



MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

On your mark, get set, go! To the Southside Christian Church on May 2nd for our annual member to member plant sale. This event is our second largest fund raiser for the club and enjoyed by all.

Speaking of fund raising. If you missed the April 4th SIDHDIS meeting you missed a great and informative meeting. David Kirchoff and Mort Morss from Daylily World donated some of their best and latest cultivars. These cultivars were auctioned off between club members for fund raising. The club raised \$1,031.85 and the club was happy to donate \$600.00 back to our wonderful speakers for time and expense.

Thanks go out to Berta Moore, Greg Beavers and the committee members for planning the meeting. Also thanks go out to Ida Bouvier, Marcia Locke, Jelene Campbell, Bernadette De Leon, Gywen Magee and Shirley Deem for their delicious contribution of food. Jane Herr is also owed a great deal of appreciation for her tireless efforts in making the coffee and drinks. Thanks to all. Everyone lace up your running shoes and bring your plants to donate. See details below concerning pricing and identification.

Planning on seeing you there.
Bob Deckard

PS. Darn, my shoe string just broke.

Member-to-Member Plant Sale 2018

On **Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00 PM** we will have our annual Member-to-Member plant sale at Southside Christian Church. **Please try to have your plants there by 6:45.** There will be refreshments, too, so come early to look at what's available and enjoy the fellowship. You may bring in any kind of plants that you have to sell to other members: indoor, outdoor, seedlings, seeds, trees, etc. Here are some guidelines to help you get ready to bring in your plants:

- Pot your plants or wrap in newsprint or plastic bags
- Label the plant with as much information as you can, i.e. cultivar, cultural requirements
- Give growing requirements, i.e. sun, shade, etc.
- Put a price on the label; even dollars only
- Put your name on the tag so the buyer can ask you any questions
- Avoid bringing invasive plants
- You can make your own labels from cottage cheese cartons, mini blind slats, etc.

REMEMBER, there are **NO EARLY SALES**, and no picking up and setting aside plants before the sale actually begins which will be immediately following the short business meeting. Proceeds from the sale are for the benefit of the club and to give members a chance to try new plants at a low price. This sale is for **MEMBERS ONLY**. **Be sure to bring money to purchase plants: cash, checks, money orders and credit cards will be accepted.** **Meeting and sale will be held rain or shine!**

Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by: June Jacobs, John Simpson, Cheryl Anderson, Karen Crosby, Flora Francie Knable

2018 Directory correction: Hilda Sparks correct e-mail is sparkscs44@gmail.com

Plant Care for May

Daylily—Daylilies can be transplanted in late April and early May, depending on the weather. Plant the fans in well drained soil where they will receive at least 4-6 hours of sunlight. Soak the roots in water for a couple of hours before planting. The crown should be no more than 1 inch below the ground.

Hosta—Make sure that Hostas get plenty of water; about an inch per week. If you mulch, keep the mulch about 3 inches from the crown.

Daffodils—Normally this is the end of the bloom season for daffodils, but in order for the plant to bloom well next year, you need to leave the foliage until it turns brown. Don't forget to add some low nitrogen fertilizer (such as 6-24-24) around the clumps. If you want to be able to dig the bulbs later, be sure to mark where they are now before you forget.

Iris—Usually May is the peak of the iris season. Keep weeding and enjoying them. After the Tall Bearded bloom, then come the Louisianas, Siberians, Japanese and others. This is a good time to search the web for iris growers and plan for next year's plantings. Check in the Directory and start with AIS website (American Iris Society) which will give you lots of links to iris sources.

Try This!: Daylily Tubers

Although many of you are familiar with eating flower buds but has anyone tried the tubers? They look like baby fingerling potatoes and are eaten raw or cooked. They have a crisp texture paired with a nutty sweetness.

For culinary purposes it is recommended to use the regular orange ditch lily, *Hemerocallis fulva*. The highest quality tubers are harvested in late fall or early spring. In summer, the tubers turn spongy and are not palatable. The tubers don't need peeled, but they will need a good scrubbing to remove any dirt. Once clean and patted dry, toss them with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and roast them in the oven until fork tender.

An estimated 5% of the population have digestive issues with daylilies. Start with a small quantity until you know whether you can tolerate this forager favorite.

from *Veggie Garden Remix* by Niki Jabbour - contributed by Esther Minnick

Upcoming Garden Tours

Sat. May 12: This should be close to the peak peony bloom at Whitehall Gardens. We'll leave at 8AM from the K-Mart West parking lot and travel 2 hours to Whitehall Gardens. We'll be there about an hour and a half and then a short drive (9 minutes) to Cave Hill Cemetery where we'll stay about an hour and 20 minutes. Then lunch TBD from 1 to 2. Then a 45 minute drive to Hidden Hills plant Nursery and Sculpture Garden where we'll stay about 2 hours and from there a 2 hour drive home.

Berta will have the cost info at the meeting. Be ready to sign up at the upcoming meeting as time for this is short.

The car pool trips are as follows: Remember that these are gardens recommended by Moya Andrews so they are really worth a visit.

Sat May 26: we get to visit Rebecca Sink Burress's garden. This garden has a wonderful collection of Japanese maples and conifers plus a variety of perennials. She said we will have access to the bathroom in the house and there is plenty of room for parking. We can come from noon to 4PM. Berta will have directions at the meeting.

Sat June 9: we can see Nancy Millers garden at 2369 E. Linden Hill Dr. in Bloomington. She has a beautiful display of hydrangeas with many different varieties. Her garden will be open from 10AM to noon.

At the beginning of May we will get a date from Lisa Burnham when we can visit the beautiful Burnham Woods garden.

May Garden Events

May 5, 9am-3pm, Franklin

Garden Celebration

Johnson County Fairgrounds

The Johnson County Garden Club's 14th annual Garden Celebration will include more than 50 flower, plant, and garden art vendors along with guest speakers. Seed packets and tree saplings will be given away free while supplies last. Admission is \$2 at the door. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Call Lynne at 317-736-5609, Carolyn at 317-736-8080, or email jcgardenclub@gmail.com.

May 12, 9am-2pm, Alexandria

Annual Plant Sale

Madison County Fairgrounds

Madison County Master Gardeners offer hundreds of plants for sale – perennials, annuals, and vegetables grown by local Master Gardeners. Bring your tools to the tool sharpening clinic. There will be garden decor, gloves, and treasures for sale, too. The day will also include free educational materials and lectures. Visit madisoncountymastergardener.org

May 19, 1pm-4pm, Indianapolis

Annual Iris Show

Sullivan Hardware and Garden

The Indiana Daylily-Iris Society invites the public to attend its annual iris show. Members' displays are judged on their most prized iris. Visit indianadaylilyirissociety.org, visit the Facebook page Indiana Daylily-Iris Society (IDIS), or contact shirleyanntoney@aol.com.

May 19, 8am-3pm, Noblesville

Master Gardeners' Plant Sale

Hamilton County Fairground

The 20th annual Master Gardeners plant sale will offer more than 12,000 plants for sale. In addition to perennials, annuals, vegetables, trees, and natives, bearded irises are available. The day will also include educational materials covering aspects of gardening. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and offer expert advice. Visit hcmga.org.

June 1-2, Okemos, Michigan

American Iris Society Region 6 Spring Convention

Hampton Inn and Suites in Okemos, Michigan

It will begin Friday evening and end late afternoon on Saturday.

<http://aisregion6.weebly.com/>

Greetings Native Plant Enthusiasts,

Out at Eco Logic we are preparing for our Saturday Nursery Openings. We will be open every Saturday in May and the first two Saturdays in June: **May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th.**

You will also be able to shop from a selection of our plants at the Bloomington Farmer's Market on June 16th for SNAYL Day and of course, at Deep Roots Garden Center located at Bloomingsfoods East. Sign-ups are encouraged for the following Free Educational events:

May 5th 10 am

Organize your Neighborhood to Remove Invasives & Plant Natives – Gilian Field, MCIRIS

May 12nd 10 am

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants – Natalie Marinova, Eco Logic

May 19th 10 am

Raingarden Certification Workshop – Dana Wilkinson, Monroe County Public Works

June 2nd 10 am

Identification and Ecology of Indiana Frogs – Cathy Meyer, Monroe County Parks and Rec.

June 9th 10 am

Beginning Bird Watching and Citizen Science: How you can help conserve birds! – Chris Fox, Sycamore Land Trust

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please respond in a separate email to nursery@ecologicindiana.com. Send us your name, title of event, and phone number. Each event is at 10 am and will last about one hour.

Anyone who would like to receive a copy of our 2018 Resource Guide should email nursery@ecologicindiana.com with a mailing address and we will get one sent your way.

Thank you, Natalie & the Eco Logic Team



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Save the date: Our June 6th meeting will be a garden party with Moya Andrews in her garden at 840 Sheridan Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401. Bring a lawn chair. Don't miss this, her garden is extraordinary!

SIDHDIS Meeting March 7, 2018

Secretary Flora Francie Knable Minutes

President Bob Deckard opened the meeting, reminding members to pick up their 2018 Directory and Calendar of Events.

Treasurer Diana Young announced: There is \$9,000 in the treasury, \$200 was given to Bloomington Garden Club for 2017 and 2018 Garden Walks, Cheryl Anderson needs volunteers to complete the 2017 Audit. (phone # is in directory), and please pay SIDHDIS 2018 member dues if you haven't done that yet.

Berta Moore, Tour Coordinator announced possible trips for the year.

Car Pool Trips to visit gardens in our area:

Moya Andrews suggested Burnam Woods' Garden, Rebecca St. Burris' home, where many conifers and maples grow. A possible visit date is Saturday May 19, and a possible return in October when the Japanese maples will be in their glory, and Nancy Miller's garden in June to see many hydrangeas.

Bus Road Trips

Berta is working to set up a trip to Louisville, KY to visit White Hall Louisville Estate Gardens, and Cave Hill Cemetery.

Now, for the very best part, Greg Beavers presentation: Enjoying Bluebirds in Your Garden! So much information, with beautiful slides, examples of various boxes. BB are secondary cavity nesters and may use empty woodpecker nests, but mostly, we need to provide the nests. The entry hole of the box should not face West because the highest winds here come from that direction. Each box should be 100-150 yards apart. BB love short cut grass, as they find their food, insects on the ground. They like black sunflower seeds and mealworms. BB have 2, sometimes 3, clutches a season. She will have 4-6 eggs, 1 a day! When all eggs are in the nest, then she sits so all crack out at the same time! Mom wants a tree nearby so 18-23 days later, her fledglings will have a close place to land.

Each box should be 100-150 yards apart, should not be near to house and especially not near a barn. Box design: 1 ½" round hole or 1 3/8"x2 ¼" oval hole, or 1 ¼-1 3/8" slot box. Boxes made of wood or PCV. Paint ONLY the exterior in a light color. Minimum of 4 ½ " from the floor to the bottom of the entry hole. Need a 2-3" overhang, as this will discourage house sparrows. Monitor your boxes every 1 week to 10 days. September is good to clean boxes, as is right now, early cold March.

If you are interested in getting the CV box Greg showed, contact him as he is getting an order together. And Greg, thank you so much for the Wonderful presentation and the NABS Factsheets, Journals, and web address: www.nabluebirdsociety.org

PS: Diana Young and Nancy Deckard need volunteers to help with the July 3rd SIDHDIS Exhibit & Daylily Show at Monroe County Fair.

SIDHDIS Meeting April 4, 2018

Secretary Flora Francie Knable Minutes

President Bob Deckard opened the meeting, and reminded members to pay the yearly dues if they have not done so.

Treasurer Diane Young announced that there is \$9,377.17 in the treasury.

New Business: Jane Herr will record a flash drive of meeting notes, and the minutes will be included in the newsletter.

Presentation: What's New in Daylilies by Dave Kirchoff and Mort Morss from Daylily World.

- Dave made his first cross in 1958 and is best known for his red, and double flowered cultivars.
- Mort began hybridizing daylilies in 1971, and is a specialist in the realm of patterned eye daylilies.
- Many of the daylilies are named after celebrities, friends and close relatives.
- Daylily World relocated to Lawrenceburg, Kentucky in 2006, moving 20,000 daylilies to enjoy 5 acres of fertile soil.
- They also have many spectacular perennial gardens.
- The presentation was a beautiful slide show of many of Dave and Mort's wonderful creations.
- Please visit Daylily World's website at: www.daylilyworld.com
- Phone number 407-416-9119
- Email: sales@daylilyworld.net

Daylily Auction: Following the presentation, members were able to take part in an auction of many freshly dug Daylily World beauties.

Happy Planting!

Our next meeting is May 2nd: Member to Member Plant Sale