

The Indiana Ledger



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Ka Freeman, editor Vol. XXX August 2018, Lynn Courson, president

from our president...

IDS members Sherry Holliday, Frank Nyikos, Brenda Wampler, Jeanne Lager, Katie Bartunek were led by Sara Kinne to complete the task of bagging and tagging just in time for the August 4th bulb sale in Louisville. This sale is headed up by Jim and Janet Wilson with Sue Luken, Carolyn Cutshall, and Katie Bartunek filling out this team of sellers. Last year these members were able to fund one of our \$1000 scholarships in four hours! Sara is still looking for people to help with State Fair and Bloomington Farmers Markets sales. Contact her if you would like to be in on the fun.

Lynn

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Bulb Sales by Sara Kinne

As I write this, preparations for our first sale in Louisville are almost completed. This year we dug at the Frey Property, the Link Property, and the Eveslage Property in Floyds Knob. Independent digging by more of our members continues to occur which is encouraging. One of the unspoken expectations when IDS gives award bulbs is that the recipient will share with other club members within three years. It took me a long time to get that message. I have made a concentrated effort to lift show bulbs this summer because Pete and I are moving to town. Some will be shared with you and others will be available for \$5/bag at the August 25 meeting in Nashville. Proceeds go to IDS and the scholarship fund,

We have had three Bag and Tag gatherings this summer with the final one being July 30. All sale bulbs are ready to go, thanks to the good help of many members. I especially want to mention Joan Workman and Lynn Courson and the major role that their organizational skills had in making this Herculean task possible.

I am in need of sales help at the Indiana State Fair August 18, and 19. Saturdays are the busiest and that is when I need the most help. You will be provided with a fair entry ticket and a parking pass. Your work shift would be for three hours and the remainder of your day is yours to enjoy at the fair. I do know that arriving early simplifies finding a decent (cont.) —————>

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Mark your calendar!!

August 18-19 Bulb Sale at Indiana State Fair
August 25 & Bulb Sale at Bloomington Farmer's
September 1 Market
August 25 IDS Meeting at Brown Co. Public
Library, Nashville, 1-4 pm
October 13 IDS Meeting at Hamilton Center,
Columbus, 1-4 pm

parking space. We sell bulbs from 10AM-5PM. If you can help, please call me at 812-332-5603 or email me at sara8899kinne@gmail.com.

IDS will be selling at the Farmers' Market in Bloomington August 25 and September 1 from 8AM-1PM at the Showers Complex. This is a beautiful location and a happening event. Please promote any of our bulbs sales and stop by and say hello if you visit Bloomington on one of our sale days.

Our Next Meeting
 Saturday, August 25, 1-4 p.m.
 Brown County Public Library
 205 Locust Lane
 Nashville, IN 47448

Refreshments

Drinks

1. _____
2. _____

Fruit-veggies-nuts

1. Tamara Mitman
2. Jeanne Lager
3. Fred Lawlor

Sandwiches-cheese-chips

1. Kathleen Bartunek
2. Judy Moon
3. _____

Sweets-cookies-bread

1. Sue Luken
2. Joan Workman

Please note that there are a couple of blank spots for refreshments for the August meeting--please contact Judy Moon if you can provide additional culinary support.

Don't forget.....also at the August meeting: everyone is urged to participate in the "garden swap." Bring your bulbs, plants, seeds, cuttings, garden books, garden décor, pots, produce, etc. Anything related to gardening. Bring something you no longer want/need and take home new treasures. And who doesn't like new treasures??



With Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Rosie Springer and her family on the passing of her husband, Ross, on July 16. Memorial services for Mr. Springer will be held Saturday, August 18, at noon at the Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 East Main Street, Carmel. Visitation will be from 10 am until the service at noon.



Scholarship Corner:



Bulb Sales benefit new growers as well as the IDS scholarship fund. Join other IDS members at the bulb sales later in the year at various locations around the state.

Update on Previous Scholarship Recipient:

Recently Kathy Wyss, our Indiana University Scholarship contact gave an update on Grace Cain, our IDS Scholarship recipient x 2. Here is what Kathy wrote:

"It's hard to believe that she graduated in 2015. In case you want to share news of Grace with others in the society, here's the update: She graduated this spring with the M.S. in Biology from the University of Texas at El Paso. Her thesis focused on phosphorus dynamics in desert soils. This fall, Grace joins the Plant Nutrition group at ETH Zurich where she'll work as a research assistant while pursuing her Doctorate. There she will study crop production for life support systems. The Indiana Daffodil Society played a key role in Grace's academic career, for which she is most grateful, as is the IU Department of Biology."



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Your personal copy of the Membership Directory, ready since early March, is meant to last two years and contains space for you to add new members. If you were missed at the IDS Show, where Lynn first shared those copies, we will hope to see you at our August meeting. Please add to your directory the family membership of a delightful mother/daughter pair who found the IDS show information on our website and drove to the Columbus show at the Hamilton Center just to see the display:

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401 W. Broadway Street
Greenwood, IN 46142
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mrockey@perryschools.org

Errata: Please correct Sherry Holliday's directory listing. Her email is in need of the second "l" in holliday (ssholliday0626@gmail.com) Check your own listing, too, for correctness. We had several who cross-checked information, but alas we're human.

Janet Wilson informs us that they eliminated their landline and have reset that old number as her new cell phone number. So, please delete her former cell phone number and change it to [502.222.2210](tel:502.222.2210).

During the IDS Show, the membership committee recognized two members for their service (as we missed the opportunity with the canceled March meeting). These two are not serving as elected officers, they are two of our dedicated members who have long volunteered their expertise. Without their tech support we would be at a great loss!

Suzy Wert's new hat is our thank you gift for such things as her development of *The Daffodil Primer*, a wonderful little resource recently updated with editing assistance from Jim Wilson. You can now access or print *The Daffodil Primer*



from the New Member webpage. You probably won't see it unless you enter or copy/paste into your browser: www.indianadaffodilsociety.org/welcome.html. Suzy's involvement extends beyond this resource to our IDS Show Schedule, the selection of Award/Reward bulbs, and coordinating several international daffodil orders.

Jim Wilson beams as he holds his thank you gift of a spring iris, *Reticulata 'Painted Lady'*, (not a time to find daffodil bulbs). Jim manages the IDS website using HTML, to organize and provide quick access to IDS information and linked ADS resources. His work and collaboration with Suzy and others to expand and continually update the IDS website is recognized as vital to

**From the Membership Committee.....
by Brenda Wampler, Janet Wilson, & Sherry Holliday**

us. It can entertain one for hours, and has aesthetic merit, too. If you wish for the addition of specific

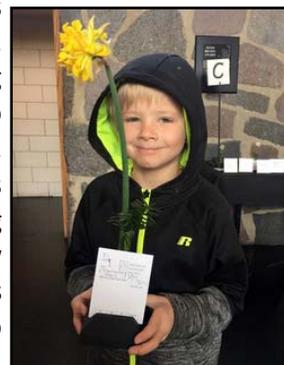


information, you might speak to Jim and see if you could provide or research information for inclusion.

As we prepared to honor our tech supporters in March, and missed Ka Freeman in April, we hope to see Ka in August for the presentation of a planter of succulents. Thank you too, Ka, for the extraordinary IDS Newsletter.

So many individuals contribute to the strength of our organization, and you either are one of them or could be. We will attempt to recognize others in the future. If you have knowledge and skills to share with IDS, please let us know of your interest and volunteer.

IDS seeks to promote and to encourage the wider use and appreciation of daffodils. Our IDS Show at the Hamilton Center is a public event supporting that objective. We enjoy shared learning from the bloom display ourselves and in speaking with attendees about the vast variety of daffodils. It's a focused gathering, a learning experience. Especially is that so when so many of us are staging. Julie Huff and her son, Thomas Kinder, were among those staging their flowers together at the show venue on Friday. Janet Wilson was a mentor providing assistance to him, and took this photo.



Thomas (with his mother Julie) is an IDS member, who will be receiving a year of Youth membership in ADS. Sara Kinne, ADS membership chair, and Frank Nyikos, the Executive Director of ADS, alerted us to the special interest of this young fellow. Through their nomination, the IDS membership committee is delighted to award Thomas with this gift. We truly expect to see his knowledge grow as he, and Julie, return with more blooms next year! We could be supporting an interest that will suggest to him a profession. But, we know his show experience brought a smile! Frank has made Thomas the "poster child" on the ADS webpage for Youth Membership. See: stores.daffodilusastore.org/membership/

We want to encourage more family memberships with youth participation. Perhaps someday one of our scholarships will find the way to a former youth member of ADS we've supported.

What I enjoyed most about our April Show was the element of surprise regarding two of our newer members, Bruce Eveslage and my buddy, Trish Walters. Bruce showed up early Friday morning with beautiful flowers from his property near the Ohio River. Seasoned IDS members were fretful that we wouldn't have many blooms on the show floor because of the late spring. Bruce had named flowers to be entered (if I insisted!) and he had a multitude of pre-made bouquets to be given to the public! As much as showing flowers is not Bruce's idea of a good time, his contributions made for one of the nicest spring shows ever in Indiana.

My good buddy, Trish, a friend of 45 years, has a niece who lives in Columbus. Katie Martens is a high school math teacher and graciously gave us the keys to her house. When I walked out the door before 7AM on the day of the show, I saw a large clump of Salome blooming next to the

Reflections from the Spring Show by Sara Kinne

step. They were the only daffodils in her yard and every flower was perfect. Remember, Salome is a Wister Award winner and it gave me great enjoyment to enter a stem in Katie's name in the small growers category. She received the ADS Small Growers ribbon!

Trish, who lives 80 miles north of Indianapolis, didn't have flowers in bloom for the show. However, she helped groom and enter stems for others and worked with seven year old Thomas and made more bouquets for the public. Trish has never fussed with showing daffodils before and I was amazed at how quickly she grasped the details. On Saturday, she started talking about the different divisions and stated she was beginning to see what I was referring to regarding characteristics. Hallelujah! Sharing my love of daffodils with my friend just got elevated to another level.

Spring Show Musings

My friend, Sara Kinne, initiated me into the daffodil show world in April, 2018, at the ice rink in Columbus, Indiana. She had told me stories about staging show flowers at midnight at the Cincinnati Zoo, but this was my first experience up close and personal. From Friday morning staging to tear down on Saturday, it was action, noise, sights, and smells of a flower show.

As a newby, I was assigned a task I couldn't mess up, unpacking show equipment. Clinking test tubes and clacking wood blocks added to the chatter in the work room as those staging their blooms were at work getting just the right look for their daffodils.

After I planted my first bulbs, Sara had asked where I was keeping my map. MAP!!! WHAT MAP?? In my mind, that meant that everyone in IDS was an expert and knew exactly where their flowers were planted and what was in the ground. Imagine my surprise when I heard folks checking identifications with other participants. Some members could look at flowers and provide names and codes; other checked online or guide books to be sure entrants had accurate information; I even got in on this reference work later in the morning.

Task number two was making up complimentary bouquets for visitors to the show. Luckily I had Thomas Kinder's assistance as he wielded the water bottle to fill our baggies of flowers from member gardens and flowers that didn't make the cut for the show floor. Nosegay was certainly an accurate description of these offerings and all weekend I saw visitors burying their faces in the bouquets to enjoy the delicious fragrances.

Rookie of the Show by Trish Walters

As entry time approached, the pace in the work room picked up and I found myself filling out entrance cards and looking up cultivars for those getting blooms into the show. When the entrance time expired and the judging was starting, I clerked and was able to see all the divisions, colors, and categories of the show. Single stems, three of the same bloom, miniatures, and various collections were all on display creating a room full of beauty that made visitors exclaim as they came in. Truly 800 stems were breathtaking!

Manning the greeting table was fun and I started to feel confident when visitors didn't seem to know bulbs are planted in the fall, and that a huge variety of sizes, shapes, colors, and fragrances are all part of the daffodil family. Many small ice skaters made several trips into the show, dragging their parent along to score another bouquet to take home.

Saturday at closing time, everyone seemed to know exactly what to do to take the show down. Buckets for water and vases for flowers appeared and storage boxes filled with test tubes, wood blocks, tablecloths, and prize ribbons. About 40 minutes after we began, everything was packed and loaded. I also was delighted to take home several baskets and a bucket of daffodils that went to church with me the next day and were sent home with folks to brighten their homes for the week. I learned so much about daffodils, I might actually remember some of the divisions to help my salesmanship at the State Fair. I also had the show experience and got acquainted with several members and really began to feel like a contributing member of the Indiana Daffodil Society.