

# Indiana IDIS Newsletter

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# NEWS



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## President's message

Greeting Gardening Friends,

I hope everyone has been safe and healthy as we've faced this pandemic. We're not out of the woods yet, but are headed in the right direction. I'm hopeful that 2021 will allow us to resume some of our past activities again. Mary Vinson has lined up our speakers this year and she was able to reschedule some from 2020. Even though the vaccine has been rolling out, it will be a while before everyone can get it. The Indiana Flower & Patio Show which had been scheduled for March has been cancelled until 2022. To be on the safe side, our first meeting on March 2 will be via Zoom. Laurel has graciously offered to host the Zoom meeting with her account. **You must preregister for the meeting so please send her an email requesting the log-on link, <[lhabitat@aol.com](mailto:lhabitat@aol.com)>**. If you are not familiar with Zoom, please contact Laurel the week before the meeting so she can walk you through a practice run. This will facilitate starting our meeting on time and easing the log on process.

Our own Bret Clement will be speaking at our March meeting on "Hoosier Bred Daylilies". Bret maintains a garden at his residence on a relatively small lot in Carmel where he grows approximately 1000 registered varieties for hybridizing purposes and his personal enjoyment. He has completed his move of introductions and seedlings to Gregg and Linda Sutter's farm about 45 minutes northwest of Indianapolis. He notes that the soil there appears to be better than at his old location and many of his introductions that were moved performed significantly better. Bret has over 200 registered daylilies and remains active at hybridizing. His focus has been on both tetraploid and diploid unusual forms and spiders, as well as round and ruffled tetraploid forms.

The main item of business for our March meeting will be the review and approval of the 2021 budget. Please review the attached budget before the meeting. If you have any questions about a line item, contact Tom Bohn or me. We will be able to view the budget on Zoom and folks will be able to make comments/ask questions during the meeting. Be sure to also look over the 2021 calendar of events as it includes both regional and national meetings which you may want to attend.

Since COVID limited us to only two meetings during 2020, your IDIS membership for 2020 is being carried over for 2021. So if you paid your dues for a 2020 membership, you won't

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need to renew your membership until the beginning of next year. (You may pay your 2022 membership dues at our September 11 meeting if you wish.)

Please note that Sullivan Hardware will not be able to host our May 15 Iris show this year. We are still in the process of finding another venue.

Finally, some of us have been members of IDIS for many years while others are more recent members. Sometimes it's hard to connect with a group that's been together for a while, and one can feel like an outsider. It has been suggested that we set up a mentorship program for new members to help folks feel at home and more connected. The mentor might call or email the new member to remind them of the next meeting, just check in to see if they have any questions about IDIS and its programs, answer questions they might have about growing daylilies or iris, explain the NCAP and Registration Refund programs, greet them at our general meetings, etc. Is this something you might be interested in pursuing? Might you be willing to connect with a new member and make a special effort to look for them at our meetings? If you would be interested in enhancing the hospitality of our club in this way, please let me know.

Spring is coming! A new year of possibilities lies ahead. Where will our path take us? Thanks for joining together on this journey, for your support and participation in IDIS. May we all be enriched as we tend our gardens and share our love of flowers.

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

Black font indicates regional/national events

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Program: "Hoosier Bred Daylilies"

(Bret Clement, Clement Daylily Gardens, Carmel, IN)

via Zoom

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Program: "My Favorite Flowers"

(Lana Wolfe, Northeastern Indiana Iris Society President)

April 12-17, 2021

American Iris Society National Convention

(Las Cruces, NM)

Saturday, April 24, 2021

"Gardening For All Ages", 9am-4pm

Hendricks County Master Gardener Show booth

(Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Program: "Hybridizing in the Tundra"

(Phil Korth, Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, WI)

Saturday, May 15, 2021

IDIS Iris Show

Set-up: 8am-10:30am

Judging: 10:45am-12:45pm

Public Viewing: 1pm-4pm

(TBA)

May 20-22, 2021

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American Daylily Society National Convention  
(Hattiesburg, Mississippi)

May 22-23, 2021

American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Meeting  
(Cleveland, OH)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Program: "Historic Iris"

(Peggy Harger-Allen, Whitestown, IN)

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)

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

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(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)