

# Greater Rochester Iris Society

an affiliate of the American Iris Society

## March 2022 newsletter

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What a winter this is turning out to be! With all this great snow cover, our gardens should have both great cold protection and a good source of water when things thaw out, as they have this past week.

Yes, it's time to start thinking about caring for our gardens this coming spring. With that in mind, our first meeting of the year will be "The ABCs of Growing Iris" where we will give all the basic information about growing iris; and talk about which iris grows the best in our gardens, and some tips for general garden care this spring.

This meeting will take place on March 13 at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls, NY. We will be keeping some space between us, and we are strongly recommending masks. This is also the first day of Daylight-Saving Time so don't forget to set your clocks ahead the night before!

We will be giving out potted iris to those who attend and talk about the American Iris Society's (AIS) membership drive for 2022. For those who have never been an AIS member before, when you join GRIS, you will receive a free one-year membership to AIS, which includes 4 issues of IRISES, the AIS's beautiful bulletin. We will have samples to browse through at the meeting. This offer is valid during the months of March, April, May and June only.

### Our upcoming calendar:

April 24 – 'How to prepare your iris for Show or Sale', 2pm at St. John's Church Hall

End of May, beginning of June – member picnic

End of May, beginning of June – trip to *Iris Country Gardens* in Geneva

August 13-14 – Iris Sale at *Bristol's Garden Center*

September 18 – Our own Maureen Dunphy will be presenting a talk about 'Landscaping with Native Plants'.

October 16 – to be decided. We may have a speaker, we may have a Fall Celebration, things are up in the air!

