**Judging Louisiana Irises and Louisiana Iris Seedlings – (including a “weed identification class”)**

**Saturday, June 30, 2018 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 p.m. (2 hours in-garden credit)**

M.J. Urist will be presenting this course on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Louisiana Iris Gardens, which is located at 877 Sky High Road, Tully, NY 13159. Louisiana Iris Gardens covers over 5,000 sq. ft. and contains more than 200 cultivars of Louisiana Irises, plus a large number of seedlings under evaluation. M.J. is currently growing Louisiana Iris introductions and seedlings hybridized by Joe Musacchia and Patrick O’Connor. She is an AIS Garden / Exhibition judge and an expert in growing Louisiana irises in the climate conditions found in the State of New York. M.J. serves on the Board of Directors for the Society for Louisiana Iris and is a member of the Greater New Orleans Iris Society.

In response to a plea by Wendy Roller, Region 2 Judges Training Chair, made on behalf of a Region 2 judge who needs judges training credits before July 31, 2018, M.J. is opening her admittedly “very, very weedy” garden for this unusual training session. Although the paths between rows will be mown, the individual plants will be viewed through “lots of weeds” in most cases. Attendees of the course are asked to bring a lawn chair and to be prepared for rough garden conditions. The class will be held “rain or shine.” Please bring raincoat / jacket, hat, rainboots / heavy boots, sunscreen and bug spray.

Attendees are invited to bring their own lunches to eat on site before the class begins. Beverage will be provided. Please let M.J. Urist know by Thursday, June 28th, if you are planning to attend the course. You may leave her a telephone message at 315-440-8182 or e-mail her at mju\_irises@hotmail.com.