

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

What a great time we had promoting daylilies and iris at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show this year. Hundreds of visitors stopped by and chatted about flowers. We gained several new members. Many planting guides and IDIS event flyers were distributed. Many thanks to those of you who potted up plants last fall! Over 200 potted daylily/iris plants were sold, many in a buzz of activity on the opening weekend. Special thanks to all who volunteered to staff the booth!

Our next gardening event will be the Hendricks County Master Gardener show on Saturday, April 27, 9am-4pm in Danville, IN. Mary Vinson will be coordinating our booth that day. Might you be able to volunteer that day for an 8-12 shift or 12-4pm shift? If any of you have potted plants that could be sold, please bring them to our April meeting. Our supply of potted plants is quite low now because of the success of the Flower & Patio Show.

Our speaker this month (April 2) will be David Toth from Indian Creek Iris, Pickrell, NE who will present "The Present and Future of Novelty Iris". David became interested in iris in 1983 after attending an iris show in southern California hosted by the San Fernando Iris Society. He became a youth member that day and went home with a bag full of iris. Over the next twenty years he was in and out of iris as he moved around. In 2004 he returned to the family

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farm in SE Nebraska and began serious hybridizing of iris, deciding in 2007 to focus only on the novelty class of iris, clearing out all of the other iris from his garden. After spending many years building genetic lines, he introduced his first iris in 2017. Since that time he has introduced about 150 new iris varieties. Both of his daughters, Ava (18) and Evelyn (13), have also joined him in hybridizing and have made a name for themselves with their own introductions. Novelty iris can include things like variegated foliage, purple stems, flat forms, broken colors, extra petals, horns/spoons/flounces at the end of the beard, etc. Come and hear about current variations available in iris, as well as future directions in the Novelty class.

At our March meeting we did approve the proposed budget for 2024. This year we will be getting our NCAP daylilies from Ginny Pearce, Grand Rapids, MI, and Bart Beck, Murtaugh, ID. Our NCAP iris will be from David Toth, Pickrell, NE.

Laurel Richardson, Alex Sutherland, 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?

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

Thanks again for your support of IDIS,
Rod Maust, IDIS president

(Some folks forgot to sign the attendance sheet...please be sure to do that each meeting.)

IT'S SHOW TIME - IRIS SHOW - SATURDAY - MAY 18, 2024

Place: In conjunction with the Indiana Peony Festival

Nickel Plate Arts Campus - Judge Stone House 107 South 8th St., Noblesville, IN 46060

Time: Entries accepted from 8-10:30 AM

Open to the public from 1:00 until 4:00 PM

Admission to AIS approved shows is free **Clean up:** 4:00 PM

Calling all IDIS members and friends to exhibit at our iris show this year and to attend this great event. Show Schedule is attached to the email. We are not printing scads of schedules (cost \$1.00 each) so please download the schedule and print it if you like. Let Peggy know if you do not have access to a printer. Libraries have printers. This year will be wonderful as it is happening the same day as the Indiana Peony festival: <https://www.indianapeonyfestival.com/>

The iris venue is around the corner 2 blocks from Noblesville's Seminary Park (350 S. 10th St.). There is a parking garage near the venue. Also street parking.

We will need helpers to set up tables on Friday afternoon, help the exhibitors enter stalks from 8-10:30 on Saturday, greeters for the show (1-2 hours shifts from 1:00-4:00pm) and clean up at 4:00pm. We need exhibitors. We need visitors to the show. Help make this the best one ever! Call or email Peggy for information or to select a job to help out. dpmallen52@gmail.com or 317-260-0257

Thanks so much!

The Iris Show Committee

2024 IDIS EVENTS

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Program: "The Present and Future of Novelty Bearded Iris", (David Toth, Pickrell, NE)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

April 27—Hendricks County Master Gardener booth, Danville, IN

May 4—Johnson County Garden Celebration booth, Franklin, IN

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Program: "How Daylilies Grow and Divide", (Gus Guzinski, Kalamakoo, MI)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

Saturday, May 18, 2024—Iris Show "Iris In Wonderland"

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: Judge Stone House, 107 S 8th St, Noblesville, IN

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Program: NCAP daylily distribution (Members only)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church
3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

June 12-15—American Daylily Society National Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

June 22—American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting, Avilla, IN

June 26-29—American Iris Society National Convention, Portland, OR

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Program: "Evolution of a Garden From Pasture to Paradise", (Laura Teague, Madisonville, KY)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church
3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

July 19-21—American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting, Wooster, OH

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Program: "Hybridizing Daylilies in the Midwest", (Steven Franklin, Louisville, KY)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church
3030 Kessler Blvd., East Drive, Indianapolis

Saturday, August 10, 2024—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

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Saturday, September 7, 2024—Installation of Officers, Plant Exchange, NCAP Daylily Auction
(members and guests only)

Time: Set-up: 11:00 A.M.; Lunch: 11:45 A.M.;

Auction: 12:30 P.M.

Place: First Friends Church

3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis

Saturday, September 21—American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting, Avilla, IN