

The Lincoln Iris Society's

Rainbow Messenger

A More or Less Monthly Publication for Anyone who Loves Irises!

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President's Message

David Lionberger

Mid-January and the world outside our window is covered with an icy sheen. Freezing rain and drizzle has created a coat of ice about a quarter of an inch thick, and long icicles hang from the trees and power lines. The soft days of May and the iris bloom seems a long way off as we endure this weather, but in every gardener there is the confidence that this too shall pass, making spring and bloom time all the more glorious. Our heated bird bath and several feeders are attracting many different birds and we enjoy watching them. The open water seems to be important to all species and they flock to it all day long. We still have a robin or two that show up every day. Hope all of you stay safe and warm and avoid the winter illnesses that seem to be abundant this year.

President's Quote

"Gardening is the purest of all human pleasure."

Frances Bacon

LIS 2017 Officers

The current officers have been re-elected to serve in 2017:

President – David Lionberger
Vice President – Heidi Brase
Secretary – Jenny Cich

Meeting

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Program: James Locklear – author of *Phlox, a Natural History and Gardeners Guide*, editor of *Jewels of the Plains, Wildflowers of the Midwest*

Hosts: Jean Pederson and David Toth

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2017 IMPORTANT EVENT DATES

At our November planning meeting the following events and dates were determined:

Husker Lawn & Leisure Show

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| <p>Treasurer – Lois Linke</p> <p><i>Editor's Note</i> <i>David Lionberger</i></p> <p>This month's publication is somewhat brief as I am recovering from open heart surgery. Emergency surgery was performed on December 16, 2016 and I am getting better each day.</p> | <p>March 10th-12th</p> <p>Spring Affair Usually a Friday evening and Saturday in late April. Actual date to be determined</p> <p>Annual Show Saturday, May 13th, with setup on the 12th at St. Andrew's Church</p> <p>Sale & Auction Saturday, July 29th, with setup on the 28th at St. Andrew's Church</p> |
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