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I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, it's been quite the season! We're still in a rain deficit, so don't forget to keep watering all those new irises you bought at our sale! And speaking of the sale, we did have a good turnout, with quite a few people turning in free iris rhizome coupons and raffle winners coming to the sale. We made a good profit, which will be used for various activities over the coming year.

And we have one coming up next weekend! On September 14th, we will be having a picnic/raffle/ microgreen demonstration at Pat Bartholomew's house. Events start at 1 pm, we will be having a social hour. I will provide the hors d'oeuvres. From 2-3, Sandra (I keep forgetting to get her last name!) will give us a demonstration on micro greens, with a chance to take our own home with us. After that, we will have the picnic with raffle and door prizes. Pat will be providing the meat (or veggie burgers) and picnicware. Bring a dish or dessert to pass, plan on bringing enough for 10 people (don't forget serving utensils!). She lives at 1438 Malone Rd., Victor, NY 14564. Please let me know if you will be coming by Friday, September 12, so we will have enough food and microgreen kits (email thehutchings@mac.com, text (585)406-2264).

The last meeting of the year will take place on October 12th, at our regular location, St. John's Episcopal Church Hall, 12 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls, NY. Our very own Maureen Dunphey will be giving a presentation on bluebirds. And of course, we will be discussing how to winterize your garden, along with ideas for next year's meetings and events.