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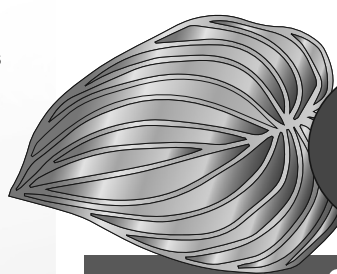
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Shades of

GREEN

Saturday, July 18th, 2026

Garden Alliance Annual Picnic

The picnic portion will be inside, so both the diners & the food can be cool and bug-free, with electric for any crock pots.

Sign up to help or indicate food you will be bringing to share at the picnic

<https://signup.com/go/nMXgjNE>

Garden Alliance Meetings and presentations are FREE ...all are invited to attend and make some new gardening friends!

Garden Alliance meetings usually run from 10:00 am to about 1:30 pm and will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County Office
24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY.

You are encouraged to bring a gardening friend that might be interested in becoming a member of one or all of our societies which include:

**Upstate New York Hosta Society / UNYHS,
Capital-Hudson Iris Society / CHIS,
Garden Club of the Capital District / GCCD,
Hudson-Adirondack Daylily Society / HADS**

Meeting Agenda:

10:00: Time for coffee? we supply

10:15 am: A brief Business Meeting 10:30 and 11:00 am (depending on how long our business meeting lasts)

Speaker's presentation immediately following and runs about an hour in length.

12:00 Noon:

Our famous "Dish to Pass" luncheon served. This truly is a "Pot Luck" meal so we encourage you to bring whatever moves you such as main entrees, appetizers, salads, fruits, vegetables or your favorite desserts. We supply the beverages and place settings. You are also encouraged to bring a garden themed Door Prize to donate to make our meeting more fun!



CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr

2027 National Iris Convention

"Iris Heaven in 2027"

<http://ais2027convention.org>.

*Come and experience
true heartland hospitality!*

**If you can donate irises to the
Faddegon's sale, please send your list, with
variety name and number of fans, to me at
kemohrke@aol.com**

AIS president Bonnie J. Nichols

wrote the following in the May 29

"AIS News and Notes"

"Now that our AIS Convention in the Newark, New Jersey area is behind us, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on what a special week it was for our society. Beyond the presentations and events, what stays with me most is the joy of being together again - sharing conversations, laughter, encouragement, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Throughout the convention, we shared not only beautiful gardens and informative sessions but also the simple gift of connection. It was a pleasure to welcome new faces into our circle, to reconnect with dear friends, and to be reminded of the kindness and generosity that define AIS. Those moments, both large and small, are what make our gatherings so meaningful. I hope everyone who attended returned home with a full heart and lasting memories."

Re-purposing household tools for the garden

Before a working visit to the family farm in April my brother sent me a puzzling text about a garage sale purchase. "I got you a jogger!" I wasn't sure why I needed a jogger for clearing brush, until he sent me a picture of a jogging stroller: lightweight, with a reclining seat and large back wheels that maneuvered easily over rough ground. I ran my "wheelbarrow" filled with branches, concrete blocks and junk all over the place.

I use a spoon from baby formula to measure fertilizer for individual plants and a vegetable peeler to gouge out the rotten tissue left behind by iris borers in rhizomes.

Cindi Jones uses two pry bars to split daylily clumps. I think it was Lyndon's inspiration.

Share your ideas.

What handy household item do you use in the garden?



Here ya go Kathryn... you inspired me.

Left and above: a leaky hose became the base for an autumn wreath and the seldom used rake became a stake for a clematis. - Arden Lawand