

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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As we wait for Mother Nature to make up her mind (Do I allow spring to come through? Oh, but the cold is needed too!), we can continue to plan our gardens, because that's all we can do right now, plan!

Many thanks to MJ Urist for presenting such a wonderful judge's training and program at our last meeting. We had a great time at our new location. It was a very pleasant drive from our house to the church last month, and I'm sure it will be even nicer as the weather warms up.

Our April meeting has our very own Laurie Burtner giving a talk on iris in the perennial border. As almost every one of us has been to her garden, we know it will be a real treat! This meeting will start at the usual 2pm in our new digs, St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls.

We ask that you bring your thinking caps to the meeting, also. We have to come up with a new location for our sale. With the move of the Cooperative Extension, we have lost our space. The executive committee has been throwing a few ideas around, so we will be presenting them for your consideration, but we can always use new ideas and locations. If you can think of anything, and can't attend the meeting, please feel free to call or email me. I love ideas!

After that, we start getting ready for our show "It's High Time for Iris", on May 31st at the Marketplace Mall.

A week later, while we still have some blooms in our garden, we will be having our annual picnic at Neil's place. Time to be decided.

Our September 13th meeting will be Neil's talk on the 2015 AIS convention. I know I am looking forward to that!

And on October 11th, we will have an end of the year wrap-up, with elections and the white iris gift exchange for fun. Right now, we will have openings in the vice president and secretary positions. But all positions are open, really. If you are interested in any position, please let a member of the executive committee know.

The Western NY Iris Society, our sister organization, will be having a meeting the week after ours, on April 19th, where they will be having a presentation on Spuria iris, an AIS PowerPoint presentation on the Genus Iris and they will also be distributing Species Iris seeds. If you are interested in attending, please contact

Carolyn Schaffner at drsnooks@twc.com. Their show will be on June 13th at Eastern Hills Mall, so if we have any later varieties of iris blooming, we can catch their show!

Their sale is scheduled for August 24th, where they will be joining several other plant societies at the Buffalo Botanical gardens. And in September, they will be having their picnic.

Don't forget GRIS dues are due at this coming meeting, and also anyone who wants to pre-order for the sale, monies are due then also. We are still doing Rochester Rewards and bring a friend to our meetings for a \$5 reward!