

Greater Rochester Iris Society
an affiliate of the American Iris Society
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What a winter! With the temperature going up and down, freezing and then in the 50s, who knows what kind of gardens we will have for this year. But Mother Nature will take care of it, and we will have something to enjoy this spring!

And speaking of enjoying – we have our first meeting of the year coming up soon. On March 13th, as a matter of fact, where we will be presenting Iris 101, an introduction to iris for both newbies (so that's what they mean when they say that!) and old hats (oh that's right, I forgot about that!). Something for everyone! Our meeting starts at 2 pm (don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour the night before!!!) at the church hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave, Honeoye Falls, NY.

Also, mark your calendar now –

April 10 - Vaughn Sayles will be presenting a visual tour of the 2015 AIS Siberian/Species convention "Another Day in the Garden", held in Portland, Or. Also, we will be sharing a few tips on photographing flowers to prepare for our September meeting.

May 23-28, East We Go In 2016, the annual AIS convention will take place in Newark, NJ. We have a few members going, so we look forward to hearing of their report later.

June 5th will be our annual iris show at Marketplace Mall.

July 23-24 will be our annual sale, being held at Gro-Moore Farms again this year.

September 11 – Neil Houghton will present Photographing Iris and Other Flowers. With an eye toward cataloging or farmable art, all gardeners love to preserve the bloom moment. If you have an iPhone, a point and shoot camera or a much more expensive SLR, these basic tips on set up, framing, lighting and fun features of modern cameras will offer some great pictures!

October 9 – our last meeting of the year is still in the works! Read about exciting developments in future newsletters!

All meetings take place at 2 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave, Honeoye Falls, NY. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to bring a friend!

Also this year, we are working on having a Judge's Training in Wendy Roller's garden and our annual picnic, full of prizes and fun for all!

As an additional news item, WNYIS will be holding a meeting the day before ours, March 12th on invasive plants. If you are interested in going, please email Carolyn Schaffner, drsnooks@twc.com. Sounds really interesting!