



SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

July and August were busy months for SIDHDIS. The SIDHDIS exhibit at the Monroe County Fair attracted a good amount of attention, thanks to Nancy and Diana and the dozen or more members who parked themselves at the display, answered questions, and handed out membership information.

The Member-Share meeting in August was well attended, and welcomed five new members. It was informative and a lot of fun. With a sincere apology to anyone who participated in the program and is not listed here:

- * Marcia Locke gave a wonderful program on worm farming, stressing all the while that the worms love bananas and they don't smell!
- * Brenda Wampler spoke on hypertufa, and brought examples. Make your own plant containers!
- * Greg Beavers extolled the virtues of Azomite. Put 1 Tbsp. of Azomite and 2 Tbsp. of Epsom Salts in the hole when planting any bulb and you'll have great blooms.
- * Cara McGowan presented a slide show of her tour of Butchart Gardens in Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, Canada. Everyone wants to go now.
- * Ann Henk described her raised bed gardening, and brought detailed instructions that provide everything you need to know to get started.
- * Jeanne Lager encouraged everyone to include the bold and beautiful Baptisia in their landscaping. And brought handouts, as did most presenters.
- * Yours truly shared an Impossible Pie recipe that calls for zucchini. It doesn't use enough zucchini to make a dent in your zucchini surplus, but it's delicious.

Another successful Public Plant Sale was held on August 26. Nancy and Bob Deckard dug plants for two days. Over the course of six days many more members washed plants, labeled plants, set up and took down display tables. It's a sizeable undertaking, and takes a lot of helping hands all week and all day on Saturday. The weather was beautiful, but crowds were down this year. Did they stay home to work in their yards? Diana will fill us in on the final profit.

September 10 is here! Please read the following information carefully about the Picnic and Plant Give-Away. And cross your fingers for good weather. Greg Beavers will be contacting people with reminders to help with setting up and taking down the tables at David Sherlock's home. See you there!

Evelyn Harrell

Election Results

New officers were elected at the August meeting. They will be installed at the October 5 meeting and assume their positions on the day following the meeting.

President: Bob Deckard
Vice-President: Berta Moore
Secretary: Flora Francie Knable
Treasurer: Diana Young
Editor: Jane Herr
Webmaster: Jackie Lovings

Each flower group chose their own representative:

Daylily: Greg Beavers
Hosta: Bill Swallow
Daffodil: Rusty Neal
Iris: Sara Huntington

Picnic Pitch-In at September Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, September 10.** This is the ever-popular Pitch-in, Plant-Give-Away, and Plant Exchange which we have each year at David Sherlock's. We will eat at 1 p.m., but you may arrive any time after 11 a.m. **Bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to share, your drinks, lawn chairs, and plants or plant related items to share with the other members in the exchange.** Table service will be furnished by the club. The club will be sponsoring anyone who would like to bring meat: fried chicken, ham, ribs, etc. Turn your receipt into Diana Young.

After we eat, we will draw for the special daylilies, hostas, daffodils, and irises that the club has purchased for this. After that we will have our plant give-away and exchange. For this please bring plants of any kind that you would like to share with the other members, as well as other garden-related items: Tools, books, seeds, bulbs, garden produce, jam, gourds, trees, shrubs, perennials, house plants, pots, labels, bird houses, garden sculptures, etc. Please tag plants with your name or initials and any pertinent information. REMEMBER: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANT GIVE-AWAY OR PLANT TRADE, YOU MUST BE A CURRENT SIDHDIS MEMBER AND PRESENT AT THE PICNIC. **Each member who is present will receive a ticket for the drawings and each family membership entitles that family to a maximum of two tickets if two members are in attendance.**

Be sure to make every effort to attend this get-together: It is one of the best events of the year and is enjoyed by all. In case of rain that day, the picnic will be postponed until the following Sunday, September 17.

Please come prepared to pay your dues for 2018 or you may pay at the October 4th meeting. Remember: Like most garden clubs, SIDHDIS membership is valid for the calendar year regardless of when purchased. When renewing your membership, we will have an information card for you to check/update your address, phone, etc. We will also be collecting the annual SIDHDIS questionnaire, always looking for new ideas and your feedback about the club!

Directions to David Sherlock's House: 2240 E. Rhorer Road, Bloomington, IN 47401

Go south on Walnut to the stoplight by the intersection of new Kroger; turn east onto Rhorer Road; go past Jackson Creek School on left; go up the hill to 3rd house on right where you will see the "Sherlock Homes and Gardens" sign beside the driveway.

OR

Go south on College Mall Road; continue straight on Sare Road past the Jackson Creek Middle School on your right; turn left (east) onto Rhorer Road. Go up the hill to the 3rd house on right where you will see the "Sherlock Homes and Gardens" sign beside the driveway.

If you need help or more information, or If the weather looks to be a problem, you may call Greg Beavers (812-345-2299) or David Sherlock (812-332-3852) or check your email for information on postponement.

I will have available some more Azomite (www.azomite.com) at the picnic. 2-pound bags are \$4.00. Please email me if you have interest. gbeavers@gmx.com Greg Beavers

Planning (and Planting) for the Future

When you bring home all those wonderful plants home from the picnic be sure to mark your specific cultivars for the future. You can use plastic or metal markers or a club favorite is the use of old window blinds cut into 5 or 6-inch lengths and marked with a heavy pencil. Alternately you can record locations and types in a garden notebook. In later years when your plants have increased you can give back to the club at the member to member plant sale or donate to our public plant sale.

Plant Information for September

Daffodil—In October with cool ground temperatures we can plant daffodils. A guide is 2-4 weeks before the ground freezes, though planting can be later. If you have or will be purchasing daffodil bulbs, it's time to consider places where you might slip in bulbs. Planting in soil with poor drainage is not advised. Some growers make beds of composed topsoil.

Daylilies—Continue to water and you can start dividing again. It can be acceptable to fertilize again with a fertilizer high in phosphorus to promote root development. A soil test might be recommended to determine if needed.

Iris—Water and weed as necessary until frost. Keep leaves out of bearded iris root crowns.

Hosta—Fertilize again. Water as needed.

SIDHDIS wants your opinion!

Look for our annual member questionnaire as an attachment to this newsletter. You can respond by e-mail, bring it to the Sept. 10 picnic or bring it to the October 4 meeting. We will have copies at the picnic for you to fill out there. We want to know what you want—speakers, trips, projects, etc. Put in your 2 cents! Our 2018 vice-president, Berta Moore, is coordinating the questionnaire.

Contact her: berta@bluemarble.net or 812-876-1100

Another Successful Public Plant Sale!

Breakdown of sales:	Cash	\$1054
	Checks	\$207
	Square	\$626
	Gross	\$1887

We still have to pay Indiana Daffodil Society for Daffodils. Square will get their percentage of the \$617 card sales, also, any outstanding expenses. We better than I expected with the crowd we had.

There is always next year. I have the email list for next year. Thanks Greg for that idea.

Thanks to all who worked so hard and donated so much. It was a fun day. *Diana Young*

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American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) to Introduce Hosta Locator

The American Hosta Growers Association (AHGA) has decided to introduce a replacement for the popular Hosta Finder that had been published for many years by Steve Greene. AHGA is teaming with AHS to provide a source listing of hostas and pricing information for hostas that are offered by its members. The Hosta Locator will be linked to the AHS Hosta Registry website (hostaregistrar.org). This will provide a one source stop for all hosta information, including Registration data, Show Classification, Hosta registration photos and additional photos, along with the Hosta Locator. The Hosta Locator is being paid for by the AHGA membership, and will be provided free of charge to all. The new Hosta Locator should launch by Spring, 2018.

Upcoming Events and Conventions

September 10, 2017 11 am
SIDHDIS Pitch-in, Plant Give-Away and Plant Exchange
David Sherlock's house
2240 E. Rhorer Road
Bloomington, IN 47401

October 4, 2017
SIDHDIS Monthly Meeting
Southside Christian Church
Topic: Planting, Eating and Cooking with Herbs

April 5-8, 2018
201 National Daffodil Convention
Nashville, TN
Daffodilusa.org

April 9-14, 2018
AIS 2108 Convention
New Orleans, LA
www.irises.org

June 6-9, 2018
AHS 2018 National Convention
Myrtle Beach SC
www.ahs2018convention.org

June 20-23, 201
AHS National Convention
Philadelphia, PA
<http://www.americanhostasociety.org>