

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the presentation by Gus Guzinski on how daylilies grow and divide. He illustrated his talk with many pictures of daylily fans and roots, noting the hidden parts we don't usually see.

This month there will be no speaker as the NCAP daylilies will be distributed. We will have pizza at 6pm before starting the distribution at 6:30pm. If you feel so inclined, you might bring along a salad to share with the pizza. Greg has ordered daylilies from Ginny Pearce and Bart Beck. Please look over the plant pictures prior to the meeting so you'll have your choices ready. See the attached list of qualified members. Remember that you must also be a member of the American Daylily Society to be in the first round of drawings.

We will be getting the slate from the Nominating Committee at our June meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the June meeting although those nominees must be present at the meeting to accept the nomination. The vote on the slate will occur at our August meeting.

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Many thanks to Mary and Lezlie for coordinating our booths at the Hendricks County Master Gardener fair, and the Johnson County Garden Celebration event. Many folks stopped by the booth where information was shared. Thanks to those of you who volunteered your help. Only a handful of daylilies remained unsold.

Wow...what a great display of iris were entered in our Iris Show despite the early blooms this year. There was also a wonderful display of floral arrangements in the Artistic Design category...many creative ideas. Many thanks to those of you who entered flowers, made floral arrangements, volunteered at the show, and especially to Peggy who coordinated the whole event! See the show report elsewhere in this newsletter.

It's not too early to start thinking about the ADH Region 2 Summer meeting to be held in Lafayette next year. IDIS will be selling both daylilies and iris at the meeting. It may be helpful for folks to look at what they might be able to donate for the summer meeting. Daylilies that are more recent introductions, hard to get varieties, and older flowers with unusual characteristics such as bearding, stipples, patterns, stripes, etc. should be considered. Proceeds from the IDIS sale will all go to IDIS. HooDS will also be selling daylilies. (Those who are members of both clubs will need to decide where their donations go.) A preliminary list of possible daylily donations could be helpful to avoid unnecessary duplication between clubs. We will still have our regular plant sale in August for the general public since many folks in central Indiana have come to count on our sale.

The ADH Region 2 Summer meeting also needs a theme and logo. What ideas/suggestions do you have for this? Please let me know as it would be helpful to have this in place before this summer's meeting.

Both the AHS and the AIS regional meetings will be held in the Lafayette area next year. Many of us have been/will be involved in those meetings. Should we forgo a Daylily Show next summer and wait until 2026 to hold our next Daylily Show? Please give your feedback to any board members as we think ahead to 2025.

We have again been offered a free educational booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show, March 15-23, 2025 (a \$2500 value). Mark the dates on your calendar.

We'll have a place for free items at our June meeting. If you're working in the garden and have an extra plant, consider bringing it along to share with others.

Thanks for your support of IDIS,

Rod Maust, president

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IRIS SHOW - SATURDAY - MAY 18, 2024

The Indiana Daylily-Iris Society hosted the biennial Iris show, "Iris in Wonderland", on May 18, 2024, at the Judge Stone House in Noblesville, Indiana. Competition was fierce as usual and the entries were spectacular. It was a great success in spite of the 2-3 week

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early iris season. A lovely day for a show and we had lots of foot traffic since Noblesville was packed with visitors that day for the Peony Festival. Judges Louis DiSanto and Wil Weakland, Cleveland, Ohio area, evaluated 112 entries from 12 IDIS exhibitors and two non-members in the show. A special visitor, Marvin Davis, hybridizer from Connersville, IN, attended the show. It was fun getting to chat with Marvin and Bruce Schafer had entered his iris "American Maid" into the show. Check out IDIS facebook page for photos: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069016833614>

I cannot say enough about all the help we had on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The worker bee crew is amazing. We could never pull off a show without the crew - hat's off to all of you!

I'd like to challenge the club to come out to the next daylily or iris show we have. Only three members (other than workers/exhibitors) attended the show. Let's all get the next one on the calendar and plan to attend. You are in for a treat. Thanks again for a wonderful show!!

Queen of the Show was a beautiful Spuria Iris, "Piper May" exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana.

Awards:

Section A: Tall Bearded Iris - "Just a Kiss Away" exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana

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Section B: Median Bearded Iris - Miniature Tall Bearded “Crazy Chaos” exhibited by Chuck Bunnell , Otterbein, Indiana

Section C: Beardless Iris - Siberian “Butterscotch Kiss” exhibited by Lezlie Myers, Lebanon, Indiana, Spuria “Piper May” exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana, Louisiana “Dashing Hero” Exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana

Section F: Special Categories - Dykes Medal Winners “Conjuration “ Exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana

Section G: Historic Iris - “Gypsy Romance” Exhibited by Greg Beavers, Bloomington, Indiana Best Seedling was a SpecX exhibited by Peggy Harger-Allen, Whitestown, Indiana

A total of twelve artistic designs were evaluated by judge Suzanne Potts with Mary Lou Swann-Young winning the division “Say it With Peonies”.

People’s Choice Award for best design was #3 exhibited by Amy Grotland.

Article by Greg Beavers and Peggy Harger-Allen.

2024 IDIS EVENTS

Red font indicates local events

Black font indicates regional/national events

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.

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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

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