

GREATER ROCHESTER IRIS SOCIETY

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It looks like spring is definitely on its way! I can see my iris poking out among the winter leaves; it's so exciting!

Our April meeting will be getting you ready for our show, using AIS programs and our knowledge, we should be able to help everyone! Even if you don't plan on exhibiting, you will always learn something new at the meeting. I know I do!

The meeting will take place on April 14th at 2 pm in the church hall at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls, NY. We will be handing out show schedules, in anticipation of our:

Annual AIS accredited show! Which takes place at Marketplace Mall on June 2nd. We are usually in the Center Court, but that can change. We do need help manning the hospitality table, so please let us know if you can come and help. Times and other details will be talked about at the meeting. If you can't come, just let me know you're interested, and I'll get you set up with all the info you need.

We are planning a Judge's Training/Picnic at Neil Houghton's house during the month on May. More details will follow, but Neil's garden is always a vision of beauty, especially in the spring!

After the show comes our annual sale. We are still working out complete details, but we will probably be holding it in August, as we want to be able to offer some Japanese iris. UPDATE: The sale will be held at Bristol's Garden Center in Victor, we are planning on the dates of August 3rd and 4th. Hope to see you there!

September starts up our meetings again, with September 8th being our first fall meeting. We'll be discussing cleaning and prepping your garden for winter, as well as showing the AIS program, "Beardless Iris".

Next, on October 4-5, GRIS will be hosting the Region 2 meeting, where the members of AIS Region 2 (New York, Ontario and Quebec, Canada) get together to discuss business and also have some great speakers. This year we will be hosting Hugh Stout, the owner of Stout Gardens at Dancingtree. We will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Honeoye Falls for this event.

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