

Newsletter of the Capital Hudson Iris Society

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2016 Calendar

Sunday, January 17, 2016, 1:30 p.m.,
Meeting at the East Greenbush Community
Library. Speakers: Dan and Joanne Maier
“Spectacular Gardens of Paris Overlooked
by Guidebooks and Tourists Alike.”

**Sunday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. Annual
Doldrums Party** (we're the hosts this year)
at the **Albany County Cooperative
Extension in Voorheesville**, with guest
speaker Rob Handel of The Bees Knees
Café at Heather Ridge Farm in Preston
Hollow. He's a talented young chef who
does a lot of foraging locally as well as
using local farm products, and will bring us
up to date on the newest ideas in farm to
table.

Sunday, March 20th, 1:30 p.m., East
Greenbush Library, Speaker to be
announced.

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Spectacular Overlooked Paris Gardens: Dan and Joanne Maier

Dan and Joanne Maier will be our speakers at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, at the East Greenbush Community Library, where they will give a talk on “Spectacular Gardens of Paris Overlooked by Guidebooks and Tourists Alike.” Dan and Joanne visit Paris at least once a year and this February will be no exception – they’re going. Terrorists can’t keep them away from their favorite city and from exploring so many of the undiscovered special gardens to be found in and around Paris.

Dan and Joanne Maier are the Vice Chairs of the Capital Hudson Iris Society and have been active in our group practically from the beginning. Joanne is a retired science teacher from the Guilderland School System and Dan a retired federal bureaucrat (a nice one). Together they have the energy of six people and are intrepid in their outings and explorations around the world. But Paris is their favorite city and we get to share some of the hundreds of beautiful photos they’ve brought back with them over the years.

For those of you who have toured their beautiful cottage-like home and gardens in Glenmont, you will understand what a great opportunity this talk will be. These two are artists in the garden! They have designed garden rooms surrounding their house, many of them on a slope with great drainage and opportunities to grow alpines, succulents and of course, irises, from one end of the property to the other. They have interesting sculpture, found objects and antique garden implements integrated into the garden rooms, one more beautiful than the next.

The East Greenbush Community Library is located on Community Way, off Michaels Road in East Greenbush. From Albany or I-787, take the Patroon Island Bridge to Exit 9 and go south on Route 4 for about a half-mile to Route 151 going east, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the traffic circle. Michaels Road is the second right off Route 151. Bring a dessert or snack to share, bring a friend or two, and prepare to enjoy yourself. Coffee and goodies start at 1:30 and the meeting will begin at 2:00. If you have any questions, call Euthemia at 439-3758 or write her an email.

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Linda says...

Hello All,

We had a small but festive holiday party with great food, many gift certificates and a fun gift exchange. The weather has been cooperating but unfortunately fewer and fewer people have been attending for the past few years. We need to talk about whether we should continue to have a holiday celebration at this very event-packed time of year.

On January 17th, our first meeting of the new year, Dan and Joanne Maier will give a talk on "Spectacular Gardens of Paris Overlooked by Guidebooks and Tourists Alike." Dan and Joanne keep returning to Paris and have gorgeous pictures of hidden gardens we will all want to see. They haven't changed their plans for this February's trip, so we can expect more and more beautiful pictures from them.

On Sunday, February 21st, is the Doldrums Party where we join with the Hosta and Daylily Societies for a pot-luck feast, an interesting speaker and some great door prizes. This year we are in charge of the party and Euthemia is looking for people who can arrive at 10:00 to set up the Cooperative Extension. Our speaker, Rob Handel, is a chef who uses local and **foraged** ingredients at the Bees Knees Café at Heather Ridge Farm in Preston Hollow. Even if you've ever eaten there, you'll definitely want to hear what he has to say about foraging locally, his cooking and use of local farm to table resources. And I'm sure you'll want to go to the Bees Knees Café at Heather Ridge Farm after you hear his talk!

The program planning committee is always looking for new presenters for our meetings, so if you go to an interesting talk on gardening, let us know. Dan and Joanne Maier head the committee. Their email is on the front page of this newsletter.

See you on Sunday, January 17th for a visit to Paris!

- Linda

CHIS Youth News

CHIS youth member Max Mohr placed third in his age group in the 2015 AIS coloring contest. He received a \$3 cash prize. Max used fancy-tipped markers to stamp spiders and bugs around the central iris in the picture.

Max and his brothers Jack and Mason planted convention gift iris at their home this summer. This fall they helped build a new flowerbed, hauling many bags of soil out to the new bed. At Grandma Mohr's house, Max planted SDB 'Solar Max' and horned TB 'Don't Touch'. Mason and Grandma planted SDB 'Spiderman' and IB 'Cat's Hat'.

Max Mohr



Help Needed for Doldrums

This February 21st is the Doldrums Party at the Albany County Cooperative Extension and the Iris Society is in charge this year. We've got a really interesting speaker all set up, and the supplies bought. There are a few things we still need.

We need contributions for the door prizes. We try to pick special, garden related items. If each of us brings just one, there will be plenty for the table.

We need you to come early and help set up. The meeting is called for 11:30, so if we show up at 9:30 to set up (or as close to that as you can get there), we'll be all ready when the guests arrive. If you can bring tablecloths and centerpieces to help decorate the tables, they will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, contact Euthemia at 439-3758 or via email.

WINTER DOLDRUMS PARTY

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Guest Speaker: Rob Handel, Chef

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Sunday, February 21st, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Location: Albany County Cooperative Extension
24 Martin Rd. Voorheesville, NY 12186

Open to all
Potluck lunch - bring a dish/dessert to share and bring a friend
Great door prizes including garden gift certificates

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