



APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Don't always take things for granted. I stated in last month's newsletter about it being almost Springtime. The daffodils were springing up and budding out. I have been known to be wrong a few times and this time I was wrong again. Surprise! Mother Nature disagreed with the date on the calendar for Spring to begin. She had her own ideas. We received two more snows, along with ice, sleet, and rain. You get a different perspective looking at daffodils with 4-6 inches of snow covering them. I am still dreaming of spring and finally getting a chance to work in the yard and garden. I am looking forward to enjoying the programs and fellowship at our meetings.

Our next meeting will be on April 4th at Southside Christian Church. Our guest speakers for the evening will be David Kirchoff and Mort Morss, from Daylily World. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to see Daylily World, you should put it on your to do list.

If you have any extra gardening magazines or catalogs, that seem to be gathering dust and you would like to share with others please bring them to the meeting for free giveaways. Also if you would like to donate prizes for our door prize drawings, you can bring any plant related product, e. g. plants, pots, books, tools, ornaments, rabbit droppings, etc.

Another surprise we received was the cancellation of this year's Monroe County Master Gardeners Fair, at the National Guard Armory. The date for that event was set for April 7th, The National Guard regrettably had no choice but to notify those in charge of the event, and explain that the Armory was needed that same date for training. A company was receiving last minute training to be shipped out overseas, we wish them the best.

Bob Deckard

Plant Care for March and April

Iris - When iris are 6" tall or when air temperature reaches 70°, you must do something for borers. If you garden organically, use Grub Away Nematodes from Gardens Alive; if you are not organic, use any of the Bayer treatments that include Merit (available at Lowes). There is a granular one now that lasts several months. Deadhead early bloomers as necessary, cutting off bloom stalks at the ground when bloom is finished. Keep weeds down. A mulch is useful here, but keep mulch off the tops of the rhizomes of bearded iris, so that the rhizomes are exposed to full sun.

Hosta - Remove debris off crowns; apply 1-2 tablespoons of 10-10-10 fertilizer taking care not to burn the crowns. Apply a 10% ammonia solution on crowns to kill slug eggs and provide extra nitrogen. Keep mulch and debris 3-4 inches away from the crown. Divide if you want to and water afterwards. Hostas can be planted now through August. Keep watered.

Daffodil - Although daffodils will usually bloom well without fertilizer, putting a handful of low nitrogen fertilizer, such as 6-24-24, on the clumps after the foliage appears will improve the quality of the blooms. Don't cut the green leaves off before they begin turning brown which will be June or thereabouts.

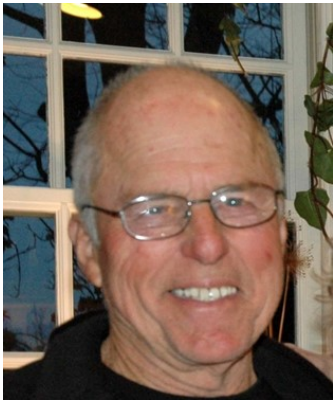
Daylily - Pull debris, mulch, leaves, etc. away from emerging new plants. At the end of March apply a fertilizer such as 18-6-12 (12-12-12 would be fine, too). If thrips are a problem, use an insecticidal soap or neem oil or a systemic insecticide such as Spinosad, Abamectin, or Imidacloprid (=Merit) as the buds are being formed in the scape. Daylilies can be transplanted in late April or early May depending on the weather. Soak roots in water a couple of hours before planting. The crown should not be more than an inch below the soil surface. Water. Use a root stimulator to help establish a good root system.

April 4 Meeting at Southside Christian Church

Speaker will start at 7 pm - refreshments and fellowship from 6:30 to 7 pm.

Topic: Daylilies Presenters: David Kirchhoff and Mort Moss

Together David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss operate Daylily World located in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky www.daylilyworld.com



David Kirchhoff

David's first cross was in 1958, and his love of daylilies continues unabated. He is perhaps best known for his red and double flowered cultivars, although his two Lennington All American daylilies -2001 Ming Porcelain (Kirchhoff, D. 1981) and 1994 Chorus Line (Kirchhoff, D. 1981) were shades of pink. His two Stout Medal award winners 2002 Bill Norris (Kirchhoff, D, 1993) and 1991 Betty Woods (Kirchhoff, D. 1980)– were both golden yellow. David eagerly anticipates the challenge of growing and hybridizing daylilies for northern hardiness.



Mort Morss

Mort began hybridizing daylilies in 1971, and his cultivars are very popular and widely grown. His award winning, first introduction, was named INNER VIEW and it helped launch the popularity of patterned daylilies. Mort's Lennington All American Award Winning Paper Butterfly (Morss, 1983) was the first widely acclaimed cultivar with a patterned eyezone. His unwavering pursuit of excellence in the realm of patterned flowers has resulted in a disproportionately large percentage of the most coveted patterned eyes and edges by cutting edge hybridizers worldwide. Also received the Lennington All American Award in 2017 with God Save the Queen (Morss, 2005) The popularity of his cultivars is such that they usually sell out soon after they are offered and are beloved throughout the world. Mort has received the Stout Silver Medal Award in 1997 with the cultivar Always Afternoon (Morss, 1987)

The Lennington All American Award has been given each year since 1970 to the Daylily voted the best performer in a wide geographic area where as the Stout Silver Medal winners are voted on by AHS Garden Judges.

Prepare Now!

The **Member-to-member Plant Sale** will be held **May 2** at Southside Christian Church. Be thinking about what plants you would like to bring. Clean up your containers and pot up a few starts to bring. Please price all contributions.

Daffodils Are Blooming, Time to Mark Their Location

If you have Daffodils blooming, please consider making some available for the public plant sale. Now is a good time to take a picture and mark your bulbs. After the foliage, has died back they can be dug and dried and later labeled. They sell much better if there is a picture. We are always short of daffodil bulbs for the sale so if you have extra please consider donating them.

April Garden Events

April 5-8, 2018

2018 National Daffodil Convention
Nashville, TN
Daffodilusa.org

April 7, 2018 9am-3pm

*32nd Annual Boone County
Master Gardeners Gardenfest*
Boone County Fairgrounds
1300 E 100 S - Lebanon, IN

April 8-14, 2018

AIS-SLI 2108 Convention
New Orleans, LA
www.irises.org

April 13, 2018 9am-5pm

Indiana Daffodil Society (IDS)
Hamilton Community Center
Columbus, IN

April 14, 2018 12 pm,

Wildflower Walks at Burkhart Creek Park
Join Master Gardener and Master Naturalist David Mow for his annual series of Wildflower Walks at Burkhart Creek Park. Meet at the blacktop parking lot at the north end of the park on Warthen Road. Directions can be found on the Morgan County Parks and Recreation website.

April 15, 2018 9am-5pm

Cincinnati Ohio Daffodil Show
Southwest Ohio Daffodil Society
Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati, OH

April 21-22, 2018

Midwest Regional Daffodil Show
Central Ohio Daffodil Society
Columbus, OH

April 21, 2018

Perennial Exchange Spring Swap
Martin County 4H Grounds, Loogootee, IN

April 27-28, 2018 10am-4pm

*2018 Greene County Flower and Patio
Show hosted by the Greene County Master
Gardener Association*
Greene County Community Event Center
4530 W State Road 54 - Bloomfield

April 27-29, 2018

Brown County Wildflower Foray
Multiple locations in Brown County including T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Hoosier National Forest, Lake Monroe.

April 28, 2018 9 am-5 pm

*Hendrick's County Master Gardener's Fair
"Gardening for All Ages"*
at the Hendrick's County Fairgrounds 1900
E Main St, Danville, IN 46122 (free)

2018 Directories Available at April Meeting

The 2018 Directories with lists of people, events, meetings, officers, and other important club information can be picked up at the April 4 meeting. **Please try to make this meeting and pick up your Directory to save the club the cost of mailing.** *Many thanks to those who have already picked them up!*

Refreshments will be provided by Ida Bouvier, Marcia Locke, Jelene Campbell, Bernadette de Leon, Gywen Magee, Shirley Deem



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