



JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Floraphiles, When it rained a lot sixty years ago or so, my grandparents' frequent saying was, "Do you think the rain will hurt the rhubarb?" Well, this spring the rhubarb looks fine, but some of the irises are showing signs of rotting from all the rain. On the other hand the hostas look great and so do the daylilies.

We had a really good member to member sale at the last meeting and made over \$300. There was a nice variety of plants and only a few leftovers. Of course, Herman's rabbit "goodies" sold out completely.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 1, at Southside Christian Church at 7 pm. Refreshments are before the meeting and the speaker is Cindy Vogel who will be speaking on "Companion Plants for Your Garden." Come early to visit and eat.

There will be no meeting or newsletter in July. But in between the June and August meetings there will be a couple of opportunities for your participation. June 25 and 26 is the Bloomington Garden Walk. We are one of the sponsors of this and the proceeds go to Hilltop. On Tuesday, July 26, we will set up at the Monroe County Fair Grounds in the Annex to the Community Building, a one day exhibit (not judged) of daylilies and hostas. John Simpson is in charge of this and will have a signup sheet of help times at the June meeting. Please participate if you can. [see article below]

Our August meeting will be on August 3 and will include election of officers for next year. Hope to see you at the June meeting. Mark

Annual Daylily and Hosta Exhibit at the Monroe County Fair

Our Annual Daylily and Hosta Exhibit at the Monroe County Fair will be Tuesday, July 26, 2016, on the patio of the Community Building. You can help. We will need **labeled** daylilies and hostas (leaves or potted plants/hypertufa gardens) for the display. If you happen to have some gorgeous daylilies to share but do not remember the names, bring them too. A dazzling bouquet attracts attention. You can bring items to the patio of the Community Building between 10 and 11 am. We will take the exhibit down around 8 pm. Please consider contributing a scape, flower, leaf, arrangement or potted plant. Fair-goers really enjoy seeing all the varieties, sizes, and colors of the daylilies and hostas and are often surprised at the number and varieties. Please bring your containers with your name on them so they can be returned to you at the next meeting. We often recruit several new members at the exhibit.

The other thing we need for this undertaking is members to be at the exhibit to talk and visit with those who stop and show interest or have questions about SIDHDIS. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting for this. If you could help set up, tear down, and/or be at the exhibit for two or so hours, it would help. If you can't be at the meeting to sign up, but would like to help, contact John Simpson at 812-332-8815 or simpsonj@indiana.edu. John would especially appreciate it if you have some potted hostas that you could bring. This is a one day only exhibit by our members and will not be judged [just admired].

June 1st Meeting: Companion Plants for Your Garden with Cindy Vogel

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

Cindy Vogel is the current Morgan County Master Gardener Association President and a "Gold-Level" Master Gardener (over 1000 volunteer hours). She became a Master Gardener in 2004. She has a business degree from Ball State University and has had her Nursery Dealer License since 2007 and currently calls herself a "Garden Coach" on LinkedIn. For 7 years Cindy was the Regional Merchandiser for Masterpiece Flower Company and oversaw the plant goods in both floral and garden in 7 Indianapolis Meijer stores. She is one of 3 partners of "Shady Lady's" selling extraordinary shade plants through vendor shows. She organically gardens 2 acres in a rural neighborhood in central Morgan County with half ornamental shade gardens and half ornamental and edible landscaping in the sun.

Refreshments for the June meeting will be provided by: Gail Atkinson, Debbie Shields, Brenda Wampler, Connie Sweetana, and Joanne Jackowiak

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2016 7pm

SIDHDIS Monthly Meeting: Companion Plants for your Garden with Cindy Vogel
Southside Christian Church

June 4, 2016

Southwestern Michigan Iris Society Iris Show

Wenke Greenhouses, Kalamazoo, MI

June 8, 2016

21st Annual Indianapolis Garden Club Garden Walk

Five fantastic gardens located within close proximity on the north side of Indianapolis.

www.igcgardenwalk.com

June 11, 2016

Region 6 American Iris Society Spring Meeting and Garden Tour

Logan County History Center, 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH

www.aisregion6.weebly.com/

June 11 & 12, 2016

Indianapolis Hosta Society Garden Tour

Eleven juried gardens have been selected as tour gardens for the 2017 American Hosta Society's International Convention in Indianapolis.

These gardens will be available for pre-convention tours.

www.ihsgardentour2016.eventbrite.com.

June 15-18, 2016

AHS National Convention "Gateway to the Garden"

American Hosta Society

St. Louis, Missouri

www.stlouishosta.org

June 25 & 26, 2016

Bloomington Garden Walk

www.bloomingtongardenclub.com

June 29-July 2, 2016

AHS 2016 National Convention

Crown Plaza, Louisville, KY

co-hosted by the Daylily Society of Louisville and the Louisville Area Daylily Society

8 tour gardens and other open gardens in the area!

www.ahs2016convention.org

July 15-16, 2016

AHS 2016 Region 2 Summer Meeting: "Back to the Future of Daylilies"

Peoria, Illinois

<http://hoids.org/summer2016/>

Reminder: no regular meeting or newsletter in July.

Plant Care Tips for June and July

Daylilies: The main thing to do for daylilies for these months is to make sure they have plenty of water—about an inch a week. Usually peak bloom is the third week of June to the third week of July

Hostas: Hostas also need about an inch of rain a week. They can be mulched, but keep the mulch three inches from the crown. Watch for slugs and other pests. Be sure that when you water hostas, you water the ground and not the leaves. Visit others to see what hostas they have that may be different or new.

Irises: Most years irises are finished blooming by the middle of June. However, irises continue to grow actively for about six weeks after they bloom. Give them one last shot of fertilizer (one with low nitrogen such as 6-10-10) as they stop blooming. Rule of Thumb: Fertilize when last stalk is cut down. Keep weeding and watering until the bearded irises go dormant (after six weeks). Beardless irises do not go dormant, so keep watering them.

Daffodils: About six weeks after they stop blooming is the best time to cut off the tops of the browning leaves, and June is the best time to dig daffodil bulbs. As you dig the bulbs, you can divide and replant them in a new spot immediately or share them with a friend. If you prefer, bulbs can be stored in a cool dry location until fall planting time. Store them in net bags or on trays which allow good air circulation for drying. The best planting time is mid-September to mid-October. More

Teresa's Dazzling Daylilies (licensed)

Over 900+ quality, registered daylilies. **Annual Daylily Extravaganza.** Special pricing on freshly dug, bare root varieties. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 10:30 am until 8:30 pm beginning the second week of June through the end of July; all other times by appointment. Phone: 812-876-6412. Location: 3973 Franklin Road, Spencer IN. **Visit website with musical video:** www.youtube/, search for Teresa's Dazzling Daylilies. Teresa Campbell reports that she buys new varieties each year (63 varieties last year and 54 this year) so there is always something new in her garden! The most recent will not yet be ready for sale but take a look and make a list for the future.



Please add the following to your Directory:

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The following have new e-mail addresses:

Jan Skinner: janskinner1@att.net
Vickie St. Myers: stmyersv@gmail.com

A correction to the directory:

Flora Francie Knable phone number: (812)825-2322

To paraphrase Jan—as soon as you receive this e-mail go directly to your 2016 directories and make these updates!

I think the true gardener is a lover of his flowers, not a critic of them. I think the true gardener is the reverent servant of Nature, not her truculent, wife-beating master. I think the true gardener, the older he grows, should more and more develop a humble, grateful and uncertain spirit. ~Reginald Farrer, In a Yorkshire Garden, 1909



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