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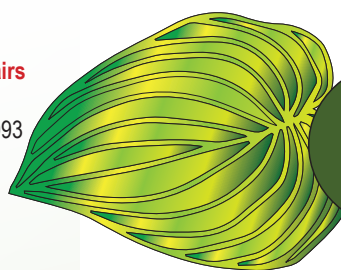
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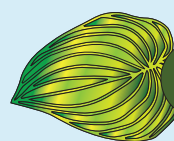
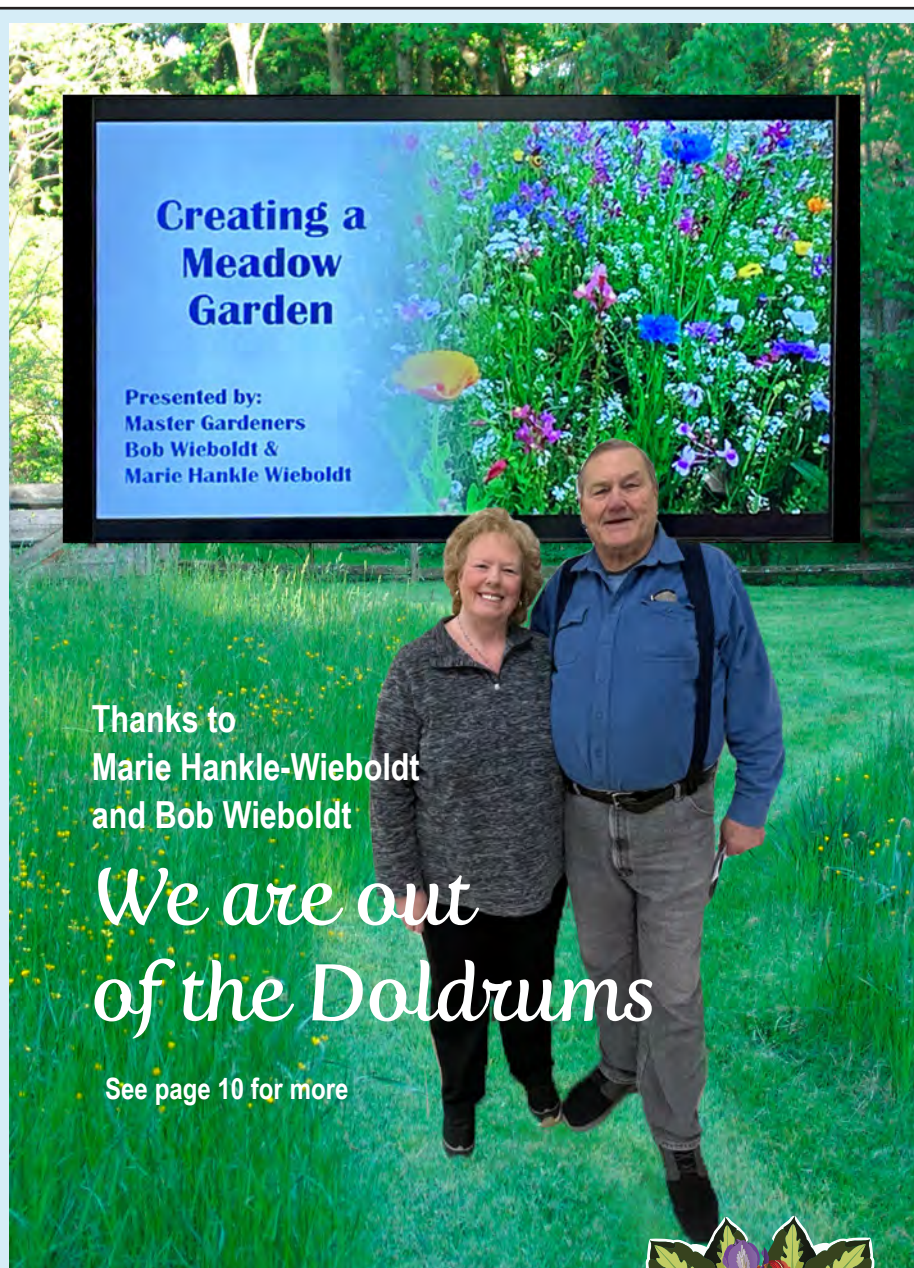
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### MARCH

17th Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* at **NOON**  
"Wildflowers: Faces, Facts and Folklore"

22nd-24th Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo  
Hudson Valley Community College, Troy NY

### APRIL

20th Garden Alliance meeting\* 10am  
"Central Park, (Schenectady) A Park for  
the Common Man"

### MAY

11th Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* 10am  
"Creating a Miniature Garden"

### JUNE

15th Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* 10am  
18th-23rd AHS Conference, Boston MA

### JULY

13th Garden Alliance Picnic\* 10am

### AUGUST

17th - Daylily/Iris Plant Sale at Faddegon's Nursery  
9:00 am to Noon.... or until sold out (See page 5)

### SEPTEMBER

21st - Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* 10am

### OCTOBER

19th - Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* 10am

### NOVEMBER

16th Garden Alliance monthly meeting\* 10am

### DECEMBER

14th Garden Alliance Holiday End of Season Celebration\*  
10am

\* (All Meetings are at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville beginning at 10:00 am unless otherwise noted)

## — UNYHS MEMBERSHIP FORM —

Please return this Form to:

Penny Salemme, Membership Chair, 11 Woodhall Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065

(This information is used to send you our newsletter, periodic emails and include you in our membership directory)

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(Required to receive Newsletters)

**Enclosed are my/our \$10.00 annual dues.**

Please send dues for 3 years if possible, to help keep administrative time to a minimum.

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to UNYHS

**I would like to volunteer to help serve on the following committees:**

☐ Revising By-Laws

☐ Plant Acquisition

☐ Other (Indicate below)

☐ Assisting with Hospitality

☐ Recruiting Guest Speakers

☐ Maintaining our Library

☐ Organizing Summer Tours

☐ Recruiting Membership

☐ Serve as an Officer

☐ Writing Newsletter Articles

☐ Send out Emails & Eblasts



## UNYHS Leadership Message

Dear fellow Hosta lovers, still greeting you from Brazil.

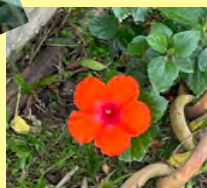
*Since this coconut tree had to be cut down* ➡

*...why not turn an eyesore into a work of art.*

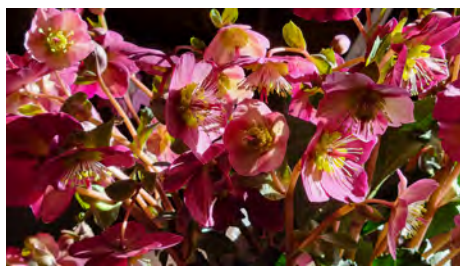
The colorful decor (tractor part) flew from Texas to Rio de Janeiro. Needless to say, the suitcase that contained it was opened many times. See More From Brazil on page 13.

*Spring is on the way!*

Lena Degeneff, UNYHS President



## HADS Leadership Message



### The Dangers of Flower and Garden Shows:

I know spring is on the way. The days are longer, the sunlight is stronger, but so is the desire to plant something. A lot of somethings.

I went to the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford, Ct., yesterday. I

enjoyed seeing all the displays and visited a large number of vendors there. But the problem is that seeing all the lush and lovely plants and flowers totally ruined any vestige of self-control I'd hoped I had, and made me fill up some shopping bags with purchases and bring them home!

Now, spring may be coming, but there is still snow on the ground and it is still pretty frozen at my house, no matter how many unseasonably warm days we've had. As a result, the two fabulous peonies that I just couldn't live without will be put in the refrigerator for another few weeks to keep them from sprouting too much, but the absolutely HUGE hellebore with a million flowers is just not going to go outside for several months.

Wow, they were just gorgeous. I noticed I wasn't alone in my addiction, about one in every four ladies I passed also had bags spilling over with similar flower covered plants.

So now it's out to the unheated garage near the window to enjoy the cooler temperatures and bloom its little heart out until it gets planted outside - probably after our Flower and Garden Expo in Troy at the end of March. Oh no, another opportunity to buy more companions for it!!!

**Warm wishes fellow flower and plant addicts, see you at the Expo in March!**

Cindi Jones  
President, HADS

## GCCD (Garden Club of the Capital District) Leadership Message

Garden Club of the Capital District members worked closely in February with the Vegetable Project, a school gardening nonprofit in Albany, guiding hundreds of

kids in turning plastic gallon milk jugs into miniature greenhouses. Club members are now preparing to return to the same classes in April and May, when the seedlings that have emerged will offer the hundreds of students many opportunities for hands-on learning about plant development.

Students will taste edibles growing in their mini-greenhouses, pot up other young plants to take home and transplant some into garden soil at the various schools where the initiative takes place.

In addition, club members will have the chance to have more one-to-one conversations with kids about the joys of nurturing live plants than just about any of us could imagine!

I'll plan on building a bluebird house that we can give away at the Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo.

**See you at the Expo!**

Bill Stoneman







February 18, 2024 Doldrums Gathering



Some of us happily embraced the photographer's request for a  
~ Silly Look ~



## Upcoming Meetings and Events:

### March 16, 2024 - Spring Garden Day

Rensselaer County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 9:45 AM - 3:30 PM  
Tamarac/Brunswick High School, 3992 NY 2, Troy, NY 12180  
<https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/events/2024/03/16/spring-garden-day-2024>

### March 17, 2024 - Garden Alliance Monthly Meeting 10am

CCE Albany County, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY.



**NOTE: Starts at 12 NOON! Wear Green it's St Patrick's Day!**

**"Wildflowers: Faces, Facts and Folklore"** by Pam Taft, Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension since 2004. The presentation will inspire a renewed appreciation of the many beautiful wildflowers that grow without our labors. Plant identification tips will be addressed along with fun facts and the folklore of selected wildflowers. Suggestions on how to motivate children (and the young at heart) to discover the various attributes of flowers will also be discussed.

- **Dish-to-Pass Luncheon: At NOON** immediately followed by the presentation. The societies will provide: Paper products (cups, plates, utensils, napkins) in addition to coffee, water and cold drinks )

- **What to bring to share:** We encourage everyone to bring something "picnic-like" to share. There will be plenty, so no need to feed everyone, just enough to share with maybe 10-12 people. Some ideas: fried chicken, wings, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, pasta, salads (Pasta, Tossed, Macaroni, etc.), Vegetables, desserts/cookies, fresh fruit or whatever else you can think of. Guests are always invited to this presentation so encourage your friends and family to attend.

- **Door Prize drawing** follows the luncheon — members and guests are encouraged to bring some kind of garden related item or ...anything else for this fun activity.

### March 22-24, 2024 Capital Region Flower and Garden Expo

Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY.

### April 20, 2024 - Garden Alliance Monthly Meeting 10am

CCE Albany County, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY

**"Central Park (Schenectady), A Park for the Common Man"**

Presented by Marge Rizzo and Arden Lawand, CCE Schenectady Master Gardener Volunteers since 2012.

- **Dish-to-Pass Luncheon:** Immediately following the presentation. The societies will provide: Paper products (cups, plates, utensils, napkins) in addition to coffee, water and cold drinks )

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- **Door Prize drawing** follows the luncheon — members and guests are encouraged to bring some kind of garden related item or ...anything else for this fun activity.

### May 11, 2024 - Garden Alliance monthly meeting 10am

CCE Albany County, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY

**"Creating a Miniature Garden"** presented by Martie Teumim, Albany County Master Gardener since 2001. Creating and maintaining miniature gardens, either indoors or out. Miniature gardens delight adults and children alike. Learn how to choose a container and soil, as well as miniature plants, garden furniture, paths, pools, and ornaments.

- **Dish-to-Pass Luncheon:** Immediately following the presentation. The societies will provide: Paper products (cups, plates, utensils, napkins) in addition to coffee, water and cold drinks )

- **What to bring to share:** We encourage everyone to bring something "picnic-like" to share. There will be plenty, so no need to feed everyone, just enough to share with maybe 10-12 people. Some ideas: fried chicken, wings, sausage & peppers, sandwiches, pasta, salads (Pasta, Tossed, Macaroni, etc.), vegetables, desserts/cookies, fresh fruit or whatever else you can think of. Guests are always invited to this presentation so encourage your friends and family to attend.

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### May 10-11, 2024 - Schenectady County Master Gardener Annual

**Plant Sale and Education Days:** Friday, May 10, 1 pm - 6 pm, Saturday, May 11, 12 noon - 4 pm. Sustainable Living Center and Greenhouse Complex, 180 Arthur Chaires Lane, Central Park Schenectady, NY

### June 1, 2024 - Albany County Master Gardener Education Day and Plant Sale, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY

**June 7-9, 2024 - The Dolgeville NY Violet Festival** Not just a one-time event during the summer, but a year-round effort by the residents of Dolgeville. The Violet Festival preserves the historical aspects of the Village of Dolgeville through the use of innovative, artistic, and educational displays throughout the year. There is an emphasis on the communities' rich horticultural history, which culminates with the annual Dolgeville Violet Festival the 2nd Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of June each year.

### June 12-15, 2024 - Daylily National Convention Oklahoma City, OK.

### June 18-22, 2024 - American Hosta Society Annual Convention Marlborough, MA [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

### June 26-30, 2024 - Iris National Convention, Portland, Oregon.

### July 13, 2024 - Garden Alliance monthly meeting 10am

CCE Albany County, 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY  
Speaker tbd

### August 17, 2024 -

### Daylily and Iris Plant Sale at Faddegan's Nursery

1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd (Rt. 7) Latham, NY 12110

Members of our groups donate plants for an annual fundraising sale to the public. Prices are very reasonable, and we offer a free gift plant with a minimum purchase of \$20 — while supplies last.

**~ 9:00 am to Noon ~ or until sold out !**

# CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr,  
Acting President Capital-Hudson Iris Society

Any organization benefits from new members, who bring fresh ideas and abundant energy to the group. Capital-Hudson Iris Society should have a new president, and I hope someone will volunteer to serve as President.

Because our four organizations are working together, there are only a few duties specific to Iris Society required:

Attend the Region 2 AIS Board of Directors meetings. These monthly Zoom meetings are about an hour long. The Affiliate (club ) presidents are voting members of the board.

Fill out a one-page AIS Affiliate application each spring. Encourage members to vote in the annual AIS TB (tall bearded iris) Symposium.

The following have agreed to be nominated as officers of Capital-Hudson Iris Society: President Kathryn Mohr, Vice President Cindi Jones, Treasurer Don Salhoff, Secretary Michelle Young.

**There will be a request for any other candidates  
at the March meeting,  
followed by a vote at the April meeting.**

Please contact me if you are interested in serving as an officer of CHIS: kemohrke@aol.com

*All officers are required to be AIS members for the entire year.  
AIS E-membership is \$15; CHIS is willing to purchase  
memberships for officers.*

**Garden chores** - As the weather warms, daytime above-freezing temperatures are followed by frigid nights. Frozen water in the soil expands, then contracts and causes soil movement. Iris rhizomes often pop right out the soil, exposing the roots and frequently causing death of the plant.



Walk through your garden and check for exposed iris roots. If the ground is soft press the rhizome into the soil and set a rock or brick on it. On frozen soil sand can be poured around the roots to insulate them.

## More recommended commercial iris sources:

<https://chapmaniris.com> Hybridizer Chuck Chapman, Ontario  
<https://hillcrestiris.com> Hybridizers Hooker and Bonnie Nichols, TX  
<https://iriscitygardens.com> Louisiana iris source  
<https://superstitioniris.com> Hybridizer Rick Tasco, CA  
<https://www.stoutgardens.com/> Hybridizer Hugh Stout, OK

The following have lower prices. I haven't ordered from them, but others recommend them.

<http://bluebirdhavenirisdgarden.com> CA thousands of historic irises  
<https://www.bluejiris.com/>  
<https://candtirispitch.com>  
<https://www.damongardens.com/>  
<https://longsgardens.com>  
<https://www.suttoniris.com>

# HADS Garden Alliance Minutes Michelle Young

## The February monthly meeting involved members of CHIS, HADS, UNYHS, and the Garden Club of the Capital District

Business Meeting Minutes for the February 2024 Meeting:

### Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

- The group needs a new Chair. Kathryn Mohr is willing to coach them.
- The load is fairly light and includes:
- 1 hour Zoom meeting a month for the regional board meeting
- 1 form a year for the region
- Encourage local members to vote in the regional elections

### Garden Alliance (CHIS, HADS, UNYHS, GCCD) 2024 Capital Region Flower and Garden Expo at Hudson Valley Community College, Troy NY. March 22nd-24th

- Will include 4 groups: CHIS, HADS, UNYHS, and GCCD
- Will be a single booth – it is very crowded this year and that is all we could get.
- One speaker has been supplied to the program, from the Garden Club of the Capital District (GCCD)
- We are also required to be interactive, so GCCD is helping with the Milk Jug Garden demos.

- The theme is “reflections” and we will be using mirrors to help with the theme.
- It was decided NOT to use the TV due to the limited space, but they may use electronic picture frames instead.

**Motion:** To split the costs 4 ways for the booth at the 2024 Capital Region Flower and Garden Expo.

**Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, March 17 at Noon. (due to the Spring Garden Day in Rensselaer that many members are involved in).

## The Garden Alliance

– Capital Hudson Iris Society – Garden Club of the Capital District – Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society – Upstate New York Hosta Society –



– A Capital Region Alliance of clubs and organizations with a mutual interest in all things gardening –



# Growing irises from seed

Kathryn Mohr,  
Acting President Capital-Hudson Iris Society

How are new irises created? Dividing irises (asexual propagation) produces clones of the parent plant. Propagation from seed (sexual) creates completely new plants, different from either parent. An iris seed has unlimited potential. Will it grow into the next award winner, or will it be an inferior child of a famous parent? The latter is more probable, but the former is always possible. In the on-line Iris Encyclopedia, you can find many examples of beautiful, even award-winning irises grown from SIGNA (Species Iris Group of North America) seeds. A few are listed below:

Species: 'Lakeside Ghost'

Species hybrids: 'Do The Math',

'Elron's Heart', 'Jenny Joy' and 'Simply Cute'

MDB 'Suslik'

MTB 'Baby Tux'

SDB 'Grape Blitz'

Siberian 'Jane M. Sadler'

After irises are pollinated, seed pods form, grow larger, and eventually turn yellow or brown. Cover each pod with a square of fine net or nylon secured by a twist tie to catch seeds in case the pod splits open unexpectedly. Harvest the seeds when the pod cracks. Store them in a paper envelope labeled with the parents' names.

***The key to growing irises from seed is to defeat two barriers to germination: the hard seed coating, and germination inhibitors within the seed.***

## Method 1 "Survival of the fittest"

Exposure to winter weather and the freeze-thaw cycle will weaken the seed coat and wash away chemical inhibitors.

In fall plant the iris seeds in pots with commercial seed starting mix. Most seeds can be planted about 1/2 inch deep, but



**Sprouted seedlings**

beardless iris seeds need to be 1/2 inch deeper. Put a layer of pea gravel or granite dust on top to prevent the seeds from washing out, then sink the pots to the brim in the garden. Granite dust binds together when slightly damp and is rock hard once dry, but still allows water through. Keep the pots moist until the ground freezes, then wait for spring. Some seeds will germinate the first year; others take a couple years. Move the baby iris plants into larger pots until they grow 3 leaves, then plant them directly into the garden. Make sure the pots with unsprouted seeds are watered regularly.

## Method 2 "Spa treatment"

Produces better germination rates. Soak the seeds for 7 - 10 days; each day drain and replace the water. Spice jars with perforated plastic lids or glass jars with cheese cloth secured by rubber bands can be used. Label each jar.



**Ready-to-plant seedlings**

Label a plastic zipper bag for each cross, fold the seeds into a moist paper towel inside the bag, seal it, then chill them in the refrigerator for 6 -10 weeks. After chilling, plant the seeds into peat discs in commercial mini-greenhouses or plastic take-out containers with a lid. After sprouts emerge, remove the cover, position a shop light or grow light just above the top of the plants. Keep them moist by watering from the bottom.

In spring move the seedlings to pots and harden them off outside. (Mine are placed outside any time temperatures are above freezing, and moved back inside when it's colder.) To give them plenty of TLC, let the small plants stay in pots until they have three or more leaves, then plant them into the garden at least 6 weeks before hard frost.

Several irises grown this way bloomed for me the next spring; the rest bloomed the second season.

Louisiana iris seeds can be more of a challenge. First, soak the seed and remove its corky coating. Cut away part of the seed coat by abrasion or chipping to expose the embryo. Since they don't need to be chilled, plant into a mini greenhouse, keep warm and moist. **Continued on page 6**



## Growing irises from seed continued from page 5.

**Where to buy granite dust:** Online, big-box DIY store website. Search with “decomposed granite rock fines”, particle size 1.27 mm-.025 mm. Bags are approximately \$25 for 20 lbs.

**Where to get iris seeds:** Harvest seeds of a planned cross from two interesting parents or an open-pollinated (bee) cross from your own garden.

**Purchase seed:** The Species Iris Group of North America (SIGNA) website has very detailed information on germination, in the “seed sale” menu. SIGNA posts its seed sale lists on-line in January. Only SIGNA members can purchase seed, but a membership check can be included with the order.

Surplus SIGNA seed is available to non-members, 50 cents/pkt; currently many beardless varieties are available.  
<http://www.signa.org/indepl?SurplusSeeds>

Dwarf Iris Society has \$2/pkt surplus seeds of dwarf species and many named, open-pollinated bearded irises of all classes. [https://store.dwarfirissociety.org/index.php?route=product/category&path=63\\_64](https://store.dwarfirissociety.org/index.php?route=product/category&path=63_64)

For more information on growing Louisiana irises, consult: [louisianairisgnois.com/IrisCulture/Germinating-Louisiana-Iris-Seeds.pdf](http://louisianairisgnois.com/IrisCulture/Germinating-Louisiana-Iris-Seeds.pdf).

**Some bearded irises I've grown:**

- 1- MTB Holiday in Mexico
- 2 -Holiday in Mexico seedling
- 3- Holiday in Mexico seedling



4- Variagated seedlings from SIGNA seed





### **'Good Morning Kathryn'**

Thank you again for the opportunity to talk about **'Creating a Meadow'** this past Sunday and the marvelous lunch we shared. Bob and I were so impressed with the Hosta/Daylily/Iris Societies that we joined and are looking forward to getting to better know everyone in future meetings.

I've attached our Power Point presentation for you to share with anyone interested, particularly in the resource listing or perennials to build out the meadow.

**Marie Hankle-Wieboldt Marie Hankle-Wieboldt**

*Email Kathryn Mohr: kemohrke@aol.com if you would like the file "Creating a Meadow.pptx" shared with you.*

### **Bob Wieboldt and Marie Hankle-Wieboldt**

live in East Nassau and have been lifelong gardeners. Bob comes to us from Queens, starting his experiences as a member of his elementary school garden club with a very small plot and progressed throughout the years to a vegetable garden with over 1,000 square feet of planting. Marie has always been a resident of Rensselaer County and maintains five acres of ever changing landscaping and perennial garden.

Both joined Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners program in 2021. Since then, they have been sharing their knowledge of horticulture with many communities across Rensselaer County giving talks and monthly seminars mainly focusing on what gardeners do in a given month throughout the year to have a sustainable garden and improve their landscape. Bob and Marie are also the leaders in the new meadow garden started at the Robert Parker School.

## **We welcome you to Join us!**

### **HUDSON ADIRONDACK DAYLILY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please return to: Michelle Young, 3 Staffords Xing, Slingerlands, NY 12159  
michelle.young@socialscience.net

We are currently charging a \$5.00 fee per year for membership dues.

(This information will be used in our membership roster unless you specifically request we omit certain segments.)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed are my/our \$5.00 annual subscription. Please make check payable to HADS.

I would like to volunteer to serve on the following committees:

☐ Hospitality ☐ Newsletter ☐ Programs ☐ Summer Tours ☐ Plant Sales ☐ Other





# Capital Region FLOWER & GARDEN EXPO

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE

March 22-24, 2024 | Hudson Valley Community College

Free with paid admission

### Friday, March 22

Room	Time	Topic	Speaker
1A	FRI 11:00AM	Improving Soils for Better Results in All Locations	Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum
ECO 1B	FRI 11:00AM	Building a Bird Garden	Kristi Shepler, Wild Ones Capital Region NY
2A	FRI 11:30AM	Cut Flowers and How to Make Them Last	Suzanne Balet-Haight, Balet Flowers & Design
1A	FRI 12:00PM	Basic Bonsai Care	Sean Lamoureux, Bonsai Bar
ECO 1B	FRI 12:00PM	Gardeners & Pollinator-Friendly Solar	Jennifer Michelle, GreenTown Consulting
2A	FRI 12:30PM	Get Ready for Gardening	Juliette McKernon, MVP Health Care
1A	FRI 1:00PM	Big Trees Ancient Forests	Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum
ECO 1B	FRI 1:00PM	50 Things to Make the Earth a Healthier Place	Pam Skripak, Home Earth Alliance
2A	FRI 1:30PM	Carnivorous Plants of the World	Bill Schwartz, Clever Carnivores
1A	FRI 2:00PM	Growing Citrus Trees in the Northeast	Barbara Melera, Harvesting History
ECO 1B	FRI 2:00PM	Native Plants Go Public	Donna Lee Newsome, Wild Ones
2A	FRI 2:30PM	Floral Wedding Trends Past & Present	Suzanne Pillsworth-Becker, Blooms Floral Design
ECO 1B	FRI 3:00PM	Introduction to Invasive Species	Addison Kubik, Capital Region PRISM

### Saturday, March 23

Room	Time	Topic	Speaker
1A	SAT 11:00AM	Promoting Plant Health Through Proper Pruning	Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum
ECO 1B	SAT 11:00AM	What Are Native Plants & Why Are They Important?	Steve Young, NY Flora Association
2A	SAT 11:30AM	Top Gardening Trends: Be the Change	Denise Maurer, Cornell Cooperative Ext. Rens.
1A	SAT 12:00PM	The Enduring Favorite: Growing Plants in Containers	Barbara Melera, Harvesting History
ECO 1B	SAT 12:00PM	The Wonder of Nature and Why It's Good for You	Rhonda Rumsey van Heuvein, Capital Native Plants
2A	SAT 12:30PM	Orchids 101: Basic Orchid Culture	Donna Wardlaw, Northeastern NY Orchid Society
1A	SAT 1:00PM	Improving Soils for Better Results in All Locations	Fred Breglia, Landis Arboretum
ECO 1B	SAT 1:00PM	Wilding Your Lawn	Kate Brittenham, Front Stoop Gardens
2A	SAT 1:30PM	Growing A Great Lawn	David Chinery, Cornell Cooperative Ext. Rens.
1A	SAT 2:00PM	Creating a Backyard Vegetable Garden	John Martin, Cornell Cooperative Ext., Alb.
ECO 1B	FRI 2:00PM	Sustainable Landscapes: Creating a Pollinator Garden	Addison Kubik, Capital Region PRISM
2A	SAT 2:30PM	The War of the Weeds	Teri Dunn Chace, Timber Press author

## Saturday, March 23 Continued

1A SAT	3:00PM	Succulents	Suzanne Balet-Haight, Balet Flowers & Design
ECO 1B SAT	3:00PM	A Journey to a Natural Yard in Suburbia	Laura Davis, Wild Ones
2A SAT	3:30PM	The Torment of Roses: Duel Over Flower Arrangements	John Dennehey, University at Albany (PhD Student)
1A SAT	4:00PM	Companion Planting, What is it & Why	John Martin, Cornell Cooperative Ext., Alb.
ECO 1B SAT	4:00PM	Growing Tasty Greens in Your Kitchen all Winter Long	Bill Stoneman, The Vegetable Project
2A SAT	4:30PM	Honey, I Shrunk The Lawn	Judith Fetterley, Cornell Cooperative Ext. Alb.

## Sunday, March 24

Room	Time	Topic	Speaker
1A SUN	11:00AM	A Garden of Rare Houseplants	Barbara Melera, Harvesting History
ECO 1B SUN	11:00AM	Attract Pollinators to Your Garden	Kristi Shepler, Wild Ones Capital Region NY
2A SUN	11:30AM	Herbal Tea from Your Garden	Matthew Zacharewicz, Short and Stout Tea Company
1A SUN	12:00PM	Flower Reflections Through the Decades	Michele Peters, AIFD, Ambiance Florals & Events
ECO 1B SUN	12:00PM	Your Garden is a Home (Habitat)	Kate Brittenham, Front Stoop Gardens Carolyn Summers, Flying Trillium Gardens & Preserve
2A SUN	12:30PM	Orchids 101: Basic Orchid Culture	Donna Wardlaw, Northeastern NY Orchid Society
1A SUN	1:00PM	Ancient Heirlooms: Outstanding 21st Century Plants	Barbara Melera, Harvesting History
ECO 1B SUN	1:00PM	50 Things to Make the Earth a Healthier Place	Pam Skripak, Home Earth Alliance
2A SUN	1:30PM	Styling a Bonsai	Sean Lamoureux, Bonsai Bar
1A SUN	2:00PM	Carnivorous Plants of the World	Bill Schwartz, Clever Carnivores
ECO 1B SUN	2:00PM	How to Advocate for Native Plants in Your Community	Jennifer Michelle, GreenTown Consulting
2A SUN	2:30PM	North American Japanese Garden Tour	David Besozzi, Independent Gardener



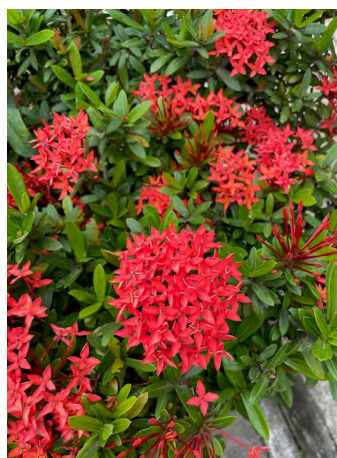
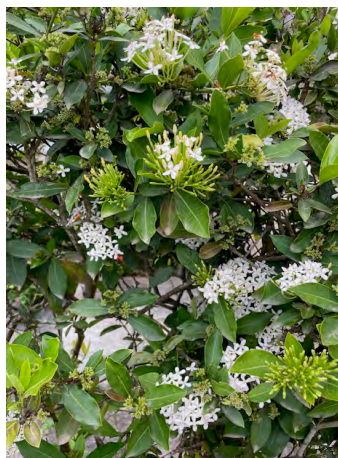




## It's Mango Season



## Crotons



## Ixoria in 3 different colors



## Pecova

*Ixora coccinea*, commonly called flame of the woods or jungle geranium, is a rounded evergreen shrub that typically grows to 4-6' (less frequently to 10') tall. It is native to India, Sri Lanka and south-east Asia, but is now widely grown in tropical areas around the world. Woody stems are clad with opposite, leathery, elliptic to oblong, glossy, dark green leaves (each to 4" long). Tubular, 4-petaled, bright red flowers bloom in corymbose cymes (each to 5" wide). Primary bloom is in summer, but sporadic bloom occurs throughout the year. Flowers are followed by round dark purple/black fruits (drupes). [missouribotanicalgarden.org](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)







### Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADS) Upstate New York Hosta Society (UNYHS) Garden Club of the Capital District

#### The Plant Societies meet as a group at:

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Albany County Offices  
24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186

Meetings are at 10 am unless noted otherwise and usually include a Guest Speaker and a "Dish-to-Pass" luncheon (dates subject to change). All meetings are open free to the general public ... *why not join us and consider becoming a member.*

#### 2024 Meeting Schedule:

April 20th  
May 11th  
June 15th  
July 13th Summer Picnic  
August 17th Iris & Daylily Sale at Faddegan's  
September 21st  
October 19th  
November 16th  
December 14th End of Season Celebration

### Daylily and Iris Plant Sale

#### Saturday, August 17th

members of our groups donate plants for an annual fundraising sale to the public.

The prices are very reasonable, and we offer a **Free Gift Plant** with every purchase — while supplies last.

9:00 am to Noon or until sold out

Location:

#### Faddegan's Nursery

1140 Troy-Schenectady Rd (Rt. 7)  
Latham, NY 12110

Sorry: CASH OR CHECK ONLY!



#### Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

The focus of the group is education and sharing of information about various types of Iris. Point your phone camera at the QR code above to go to the website: [aisregion2.org](http://aisregion2.org)



#### Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADS)

The focus of this group is education and sharing of information about daylilies. For questions or to request a Membership Form, Email: [h.a.daylilsociety@gmail.com](mailto:h.a.daylilsociety@gmail.com). Point your phone camera at the QR code above to go to Website: [hudsonadirondackdaylilsociety.org](http://hudsonadirondackdaylilsociety.org)  
Annual Dues currently only \$5



#### Garden Club of the Capital District

(formerly Men's Garden Club of Albany)  
We promote civic projects, gardening education and environmental improvement. Our Horticultural Therapy Program "Gardening from the Heart" in cooperation with the Center for Disability Services in Albany, is one activity we are most proud of sponsoring. Our interests extend to all types of gardening including lawns, vegetables, flowers, shrubbery, trees, water and exotic plants. Point your phone camera at the QR code above to go to the Website: [mensgardenclubofalbany.org](http://mensgardenclubofalbany.org)



#### Upstate New York Hosta Society (UNYHS)

The focus of the group is education and sharing of information about hostas. For questions or to request a Membership Form, Email: [UNYHS@aol.com](mailto:UNYHS@aol.com)  
Point your phone camera at the QR code above to go to the facebook page: Upstate New York Hosta Society  
Annual Dues currently only \$10



2024 AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY  
NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

June 18-22, 2024 - Marlborough, Massachusetts

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel

181 Boston Post Road W - Marlborough, MA 01752

Make your hotel reservations by calling (508) 460-0700 or use the link at the

AHS convention website: [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

Remember to request the special AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY 2024 Room Rate

\$139/night (includes full buffet breakfast in Zachary's Restaurant)



REGISTRATION DETAILS (Please print clearly - one attendee per form)

Name:	Preferred Name on Badge:
Address:	City, State, Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:

\*Please see cancellation policy at [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

EARLY REGISTRATION if received by 1/31/24	\$ 240
STANDARD REGISTRATION if received by 4/30/24	\$ 255
LATE REGISTRATION received after 5/1/24 before 6/8/24	\$ 275
MEALS ONLY (companion)- Thursday Picnic, Friday Buffet & Saturday Banquets only	\$ 175
GARDEN TOUR BUS includes bus fee and box lunches for Friday and Saturday garden tours - *select lunch choice below	\$150

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\* Select ONE Box Lunch per day (Tour Bus riders ONLY) - lunch on your own for self drive attendees

Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Deli Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoked BBQ Chicken Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Bacon Turkey Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Steak & Arugula Sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vege Sandwich

\* Optional Wednesday Tour (choose only ONE)

WHALE WATCH/BOSTON (7:30am-5:30 pm) inc. transportation	\$ 126 /person
BOSTON/DUCK BOAT TOUR (7:30am-5:30pm) inc. transportation	\$ 108 /person

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<b>Thursday Clambake Meal Choice:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Lobster (1 1/4 lb) <input type="checkbox"/> Steak (10 oz sirloin) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Chicken	<b>Saturday Banquet Meal Choice:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Parm Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> New England Scrod <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Kabobs
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TOTAL DUE

\$
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MAIL PAYMENT TO: Sandie Markland  
PO Box 1573, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

Check Payable to: 2024 AHS Convention

\* Please let us know about any special dietary needs ASAP



Pay by Credit Card - will send an invoice to your email address  
for Total Due PLUS 5% convenience fee

Hosta Show: Please check if you wish to

☐ Judge☐ Clerk

Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ entries in the Hosta Leaf Show

Plan # \_\_\_\_\_ entries in New England Seedling  
& Sport Competition

Rules & Regulations available at  
[www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

Judges Bootcamp (Tuesday, June 18): Please check if you plan to attend

☐ Judges Clinic I (1-5 PM)☐ Judges Clinic II (6-8 PM)☐ Need Judges Handbook (\$10 payable at Clinic)

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER ☐ YES ☐ NO



# American Hosta Society 2024 National Convention



**June 18th - 22nd**  
**Marlborough, Massachusetts**

## JOIN US in New England for **A WHALE of a TIME**

Garden Tours ~ Accredited Hosta Show  
New England Clambake/BBQ ~ Vendors  
New England Sport and Seedling Competition  
Speakers ~ Workshops ~ Judges Bootcamp  
Optional "Experience Boston" Day  
Taste of New England Welcome Reception



Registration information at  
[www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)

By MAIL - Fill out form on back and return  
with your payment

**Early Registration Deadline 1/31/24**

**Registration Deadline 4/30/24**

**Late Registration Deadline 6/8/24**

### **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel**

181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, MA 01752

**(508) 460-0700**

Ask for **American Hosta Society 2024** room rate

For more information and schedule of events,  
please visit [www.hostaconvention.org](http://www.hostaconvention.org)



Enjoy the carefree beauty of this shade-tolerant perennial

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- Receive two print issues per year of our popular publication, *The Hosta Journal*. This 84-page publication is filled with color photos and current information regarding Hostas.
- Receive a copy of *The Hosta Adventure, Third Edition – A Growers Guide* and the *Hosta of the Year* booklet, both filled with color photographs and a wealth of information.
- Receive access to the members-only section of the website to read our *Online Hosta Journal* and access other publications and our member directory.
- Attend national and regional meetings where specialty vendors offer the most recently introduced *Hostas* and companion plants and where a live auction offers rare and distinctive *Hostas* and other garden items.
- Enjoy garden tours open only to AHS members.
- Exhibit your favorite *Hostas* and compete for recognition in various AHS national and regional cut-leaf shows.
- Vote on the most popular *Hostas* with our popularity poll.
- Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow *Hosta* enthusiasts.

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