

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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Welcome spring! It's so nice to have such great weather, but we still need to be cautious, it is still April!

Our next meeting will be April 30th, at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls. This will be a very relaxed meeting, we would like you to bring your favorite catalog to share, and we will take a look at where we will be getting our iris for our plant sale so we can see what might be coming. We also will field any questions you might have about growing iris and other perennials; among all of us, there is a wealth of knowledge, everyone brings something! If you have pictures, you can show off your garden, if they are on the computer, contact Neil Houghton (neil.houghton@me.com) for info on how to handle that.

Some dates to remember:

June 4 – Annual Iris show at Marketplace Mall. We may move locations; our Marketplace Mall rep has told me there is a new store in Center Court. I will have more info!

June 11 – annual member picnic at Brenda Fox's gardens

July 23-24 – tentative – annual iris sale at Gro-Moore farms

September 10 – 2 pm meeting – Median Iris program with insight and commentary by Wendy Roller

October 8 – 2 pm meeting – a more in-depth look at Japanese Iris with an eye towards----

October 20-21 – Hosting of the annual Region 2 Fall meeting with Chad Harris, an expert Japanese Iris hybridizer.

We are still looking into having a trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Canada, but it might be next year due to a variety of reasons. But this is something members have expressed an interest in, so we will make it happen!

Enjoy your garden; take some time to smell the iris! Yes, there are irises that do have a pleasant scent.