



AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Floraphiles,

August is upon us already, and I'm not sure I'm ready for it. We have several events coming up soon. Our August meeting will be Wednesday, August 3. at 7 pm at Southside Christian Church. As usual we will have refreshments before the meeting, so come early.

Besides the election of officers and plant representatives at this meeting, the program should be of interest to many of us, since it will consist of demonstrations of how you go about dividing daffodils, hostas, daylilies, and irises. We not only use these techniques for every day planting, but also to learn how to prepare plants for the upcoming Annual Public Plant Sale. Tips will also be given for planting and growing each plant group. We will be signing up for helping to prepare plants (especially daylilies), to dig, to clean, label, and group the plants for the sale. We need many hands to get this work done. Information details are to be found in a following article. This year **the sale will be at Southside Christian Church from 9 to 4 on Saturday, September 3** since the Craft Fair at the Highland Village Church has been cancelled and Southside Christian Church was booked up for each Saturday in August. We had the sale there last year and did as well as we have done at the Craft Fair. Remember, this is our main fundraiser for the year. We will need lots of help getting ready and on the actual sale day.

The next big event will be the Annual Pitch-in, Picnic, Plant Trade and Plant Give Away to be held at David Sherlock's at 1 pm. More on that closer to that Sunday, September 11.

Despite the heat and discomfort, our Exhibit at the Monroe County Fair last Tuesday went well. Thank you John Simpson for heading that up and thanks to all the members who helped by bringing daylilies and/or hostas for the display and special thanks to all the members who donated their time to man the booth and visit with onlookers.

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August 3rd Meeting: 2 important club events!

Demonstration of Dividing and Labeling

Gain important skills to prepare for our public sale and improve plantings in your own garden.

August Elections

Don't miss the upcoming August meeting! Elections will be held for President, Vice-president, Secretary, Editor and Treasurer. Also immediately following the election of officers, members will divide into four separate groups representing daylilies, hostas, daffodils and irises. These groups will then select a representative for its respective group. The flower group reps serve as the Program Planning Committee for the coming year. Please refer to SIDHDIS By-Laws for more information concerning elections and duties of officers.

Meeting is at 7 pm (come early for snacks and fellowship) at Southside Christian Church.

Refreshments for the August meeting will be provided by: Karen Crosby, Jeanne Lager, Jane Herr, Jelene Campbell, Nancy Deckard

SIDHDIS Public Plant Sale **Saturday, September 3, 2016 9 am to 4 pm**

PLANT SALE - Mark Cline, David Sherlock, and Debbie Shields are in charge on day of sale, please deliver plants to Southside Christian Church on Friday Evening after 4 pm. We will set up for the sale as much as we can on Friday and just carry out the tables on Saturday. If you need to bring plants Saturday morning, please have them there by 8 a.m., if possible. (Remember we only sell daylilies, hostas, daffodils and irises.) If you can't do this, talk to Debbie Shields for help in finding a way to get them to the sale or make arrangements with someone else for delivery. We need to be set up by 9:00 am as that is when many of our sales take place. It is extremely important to have a good sale: This is our major fund raiser for the whole year.

PLANT PREP FOR SALE- Debbie Shields is in charge of schedules for digging, working on preparation at David Sherlock's, set up and tear down at the church both Friday and Saturday. She will be passing around sign up sheets at the August meeting.

WE NEED YOU to Dig...., Divide...., Label...., and Price...., but **ONLY** our four plant groups of daylilies, hostas, daffodils, and iris. We do not sell any other plants at this sale. You can bring others to the picnic. If you need labels, we will explain about that at the August meeting. We will be cleaning, sorting, labeling, and bagging daylilies at David Sherlock's the week of the sale. We need lots of help since this is important and labor intensive, but we really have a good time. Some people take a few bags home and work on them and return them to the Church Friday evening or Saturday morning early.

Daylilies-- We normally sell daylilies for \$3 per fan, unless they are a more expensive variety, i.e. over \$6. Price in whole dollars, no cents. You only need to put a price on the label if the plant is selling for more than \$3.

It is suggested that you include as much of the following info as possible on the labels:

NAME of daylily

24" M 5" (+Other known specs, Ev, dip, Re, etc.)

COLOR and PRICE (only if it is more than \$3)

You will need to make labels for each fan with the above information. The single most important thing for selling daylilies is to have a picture. If you know the name of the daylily, but don't have a picture, get the name to Greg Beavers by at least 4 days in advance and he will look for a picture and make labels for you. After you have cleaned them, separated them, and labeled them, please put all of one variety in a plastic bag and write the name and **color** on the bag to help us separate them quickly when we set up.

Hostas sell better if they are potted. Usually, large, established potted hostas sell very quickly. Hostas should be labeled, also, if known. Please put a price on them.

Daffodils and irises should be labeled and priced. Irises can be bare root or potted and labeled with name or at least color and kind: Siberian, Bearded, Dwarf, etc. The new hybrids sell much better than the old blue or gold ones. The more information you can give the better. Remember that Siberians' and Louisianas' roots cannot dry out, or the plant will die. They would be better if potted or bagged in damp sawdust or dirt.

*******PICTURES HELP SELL ALL PLANTS!*******

Customers are much more likely to buy a plant that we have a picture of. So, if you have a photo or can find a picture of the variety of plant you are bringing, it would help to bring it.

Trim, clean, prepare, and label all plants as you would want to receive them.

For more information contact Mark Cline (824-9216 or mark_cline_911@comcast.net) or David Sherlock at 332-3852.

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Plant Care Tips for August

Daylilies: Continue to water and you may start dividing again. It can be acceptable to fertilize again with a fertilizer high in phosphorus to promote root development. A soil test might be recommended to determine if needed.

Hostas: Hostas also need about an inch of rain a week. They can be mulched, but keep the mulch three inches from the crown. Be sure that when you water hostas, you water the ground and not the leaves. Flower scapes can be cut any time. If you want to propagate from seed leave the flower stalk on (they do not hold true to mother plant). A good time to divide. Watch for nematode damage.

Iris: This is chop-back and divide month for bearded iris and it is generally the best time to move all iris except maybe Japanese that prefer to be moved in early spring. Also you can get rid of any unwanted divisions at the SIDHDIS public sale on September 3rd! If you are not dividing, it is still considered good practice to chop back and fan out your bearded iris at this time so they don't look so pathetic.

Upcoming: Picnic Pitch-In in September

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 11.** This is the ever-popular Pitch-in, Plant-Give-Away, and Plant Exchange which we have each year at David Sherlock's. You may arrive anytime after 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to share, your drinks, lawn chairs, and plants or plant related items to share with the other members in the exchange. Table service will be furnished by the club. After we eat, we will draw for the special daylilies, hostas, daffodils, and irises that the club has purchased for this. After that we will have our plant give-away and exchange. For this please bring plants of any kind that you would like to share with the other members, as well as other garden-related items: Tools, books, seeds, bulbs, garden produce, jam, gourds, trees, shrubs, perennials, house plants, pots, labels, bird houses, garden sculptures, etc. Please tag plants with your name or initials and any pertinent information.

REMEMBER: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANT GIVE-AWAY OR PLANT TRADE, YOU MUST BE A CURRENT SIDHDIS MEMBER AND PRESENT AT THE PICNIC. Each member who is present will receive a ticket for the drawings and each family membership entitles that family to a maximum of two tickets if two members are in attendance.

More on Garden Companions

A list of books and products discussed by Cindy Vogel during her "Garden Companions" presentation at the June 1st meeting:

Contact Cindy at: vogel-family@sbcglobal.net

[Edible Landscaping](#) by Rosalind Creasy

[The No-Maintenance Perennial Garden](#) by Roy Diblik

[The Drunken Botanist](#) by Amy Stewart

Classic Soil Knife found at amleo.com (A.M. Leonard Tools)

Dewit Diamond Hoe at www.thetoolmerchants.com (The Tool Merchants)

Atlas 370 Nitrile gloves—online or at independent garden centers

SIDHDIS owes grateful thanks to those people who spent the day at the Monroe County Fair. or who contributed to the beautiful exhibit of Day Lilies and Hostas. David Sherlock, Mark Cline, Greg Beavers, Barbara Leisz and Nancy Deckard all contributed to a glorious display of daylilies, surely over 50 bloom stems of some of the latest and most beautiful cultivars. From ruffles to doubles in an intense and dazzling array of colors, the fair goers saw some of the best available. Frank Nykos kindly lent several potted hostas from his beautiful and diverse nursery sales area. That display with other additions showed fair goers the incredible range of size, texture and color.

We need to thank a number of our group who sat in the humidity and July heat to give information to passing fair goers. In addition to the above named, Susan Lyons, Esther and Lloyd Minnick, Gywen Magee, the always fabulous Jane Herr, Lucie Tindal, Kay Cunningham, Bob Deckard, Tyco Tynan, Brenda Wampler, Dick Judd and Diana and Herman Young all gave their help, their energy and their humor. What a great group! Thanks to all. John Simpson



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Upcoming Sales

August 13, 2016 9 AM-Noon

Dan Knudsen Annual Iris Sale

Sale at Dan's home: 820 E. First Street, Bloomington, IN 47401

Dan will have a variety of bearded and beardless irises for sale at very reasonable prices.

August 13, 2016 10AM-3 PM

Combined Daylily/Iris Sale Members are offering their homegrown plants at reduced prices. Sullivan's Hardware & Garden, 6955 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis.

www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org

August 13, 14, 20, 21, 2016

Indiana Daffodil Society sales at the Indiana State Fair

August 27, September 3, 10, 2016

Indiana Daffodil Society sales at Bloomington Farmer's Market.

September 3, 2016 9 AM-4 PM

SIDHDIS Public Plant Sale

Southside Christian Church

Daylilies, Hosta, Daffodils and Iris grown by members, great plants, great prices!