

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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What a summer this has been! Hot and dry, to be sure, but it won't go away! We are having such nice summer weather now, with a bit more rain, which we badly need. So what will be happening to our iris and other plants? That is the subject of our next meeting, October 9, at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls.

It will also be our annual business meeting, we will vote on our budget, and take a look at our upcoming year.

If you have pictures of your garden, we would love to look at them! And for those who attended the AIS convention this spring, let's have some pictures. A special shout out to Dorothy Stiefel for a great article about Presby Memorial Garden in the AIS Bulletin.

Speaking of pictures, Andy Smith and Neil Houghton gave a wonderful presentation on how to photograph iris at our last meeting. I was very impressed with the amount of knowledge that they conveyed in a short time allotted them! I know I will be using those techniques when I photograph my garden in the future.

Continuing on with photographs, congratulations are in order for Brenda Fox, who won first place in the AIS photo contest for Landscape, and an honorable mention for People. Cora Roller also won first place for People, Landscape, Effects and Closeup in the youth division, and received an honorable mention for Home. Great job, both of you, I am proud to know you! To view the photos, go to irises.org (AIS website), go to photos and puzzles, and click on contest winners.

The Friday and Saturday after our meeting, October 14 and 15, is the Region 2 meeting, to be held in Buffalo this year. Carol Warner will be the speaker this year, giving a talk on Beardless Iris. I hope all AIS members will be able to attend; it is a great chance to learn and listen to fellow irisarians! Plus, we will be hosting it next year, so it is a great chance to see what goes on.

Don't forget, you do earn Rochester rewards for coming to the meeting, and bring a friend! You'll get more rewards!