

GREATER ROCHESTER IRIS SOCIETY (GRIS)
an affiliate of the American Iris Society
March 2019 Newsletter
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Hi Everyone,

I am going to do an email newsletter this time, because I am so late in doing it. I do apologize for the lateness of this information, and I do hope you can come to the meeting this Sunday.

Yes, there will be a meeting this Sunday, March 10th. It will be at 2 pm at the church hall at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave. Honeoye Falls, NY.

Neil has been very busy updating the AIS programs available for members, and this meeting will be focusing on "Color Patterns, Forms and Novelty Items". We also want to have a conversation about what to do in the garden this spring (if it ever shows up!). Afterwards, we will have a short business meeting.

Please add these dates to your calendar for the coming year:

April 14: Our meeting will focus on how to groom and present an iris for our annual show, as well as give some insight on what the judges are looking for. We will be using AIS programs, as well as our own experiences.

May: While we are still narrowing down the dates, we will be hosting a Judges' Training session given by Wendy Roller in Neil Houghton's garden. While you may not be a judge, the training sessions are VERY informative and we learn so much from fellow irisarians. We hope to make this into a picnic for our members.

June 2: Our annual show at Marketplace Mall. We will be handing out show schedules at our April meeting.

August: We have set sometime during the month of August for our sale, but that will depend on location. With the sale of Gro-Moore Farms, we need to find a new spot. That will be discussed during the business portion of the upcoming meeting, we are already looking at new locations, but any ideas are very welcome.

September 8: We will be discussing cleaning and prepping your garden for winter, as well as showing the AIS program, "Beardless Iris".

October 4-5: GRIS will be hosting the Region 2 meeting on this weekend, where the members of AIS Region 2 (New York, Ontario and Quebec, Canada) get together to discuss business and also have some great speakers!

October 13: This date may change, due to the fact we are having the Region 2 meeting the weekend before, but our October program will center on fall, winter and early spring care of your garden. We will also talk about bulbous iris and other bulbs in general.

Thank you, and look forward to seeing you soon!