been cancelled this year. In lieu of the show, we hope to have a booth at the Garfield Park Master Gardener plant sale on May 15 where we can display www.indianadaylilyirissociety.com

some of our iris for the public. They are not yet sure if they'll hold their sale this year, but hope to decide soon.

Laurel Richardson has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee this year. Joining her are Gene Schroeder, Linda Sutter, and Janet Wilke. Do you know of someone whose shoulder should be tapped to be an officer? Have you felt the nudge yourself to volunteer as an officer? If you have names to suggest, please contact one to the committee members.

With some of the warm days we've experienced in March, it's been good to get outside again and see the signs of new life. If you dig out extra plants while you're working in your flower beds this spring, bring them along to the meeting to share with others in a free exchange. (I'll be bringing some Dorothea Williamson, an LA iris.) Will some of your stimulus money go toward new flowers?

Thanks for your support of IDIS! See you soon,

Rod Maust, President

(All meetings 6:30pm at First Friends Church (parlor), 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis, unless otherwise noted)

Red font indicates local events

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Program: "My Favorite Flowers"

(Lana Wolfe, Northeastern Indiana Iris Society President)

April 12-17, 2021

American Iris Society National Convention

(Las Cruces, NM)

Saturday, April 24, 2021

"Gardening For All Ages", 9am-4pm

Hendricks County Master Gardener Show booth

(Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Program: "Hybridizing in the Tundra"

(Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, WI)

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

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American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting
(Cleveland, OH)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Program: "Historic Iris"

(Peggy Harger-Allen, Whitestown, IN)

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)

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)

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Saturday, September 18, 2021
American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting
(Fort Wayne, IN, hosted by IDIS)