

The Lincoln Iris Society's

Rainbow Messenger

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President's Message

Sales and auction time is upon us once again. Although preparing for our annual sale does create some hard work, it is also one of our activities that provide fun and income. Our past sales have been very successful and I am sure this year will be also.

As our members are very knowledgeable and friendly, it is important to extend a welcome to our visitors. To mingle with potential buyers, provide information and answer questions they may have, is entertaining as well as invigorating to selling our iris. The potential for gaining new members is always a factor. So with this in mind, let us greet visitors warmly and make them feel welcome.

David Lionberger

President's Quote

*Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful;
They are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.*

Luther Burbank

Meeting

Date: Monday, July 27, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper

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

Program: LIS Sale Preparation
Dean Douglas

Hosts: George & Sarah Green,
Brett & Becky Barney

Potluck Supper Reminder – Bring a dish to share and your own service. Drinks will be provided.

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LIS ANNUAL SALE
SATURDAY, AUG 1, 2015

The 2015 Annual Sale will be here very soon. This sale is very important to the Lincoln Iris Society as this is the one time we raise funds to operate our club. Our sale last year was very successful in that we had lots of rhizomes, lots of customers and lots of help from our LIS Members. We sold over 800 table iris, 19 bargain bags, 33 daylilies plus 58 newer iris at the auction. All these items totaled about \$4500 in sales. After expenses, we had over \$3600 in operating income for the next year. If we are to have a good sale in 2015, we first have to have enough table iris at the sale. We have enclosed a sheet that gives all the information on labeling, etc., for iris to be brought to the sale. Please do your best to bring plants. We need them.

*Thank you -
Dean Douglas*

Succumbing to the Iris Virus

Continued from the June issue

David Lionberger

We advance now to spring and iris bloom time. The iris planted last August brought forth substantial blossoms. The iris virus at bloom time will recede to some degree of remission, which provides a short time of relief for the afflicted to enjoy the splendor of the garden.

As the bloom season begins to decline the virus proceeds to a new stage of virulence. At this phase the afflicted begins to ponder how to improve and beautify the garden area. After considering several options, the decision to add a decorative fence was made. This required hiring a strong young man to do the installation plus the expense of materials.

Other flowering plants such as peonies and clematis were added, as well as an arched entry. In the feverish grip of the iris virus, all tasks proceeded, with labor and expense considered paltry in the quest and attainment of the desired goals.

So you might conclude the goals are soon to be reached, the virus has run its course, not hardly dear reader, not hardly!

to be continued...

LINCOLN IRIS SOCIETY 2015 SALE AND AUCTION

The annual sale and auction is the only LIS fund raiser for the entire year. It is so important that we all participate in making this a successful event. We need lots of plants, good plants, properly cleaned and labeled. If not sure of the iris name put in Bargain Bags. We also need lots of folks to help get things done on sale day. If you do not have plants to donate, you can still help out on sale day and also be a buyer. Please save paper bags.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date-----Saturday, August 1st, 2015

Location---St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1015 Lancaster Lane, Lincoln

Setup starts 7 PM Friday July 31st , ---- Bring iris 8 AM Sat Aug 1st

Iris deadline---9:00 AM (all plants must be on the tables by 10AM)

Sale starts-----10:00 AM –sharp Auction starts ----11:00 AM

Sale ends-----4:00 PM --Cleanup to follow

PLANT PREPARATION—You must know the correct name of the plant you are preparing. If you are not certain of the name, use these plants in the bargain bags.

1. After digging, label the plant with waterproof marker
2. Trim the tops back to about 6” – 8”
3. The roots should be trimmed some as well, leaving 3”-4” of root
4. Wash the plants very thoroughly. A 10% Clorox dip is a good idea
5. Make sure the plant is clean & healthy, without leaf or insect damage.

LABELING--- Each plant is to be labeled, at home, with waterproof marker

1. The proper name,
2. The type of iris (TB, BB, SDB, etc),
3. Color of the iris,
4. Year of introduction, if known.
5. Price
6. Any other descriptive information is helpful.

(MAKE SURE YOUR LABEL IS LEGIBLE AND WITH WATERPROOF INK)

PRICING—Each plant must be priced before the sale. These prices were approved at the June meeting.

All Bearded Iris —2007 -2010---\$5.00 each (2011 to 2015 go to the Auction)

All Bearded Iris ---2006 & older ----\$3.00 each

Bargain Bags---\$8.00--each (Normally are unlabeled iris, All iris 13/bag.)

TB & BB can be packaged together—All medians can be packaged together.

Do not mix medians and tall in the same bargain bag. Label bag contents

Example-- Bargain Bag \$8—TB & BB or Bargain Bag \$8--SDB

PHOTOGRAPHS-A picture is worth a thousand words. If you have photos of your plants, put your name on the back and bring them along. Put in plastic sandwich bags.

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