

THE GREATER ROCHESTER IRIS SOCIETY
An Affiliate of the American Iris Society

Presents

IRIS ON MY MIND

Sunday, June 7, 2026

2 pm to 6:30 pm

At

Pittsford Plaza Barnes & Noble
3349 Monroe Ave.
Rochester, New York

No Entry Fee or Admission Charge
Open to the Public

GENERAL RULES

1. Anyone, including the show judges, may exhibit in the show.
2. This Accredited American Iris Society Show is organized according to the rules and regulations of the American Iris Society as set forth in the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, 9.0, 2025 and 9.1, 2026 and subsequent rules and regulations approved by the American Iris Society Board of Directors. The official rules and regulations of the American Iris Society may not be violated.
3. Accredited judges of the American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticulture, Seedling and Design Divisions. Judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at the discretion of the judges. Judges must not judge their own entries or those of relatives.
4. Entries will be received between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
Judging will commence at 11:45AM on Sunday, June 7, 2026 and be completed by 2 PM when the show will be open to the public.
5. All entries must carry AIS Show Tags properly filled out. Unlabeled or mislabeled entries will be disqualified. Horticulture entry cards are to be prepared by the exhibitor.
6. The Show Committee, the American Iris Society, the Greater Rochester Iris Society and Barnes & Noble cannot be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits. All possible care will be exercised throughout the show to ensure exhibits are safe.
7. Entries will be removed at 6:30 PM on Sunday, June 7, 2026. Any entries not claimed by the Exhibitor at the conclusion of the show on Sunday will be disposed of by the Show Committee.

HORTICULTURE RULES

1. No unnamed cultivar may be exhibited except seedlings that may be entered in Division II. Only fresh, cut specimens are accepted.
2. Each iris must have been grown in the garden of and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Each entry of an exhibitor must be a different variety. There is no limit to the number of entries. Members of a family may exhibit from one garden.
3. This is a cultivar show, staged according to type and in alphabetical order within the various sections and groups. Each cultivar constitutes a separate class and must be correctly named.
4. Irises which have not been offered for sale may be entered in the SEEDLING Division by the originator.
5. An exhibitor may enter a seedling originated by another person but the hybridizer's name and the seedling name or number must appear on the entry card.
6. Exhibitors will groom, label and arrange their entries in the area provided and then turn them over to the Placement Committee. The Placement Committee will then place entries, and at this time all the flowers are show property of the Greater Rochester Iris Society. Entries will be placed in sections and judged by variety.
7. No pollen may be taken from any iris without the exhibitor's consent.
8. The Show Committee will furnish uniform containers. No other containers or embellishments are permitted.
9. Wedging material (packing peanuts) will be furnished by the Show Committee for bracing stalks at the neck of the furnished containers.
10. Unnamed stalks (not seedlings), potted exhibits or labeled iris grown by another person are not eligible for AIS ribbons and awards, but may be displayed on a table marked "FOR DISPLAY ONLY".
11. The Show Committee may divide, sub-divide, combine or create new groups as necessary.
12. Bulbous irises are eligible to receive award ribbons, section awards and section rosettes. Award ribbons are included in the tally for Silver and Bronze Medal/Certificates although these entries are not eligible for the "Best Specimen of Show" award.

HORTICULTURE AWARDS

First Place (blue), Second Place (red), Third Place (white), and as many Honorable Mention (pink) ribbons may be awarded as the panel of judges deems worthy. Each specimen can be awarded only one ribbon.

American Iris Society Section Rosette will be awarded to the exhibitor on the best First Place Iris in Sections A through J, if merited. Section rosettes require at least three exhibitors and at least five varieties/cultivars in the section.

American Iris Society Best Specimen of Show Rosette and Certificate will be awarded to exhibitor of the best iris receiving a blue ribbon except for Bulbous Iris, which are not eligible for Best Specimen of Show award.

American Iris Society Silver and Bronze Medals and Certificates will be awarded to the exhibitors winning the most blue ribbons and second highest number of blue ribbons.

American Iris Society Region 2 McGarvey Award. This award is given to the highest placed Beardless Iris in an accredited Iris Show according to award guidelines as determined by Region 2.

American Iris Society Best Seedling of Show Rosette will be awarded to the best specimen in Division II. The best seedling of the show will automatically receive an Exhibition Certificate. Any other seedling receiving 5 or more votes from accredited AIS judges attending the show also receives an Exhibition Certificate.

Reference: the American Iris Society Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, 8.23 Edition, 2024.

DIVISION I – HORTICULTURE

SECTION A	TALL BEARDED IRIS
Group 1	Names Beginning A-B
Group 2	Names Beginning C-D
Group 3	Names Beginning E-F
Group 4	Names Beginning G-I
Group 5	Names Beginning J-L
Group 6	Names Beginning M
Group 7	Names Beginning N-O
Group 8	Names Beginning P-Q
Group 9	Names Beginning R
Group 10	Names Beginning S
Group 11	Names Beginning T-V
Group 12	Names Beginning W-Z
SECTION B	MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED IRIS
SECTION C	STANDARD DWARF BEARDED IRIS
SECTION D	INTERMEDIATE BEARDED IRIS
SECTION E	BORDER BEARDED IRIS
SECTION F	MINATURE TALL BEARDED IRIS
SECTION G	SIBERIAN IRIS
Group 13	Names Beginning A-F
Group 14	Names Beginning G-M
Group 15	Names Beginning N-R
Group 16	Names Beginning S-Z
SECTION H	SPECIES and HYBRIDS OF SPECIES
SECTION I	HISTORIC IRIS
Group 17	Historic Bearded Iris – Early/Old Introduced in 1969 and before
Group 18	Historic Bearded Iris – Late/Modern Introduced in 1970 – 1996
Group 19	Historic Beardless Iris – Early/Old Introduced in 1969 and before
Group 20	Historic Beardless Iris – Late/Modern Introduced in 1970-1996
SECTION J	ANY IRIS NOT LISTED ABOVE

DIVISION II – SEEDLINGS

SECTION K	Group 21	Bearded Iris
	Group 22	Beardless Iris

DIVISION III – ARTISTIC DESIGN RULES

1. Entries will be received between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Sunday, June 7, 2026. Judging will begin Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 11:45 AM and be completed by 2:00 PM.
2. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class. Reservations and questions may be directed to Cara Hutchings by telephone at (585) 266-0302 or by email at thehutchings@mac.com. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 2, 2026.
3. One or more iris bloom(s) must be used in each floral design and should be the dominant flower(s) in the design. Other plant material and components are permitted unless the schedule indicates otherwise. The use of iris foliage in the design is the choice of the designer.
4. Fresh plant material must dominate in the class and may not be treated in any matter.
5. Floral design must be made by the exhibitor; however, the exhibitor need not have grown the plant material.
6. A 3 x 5 card should accompany each design indicating the iris cultivar name and all plant material used.
7. Treated dried plant material may be used.
8. Tables will be covered with a white underlay.
9. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
10. The use of any part(s) of plants on the New York State Conservation List is strictly prohibited.
11. THE USE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG OR ANY INTERNATIONAL FLAG IS PROHIBITED. The use of colors or bunting is permitted and encouraged if it helps interpret the theme.
12. All entries must be removed by the end of the show, after 6:30 PM on Sunday, June 7, 2026.

13. Scale of points for all designs is taken from the American Iris Society Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, 8.23 Edition, 2024

1.	Conformance to Schedule Requirements	10
2.	Design Principles	35
	a. Balance	5
	b. Proportion	5
	c. Scale	5
	d. Rhythm	5
	e. Dominance	5
	f. Contrast	5
	g. Unity	5
3.	Color Use	20
4.	Creative Expression	20
5.	Distinction	<u>15</u>
		100

ARTISTIC DIVISION AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded in each Class. First place (blue), 90 and above, Second place (red) 85 and above, Third place (white) 80 and above, Honorable Mention (pink) 75 and above.

The Purple Rosette of the American Iris Society and Certificate may be awarded to the Best Design of the Show (for the best use of iris).

DIVISION III – ARTISTIC DESIGNS

SECTION L

Class 1 “RAINBOW CONNECTIONS”

The wide variety and colors of iris are to be celebrated!

A traditional style design staged in an allotted 30” by 30” section of table.

Exhibitor may provide a table overlay.

4 entries

Class 2 “True Colors”

Showcase the true colors of the iris.

A creative style design staged in an allotted 30”by 30” section of table. An accessory may accompany the design. Exhibitor may provide a table overlay.

4 entries

SHOW COMMITTEE

Greater Rochester Iris Society: Cara Hutchings, President

Show Committee 2026

Chairperson and Design Chairperson: Cara Hutchings (585) 266-0302

Assistant Show Chairperson: Wendy Roller (585) 621-8985

Classification and Horticulture Placement: Wendy Roller

Properties, Staging and Dismantling: Alex Solla & Nathan Hutchings

Publicity: Alex Solla

Schedule, Awards and Judges: Cara Hutchings

Clerks: Cara Hutchings

Hospitality: Members of the Greater Rochester Iris Society

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Membership Information

www.irises.org/aismembers/

Print membership

Single Annual	\$30.00	Triennial	\$70.00
Dual Annual	\$35.00	Triennial	\$85.00 (same address)

Emembership

Single/Dual Annual	\$15.00
Single/Dual Triennial	\$45.00

Full membership

Single Annual	\$45.00	Triennial	\$115.00
Dual Annual	\$50.00	Triennial	\$130.00

Youth Annual (under age 19)

Without Bulletin	\$8.00	With Bulletin	\$12.00
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Make checks payable to: American Iris Society
(Dues may also be paid with Visa or MasterCard)

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