

Greater Rochester Iris Society

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Well, fall has certainly fallen, and very quickly! Now is the time to trim back your iris leaves and clear out all dead leaves to prevent those over-wintering borers. The more fall cleanup you do, the less spring cleanup you have to do! (Or at least that is the theory; I have found the practice of it not so true)

Our last meeting of the year will be on October 14, 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls. If you have been wishy-washy about attending meetings, this is the one to attend! Brenda Fox will be doing the presentation. She is a wonderful speaker and has a gorgeous garden; for those of you who attended the club picnic last year, you saw what she could do. She also is a fantastic photographer, as anyone who has seen her photos on Facebook can attest.

Her program:

Bearded irises are some of the most beautiful flowers, yet are surprisingly easy to grow, as we all know. Join Master Gardener Brenda Fox for a discussion on these beauties. The discussion will explore colorful combinations with shrubs and perennials. These will be illustrated with lavish photos showing both contrasting and complementary color schemes. A list of companion plants for bearded iris will be provided.

We will have Brenda speak first, and then afterwards, we will have a short business meeting, so don't be late!

The next weekend Wendy and I (and maybe Nate) will be attending the Region 2 fall meeting. We hosted it last year, this year it is with the Albany group. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns about AIS, and we will present them to the attending.

Also, we're always looking for ideas for meeting programs or events. Don't forget to tell us your ideas!