

**Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)**  
**an affiliate of the American Iris Society (AIS)**

**April 2022 newsletter**

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It looks like just a few more days of cold weather, then we may be home free, and Spring will have finally sprung!

With that in mind, our next meeting, on April 24<sup>th</sup>, will have some handy tips on doing your spring garden cleaning. We will also be having Neil Houghton talk about the recent AIS convention he attended in New Mexico. And we will also talk about preparing your iris for division, donating your extras to our sale this year.

Our meeting will be held at 2 pm on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls.

Our AIS membership drive will be continuing, join GRIS and you can receive a free one-year print membership to AIS. For a \$10 GRIS membership fee, you receive the AIS Bulletin, 4 issues, for one year, a \$30 value! This is for new members only, if you have ever been a member of AIS, you are ineligible.

We are looking for someone to host our annual picnic this year. Nate and I still have about one year's worth of work to do on our garden before we can have visitors. While our garden is never done, we do want to have a certain amount of control on the weeds and other unknown plants we have.

With this in mind, we are planning a trip to Iris Country Gardens this May. Formally Borlum's Gardens in Geneva, this is always a great place to find iris and other plants hardily grown in our climate.

Our sale is planned for the weekend of August 13 and 14 at Bristol's Garden Center in Victor. Mark you calendar now, and we will have more info soon.

Our September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be with Meg Brewin of Thistlewood Bees who will give a talk on Mason Bees and have Mason Bee houses for sale.

Our last meeting of the year, October 16<sup>th</sup>, will have Maureen Dunphy give a talk on Native Plants to Help Pollinators (such as Mason Bees!)

All meetings are at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls. Hope to see you there!

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