

# Newsletter of the Capital Hudson Iris Society

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## *2018 Calendar*

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Joint meeting HADS and UNYHS** (we're invited), Amy Ziffer on "Shade Revealed", what makes some shade plants better performers than others. Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Road, Voorheesville. Bring a breakfast or lunch dish to share.

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, Region 2 of the American Iris Society Fall Meeting**, hosted by Capital Hudson Iris Society, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Keynote speaker Bonnie Nichols, President of the Novelty Iris Society, iris judges' trainings, silent auction, good food! **Potluck luncheon on Saturday prepared by CHIS members – think about what you want to bring!** And try to make a nice contribution to the Silent Auction. **Please note, if you are local, probably the only day you'll want to go is on Saturday.** See articles on Page 1 & 2 and send in the attached registration form (it's all free!).

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. (note early start time) HOLIDAY PARTY!** We start early so we avoid the December rush and the bad weather (we hope). Great potluck, gift certificate door prizes, gift exchange (voluntary participation only), and a chance to relax before the onslaught of the holidays! Be sure to come, bring a friend, and a dish to share. If you're new to the group and want to get to know some of us better, this is a good opportunity.

**No meeting in December.**

**Join the American Iris Society**  
[www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)

## **AIS Region 2 Meeting Oct. 19 & 20 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church**

### **A special event you shouldn't miss!**

You've still got time to send in your registration form (or notify Euthenia by e-mail) for the AIS Region 2 meeting October 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar (corner of Cherry/Elm and Delaware Avenues). We have lined up a great keynote speaker from Texas, Bonnie Nichols, Chairperson of the Novelty Iris Society, a relatively new subgroup of the American Iris Society. Bonnie's talk is entitled "Novelty Irises: Looking Forward, Looking Back". She will give us a good background on novelties and let us know what's in the works for the future. Novelties are irises with broken color, an odd number of falls, perhaps no standards, space age irises with horns (some fuzzy) and hooks, flatties, those with variegated foliage, and some with overlapping falls. Bonnie is a great speaker and the weekend promises to be both educational and enjoyable. She will also give two judges' trainings, one at 8:30 on Saturday morning and another after the potluck luncheon and her keynote address, at 2:30 on Saturday. See the registration form and schedule on pages 3 and 4.

There will be a fabulous Silent Auction on Saturday from 9:30 – 12:45, so be sure to bring your checkbook. We've got some extra-special irises all potted up and ready to plop right into your garden when you get home. People have promised all sorts of excellent items for the auction including a cloth iris banner, various books on irises, an automatic plant waterer, inlaid box with irises on cover, cut glass iris candy dish, iris watercolors and print, to name a few. The silent auction is always a hit, one that you won't want to miss, so get here early! And if you have a special item you'd like to contribute, please see the article on page 2.

**You don't have to be an AIS member** to attend any of the sessions and we're hoping for a great turnout, so bring a friend. So far we have over 30 registrants and we're just waiting for your registration form. But if you aren't able to get the registration form in on time, or can't commit to coming until the last minute, please don't hesitate to show up. We'll have plenty of food and lots of interesting activities.

If you are local, please bring a dish to share for the potluck luncheon, something you're good at making and that others will enjoy. There's a place on the attached registration form to indicate what you'll bring. If you want some guidance, call Euthenia and she'll be glad to help.

We're all looking forward to the Region 2 meeting. **Please be sure to come!**

## Linda says...

Dear Gardeners -  
We're bringing in a special speaker to the Region 2 Meeting on October 19 and 20 in Delmar, Bonnie Nichols, President of the Novelty Iris Society. The Schedule, Registration Form and other information are attached to the newsletter. Don't worry, **it's free**, but we'd like a count of people for the luncheon and for the judges' trainings. We also need contributions for the Silent Auction from you! See the articles on Page 1 and 2, send in your registration form, and do put it on your calendar. It's fun meeting iris people from around New York State and Ontario! **(Please note, locals will probably only want to come to the Saturday meeting, so don't think that your whole weekend needs to be dedicated to this meeting.)**

We'll also need lots of help coordinating things for the October meeting, so if you're able to help, even for a little while on one of the days, please send Euthemia a note. Thanks.

I want to thank Eli Hunter-Joseph and his wife Briana Davis for a fabulous talk on underutilized woody plants at our September meeting. They brought loads of beautiful shrubs for sale and most of us went home with full cars. We'll want to bring them back again soon, they do such a great job and have such beautiful plants.

I hope to see you all at the Regional Meeting. Don't forget to send in your registration forms, but even if you forget or can't commit, come to the meeting! - Linda

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## Silent Auction: Contributions Needed for Regional Meeting

Every year there is a Silent Auction at the Regional Meeting – it is one of the main fundraisers for Region 2 and it's lots of fun. Each local group is asked to send items for the auction (nothing too big, out-of-towners need to get items back home in their cars!). We need things that are really worthy of being auctioned, items that YOU would be willing to buy at a silent auction because they're unusual or something special (something that you don't ordinarily see, for example, on a door prize table.) If we have a limited number of quality items to auction, we know they will be worth bidding on and taking home, and the auction can make a significant contribution to the region.

If you're a quilter and would like to make an iris-related wall hanging, or if you are a sculptor who makes beautiful garden ornaments, or if you see some great bargain in the next few weeks as you are perusing the garden centers and stores that you know would do well in the auction, please consider making a contribution of that item to the auction. You may have a very special iris that you can pot now and bring, especially if it's a new introduction. Be creative and think about what you would buy at the auction, and go from there.

Dan and Joanne Maier are coordinating the Silent Auction, [danjomaier@gmail.com](mailto:danjomaier@gmail.com). **If you're a local CHIS member or if you don't have a club any more, you can include the information about what you will be bringing to the silent auction on your registration form (attached or in the Region 2 Fall newsletter).** If you belong to another club, please contact your local club coordinator who will be responsible for bringing the items, and they'll let us know what's coming from your club. It is assumed that one person from each local club will be responsible for bringing the items but if you have another way you prefer to get them to the meeting, we're open to any suggestions.

Silent auction **set-up** will begin on Friday evening at 4:00 and continue the next morning between 8 and 9 a.m. The silent auction bidding begins at 9:30 and all the paperwork has to be in order before we open, so **be sure to let us know in advance what you're bringing** and be sure to bring it on Friday evening or before 9:00 on Saturday.

- Euthemia Matsoukas

**AIS Region 2 Annual Fall Meeting**  
**October 19 – 20, 2018**  
**At the Delmar Presbyterian Church**  
**585 Delaware Avenue**  
**Delmar, NY 12054**

**Registration Form**

Please print out and complete an individual form for each person. **There is NO charge for the meetings, trainings or luncheon.** If you are local (CHIS area) please indicate below what you plan to bring for the potluck luncheon on Saturday, October 20. For questions or comments: [euthemia@nycap.rr.com](mailto:euthemia@nycap.rr.com) or call Euthemia at 518 439-3758.

Mail the form to: **Euthemia Matsoukas, CHIS, 13 Hartwood Road, Delmar, New York 12054**

**Please send in your form by October 11, 2018.**

**Out-of-town guests:** Please note the special **hotel rate** at the Comfort Inn Glenmont had a deadline of September 21, but there are other ways to get a reduction (AARP/Seniors).

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**Name as you wish it to appear on your name tag (First and Last, please print)**

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**Address: # Street**

**City, State/Prov., Zip/Postal Code**

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**Local club if applicable**

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**Print Your e-mail address**

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**Preferred phone # with area code**

I will attend the Training Session “Awards and Ballots”      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Training Session “Judging Novelty Irises”      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Local members only (CHIS):**

**I plan to bring the following to the potluck luncheon on Saturday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to contribute the following item(s) to the Silent Auction:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Use the back of the form if necessary)**

# **AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 2 FALL MEETING**

**Friday and Saturday, October 19 & 20, 2018**

Hosted by the Capital Hudson Iris Society, an Affiliate of the American Iris Society  
All events are at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

## **SCHEDULE**

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### **FRIDAY – Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054**

4:00 – 5:30 pm      **Registration** – Community Room Corridor

4:00 – 7:30 pm      **Silent Auction Setup** – Community Room

5:00 – 6:00 pm      **Audit by Affiliate Leaders**

**Dinner on your own**

### **SATURDAY – Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054**

8:00 – 10:30 am      **Registration** – Community Room Corridor

8:00 – 9:30 am      **Silent Auction Setup continues** – Community Room

8:30 – 9:30 am      **Judges Training: Bonnie Nichols, President, Novelty Iris Society**  
Awards and Ballots (1 hour classroom credit) – Library/Lounge

9:30 – 10:30 am      **Region 2 Board of Directors Meeting**

9:30 am – 12:45 pm    **Silent Auction Bidding** – Community Room

10:30 – 12:15 pm      **General Membership Meeting** – Community Room  
Welcome, Business meeting, Awards presentations

12:15 – 12:45 pm      **Pot Luck Luncheon courtesy of Capital Hudson Iris Society**  
Community Room

12:45 – 2:00 pm      **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Bonnie Nichols, President, Novelty Iris Society**  
**“Novelty Irises: Looking Forward, Looking Back”**

2:00 – 2:30 pm      **Silent Auction payment and pickup**

2:30 – 4:30 pm      **Judging Training: Bonnie Nichols, President, Novelty Iris Society**  
Judging Novelty Irises (2 hours classroom credit) – Community Room

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