

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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Soooo...will we have an early spring or not? Will we have iris for our show or not? Some questions to ponder as you look out into your garden and look at the weather reports – 60 degrees one day, three days later, 20 degrees.

But in the meantime, we have a meeting on **April 10, 2 pm** at St. John's Episcopal Church hall. Vaughn Sayles will be our featured speaker. A lifetime member of AIS, Vaughn has been very active in Region 2, serving as its president in the past, and is now its treasurer. He will be presenting a visual tour of the 2015 AIS Siberian/Species convention "Another Day in the Garden" held in Portland, OR. We will also be doing a brief review of the upcoming show and sharing a few tips on photographing flowers to prepare for our September meeting.

Other events to add to your calendar –

May 12-May 21 – one of those days, Wendy Roller will be holding a garden judge's training, depending on when the median iris "do their thing"!

June 5th will be our annual iris show at Marketplace Mall.

July 23-24 will be our annual sale, being held at Gro-Moore Farms again this year.

September 11 – Neil Houghton will present Photographing Iris and Other Flowers. With an eye toward cataloging or farmable art, all gardeners love to preserve the bloom moment. If you have an iPhone, a point and shoot camera or a much more expensive SLR, these basic tips on set up, framing, lighting and fun features of modern cameras will offer some great pictures!

October 9 – our last meeting of the year is still in the works! Read about exciting developments in future newsletters!

All meetings take place at 2 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave, Honeoye Falls, NY. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to bring a friend!

We will be having our annual picnic somewhere in there, at June Smith's house. I will keep you updated.

Cara