

Greater Rochester Iris Society
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Welcome to Spring! With all its changing weather, rain and snow in the same day, all that fun stuff! Let's hear it for those reticulatas, the first sign of spring along with the crocus. Anyone have any blooming? Let's see them on our Facebook page, Greater Rochester NY Iris.

We had a great meeting last month, we talked about our upcoming show at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble. We hope to have it be a show, but it will be an exhibition if nothing else. We need 5 entrants and 20 bloom stalks to make this a show, but if we have less than that, it will be an exhibition and also good practice for next year, with so many new members.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 13, at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 12 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls. Wendy Roller will be presenting a program about Beardless Iris. Everything you wanted to know about Japanese, Siberians, Spurias, etc. I am looking forward to it, as there is a lot of interest in the Beardless Iris lately, and I personally love Siberians!

And then on to the show! It will be held May 25th (the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend) at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble's community room. This is a new location for us, we are really looking forward to having our first show in 6 years. I will be sending our more information as the event gets closer.

On June 14, the Monroe Co. Cooperative Extension will be holding its annual plant sale. We have again been invited to set up a table and provide information to the public about the Iris Society. It was a lot of fun last year, meeting new people who are very interested in gardening, and answering their questions about iris.

After that, we will be having our annual picnic, to be held at Pat Bartholomew's house. More details will be provided.

On August 9th and 10th will be our annual rhizome sale at Bristol's Garden Center. A great time to thin out your iris beds and donate your rhizomes!

On September 14, we will be having a guest speaker who will be presenting us with a demonstration on growing microgreens. More information will follow.

And our last meeting of the year will take place on October 12. Our very own Maureen Dunphy will be giving a talk on Bluebirds.

Please save these dates, and I hope to see you soon!

Cara