

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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The results from the 2016 show are in, and it was a resounding success! There were 10 exhibitors who entered 119 entries in the horticultural division, with 105 varieties or cultivars represented. Our judges had their work cut out for them!

The awards went to:

Best of show: Lion's Share, grown by Dorothy Stiefel

First runner up: Sylvia's Love, grown by Michael Roller

Second runner up: Maggie Smith, grown by Wendy Roller

Best border bearded iris: Maui Surf, grown by Dorothy Stiefel

Best miniature tall bearded (and winner of the Magdalen Award for best median):

Specked Spring, grown by Dorothy Stiefel

Best species iris: I. graminea, grown by Wendy Roller

Best historic iris: Festive Spirit, grown by Dorothy Stiefel

Best Seedling: McGarvey's Red Seedling, grown by Michael Roller

Best design of show: exhibited by Donna Lowry

The winner of the Silver Medal, for most blue ribbons, goes to Dorothy Stiefel, with 9
Wendy Roller won the Bronze Medal, with 8 blue ribbons

The winner of the public's favorite iris goes to Ink Patterns, grown by Neil Houghton. I think this is the third or fourth time in a row he has won. He certainly knows how to grow the most eye-catching ones!

I would like to point out Sylvia's Love was hybridized by our very own Sylvia and Dana Borlum. It certainly is a winner!

Special thanks go to all those who helped: Judges Vaughn Sayles, EJ Mattson and Donna James; Clerks Nate Hutchings, Cora Roller and June Smith; Hospitality workers Neil Houghton, Jean Reitzel, Betty Schnellinger and Judy Rossi. And of course, my mentor and guide, Wendy Roller. We can't have a successful show without all of you!

Our next event is a lot of fun, our annual picnic! This year it will be held at June Smith's house on July 10th. June would like to have it start at 3 pm. She lives at 57 Ontario St. in Honeoye Falls, which is just down the street from our meeting place. Most people will be taking Route 65 to get to our meeting place, and then in the middle of town, we continue straight to Episcopal Ave. This time, we will be taking a left and continuing on Route 65. Go over Honeoye Creek and make a right onto Ontario St., still on Route 65. Her house is on the right, just past Peer St. The club will provide the meat, drinks and paper products; we would like all comers to bring a dish to pass. Please call June (585-727-7904) or email her at june.bug.1111@hotmail.com to RSVP by July 6th so we make sure we have enough.

This annual event is always a lot of fun, and we have some great door prizes and raffles, so bring your money to support the club!

This is a prelude to our annual sale, this year on July 23rd and 24th, from 10-3 pm at Gro-Moore Farms on E. Henrietta Rd. At the picnic, we will have fliers available to post around town; this gives us two weeks to get the word out. We will also go over how to treat your iris for the sale, and you can start letting Neil know the names of the iris you are bringing so he can get pictures for them. This really helped sales last year, putting a picture with the iris.

Hope everyone can find time in his or her busy summer schedule to come to the picnic and also make it to the sale!

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