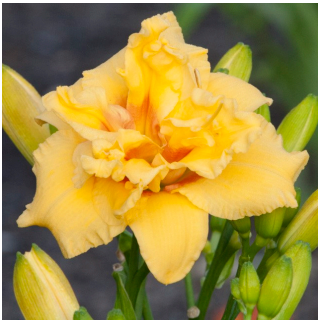


Indiana Daylily – Iris Society



NEWS



President's message

Greeting Gardening Friends,

Spring is on its way. We have a variety of speakers again this year with a balance of daylily and iris topics. John Chapin will open our programs with a presentation on hydrangeas. He was a school teacher for many years and now owns his own landscaping business. He's developed a recent interest in growing and selling unusual perennials, shrubs, and dwarf conifers. Some of us have met him at Becky Rammel's summer daylily sale. Expect an interesting evening with him.

This year we have again been offered a free educational booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show at the state fairgrounds, March 14-22. This was a fun experience last year and many folks stopped by to talk about flowers. I'll have a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our March meeting. Might you be able to donate 4-5 hours sometime to help staff the booth? (It is a qualifying volunteer activity toward both the NCAP and Registration Refund programs.) It's a great way to talk about our club and share your own flower knowledge.

There will be a change in venue for the Daylily Show this year. The Sullivan pavilion is not available on July 18, so we will return to Holliday Park Nature Center for our Daylily Show. We will be using one classroom for grooming and the auditorium for the judging and display.

After receiving comments from members, the board has decided to resume the Iris NCAP program. At our August meeting those who qualify for NCAP plants will have the opportunity to receive an iris through the lottery system. It is hoped that only those who are committed to carefully tending the rhizomes will ask for one. Those who receive rhizomes will be expected to return the increase in plants (after two years for bearded iris and after three years for beardless iris). The increase will be returned to the club's August sale. This should increase the number of iris available at our August sale. Chuck Bunnell has agreed to coordinate the NCAP iris program this year.

The main item of business for our March meeting will be review and approval of the 2020 budget. Please review it before the meeting and if you have any questions about a line item, contact Tom Bohn or me. Be sure to look over the 2020 calendar of events as it also includes both the regional and national meetings which you may want to attend.

Looking forward to a great year. Thanks for your support and active participation. Our club can only thrive with your help,
Rod Maust, president

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(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, March 3, 2020

Program: “Demystifying Hydrangeas”

(John Chapin, Chapin Landscaping, Danville, IN)

March 14-22, 2020

Indianapolis Flower & Patio Show booth

(Indiana State Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Program: “My Favorite Flowers”

(Lana Wolfe, Northeastern Indiana Iris Society President)

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Saturday, April 25, 2020

“Gardening For All Ages”, 9am-4pm

Hendricks County Master Gardener Show
(Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Program: “Hybridizing in the Tundra”
(Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, WI)

Saturday, May 16, 2020

IDIS Iris Show

Set-up: 8am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(Sullivan Hardware & Garden pavilion)

Sunday, May 17, 2020

American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting
(Muncie, IN)

May 18-23, 2020

American Iris Society National Convention
(Newark, NJ)

May 25-27, 2020

American Daylily Society National Convention
(Savannah, GA)

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Program: “The Elusive Iris Colors—The Hybridizing Quest”
(Ginny Spoon, Winterberry Iris Gardens, Cross Junction, VA)

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July 10-12, 2020

American Daylily Society Region 2 Summer Meeting
(Coshocton, OH)

Saturday, July 18, 2020

IDIS Daylily Show

Set-up: 9am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(Holliday Park Nature Center)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Program: "Front Yard, Back Yard, and Side Yard Hybridizing"
(Don Wolff, Wolff's Daylilies, Louisville, KY)

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Annual Daylily/Iris Sale

Set-up: 8am

Member buying: 9:45am

Public buying: 10am-3pm

(Sullivan Hardware & Garden)

Saturday, September 12, 2020

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 19, 2020

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

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