

Newsletter of the Capital Hudson Iris Society

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** 2017 Calendar **

Mark your calendars now!

Saturday, July 8th: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Come to the **CHIS Picnic** at the Nahas' in Oak Hill, 8 miles west of Greenville on Route 81. Bring a dish to share and a friend or two. Enjoy her magnificent gardens and good food and drink. RSVP to euthemia@nycap.ir.com if you know you're coming – come anyway, even if you don't RSVP.

Saturday, July 22nd: 6:30 a.m. **Trip to Cornell Botanic Garden in Ithaca** sponsored by Upstate NY Hosta Society. \$45. See article on page 2.

Wednesday, August 2nd: 9:00 – 12:00
Rhizome Prep party at Euthemia's in preparation for Rhizome Sale at Faddegon's Saturday, August 5th. Dig your bearded irises that are ready to divide, label them and bring them to the Digging Party so we can get them ready for the sale.

Saturday, August 5th: 9:00 – 12:00
Annual Iris Rhizome Sale at Faddegon's Nursery, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York.

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Sunday, September 17: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. **CHIS Bus Trip to New York Botanical Gardens** and the Dale Chihuly glass sculpture exhibit. See article on page 2.

Don't forget the Rhizome Sale at Faddegon's Nursery on Saturday, August 5th!

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Iris Dig (8/2) and Iris Rhizome Sale (8/5) Coming Up!

The Iris Rhizome Dig is on Wednesday, August 2nd at Euthemia's home, 13 Hartwood Road, Delmar, from 9-12. At the dig we'll take your clumps of clearly labeled irises (put them in separate plastic bags and write on the outside of the bag which one is inside), we'll clean, trim and divide them into separate rhizomes, and mark each rhizome with a label that has the name and description of the flower. Then we put them into a bag that has a picture and description of the iris on it and bring the hundreds of rhizomes to the Rhizome Sale at Faddegon's Nursery. Anyone planning on digging irises from their garden should **let Euthemia know their names by July 26th** (at the latest, earlier is better). She'll make labels and pictures for the bags so that the work goes quickly at the Dig. In addition to what we dig here, Bob and Ann Keup are planning to send some of their bearded irises from Maine for the sale. Even if you don't have any irises to contribute to the sale, your help will be appreciated at the dig. You'll enjoy the camaraderie, learning how to prep irises, and the coffee and bagels!

The sale is just a few days later, on Saturday, August 5th, from 9-12 at Faddegon's Nursery, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7) in Latham. We'll have tall bearded irises of many colors, intermediates, miniature tall bearded, standard dwarf bearded, just every kind of bearded iris our members grow. As everyone who has been there knows, the Rhizome Sale is the best place to buy new bearded irises! If you have any questions, call Euthemia at 439-3758 or send her an email.

An invitation to a CHIS Picnic on July 8

Mary Lou, Nick and Chris Nahas have invited us **all** to their historic brick house and gardens in Oak Hill for a picnic on Saturday, July 8th, at 12:00 pm. It will be a pot luck, something we're all good at. CHIS will provide drinks and grilling foods. As many of you know, Mary Lou has beautiful gardens and a great space for entertaining, with a barn for protection if needed. An added attraction is the I.U. Tripp Antiques and Collectibles next door with lots of "stuff" to look at and maybe even buy. Oak Hill is a beautiful little hamlet in the country and the ride there is easy and fun. From Delmar or Albany, take Route 32 South to Greenville and make a right on Route 81. Or take the Thruway to Exit 21B Coxsackie, 9W south to route 81 West, and go straight from there. It's 8 miles to Oak Hill from the junction of Rt. 32 and Rt. 81 in Greenville. The address is 7890 Route 81. The house is on the right, immediately after the old white church set back from the road, and before you get to Lee Road. Park in front of the church. If you get lost, call 239-8217.

The Executive Committee met to plan next season and we're having a **bus trip to the New York Botanical Gardens on September 17**. See the article on this page and sign up soon. It's sure to fill up fast! There's a great exhibit of Dale Chihuly glass sculpture all over NYBG that makes this a very special time to visit. See their website for more info, www.nybg.org.

The Iris Show was a lot of fun with some beautiful submissions by members, including two youth members. Kathryn works so hard bringing the show together, hiring the judges, securing the space, setting it up, getting the ribbons and awards from AIS, printing the show guidance and even entering some of her own irises all at the same time! Kathryn, we really appreciate the time and effort you put into this. Next year, Kathryn will take over the role of Regional Vice President for Region 2 of AIS. We know she'll do a great job.

I hope you'll plan to **come to the picnic** at Mary Lou Nahas' home in Oak Hill on July 8. Mary Lou has a great garden and a beautiful, historic home. We'll supply the beverages, hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers, you bring a salad, side dish or dessert, and we should be set for a good time.

The **Rhizome Dig** is on Wednesday morning, August 2nd. If you work I hope you'll be able to take the morning off and come help. It's always a fun time and very exciting to see how many irises are able to prep in just a short time. And of course, there's the magnificent **Iris Rhizome Sale** at Faddegon's on Saturday, August 5th. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising the sale. Please post it in your neighborhood or send it to a friend who might be interested in the rhizome sale.

I look forward to seeing you on July 8th, August 2nd and at the Rhizome Sale on August 5th. - Linda

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Results of Iris Show

Kathryn Mohr coordinated another beautiful iris show this year. There were 56 entries, 8 exhibitors and 54 varieties of irises shown. Best in Show (BiS), Magdalen Award and Best Median was won by Kathryn Mohr for her MTB Sport Coat. Best TB and winner of the Bob and Ann Keup Award (and runner up for BiS) was Paul Black, exhibited by Euthemia Matsoukas; Best Historic, Tom Tit exhibited by Virginia Dorwaldt; Best Siberian (and 2nd runner up for BiS) Just Cruising exhibited by Virginia Dorwaldt. Euthemia won the silver medal for most blue ribbons, Kathryn won the bronze for second most blue ribbons. Suzanne Perry won the Founders' Award for Most Blue Ribbons won by a Novice. The People's Choice votes by visitors were awarded to Euthemia Matsoukas for Paul Black, and a second place tie to Mason Drummer (youth member) for Black Magic Woman, and Euthemia Matsoukas for Calgary. Thanks go to Kathryn from all of us for all her hard work.

Trips: CHIS to NY Botanical Gardens 9/17; Hosta to Cornell in July

CHIS will have a bus trip from Albany to the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx on Sunday, September 17. The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. from the upper parking lot at Crossgates Commons. The cost is \$50 including round trip bus, admission to the gardens with an All-Garden Pass, and bagel breakfast on the bus. A special attraction at NYBG this year is a glass sculpture exhibit of the works of Dale Chihuly -- the sculptures are all around the gardens. It is the first Chihuly exhibit in NYC in over 10 years. NYBG has a tram for easy access for people with limited mobility. If you are interested in signing up for the NYBG bus trip, contact Linda Knipper at linda.montanaro@gmail.com.

The Upstate NY Hosta Society is having a bus trip to the Cornell Botanic Garden (formerly known as Cornell Plantations) on Saturday, July 22. The bus will leave from Sam's Club at Latham Farms at 6:45 a.m. The cost is \$45, including bus, tip, and fee for a guided bus tour at Cornell (a guide will board the bus for the tour.) The club will provide bagels and a cold drink for breakfast on the bus. Bring a bag lunch, dress appropriately for the weather, bring sunscreen and a water bottle. Make the check payable to UNYHS and mail to Charlotte Colton, 104 Nottingham Way S., Clifton Park, NY 12065. **To reserve your seat, the check must reach Charlotte by July 10.** For more information contact Charlotte at cjcolton3@gmail.com or phone her at 877-5345.

Iris Rhizome Sale

Saturday, August 5th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Faddegon's Nursery

**1140 Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7), Latham
about 2.5 miles west of I-87 Northway exit 6**



Ready-to-plant rhizomes of bearded irises: tall bearded, medians, miniature tall bearded, standard dwarf bearded and miniature dwarf bearded iris

For information call 518 439-3758 or 952-4995