



FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Come and Help Us Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of SIDHDIS

Dear Fellow Floraphiles,

It's time to start a new year of gardening. This year will be special in one way: **This is our 20th Anniversary Year. SIDHDIS began February 7, 1996, and in celebration of that and to begin the new year, we are going to have a special Party on Wednesday, February 3, with cake, punch, fruit and various other goodies.** This will also be our regular first meeting of the year and will take place at **Southside Christian Church at 7 pm.** There will not be a regular program, but a time to visit and socialize. Also, at that time we will be looking at the updates that are being planned for the club's Bylaws. The Past Presidents who have worked on this will go over each change to present our thinking and to allow you to ask questions and/or make suggestions. This will be followed by a vote on the Bylaws revision. After that we will have an open forum time of brainstorming for ideas for future programs, events, trips, etc. Also, there will be a preview of the programs for the coming year as well as trips being planned. [If the weather should be bad on the 7th we will meet the following Wednesday, February 14, same time and place.]

With this newsletter you will be receiving a copy of the proposed revised Bylaws. Changes and additions are in red. Please take time to read over them and note any questions you may have so we can discuss them at the February meeting. Assuming the Bylaws pass, shortly thereafter we will be conducting a poll to see where we should hold our meeting this year.

—Mark Cline, pres.

Important Reminder

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2106, please send them to the Treasurer, Diana Young, 7447 E. State Road 45, Unionville IN 47468. It takes a lot of time and effort to contact each person who hasn't paid, so check your checkbook and see if you have paid. Members of the Board will be calling or emailing you if you've not paid. We must update the membership list on February 3rd and only the paid up members will be listed in the 2016 Directory. Check your information (name spelling, address, phone number, e-mail address) in the 2015 directory as well and send updates with your check.

Members Prefer Wednesday Meeting Date

The **results of the poll** of members on a meeting day preference taken 10/21/15—10/30/15 by Jane Herr via email and David Sherlock by phone. 49 members responded.

- Days chosen as first choice: Tuesday—12, **Wednesday—24** Thursday—8
- Days that club members can meet: Tuesday—27, **Wednesday—36**, Thursday—27
- Days that club members cannot meet: Tuesday—5, Wednesday—4, Thursdays—4

Changes from last edition of the bylaws are in red and underlined. Changes will be discussed at the February meeting. If you have any questions before the meeting or cannot attend contact Mark Cline (mark_cline_911@comcast.net or David Sherlock (812-332-3852)

SIDHDIS Bylaws 2016 (Revised 2016)

Article 1 -- Name

The name of this organization shall be "Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil and Iris Society". Whenever desirable, this name may be abbreviated as "**SIDHDIS**". Website: <http://sidhdis.org>

Article 2 -- Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to promote public interest in growing Daylilies, Hosta, Daffodils and Iris. This shall be accomplished by educational programs, flower shows, garden tours, and other related activities. It shall be the intent of this local society to be associated with the national society of each family of plants represented by us and to be governed by the rules of these respective national societies whenever required.

The society shall be operated as a nonprofit group within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law.

Article 3 -- Membership

Any person interested in the objectives of the society is eligible for membership. All members whose dues have been paid for the current year shall be entitled to vote in business meetings of the society, except no person under 18 years of age shall be eligible to vote. The membership shall be divided into two classes.

1. Individual membership
2. Family membership (family membership shall be limited to members of a family living at the same address).

Article 4 -- Dues

The amount of annual dues shall be \$10.00 for individual membership and \$15.00 for family membership. Annual dues shall be payable between October 1 and January 1. The name of any member who has not paid their dues by February 1 shall be removed from the mailing list and such persons shall be ineligible to vote at any business meeting until dues for the current year have been paid. New members who join after October 1 shall pay annual dues which shall cover the balance of that year and the following year.

Article 5 -- Officers

There shall be six elected officers, namely: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Editor, Treasurer and Webmaster. Officers shall be elected annually for a term of one year. The President shall be limited to two consecutive terms of office. Vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by appointment by the President with approval of the majority of the other elected officers. There will not be more than one person from a family membership serving as an officer in any year.

Article 6 -- Duties of the Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and the Board of Directors. The President

shall appoint all committees and Chairpersons needed except as otherwise specified herein. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, except the nominating committee. The President shall provide all officers and chairpersons with a copy of the SIDHDIS Handbook. In the absence of the Treasurer the President shall have the authority to sign checks.

The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The Vice-president shall serve as chairman of the Program Planning Committee and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

The Secretary shall record minutes of the society's business meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors. These minutes shall be presented at the next meeting for approval. The Secretary shall keep a file of previous minutes and preside at any meeting when the President and Vice-president are both absent.

The Editor shall publish newsletters and the Directory. The Directory shall be printed for distribution to the members no later than the March meeting. He/she shall prepare and mail notices of meetings, and keep an up-to-date mailing list of the membership as provided by the Treasurer. The Editor shall have the option of choosing another person to assist in these duties. The Editor shall serve as Secretary in the absence of that officer.

The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and keep accurate records of all funds of the society. The Treasurer may choose other members to assist him/her with his/her duties as needed. The Treasurer shall pay all bills incurred by the society and present a report at each meeting for approval. The Treasurer shall pay membership dues to the four national societies with which we are associated. These dues shall be paid in October or November and each society will be advised to mail their publications to SIDHDIS, to the attention of the name and address of the plant representative for that society. The Treasurer shall provide the names and mailing addresses of members in good standing to the Editor. At the end of the year, the treasurer shall make all records available to an auditing committee. [See article 10] The Treasurer shall file an annual report for tax exempt organizations with the Indiana Department of Revenue and any other reports which may be required by laws relating to the financial affairs of the organization.

The Webmaster will manage the webpage and maintain it as needed. He/she will provide captioned images of plants to be available at the September Plant Give Away, will maintain ties with the four national flower groups or other groups as needed. The Webmaster and the Editor will be in contact with each other to keep the webpage up to date. The Webmaster shall have the option of training another member to assist in maintaining the Website and keeping it up to date.

Article 7 -- Program Planning Committee

At the August meeting, immediately after the election of officers, the members will divide into four separate groups. The groups will represent daylilies, hostas, daffodils and irises. Each of these groups will select a representative for its respective group. (None of these representatives will be an elected officer or a family member of an officer.) These four representatives will then select one among themselves to act as coordinator of the plant representatives and advise the president of their decision. In the event that one of the plant representatives is unable to complete his/her term of service, the other three plant representatives will select a replacement and advise the President and Vice-president. These four representa-

tives will be known as the Program Planning Committee. In addition to their other duties, when funds are available, these representatives shall be responsible to select, purchase, and prepare newer, outstanding, or special plants and bulbs for each group that they represent. They will provide the webmaster with the names, descriptions and pictures of their selections at least two weeks before the September meeting. These items will then be available for the Give Away at the September meeting. (The Board of Directors shall each year decide on the amount of money to be allowed to each group for these purchases.)

After the August meeting, the newly elected President and Vice-president will design a form requesting information and suggestions from the members to be used in planning the programs for the following year. This form will be included in the newsletter mailed to the members prior to the September meeting. This form should be completed by the members and mailed or presented to the newly elected Vice-president no later than the date of the October meeting. Members will also be encouraged to contact the representative for their group to discuss program plans.

The Vice-president, as Program Planning Committee chairman, can arrange to meet with the Program Planning Committee any time after the October meeting to develop a program plan for the following year. This committee's report will be presented at a Board of Director's meeting in January for approval.

Article 8 -- Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the six elected officers, the Program Planning Committee and the immediate Past President. (This position will not apply in any year when the President of the preceding year is re-elected.) The immediate Past President has a vote on the Board of Directors only when a tie exists. The Board of Directors shall meet in January for program planning and at the call of the President. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to advise and assist the President in conducting the affairs of the society and to approve the yearly programs initiated by the Program Planning Committee.

Article 9 – Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the four plant representatives also known as the Program Planning Committee. The coordinator of this group shall contact the other three plant representatives prior to the August meeting. They shall prepare a slate of candidates for all elective offices to be presented at the August meeting. The Nominating Committee shall select one candidate for each office and verify that all candidates on the slate are willing to serve in their respective office. At the August meeting, a representative of the Nominating Committee will disclose their slate of candidates. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Election of officers shall be completed immediately after all nominations have been closed. The newly elected officers will be installed at the October meeting and assume their duties on the day following this meeting.

Article 10 - Other Committees and Chairpersons

All the following committees and chairpersons will be appointed by the President.

Auditing Committee: Three members will verify all Treasurer's records, ascertain that these records agree with bank statements and submit a written report of the prior year's income and expenses with a summary for presentation at the March Meeting.

Plant Sale Committee: The chairman shall appoint subcommittees as needed to facilitate the various aspects of plant digging, preparation, labeling, publicity, transportation, setup, and other jobs to ensure a successful public sale.

Picnic Committee: organizes the September Picnic, Plant Give Away and Plant trade.

Holiday Committee: organizes December Holiday Event

Chairpersons:

Cheer

Hospitality

Refreshment

Refreshment Set-up

Other committees and chairpersons as needed.

Article 11– Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held the first Wednesday of each month except January, July and November, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors. One-third of the total membership or twenty members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum, providing that at least three elected officers are present. The September meeting for the Picnic, Plant Give Away, and Plant Sale will be held on the second Sunday in September at 1 pm--rain date the following Sunday.

Article 12 -- Order of Business

Call to Order

Reading and approval of minutes of the previous meeting

Reading and approval of the treasurer's report

Committee Reports / Old Business / New Business

Program

Adjournment

The Program may be moved within the order of business to the time most desirable at any meeting.

Article 13-- Amendments

Notice of any proposed amendments to the By-laws shall be mailed to the entire membership at least two weeks prior to the meeting in which a vote on such amendments will be taken. Such amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

Article 14 -- Dissolution

In the event that this organization is dissolved for any reason, all funds remaining in the Treasury, after all claims have been paid, will be donated to the Hilltop Garden Center, a division of Indiana University, located in Bloomington, Indiana. However, if the named recipient is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distributee or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this organization shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corre-

sponding section of any future federal tax code).

Article 15—Summary

These By-laws shall be a guide to the officers as they work together to serve the members. All other members are requested to respect the officers and assist them in their duties and other activities of the club as needed. All members are asked to maintain a high level of integrity among themselves and the public at large at all times as representatives of this garden club.

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Article 16 Board of Review

The Board of Review will consist of all past presidents who are still active members of SIDHDIS. The purpose of this board is to assist, when needed, in the continuity of this garden club and the welfare of its members.

This board shall have the authority to determine if all officers, plant representatives, committees and chair persons are performing their duties in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with these by-laws. This board shall have the authority to remove any person(s) from their position if said person(s) fail to comply with the directions of this Board of Review.

At any meeting convened by the Board of Review, they may request the presence of other parties as they desire; however, only the members of the board shall be entitled to vote.

Any one of the past presidents may contact the other past presidents who are members of the Board of Review if they become aware of any situation which might require their attention. Any three or more members of SIDHDIS may request any member of the Board of Review to contact the other board members. The Board of Review shall have unlimited authority to consider any activity of SIDHDIS and take any actions which they determine are needed.

Any proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted to the Board of Review for their acceptance before being sent to the membership for approval. Changes in the SIDHDIS Handbook shall also be subject to approval by the Board of Review. Any action by the Board of Review shall require a majority vote of that board. A quorum shall consist of at least three past presidents for any actions of this board.



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Upcoming Events

February 3, 2016 7 pm

SIDHDIS club meeting and 20th Anniversary
Southside Christian Church, Bloomington, IN

February 10, 2016 7 pm

SIDHDIS meeting "snow date"
to be held *only* if weather prevents meeting on Feb.
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March 18-20, 2016

**American Hemerocallis Society
Region 2 meeting**
Brookfield, Wisconsin

April 6-10, 2016

World Daffodil Convention
St. Louis, Missouri

May 23-28, 2016

American Iris Society National Convention
Newark, New Jersey

June 15-18, 2016

National AHS Convention
St. Louis, Missouri

June 29-July 2, 2016

**American Hemerocallis Society
National Convention**