

JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Southern
Indiana
Daylily,
Hosta,
Daffodil &
Iris
Society

Thanks to everyone for bringing and buying plants at our May meeting. We earned \$250.

June is a busy month. Our June 5 meeting is on **Container Water Gardening** with Sue Speichert.

NOTE: Location is at Gertrude's Garden Farm on the corner of Woodyard and Vernal Pike. Directions below. Car pooling is a good way to discuss the program afterwards.

The **Bloomington Garden Walk** is on June 22-23. SIDHDIS is a sponsor. Tickets are available for purchase. This is a great way to see beautiful gardens and get ideas.

Our **Bus Trip is Saturday, June 29**. We will leave from Marsh North, Kinser Pike, at 8AM. Please arrive no later than 7:50 AM so we can be loaded and on the road by 8AM. If you want to make some snack goodies, please let Barb Leisz (824-7410) know. The club will provide water. If you want a different beverage, please bring it with you.

First Stop: Lollipop Garden - Shirley Toney
1350 Wright Court, Franklin, IN

Second Stop: Sugar Creek Daylily Gardens - Jayne and Greg Lough, 15301 N. 800 E., Darlington, IN

Jayne Lough is going to do our lunch at her garden. It will be buffet style and will include:

- BBQ on a bun
 - Homemade vinegar cole slaw
 - Veggie tray with dip
 - Spinach salad with egg, strawberries and dressing
 - Two sheet cakes....Texas Sheet Cake and one she calls "Crack" cake because it's addictive :
 - Tea and lemonade
- Price: \$9.00 Per person

Third Stop: Sully Schultz Nursery, 317 E. 14th St.
Tilton, IL

Cost is only \$20 for members and must be paid by the June

meeting. Non-members cost is \$30. Those wishing to join SIDHDIS can use the extra \$10 for membership for the rest of 2013. The lunch is an additional \$9 per person.

While we do not have a regular meeting scheduled in July, **Barb Leisz is hosting an ice cream social pitch-in** at her home on 7394 S. Shady Side Drive on Wednesday, July 3. (If you did the iris drive in May, you know where it is). Time: 6:30 pm. Barb says, "Bring an ice cream topping....nuts, whipped cream, sprinkles, etc. and/or finger desserts...cookies, brownies, etc. that would go well with ice cream."

Our annual **exhibit at the Monroe County Fair** will be July 30. John Simpson has agreed to coordinate this so volunteer to cover a shift and tell others about the benefits of SIDHDIS membership. If there are any daylilies blooming, Mark Cline, Greg Beavers and YOU please bring some for the exhibit. Be sure to bring your smile and your fan. [see article below for more information]

Also, remember that our **18th Annual Plant Sale is on August 24**. We NEED your help to dig, clean, and label earlier in the week. Be sure to sign up at the June meeting or contact Debbie Shields (334-0569) to volunteer. This is our largest fundraiser and enables us to have over \$1,000 in plant give-aways at our picnic at David Sherlock's in September. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, May 19, Shirley and Mark Cline, Dan Knudsen and Barb Leisz opened their iris gardens to members of SIDHDIS who elected to drive to see them. Thanks to our hosts for showing how iris and gardens can be so glorious.

Enjoy the summer and participate in the many activities that SIDHDIS has to offer. Happy summer and gardening.
Jan Skinner

Don't forget to put the

Bloomington Garden Club Garden Walk on your calendar. The walk will take place from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 22, and from noon to 4 pm on Sunday, June 23**. SIDHDIS is a sponsor and proceeds go to Hill-top and to civic projects.

PLAN AHEAD – We can use NAMED Hosta, Daylily, Iris and Daffodils for the August plant sale which is our main source of income. Don't forget that pictures are a terrific aid in selling plants. Also, why not start potting extra plants for the September plant giveaway and trade at the picnic: The more plants, the more fun.

Reminder: no regular meeting or newsletter in July.

See President's message for details about an ice cream social July 3 at Barb Leisz's.

Please correct the following in your Directory:

Linda James Robin Sims
Email: ljames@bluemarble.net Email: robrsims@gmail.com

Providing refreshments

for the June 5 meeting: Nancy Knapp, Jo Ann Ligon, Karen Crosby, Faye Ure, Terry Ransel.

June 5 Meeting Information

Our June 5th meeting will be at 7 pm at Gertrude's GardenFarm. Come early for refreshments and bring a chair. Sue Speichert will be the speaker and demonstrator. Her topic will be "Container Water Gardens" and she says, "You don't need a pond to have water plants. Any container that will hold water can be turned into your own mini-pond with a few well-chosen water plants. Come learn about which plants to grow in pots and how to take care of your container water garden. Find out why Greg always called water gardening 'gardening for the gardening impaired!'"

Information on Gertrude's GardenFarm: It "is a private company whose mission is to inspire everyone — children and adults alike — to garden and grow our own food and to work together to better understand and appreciate the source of our food and our harvest. On just over 7 acres, we've taken an old dairy farm and turned it into an oasis for gardeners and would-be farmers. Gertrude's GardenFarm began as a memorial and tribute to Greg Speichert, former director at Hilltop Gardens, who died in 2010. Greg's wife, Sue, bought the property for Gertrude's GardenFarm in order to fulfill one of Greg's life-long dreams: to establish gardens with a working farm and miniature farm animals to inspire children, families, and adults to grow good food and enjoy the beauty of gardening in the heartland, southern Indiana-style."

"Directions to Gertrude's GardenFarm, 4360 West Woodyard Road, Bloomington.

Take the bypass west out of Bloomington. The first stop and go light west of SR 37 is the intersection with Curry Pike. Turn left on Curry Pike. Go to the next intersection. This is Woodyard Road. Make a right on Woodyard Road and you will see a white house immediately on your right. This is Gertrude's Garden Farm at 4360 West Woodyard. There is not enough room for everyone to park in front of the house. SO Go past the white house to the next street -- this is Smith Pike. Make a right on Smith Pike and go about 50 feet and then turn on to the large lawn that's on your right just past the little red garage. There will be a sign that says "Park" where you should turn. Everyone can park on the lawn." [If you need a map, there is one on the website at www.gertrudsgardenfarm.org.]

SIDHDIS Minutes of the May 1, 2013, Meeting

Jan Skinner was unable to attend. The meeting was opened by Mark Cline.

Treasurers Report: Current balance \$9,770.45

Announcements: Dan Knudsen, Barb Leitz, and the Cline's **iris gardens** are open for visiting **Sunday, May 19th from 1-5** (rain date May 26th). Note: Harrell Road is closed at one end. To visit the Cline's garden take Moffett Lane to Harrell Road. Barb mentioned her road is under construction also and may in places be dirt.

Sign up for the **June 29th bus trip** is with Diane at the plant purchase table.

Sign up for **public plant sale volunteers** is also at the sale table. Volunteers are needed for digging, cleaning, labeling, and for day of sale, August 24th.

The **Hilltop Garden Plant Sale** date will be announced.

Member to Member Sale: Plants should all be marked with description and price. Before releasing members to the sale Mark asked that we not elbow or gouge.☺

Next meeting will be at held at Sue Speichert's. [see below]

Submitted by Jacqueline Lovings, SIDHDIS Secretary

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 30, 2013, on the patio of the Community Building. We will need **labeled** day-lilies and hostas (leaves or potted plants/hypertufa gardens) for the display. You can bring them to the patio of the Community Building between 10 and 11 am. We will take the exhibit down around 7-8 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. Please bring your own 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. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next 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 simpsonj@indiana.edu or 332-8815. We would especially appreciate it if you have some potted hostas that you could bring. This is a one day only exhibit, and it is not a contest.

Auto Tour of Daylily Gardens: There will be a tour of local gardens featuring daylilies. This will be for two days, Saturday and Sunday June 22 and 23 from 1-5pm. For this tour you may go to the gardens with friends or family or carpool with other SIDHDIS members. The following gardens will be open for viewing:
Greg Beavers (812) 345-2299
Alice Finley's Garden (812) 797-4161
Krista Rodgers/Hosta Hill of Brown County (812) 988-7027
Teresa's Dazzling Daylilies/Teresa Campbell (812) 876-6412
Glorious Daylilies/Karen St. Rain (812) 834-5693 Sunday Only
Walnut Grove Nursery/Frank Nyikos (812) 360-6242 Sunday Only

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 on that later.

Announcement:

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/watch_teresa's_dazzling_daylilies. Teresa reports that there are new videos, and that she has the daylilies named on the videos. Be sure to check these out.