

# Indiana IDIS Newsletter

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## President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

What an interesting, educational talk Peggy gave us last month on historic iris and Mid-Western iris hybridizers. Thank you Peggy! Greg distributed the NCAP daylilies from Blue Ridge Daylilies which I hope you have all safely tucked in. Please tend them carefully so that the increase can be returned in 2024.

This month (June 1) our speaker will be Phil Korth from Pinewood Gardens in WI. He will be driving down from WI and speaking in person at First Friends Church. He'll talk about "Hybridizing in the Tundra". While being close to Lake Michigan's Green Bay, the shallow bay freezes each winter and offers no temperature moderation. This means they are a full zone colder that directly across the lake in western Michigan. All their plants are field grown on sandy soil amended with topsoil and compost. Hybridizing daylilies since 1997, their program features full form tetraploids in a variety of colors and large green throated diploids. Raising around 1000 new seedlings each year, they have introduced 197 plants. All introductions are by both Phil and Luel so they have to agree on the flower and name. Prepare to hear the challenges of hybridizing in zone 4 and what future introductions may be coming from their work. **He will be bringing some plants for auction, so bring your checkbooks.**

We passed out literature and talked with folks about iris and daylilies at the Garfield Park Master Gardener plant sale last month. There was a nice display of iris for the public to see. Thanks to John, Mary, and Tom for sharing flowers, and helping staff the booth!

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Don't forget our annual **Daylily Show on Saturday, June 26** at Sullivan Hardware and Garden Center. This will again be held in their pavilion. Set-up will be from 8am-10:30am. Judging will occur from 10:45am-12:45pm with public viewing from 1pm-4pm. Please consider bringing some flowers for display and/or volunteering to help with the show. This is an excellent chance to show the public the multitude of colors and forms available in daylilies. It's a chance to share with others the flowers you grow in your garden. Even if you've never exhibited a flower before, consider taking the plunge and trying it. Exhibiting a "minimum of 5 plants" or volunteering a "minimum of 4 hours" are qualifying activities toward our NCAP and Registration Refund programs. What might you be able to bring this year?

The AHS Region 2 Summer meeting will be July 9-11 in Springfield, IL. This is an opportunity to see several gardens and new varieties of daylilies. You might get some ideas for your own garden.

Peggy is coordinating the NCAP iris program this year and has ordered plants from Bonnie and Hooker Nichols. They will be sending us a variety of novelty iris with horns, flounces, and flattie forms. This should be an interesting addition to the traditional tall bearded iris we normally grow. These will be distributed at our August 3 meeting.

We will have a place for free plants at our June meeting, so if you're working in your garden, consider bringing along an extra plant to share with others.

Thanks again for your support of IDIS,

See you soon,

Rod Maust, IDIS president

**IMPORTANT** - If any club member lost their 2020 NCAP Daylilies provided by Pinewood Gardens, Phil Korth, please let Greg Beavers or Rod Maust know by May 29, 2021.

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

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Program: "Hybridizing in the Tundra"

(Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, WI)

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)

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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)

Saturday, September 18, 2021

American Iris Society Region 6 Fall Meeting

(Fort Wayne, IN, hosted by IDIS)