

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greeting Gardening Friends,

I hope you enjoyed Dan Hansen's presentation on his hybridizing goals. He also brought along some of his introductions and many folks left with plants. This month we'll hear from Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden in Xenia, OH. Sandy, along with her husband, Mike, began Riverbend Garden in 1996 when they became backyard hybridizers. Over time they expanded their garden and now raise 40,000 to 50,000 seedlings at any one time. They grow and hybridize tetraploid daylilies, striving to introduce plants with excellent plant habit and distinctive looks. Sandy's interest's lie in large unusual form daylilies while Mike prefers the rounder daylilies with fancy edges. Sandy's introduction "I Lava You" won the Stout Medal in 2020, the highest award given annually by the American Daylily Society.

Despite the limitations of setting up on Saturday morning, and drought conditions in the garden, a wonderful Daylily Show came together. Read about it elsewhere in the newsletter. Special thanks to Lezlie and Greg for coordinating the event! Also don't miss the Iris Show report that Chuck wrote.

Our annual plant sale will be coming up on Saturday, August 13. It will be held at the Allisonville Home & Garden Center by Sullivan, 11405 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN. We will begin set-up at 8am and then open to the public from 10am-3pm. Members will have a chance for early purchases at 9:45am. Members also get a 10% discount on their purchases, so bring your checkbook or credit card. Shirley Toney will be donating 25+ cultivars from her garden as she begins downsizing. There are still some of Jim Poor's daylilies to be dug at Sutters. Chuck and Barb are offering their tall bearded iris as they plan their move. There will be plenty of digging, cleaning, trimming, labeling opportunities this month. We'll be giving specific dates at the August meeting. Please help out if you can. We should have a good sale at this new venue but it will take many hands to help with the work. Thanks in advance.

This is also the year for those of us who got NCAP iris two years ago to return them for the August sale. You are to dig your clump, save a rhizome for yourself, and return the increase for the sale. Please clean, trim, and label them before bringing them to the sale. A list of the NCAP iris and their hosts is later in this newsletter. The iris are also listed on our

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website with pictures and descriptions, http://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/NCAP_Iris_2020.html

The Nominating Committee will be presenting the slate of nominees for 2023 officers at the August meeting. There will be an election requiring two-thirds vote of the members present. The slate includes President--Rod Maust, First Vice-President--Mary Vinson, Second Vice-President--Greg Beavers, Recording Secretary--Janet Wilke, Corresponding Secretary--Lezlie Myers, and Treasurer--Tom Bohn.

Don't forget to bring any extra plants or garden items for the free table.
See you soon,
Rod Maust, IDIS president

Iris Show by Chuck Bunnell

For several reasons, I expected a poor iris turnout for the show. Our early blooming irises were done in by heat and ferocious winds had pounded the rest the day before the show. Weather forecasters were predicting rain in Lafayette so I picked stalks Friday evening to beat the rain that never came. I reasoned that the "southern" climate of Indianapolis should have been less favorable than here in Lafayette. Boy was I wrong! Even great irises came from Bloomington in the south. All in all, the iris count was a record 173 entries. As expected, tall bearded (TB) irises had the most entries (65) followed by miniature tall bearded iris (MTB, 30). Our horticultural judges from Kentucky spent over two hours to finish their task. I congratulate and commend everyone who presented iris at the show. Only the weather prevented more folks from seeing it.

The Artistic Design Division had the largest turnout that I can remember (5 categories & 13 Exhibits). Rod won the Silver Medal for the most Blue Ribbons (12) in Horticultural Division. There was a tie (10) for the Bronze Medal between Greg Beavers and Peggy Allen which Peggy won with one more Red Ribbon than Greg. Greg was the most productive exhibitor with 10 blues from 12 entries! Best In Show 'Anna's Angels' (Rumbaugh, 2006) exhibitor Chuck Bunnell. The Best Design of Show was from the "Sunken Gardens" category prepared by Dan Howell. He also won the Artistic Sweepstakes by edging Lezlie Myers in a runoff (each had 3 blue ribbons but Dan had 1 more red). The People's Choice for favorite design was in category "Industrial Strength" by Mary Vinson. Mary also won the Neophyte Award for her first time in the show and had 6 entries in the horticultural division.

Thanks to those who worked to setup and tear down.

Daylily Show Report

July 2, 2022, Indiana Daylily-Iris Society hosted a daylily show at Sullivan's Hardware and Garden Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Senior Judges, Nikki Schmith, Jacob Braun, Jim Cruise, and Patricia McCollum evaluated one hundred sixteen entries from nine exhibitors. We were excited to have three new exhibitors this year, Cheryl Jenkins, Kari Brubeck, and Sandy Pedrick. Sandy exhibited her marvelous seedlings and competed in the Achievement Medal section.

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Here is a listing of Section winners:

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| Section 1 Extra Large | Greg Beavers on Larry's Twilight Bite |
| Section 2 Large | John Everitt on Ashwood Summer |
| Sunshine | |
| Section 3 Small | John Everitt on Night Dreams |
| Section 4 Miniature | Greg Beavers on Little Tawny |
| Section 5 Double/Poly | Greg Beavers on Dagny Hooks |
| Section 6 Spider | John Everitt on Out of Sane |
| Section 7 Unusual Form | Greg Beavers on Adavier |
| Section 9 Seedling | Sandy Pedrick |

Section 10 Achievement Medal Sandy Pedrick entry CONGRATULATIONS AN AWARD WAS EARNED

Sweepstakes Greg Beavers

Best of Show Greg Beavers on Adavier

Many thanks to all the volunteers and exhibitors which made the event a tremendous success!

Greg Beavers Chair
Lezlie Myers Co-Chair

NCAP iris to be returned for the August 13 plant sale:

- Action Flick (L Miller '20)—Steve Wildermuth
- Bright And Shining Star (Black '20)—Steve Wildermuth
- Candy Corn Treats (L Miller '20)—Barb Bunnell
- Conniption Fit (T Johnson '20)—Rod Maust
- Fantasmagorical (Black '20)—Greg Beavers
- Frilled To Death (T Johnson '20)—Cara Wildermuth
- Gaga Over You (Black '20)—Chuck Bunnell
- Hear Me Roar (T Johnson '19)—Mary Lou Swann-Young
- Hungarian Rhapsody (Black '20)—Betsy Gambaccini
- I Feel Enchanting (Black '20)—Peggy Allen
- Lemon Moonbeam (Black '20)—Barb Bunnell
- Loads Of Love (Black '20)—Janet Wilke
- Orange Temptation (T Johnson '20)—Mary Vinson
- Poise And Charm (Black '20)—Peggy Allen
- Ribbit (T Johnson '20)—Lezlie Myers
- Searing Embers (T Johnson '20)—Linda Bennett
- Top Choice (T Johnson '20)—John Everitt
- Unrestrained Passion (Black '20)—Laurel Richardson
- What A Circus (T Johnson '20)—Mary Vinson
- Zipped Up (L Miller '20)—Lezlie Myers

Reminder

At our August Indiana Daylily-Iris Society meeting, there will be an announcement about digging both iris and daylilies in preparation for our August 13th sale. I'm sending you an early notice about the digging/processing so you can get it on your schedule.

Chuck and Barb have graciously offered us the tall bearded iris in their garden, as they will be moving to a new house and will only be able to take a few along. Chuck hopes to trim the iris before the day of digging so we can easily identify clumps to be dug. These will need to be divided, cleaned, and labeled. Labeling is the most time consuming part of the process, which is simply writing the name of the cultivar on the fan. They have shade trees where this can be done.

They also have some beardless iris that Chuck hopes to trim, dig, and separate but which will need labeling and packaging in ziplock plastic bags.

The **iris** dig will be on **Friday, August 5 starting at 8am**. They live at 7941 Peshewa Dr, Lafayette, IN which is a bit south of Lafayette.

On **Thursday, August 11, starting at 9am**, there will be some digging, cleaning, dividing, and labeling of **daylilies**. John and Dan are digging Shirley Toney's daylilies earlier in the week and we will then process them on Aug 11 at Dan's daughter's house, 9149 Sargent Rd, Indianapolis.

As we know, many hands make light work, so please consider if you might be available to help with the task. There will be something for everyone to do.

Thanks,
Rod

ps. Your time will also be credited toward the NCAP program and the Registration Refund program.

2022 IDIS EVENTS

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

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Program: "What Is Happening At Riverbend Gardens?"
(Sandy Holmes, Riverbend Daylily Garden, Xenia, OH)

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Annual Daylily/Iris Sale

Set-up: 8am

Member buying: 9:45am

Public buying: 10am-3pm

(Allisonville Home & Garden, 11405 Allisonville Rd, Fishers, IN)

Saturday, September 3, 2022

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

Set-up: 12:15pm

Auction: 1:00pm

(Lezlie and Pat Myers, Lebanon, IN)

Saturday, September 17, 2022

American Iris Society Region 2 Fall Meeting
(Fort Wayne, IN)

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