

Newsletter of the Capital Hudson Iris Society

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2015 Calendar

Sunday, September 20, 1:30 p.m. Meeting at the East Greenbush Library. Robert C. Anderson of Pondsides Nursery in Hudson, NY will speak on The Naturalistic Planting Movement.

Friday, October 2-Saturday, October 3: AIS Region 2 Fall Meeting hosted by Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society, Ramada Conference Center of Fishkill, 542 Rt. 9, Fishkill, NY. Chuck Chapman of Chapman Iris in Guelf, Ontario, will be the guest speaker and judges trainer. See attached information for overnight rates and schedule.

Sunday, October 11, 1:30 p.m., Meeting at the East Greenbush Library. Speaker to be announced.

Sunday, November 15, 1:30 p.m., Meeting at the East Greenbush Library. Speaker to be announced.

Sunday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. Annual Holiday Party. Pot luck. Bring a wrapped gift for the exchange. Door prizes.

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Naturalistic Planting on Sunday, September 20

The first CHIS meeting of the fall season will begin with a presentation by Robert Clyde Anderson of Pondsides Nursery in Hudson, New York, who will give a talk entitled "The Naturalistic Planting Movement: An Introduction." The meeting will take place on Sunday, September 20, at the East Greenbush Community Library at 1:30 p.m.

The "new" naturalistic garden style has actually been developing for at least the last twenty years, particularly in Germany, Holland and Great Britain. This illustrated talk will serve as an introduction to the ideas behind this movement and to some of the most prominent designers working in the style. We'll also take a look at the plant material used, and see examples of both public and private gardens that express the style and philosophy of naturalistic planting. He hopes to bring some plants to sell at the meeting, so be ready to purchase some end-of-the-season additions to your home garden!

Our speaker, Robert Clyde Anderson, grew up gardening in Louisiana and moved to New York City in the late 1980's to pursue a career in illustration and book design. He was an active member of the 6th and B Community Garden in the East Village for many years, in addition to growing plants on rooftops, backyards, windowsills, and fire escapes. He moved to Columbia County permanently in 2001 and worked for Bob Hyland and Andrew Beckman at Loomis Creek Nursery in Claverack from its opening until its closing, eight years later. He has also worked as a gardener and garden designer for private clients. In 2013 he was hired by Jake Watts to be plant buyer and garden center manager of the newly established Pondsides Nursery in Hudson, NY.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. with coffee and cake. There will be a short business meeting at 2:00 and the speaker will begin right after that. The East Greenbush Community Library is located two blocks east of the intersection of Route 4 and Route 151 in East Greenbush, just south of Exit 9 of Interstate 90. When you reach the traffic circle, go three quarters of the way around to reach Rt. 151 East, take it to the second right on Michaels Road, then the first right onto Community Way. The Library is on your right. Call 439-3758 if you have any questions. Please bring a gardening friend and a dessert to share.

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added over \$5,500 to our treasury that will enable us to continue to bring speakers to our meetings and help support our annual bus trip. Our big thanks go to Faddegon's Nursery for doing such a great job of letting their newsletter and Facebook friends know about the sale, and to their wonderful staff for promoting the sale. We made about \$3,800 that day! Not only did we bring in people from our own mailing list (there are about 700 of you now on the list!) but because of Faddegon's growing list, more and more people came this year. Faddegon's also saw a great increase in their sales for the day, making it a win-win on all sides. We hope to continue the relationship for many years to come!

The Region 2 Fall meeting will be hosted by our sister group to the south, the Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society on Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3 in Fishkill. It promises to be a good meeting. See the attached registration information and schedule if you are interested in attending. It is a good opportunity to meeting other iris growers from around the state and to hear hybridizer Chuck Chapman from Guelph, Ontario, speak and give training sessions. Also, if you have anything you think would do well in a silent auction, please let Euthemia know and she'll be sure to get it there in time.

I hope to see you at the Sunday, September 20th meeting when Robert Anderson will be talking about the Naturalistic Planting Movement. I also plan to add a few plants to my garden this fall and will be looking at what he brings with him.

Last but not least, I want to thank Ronnie and Art Siegel for their generous donation in honor of Julia Chen, CHIS member who died in July. Julia enjoyed our meetings and activities immensely. The Siegel's gift will be used in a way she would appreciate. – Linda

Gift in Honor of Julia Chen

Julia Hsui-Li Chen, longtime CHIS member, died on July 8th in Bethesda, Maryland. She is survived by her husband, Chang-Hwei, of Delmar and two daughters. Several CHIS members attended a beautiful memorial service on July 26th at Normanside Country Club. In honor of Julia, her friends Ronnie and Art Siegel of Delmar made a contribution to CHIS. The gift will be used to support speakers at our meetings. Our thanks go out to the Siegels for their thoughtfulness.

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Welcome New Members

To those of you who are new to this newsletter, let us

welcome you to the Capital Hudson Iris Society. We hope you will attend our meetings and enjoy our activities. Since there is no membership fee to the organization, consider yourself members, and welcome!

Region 2 Meeting in Fishkill

The Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society will host the fall Region 2 meeting of the American Iris Society on Friday, October 2nd and Saturday, October 3rd in Fishkill, New York, south of us. Chuck Chapman, well-known iris hybridizer from Guelph, Ontario, is the keynote speaker and judges trainer. As we all discovered last year when Marty and Jan spoke at the regional meeting we hosted, attending judges training sessions is incredibly informative even if you don't intend to become an iris judge! So there will be three different opportunities to learn more about irises during this two-day meeting. See the attached schedule, hotel info and registration form if you are interested in attending. Remember, registration is due by September 16th, so do it now!

2016 AIS Convention Close by in New Jersey

The American Iris Society, Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, and Essex County New Jersey are pleased to be the host for the 2016 American Iris Society National Convention. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour 3 beautiful gardens for three days. Presby Memorial Iris Gardens will be visited all day on Thursday, May 26, 2016 and one-half day on the morning of Saturday, May 28, 2016. On Friday, May 27, 2016 you will tour 2 beautiful gardens in eastern Pennsylvania one in Palmerton (Glenara Gardens of George & Carol Boyce) and one in Slatington (George Hildenbrant Garden). The 2016 Guest Plant Committee has received 1800+ Guest Plants, 888 Varieties, sent by 99 hybridizers. There will also be an Optional Tour available for attendees on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, "Land of The Free" Tour.

The host hotel will be the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel located on the grounds of the Newark Liberty International Airport with free shuttle service to and from the airport to ALL terminals. Newark, New Jersey is located across the river from New York City, where there are many things to attend and see.

AIS Region 2 Annual Meeting

October 2 - 3, 2015

Ramada Inn
542 Rt 9, Fishkill, NY 12524
845/896-6281

Registration Fee: \$35.00 (includes Saturday lunch)

Room rate: \$89.00 (Group Code: CGIRDL)

There will be two Judges training sessions presented by Chuck Chapman.

'**Judging Spuria**' Friday at 7:30 and '**Judging SDB's**' Saturday at 2:30

Registration: Make out checks to **HVIDS** and send to
J. Robinowitz, Chairman
10 Baldwin Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Tentative Schedule

FRIDAY

4:00 – 5:30 PM REGISTRATION – Outside Salon E

Dinner on your own Friday evening.

There are lots of restaurants located very close to the motel

7:30 PM TRAINING SESSION: '**Judging Spuria**' by Chuck Chapman

SATURDAY

8:00 – 10:30 AM REGISTRATION

8:00 – 9:00 AM SILENT AUCTION SETUP

8:00 – 8:30 AM AUDIT BY AFFILIATE CHAIRS

8:45– 10:00 AM REGION 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:00 – 11:00 AM SILENT AUCTION BIDDING

10:30 – 11:30 AM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12:00 - LUNCHEON

12:45 – 2:00 PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Chuck Chapman

2:00 – 2:30 PM SILENT AUCTION PAYMENT

2:30 – 3:30 PM TRAINING SESSION '**Judging SDB's**' by Chuck Chapman

Questions/comments: jmrobinowitz@hotmail.com or call Jim Robinowitz, 845/454-6415, cell 845/464-8423

SILENT AUCTION: Georgette Martin is our coordinator for the Silent Auction. When you know what you/your club will be contributing to the auction, please e-mail Georgette at martingeorgette@aol.com. We assume that one person from each local club will be responsible for bringing the items; however, whatever works for you is fine. Silent auction set-up will begin on Friday evening at 4:00 and continue the next morning between 8 and 9 a.m. Please contact Georgette with any questions at her e-mail address above or **845-473-6276**.

Driving Directions: Take Thruway to Exit 17 toward Interstate 84. Continue toward I-84 E, keeping right at the fork, follow signs for Interstate 84 E/Danbury and merge onto I-84 E. Take exit 13 for U.S. 9 toward Poughkeepsie/Peekskill. Turn left onto U.S. 9 N. Destination will be on the right

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Cut, fill out and mail before September 16

Fall Meeting Registration Form ~~~ AIS Region 2

AIS Region 2 Fall Conference Registration: \$35.00 (includes Saturday lunch)

Please complete an individual form for each person. Registration should be **received** by September 16, 2015.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag:

Address: # Street, City, State/Prov., ZIP/Postal Code:

Local club (if applicable): _____ **E-mail:** _____

Preferred phone: _____

I will be attending the Friday evening Training Session 'Judging Spuria' : _____ Yes _____ No

I will be attending the Saturday afternoon Training Session 'Judging SDB's' : _____ Yes _____ No

Make out checks (\$35 per person) to HVIDS and send to:

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