



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

I would like to take this time to thank all SIDHDIS members for giving me the chance to serve as your president for the past year. I am sure we have all learned from the informative meetings, I have learned a lot about myself, serving as an officer. If you have never taken the privilege to serve as an officer, then you will never know what you can do. Sometimes you have to test the waters to enjoy the swim. I would like to congratulate all the new officers for the upcoming year. I wish you all the best, and know that you are all qualified to do a fantastic job. I regret that Nancy and I were unable to make the August meeting and the elections. We altered our plans to be on vacation in the Smoky Mountains with our kids and grandkids due to their work schedule.

Mother Nature can sometimes be with you or against you. She was generous and kind enough to bless us with many beautiful cultivars donated for our annual sale. Special thanks to all those who donated plants. Thanks to those who cleaned, labeled and sold our plants. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Nature was a little less generous with good weather on the day of the sale. Rain and cooler weather seemed to have dampened the shopping spirits. Crowds and purchases were down but good considering the weather. Thanks to all the volunteers and shoppers who either helped through their hard work or purchases. I will plan on seeing all of you at the annual picnic, plant trade and giveaway at 1 p.m. at Detmer Park on Sept. 9th on Bloomington's west side

sincerely your President;

Bob Deckard

God Bless and happy gardening until then

Election Results

New officers were elected at the August meeting. They will be installed at the October 3 meeting and assume their positions on the day following the meeting.

President: Jeanne Lager
Vice-President: Berta Moore
Secretary: Flora Francie Knable
Treasurer: Diana Young
Editor: Jane Herr

Each flower group chose their own representative:

Daylily: Greg Beavers
Hosta: Cheryl Anderson
Daffodil: Rusty Neal
Iris: Sara Huntington

Picnic Pitch-In at September meeting NEW LOCATION: Detmer Park

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, September 9.** This is the ever-popular Pitch-in, Plant-Give-Away, and Plant Exchange. This year we are moving to Detmer Park in Ellettsville. You may arrive anytime 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. We start eating at 1 pm. After we eat, we will draw for the special daylilies, hostas, daffodils, and irises that the club has purchased for this event. 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. This year we will hold the picnic rain or shine since we have a covered area at Detmer Park.

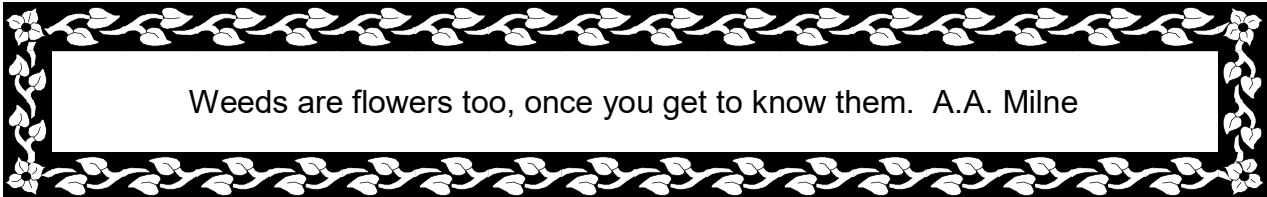
Please come prepared to pay your dues for 2019 or you may pay at the October 3rd meeting. Remember: Like most garden clubs, SIDHDIS membership is valid for the calendar year regardless of when purchased. When renewing your membership we will have an information card for you to check/update your address, phone, etc. We will also be collecting the annual SIDHDIS questionnaire, always looking for new ideas and your feedback about the club!

The **Will Detmer Park is located at 4140 W. Vernal Pike, Bloomington, 47404.** The easiest way to access the park is from N Curry Pike. The entrance is east of the intersection of Vernal Pike and N Curry Pike, and is on the north side of the road. The 28 acre park is the newest park operated by the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department, and was deeded to the department by Will Detmer, who stipulated that the acreage must always serve as a park. Detmer Park, as it is known, now includes a large shelter house to your left as you enter the park. The shelter includes many tables with benches and several free-standing grills. There is a restroom very close by.

Any questions? Contact Evelyn Harrell at 812-339-0572 or ear4841@comcast.net.

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.



Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them. A.A. Milne

Plant Information for September/October

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 at the September 9th picnic. You can fill it out at the picnic or bring it to the October 3rd meeting. We want to know what you want—speakers, trips, projects, etc. Put in your 2 cents! Our 2019 vice-president, Berta Moore, is coordinating the questionnaire. Copies will be distributed by e-mail once it is available.

Contact Berta at berta@bluemarble.net or 812-876-1100

Another Successful Public Plant Sale

Hello all,

When we saw the weather on Sat I was very concerned. I didn't expect much in sales. While we didn't do as well as previous years it was ok. There are still expenses to be paid but right now we have \$1428.08. Last year sales were \$2131.40 after expenses. I am always amazed at how quickly \$3 & \$4 sales total \$100s.

If you have any expenses please get them to me so I can give an accurate report at the picnic.

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

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Upcoming Events and Conventions

September 9, 2018 11 am
SIDHDIS Pitch-in, Plant Give-Away and Plant Exchange
Will Detmer Park
4140 W. Vernal Pike, Bloomington, 47404

October 3, 2018
SIDHDIS Monthly Meeting
Southside Christian Church
Topic: Water Gardens

May 2-5, 2019
2019 National Daffodil Convention
Bloomington, MN
www.daffodilusa.org

April 23-27, 2019
American Iris Society 2109 Convention
Northern California
www.irises.org

June 12-15, 2019
2019 American Hosta Society National Convention
Green Bay, Wisconsin
www.ahs2019event.org

July 10-13, 2019
2019 Daylily Society National Convention
Madison, Wisconsin
www.daylilies.org