

The Lincoln Iris Society's

Rainbow Messenger

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President's Message

David Lionberger

Lots of flu and illness going around, hope it has not infected you and yours. We were both sick for several days and it is a bad thing to deal with. I walked around our iris gardens recently and noticed some of the newly planted rhizomes were lifting from the soil. I suppose the freezing and thawing conditions we are having is causing this situation. I was walking with my cane, so I gently pushed the rhizome down using the soft rubber pad on the cane. After reseating them, I used the cane to tamp the earth gently down around the rhizome. I have had to do this in past years and it seems to benefit the rhizome by securing it firmly without damage. I was pleased to see our gardens were fairly clean with just a few blown in leaves around the plants. I will clean the gardens as soon as possible as borers begin their cycle by hatching in trash around the rhizomes. You will notice a copy of the sign-up sheet for the Husker Lawn & Leisure Show is included in this newsletter. Some members have already signed up as volunteers to staff our booth as indicated on the sheet. Please look the sheet over for available time slots that you could volunteer for. The sign-up sheet will be available at this month's meeting for volunteers to work our booth. Thanks to Dean Douglas for his work in preparing for this event.

President's Quote

'A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.'

Gertrude Jekyll

YOUTH CORNER

The Annual AIS Ackerman Essay Contest deadline is March 21, 2017. This year the topic is "My 2017 Iris Introduction". A \$100.00 prize will be awarded in the Junior Division – ages 12 and under, and the Senior Division – ages 13 and up. Complete information is on page 38 of the AIS Bulletin, winter 2017 edition.

Meeting

Date: Monday, February 27, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
1015 Lancaster Lane Lincoln, NE

Program: Heidi Brase – Review of 2016 Des Moines, Iowa Regional Tour

Hosts: Judy Douglas and Heidi Brase

Questions about Iris or LIS

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LIS 2017 MEETING PROGRAMS

Many thanks to our Vice President, Heidi Brase, for arranging interesting programs for our meetings this year. The office of Vice President also includes the responsibility of Program Committee Chair. Heidi has held this position for several years and has done an outstanding job with our meeting programs. She appreciates the help and suggestions of our members which helps provide the success we have attained in an important function of our organization. Our January program by James Locklear was informative, interesting, and enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Heidi and our members for their efforts in this endeavor.

HUSKER LAWN & LEISURE SHOW

MARCH 10th, 11th and 12th, 2017

Lancaster Event Center—84th & Havelock Ave

THE SCHEDULE OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT.

SETUP TIME (must be completed by 2:00 PM) ----BOOTH # 333

FRIDAY, MAR 10th, 1:00 PM--1. Dean, 2. Judy 3. _____

WORK SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAR 10th

5 PM - 7 PM -- 1. Lois 2. Karl

7 PM - 9 PM-- 1. _____ 2. _____

SATURDAY, MAR 11th

10 AM - 12 PM—1. _____ 2. _____

12 PM - 2 PM-- 1. Stan 2. Twilla

2 PM - 4 PM-- 1. Dean 2. Judy

4 PM - 7 PM --- 1. _____ 2. _____

SUNDAY, MAR 12th

11 AM - 1 PM-- 1. _____ 2. _____

1 PM - 3 PM -- 1. _____ 2. _____

3 PM - 5 PM – 1. _____ 2. _____

5 PM--TAKE DOWN BOOTH ---1. Dean, 2. Judy 3. _____

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED—

Planting suggestions--Dean

LIS membership applications-???

LIS handouts—LIS Show, LIS Sale, _____ Gary, Linda will send copy & Dean will print _____

Back Table Display Items from storage 1.----(Dean will bring),

Other items needed _____

ONE 8 FOOT SKIRTED TABLE FOR BACK OF BOOTH ---_Dean has ordered _____

2 CHAIRS-THESE ARE PROVIDED AS WELL AS A 6' SKIRTED FRONT TABLE.

NAME TAGS LABELED "LINCOLN IRIS SOCIETY" --ARE AT THE BOOTH