

Indiana IDIS Newsletter



NEWS



President's message

Greetings Gardening Friends,

What a beautiful day we had for our plant sale this year. While Avon Gardens has almost closed down their retail plant sales for the season, they were gracious hosts for our event. A special welcome to the five new members who signed up at our sale! A big "Thank you" to Peggy and John for again coordinating our plant sale and getting everything in order. Many folks volunteered with digging, cleaning, dividing, and labeling plants which gave us a nice selection of flowers. Many brought plants from their own gardens and helped on sale day in getting it all set up. Please know that your contributions are much appreciated!

Our upcoming meeting on Saturday, September 7 will be the NCAP daylily auction. We will meet at First Friends Church, 3030 Kessler Blvd, East Drive, Indianapolis. The doors will open at 11am to set up for the day. There will be a meal at 11:45 with the club providing meats, cheese, bread, drinks, and condiments. Folks are asked to bring along a side dish to share with others. The auction will begin at 12:30.

The list of returning plants is listed on our website, https://indianadaylilyirissociety.org/NCAP_Daylily_2021.html. Greg Beavers has also given everyone a list of their plants that are to be returned. You are to dig your clump, save two fans for yourself, and then return the

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increase for the club auction. Please wash them, divide them into double fans, and be sure each double fan is clearly labeled, ready for auction. Put them in a bag with your name on it so you get credit for its return. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please make arrangements to drop off your plants with Greg Beavers, <bluebirdbox@gmail.com>, (or some other member who will be attending) prior to the meeting. Please notify Greg of any errors or losses. Please come early so Greg can get the plants set up. Don't forget to look over the flower and see which ones you may want to purchase...don't forget your checkbook (or bring cash).

Next year the ADS Region 2 summer meeting will be held in Lafayette. Many of us will be involved with that event. Our club will be selling daylilies and iris at the meeting with plant contributions from many of you. The AIS Region 6 summer meeting will be held at Sutter's farm in May. A motion was made and seconded at our June meeting to postpone our 2025 Daylily Show until 2026 in light of the ADS Region 6 Summer meeting and the AIS Region 2 Summer meeting being held in the Lafayette area in 2025 with many club members being involved in the planning/coordinating. Greg Beavers and Lezlie Myers expressed willingness to coordinate a show in 2025 if the club wanted to proceed. The group was evenly divided on this issue and it was agreed to table this motion to allow more consideration of this idea. What are your thoughts about postponing the Daylily Show? We will bring this motion forward again at our September meeting.

The second item for discussion will be the timing of our August plant sale. As noted above, Avon Gardens has almost closed down their plant sales by August. They did have a Flower Fest on Sunday, August 11 with many vendors, food trucks, live music, etc. Should the club explore holding our sale in conjunction with their Flower Fest? Are folks available to help with a plant sale if it's held on a Sunday instead of a Saturday?

As a side note, we've been invited to again have a free educational booth (\$2500 value) at the Flower & Patio Show, March 15-23, 2025 at the state fairgrounds. Perhaps you might

want to pot up some plants now to get them established for that event. (Donation of 10 plants is a qualifying activity toward our NCAP program.)

Don't forget the AIS Region 6 Fall meeting on September 21 in Avilla, IN. Let me know if you need registration information. There will be one hour of judge's training and a one hour presentation of the 2024 AIS National Convention which was held in Oregon.

We will also have an area for the free plant exchange at our September meeting. If you are dividing clumps of something and have extra, bring them along to share. If you have garden related items you no longer want, bring them along.

Thanks for your support of IDIS,

Rod Maust, IDIS president

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EVENTS

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Black font indicates regional/national events

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

