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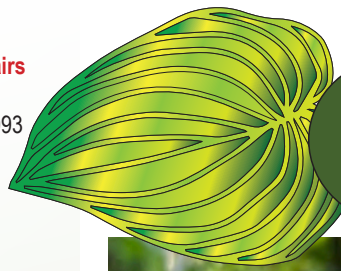
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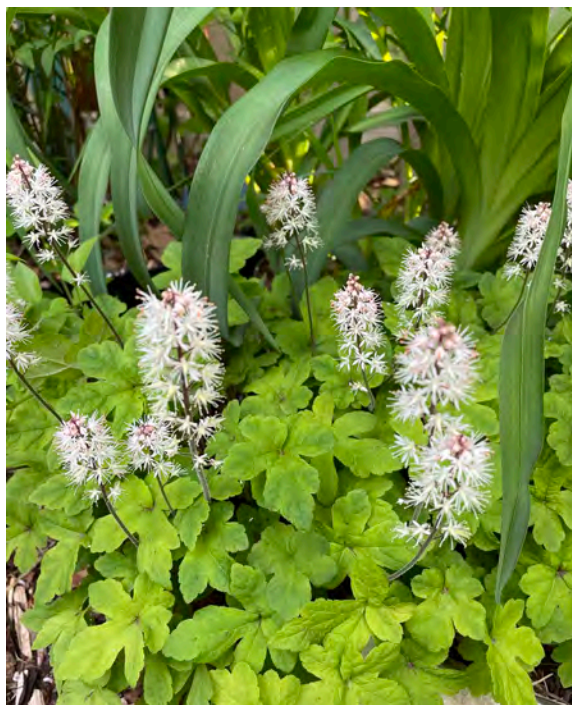
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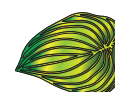
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**GREEN**

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On March 16th CCEAC's Carole Henry spoke on  
"Native Perennials & Ground covers".  
Can you identify these 4 native perennials?  
See page 5 for answers and more photos.



Shades of  
**GREEN**  
...and so much more





# UNYHS Leadership Message

Dear fellow Hosta lovers,

It has taken me a little time to get re-acclimated to our northeastern temperatures after spending 2 months in the tropics. Picking up twigs and branches outside felt like gardening in the Arctic but alas Spring is beginning to spring and Easter is upon us.

To get me in the mood for gardening I went to the 2025 Capital Region Flower and Garden Expo at Hudson Valley Community College and plan to attend the Garden Alliance monthly meeting on April 19th to enjoy **"April Showers Bring May Flowers & A New Gardening Season"** presented by Master Gardner Marie Handle-Wieboldt. Make sure to be there.

On Saturday May 3rd come to the "Potting Party" to pot up the hostas which we will be selling at the August 9th Hosta/Iris sale at Faddegeon's...**and help me to celebrate my 66th birthday.** The baby plants will also need some care and attention so please consider taking some home for plant sitting.

I hope to see many of you soon.

**Enjoy Spring and Happy Easter!**

Lena Degeneff, UNHYS Interim President



## Please use the link below to sign-up to help for the Hosta Potting Party on May 3rd

The Hosta Potting Party will be held at the home of Kathryn Mohr in Glenville on Saturday, May 3, 2025 beginning at 9:00 am (to be held rain or shine). The directions and address will be provided privately to all those who sign-up to help. The Hostas we pot-up will be sold August 9th at our Fundraising Sale at Faddegons Garden Center in Latham.

**Garden Alliance Group members can sign-up here**

**[Sign-up.com](https://www.sign-up.com)**

**to help with the potting of the bare root Hosta.**

*Please sign-up at your earliest convenience so we can plan accordingly.*

- ✓ You will see we are also asking for a few people to sign-up to help with refreshments to go with our lunch that day
- ✓ It also asks you to indicate how many babysitter pots of Hosta we will be potting up that day you plan to take home with you to give TLC to until the day of our sale at Faddegon's.
- ✓ There is also a section on the Sign-up website above where we are asking you to tell us **"How many pots of Hosta"** you plan to donate from your garden for our sale from your **"Dig and Divide"** efforts from your garden divisions in early April.

**A Special Thank you to Michelle Young for creating the Sign-up space for us.**

Find Spots By Date	TIME	FILLED	POTENTIALS
May 3, 2025			
Plant Plants	9:00am - 12:00pm	7 of 25	25
Water, case of bottled	9:00am - 12:00pm	1 of 2	2
other drinks (soda, juice, tea, etc.)	9:00am - 12:00pm	0 of 4	4
snacks or desserts	9:00am - 12:00pm	3 of 10	10
Take home plants to babysit	11:00am - 12:00pm	75 of 99	99
Take home plants to babysit	11:00am - 12:00pm	10 of 99	99

Lunch will be provided by UNYHS for volunteers that help with the potting along with a \$10 voucher to spend at the sale on August 9th.

Dave has offered to source the gallon size pots and Kathryn will be sourcing the potting mix we will need. The club has allocated \$300 for these purchases. Dave already ordered the 200 Bare root Hostas (8 variegated varieties of 25 per variety) which will be delivered to him the last week in April.

# Hostas for sale at Faddegon's Garden Center August 9th

With all the warmer than average temperatures we had at the end of last month, it won't be long before our hostas will be poking their pips out the ground and be ready to be dug and divided for you to prepare your donations for our fundraising sale at Faddegon's on August 9th.

Prepared by Dave Jennings, Communications Chair



*Pips at their perfect size to be dug and divided*

## Please...We need everyone

(CHIS, Garden Club of the Capital District and HADS Members too) to get ready to go out to your garden this month as your Hostas are breaking dormancy and decide which of your favorite clumps can be dug and cut in half as the new pips are emerging so you can put the first half of the clump back in your garden and then you can divide the other half up to put in pots to grow on for our sale on August 9th.

As we shared with you in the past, we are taking a pro-active stance to help prevent the spread of Insect and Disease problems. Your Board discussed in detail this concern at previous planning meetings and has mandated that all plants being donated for this year must be grown in new unused pots and sterile growing media.



*Recently potted Hostas with 3-4 pips per 1 GL pot*

We always need a couple hundred pots from our members to meet the demand for our sale as well as the 200 Bareroot Hostas we are buying wholesale to pot up on Saturday May 3rd at Kathryn Mohr's so please plan to help us out donating some of your divisions and helping out at our "Potting Party" We have a sign-up link in the piece below to let us know how many pots you plan to donate and how many pots you will be able to "Baby Sit" until the Faddegon's Sale when we are done potting up our 200 bareroot plants on March 3rd at Kathryn's

If you have questions, don't hesitate to send an email to us at: [UNYHS@aol.com](mailto:UNYHS@aol.com)

*Faddegon's Nursery is located at 1140 Troy Schenectady Rd  
Latham, NY 12110*



*Perfect size to divide*



*Rinse off soil for easier division*



*Plants to advanced to divide*



# Garden Alliance Minutes

## CHIS

There is some confusion around dues policy. Collection of dues is on hold for now. A committee will be deciding on the official policy. In the meantime, join the National AIS which will automatically give you local membership.

## All Organizations:

**Potting Party on Saturday May 3, 2025, at 9am.**

**See page 2 for more details or**

**visit <https://signup.com/go/LzQRPLG> to sign up!**

ALL are welcome. You do not have to belong to Hosta to participate!

The remainder of the Hosta library was at the meeting. Free to anyone who wants. Leftovers will be donated to local libraries. A motion was made by Kathryn to donate any Books leftover from today's "Free Distribution of Hosta Library Books to all present" to local libraries for them to do with them as they choose. Second was made by Dave. Motion passed unanimously.

Dues forms were available at the meeting (and should be elsewhere in this newsletter). Thanks to all who paid!!

## 2025 Mark your calendars

**APRIL 19th** - Welcoming spring

### April Showers Bring May Flowers & A New Gardening Season

This presentation, delivered by Master Gardener Marie Hankle-Wieboldt, will be discussing the re-awakening the garden in April & May by detailing the necessary first steps to a successful growing season.

We'll cover many of the spring tasks required such as fertilizing, cleaning planters, soil testing, pruning, tool organization, mulching, and spring sowing of herbs & flowers.

**MAY 17th** - Saratoga master gardener presentation

**JUNE 21st** - Gades visit, new perennials

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**Spring Garden Day:** 17 signups. Action Item: we need a better way to explain what the Garden Alliance is next time. Possibly a banner for the table?

**Announcement:** Deadline for articles for next month's newsletter is March 21st (it is the 21st EVERY MONTH). Get your submissions in!!

**Presentation:** Carole Henry of Albany County CCE on Native Perennials and Groundcovers. **Thank you Carole!!**

## CCE Rensselaer County's Spring Garden Day

Held on Saturday, March 15, 2025

at the Tamarac/Brunswick High School, Troy, NY

It was another informative and enjoyable day for a few hundred gardening enthusiasts.

**Thank you Rensselaer County  
Master Gardener Volunteers  
for all your hard work.**

To receive CCE Rensselaer County's newsletter "Plant Happenings" email [janisefallon@gmail.com](mailto:janisefallon@gmail.com)







## Thank you Carole Henry

**Community Horticulture Program Manager,  
Cornell CCE, Albany County.**

Your presentation on March 16th presentation included a long list (and inspiring photos) of easy to grow native perennials and ground covers that can be added to our gardens to support pollinators and the environment.

As a result, I reviewed my photos I took last year in my own garden. Here are just a few. **Above L-R:** *Asclepias incarnata*, *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Lobelia siphilitica*, *Lobelia cardinalis*, *Helenium autumnale*, *Monarda didyma* and my favorite *Adiantum pedatum* aka Maidenhair fern.

Native plants require less to water, are lower maintenance, and will eliminate the need for pesticides and herbicides. Native ground covers will reduce the need to weed or mow.

*Pictured on page1:*  
*Aquilegia canadensis*, *Phlox divaricata*, *Tiarella cordifolia*, *Zizia aurea*



*Lupine perennis*, March 23, 2025  
seeded February 27, 2025



*Lupine perennis* photographed  
June 14, 2023 Pine Bush Preserve

***Lupine perennis*** / Sundial Lupine. Above left: I started few seeds in a pot on February 27, 2025. The seeds had been cold moist stratified for the recommended 10 days. They germinated, seed leaves appeared in just a few weeks. By March 23 a set of true leaves appeared. In general Lupine do not transplant well from pot to ground. Wish me luck. - Arden Lawand



# CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr,  
President Capital-Hudson Iris Society



## 2025 American Iris Society Membership Drive! \$10 Annual Membership Special.

The AIS Membership Development Committee is happy to announce the 2025 Membership Drive. Beginning March 1, 2025 NEW members or those that have LAPSED their membership for over a year are eligible for a discounted annual full membership.

**What's included?** For the astonishing price of \$10 USD NEW AIS members will receive AIS's "Basic Iris Culture Booklet", an informative booklet which provides guides, facts and tips for successful iris growing.

Print AIS Membership includes a subscription to the AIS Bulletin, IRISES, a quarterly publication, which provides fresh information on iris culture, color photographs of both old and new irises, plus a directory of commercial iris growers located in the United States and Canada.

Full Membership includes all the benefits listed above plus: early online access to the AIS Bulletin, IRISES; online access to the AIS Iris Register, the online database of all registered irises; and a growing list of other online AIS archives.

### Limitations:

- This offer applies to **New and Lapsed** (over one year) members only
- Offer ends November 1, 2025
- Limited to the first 750 applicants

Read more [Here](#). [Join Online Now](#)

Do you prefer paper? Download a paper form that can be filled out and mailed to the membership secretary.

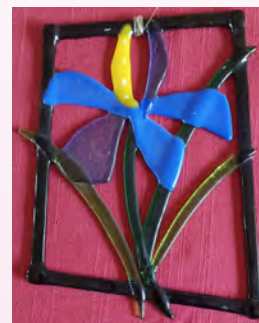
[Download Application](#)

**Region 2 Silent Auction:** The October 18 regional meeting is just around the corner. One of my favorite parts of a regional meeting is the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction go to the regional treasury and are used to subsidize AIS convention expenses for the Regional Vice President, purchase flower show awards and assist the local affiliates with speaker expenses for the annual meeting.

Plant donations are especially popular with bidders. One year I acquired several older rare MDB iris, another year several Louisiana irises. This year, in addition to plants, I'm donating a couple suncatchers I no longer use.



We will need several helpers to set up the auction, but as the summer progresses keep an eye on your gardens so you can donate a special plant.



**In the garden...** Starting now, March 20, I'm pulling perennial weeds and checking daily for plants that have heaved out of the ground. As the soil warms remove leaves and browned iris foliage. A clean garden is the first defense against iris borer infestation.



'Alpine Lake' Dorothy and Anthony Willott 1980



'Midas Mite' Anthony and Dorothy Willott 1985



Blue Doll' Bee Warburton 1958



## Greetings from the Garden! *Happy Spring!*

It is the vernal equinox and we already have “sprung forward” so the days immediately seem lighter and longer. We had those two fabulous mild days in the high 60’s which was such a treat. It had been so cold and snowy for so long, then all of a sudden it seemed the snow melted away so quickly – good riddance! Then all those unfinished and forgotten fall tasks reappeared, no longer hidden by the everlasting blanket of snow – well, maybe not so good! But here we are, with the oncoming growing season stretching before us. This is my favorite time of the year – when little green things are starting to pop up, when all things are possible, and the garden really can be perfect this year. Even with these few days of mild weather, daffodils, tulips, and yes, daylilies are showing green tips above the ground. I have three rows in my vegetable garden lined out with leftovers from the 2024 August sale, and was pleased to see some of them starting to grow.

### ***And they even have labels!***

Flower beds are also visible from under the former huge piles of snow, and the pleasure of seeing daffodils stretching for the sun outweighs the recognition of the need to tidy them up. Late in the fall season, I had bought a handy row cover setup from Neversink Tools, and experimentally planted many kinds of cool weather crops – lettuces, spinach, kale, swiss chard, even some early carrots and green onions. I had harvested some of the salad greens in the late fall until we went away on vacation. When we came back, we had already had that Thanksgiving snowstorm and fall was completely over. I



had not intended to leave it out for the winter, but just never wanted to expose all the little baby plants underneath to the harsh oncoming weather. I was not surprised this spring to see that the row cover had been shredded by the winter winds and the weight of the snows, but I was amazed to see almost all of the crops that I had planted were still alive and growing under the flapping cover. I think I can still use it as a nursery source and transplant many things out into more space to

grow for the summer. That is, if the bunnies don’t figure out that the flapping white sheet is really not dangerous, and find a way inside to eat the whole lineup.

***Until next time, happy weeding,***  
Cindi



## Winter sowing with New Scotland Elementary School 1st graders

First graders at Albany's New Scotland Elementary School got their hands dirty with a winter sowing initiative of the Vegetable Project, a volunteer school gardening program that I lead. About 80 students in four classes placed seeds from native perennial plants and a variety of cold-hardy vegetables in late March month, but not before drilling holes in the top of plastic gallon milk jugs to let rain water enter the container and holes in the bottom of the jugs to let excess water drain out.



While it is far too early to guess whether we influenced any kids to take up gardening, we are quite sure that learning experiences that involve doing and touching are essential pieces of growing healthy children.

We brought milk jugs and seed packs to the schools a few days before handing power tools to the kids. The students wrote plant names on their jugs and held seeds in their hands, just to get a sense of what this awesome package of potential plant growth are like. They mixed water with potting mix on the big day, drilled holes, cut jugs nearly in half, packed the bottom half of the jugs with the wet potting mix, placed seeds inside, taped the jugs closed and moved what then were miniature greenhouses outside.

The Vegetable Project guided 1,500 Albany students through winter sowing in the previous three winters, but scaled back to just the New Scotland Elementary first graders this year.

The Vegetable Project also invites the public to help celebrate getting kids outside and getting their hands dirty at its eighth annual Evening in the Garden open house event on Tuesday, May 6, also at New Scotland Elementary. Please find details here: <https://vegetableproject.eventbrite.com>.



*The Vegetable Project, established in 2009, creates hands-on learning opportunities for Albany children, and especially children with great needs, by building gardens, growing plants and harnessing the power of exposure to nature.*

Please visit us at <https://vegetableproject.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/vegetableproject>.



## 2025 Garden Alliance Monthly Meetings

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### Garden Alliance Meetings

usually run from 10:00 am to about 1:30 pm and are held at the

**Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Albany County Office at 24 Martin Road  
in Voorheesville, NY.**

**You are encouraged to bring a  
gardening friend that might be  
interested in becoming a member.**

We need a few people to arrive at 9:45 am to help us set up tables and set out chairs as well as stay a few minutes after to help us put them away. Our brief Business Meeting starts at 10:15 am with our guest speaker's presentation beginning at 11:00 am and lasting for about an hour.

**Our infamous  
"Dish to Pass" luncheon  
to be served at 12:00 noon.**

This truly is a "Pot Luck" meal so we encourage you to bring whatever moves you such as main entrees, appetizers, salads, fruits, vegetables or your favorite desserts. We supply the beverages and place settings. You are also encouraged to bring a garden themed Door Prize to donate to make our meeting more fun!

## Local Societies, Groups, Organizations:

### Capital Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

[https://www.aisregion2.org/region2\\_007.htm](https://www.aisregion2.org/region2_007.htm)

### Central Park Rose Garden, Schenectady

To Volunteer: <https://schenectadyrose.org/>

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County NY

Gardening page: <https://albany.cce.cornell.edu/gardening>

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Rensselaer County NY

Horticulture page:  
<https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/horticulture>

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County NY

Gardening and Landscape page:  
<https://ccesaratoga.org/gardening-landscape>

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Schenectady County NY

Gardening page:  
<https://schenectady.cce.cornell.edu/gardening>

### Friends of the Central Park Greenhouse

Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CentralParkGreenhouses/>

### Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve

Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FWPSchenectady/>

### Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADS)

<http://hudsonadirondackdaylilysociety.org/>

### Upstate New York Hosta Society (UNYHS)

Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168265013509911>

### Wild Ones Capital Region NY Chapter

<https://capitalregionny.wildones.org/>



## How to Select and Grow Gorgeous, Delicious Edible Ornamental Plants in Your Garden

*Reviewed and edited by Dave Jennings, Master Gardener Volunteer for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County.  
Original Source provided as an educational/inspirational service of the National Garden Bureau*

### Enjoy the Fresh Flavor of Homegrown Food

#### While Creating a Spectacular Garden Retreat

Imagine the joy of plucking sun-warmed strawberries to savor as you lounge on your deck, surrounded by a beautiful, boxwood-like hedge of blueberry bushes. Perhaps you want to create a pretty, practical herb garden filled with beautiful flowers and foliage to use in your favorite recipes or garden-fresh cocktails. Or maybe you adore the summery flavors of homegrown tomatoes but dislike the lanky, leggy look of traditional indeterminate vines in your backyard.

#### What's Unique about Edible Ornamental Plants?

When you think of growing food in your garden, you probably envision neat rows of lettuce tucked into a back corner of your yard, or towering tomatoes overwhelming raised beds. However, you don't need to relegate food growing to an inconvenient, tucked-away corner out of sight. Growing food can create a stunning, lush, lovely garden space—when you pick the right plants.

Edible ornamental plants fill your garden with homegrown treats for culinary adventures, but the right plants also add a beautiful aesthetic to your space. From variegated foliage that creates multi-season interest to colorful crops that provide a pretty pop of brightness to lush shrubs that produce delicious fruit while also adding texture and color to the landscape, you'll find a stunning array of edible ornamentals for your garden.

#### How to choose Edible Ornamental Plants for Your Garden

Before you order your first packet of seeds or pick up a half dozen or so blueberry plants at your local nursery, take some time to assess your garden. How sunny is your garden space? Is the soil rich and well-draining, or do you need to add copious quantities of compost to amend the soil? What's your USDA hardiness zone? Do you have ample garden space, or will you be satisfied to just grow beautiful, productive plants in patio containers?

Just like with anything you grow in the garden, growing edible ornamental plants requires good site selection, well-prepped soil, and a growing plan. As some say...those who fail to plan, plan to fail. Most fruiting plants require full sun for healthy plants and abundant harvests, while some leafy vegetables are able to tolerate partial-shade. Soil needs vary, depending on what you plan to grow. Test your soil before you plant so that you can choose appropriate plants that will thrive in your garden—or to learn how to amend your soil, if necessary. Start with a simple pH Test and go from there by contacting your local Cooperative Extension Office.

Consider your favorite foods and then research their growing habits. Take into consideration your USDA hardiness zone, and select edible ornamentals that perform well in your area.

A well-planned edible ornamental garden contains an array of plants that provide structure, texture, color, fragrance, and flowers, just like a beautiful, well-planned ornamental landscape—but with the added benefit of delicious harvests. Whatever fruit, veggies, herbs, and even flowers you love to eat, you'll find unique, beautiful varieties of edible ornamentals to grow in your garden.

### Pretty, Practical Fruit & Veggies for a Gorgeous Garden

#### Tomatoes

For many gardeners, tomatoes are the gateway to growing food. Who can resist the sun-warmed, savory-sweet flavor of homegrown tomatoes harvested fresh from the backyard? Unfortunately, many tomato plants don't add a pretty appeal to the garden, with tall, indeterminate vines requiring staking or leaves yellowing with disease. Lucky for us, many breeders have introduced new varieties that look as lovely as their fruit tastes, with pretty, compact vines, colorful, adorable fruit, and good disease resistance, making it possible to incorporate tomato plants into a beautiful edible ornamental garden.

If tomatoes top your list of favorite summer treats, try some newer varieties like Heartbreakers™ Dora Yellow, with bright yellow, tasty, heart-shaped fruit; Siam, part of the Kitchen Minis™ series, with a compact habit, lush leaves, and pretty cherry-red fruit; and Tiny Temptations Orange, an attractive plant bursting with petite, ultra-sweet fruit.



Heartbreakers Dora Yellow



Siam



Tiny Temptations Orange

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Pot-A Peno



Hot Burrito



Pumpkin Spooky Red



Bright Lights



Celebration



Peppermint

## Peppers

Whether you love the sweet crunch of bell peppers or the spicy heat of jalapeños, peppers can make a lovely addition to your garden. While many traditional varieties need staking to support a plant heavy with fruit, new introductions found at a few garden centers offer more compact sizes, along with colorful, beautiful fruit to add a burst of interest in the garden.

You'll even find peppers perfect for containers, like AAS Winner Pot-A Peno, a new jalapeño pepper with a cascading, compact habit perfect for growing in containers and hanging baskets. Part of the Kitchen Mini™ series, Hot Burrito is a pretty, extremely compact plant with upright fruit, ideal for growing in a container or inside on a sunny windowsill or counter. Or if Halloween is your favorite holiday, give your garden a spooky vibe with Pumpkin Spooky Red, a festive pepper plant featuring sweet, pumpkin-shaped fruits that start with a glossy purple-black color and mature to a bright, cheerful red. The plant grows upright and requires no staking or pruning, making it an easy-care choice for any garden. Use these sweet peppers in your favorite recipes or eat fresh in salads.

## Swiss Chard

Some veggies look almost too pretty to eat—almost. Swiss chard, for instance, can easily take the place of flowers in adding color and brightness to a garden bed or path. For many years, gardeners used Bright Lights Swiss Chard, with its rainbow of colorful stems, to border raised beds or mix among perennial flowers. Equally pretty and delicious newer introductions include Celebration Swiss Chard, a multi-color chard sporting red, magenta, orange, pink, yellow, and white stems that support glossy, dark green leaves, and Peppermint Swiss Chard, with white petioles sporting pink stripes that form from bottom to top create a visual pop in the garden. Plus, the plant shows very high bolt tolerance (when a plant flowers prematurely often caused by early warmer than average temperatures).

Are you ready now to create a beautiful edible ornamental garden filled with fabulous fresh food, flowers, and herbs? You'll adore harvesting delicious homegrown ingredients for garden-to-table meals in your lovely edible ornamental garden.

— **PART II next month** —



Next month...more on Delicious Edible Ornamental Plants in Your Garden Kale, Sweet Potatoes, Figs, Herbs., Roses



# Garden Alliance members

## Dues are due now...



For most of us, it's time to pay our Membership dues for this year. Dues are a crucial aspect of sustaining the operations and activities of our organizations. These financial contributions from members not only aid in covering miscellaneous expenses but also fund various programs and initiatives that benefit us all. Please use the Forms below to mail in your check(s) for payment of your dues ASAP. If possible, please pay for three years in order to make it easier for our Membership Chair and Treasurer. If you don't know if you are paid for this year, just send in a new form with your check and we will extend your membership accordingly if you are already up to date with your dues.

### New Memberships

At our January meeting we decided to reward all new memberships with a \$10 Voucher to be used at our annual fund-raising plant sales at Faddegons Garden Center in August. That should encourage more new members or serve as an incentive to give friends a Gift Membership that will cover the cost of a new Iris, Daylily or Hosta Plant.

### The Purpose of Membership Dues

Membership dues serve multiple purposes but they primarily provide a steady stream of revenue that ensures the organization can function effectively. This includes covering costs related to:

- Event planning and execution
- Facility/Room rentals
- Member services and support
- Advocacy and outreach programs

In addition to sustaining the organization, membership dues also enable the enhancement of member experiences.

They fund educational programs, professional development opportunities, networking events, and other initiatives that add value to our associations.

**Use one membership forms in this newsletter to renew your membership(s)  
or to give a friend or family member a Membership in UNYHS, CHIS, AIS or HADS.**

### 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)

Name(s)

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail

(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





*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.)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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 Hudson Iris Society*

**~ CHIS MEMBERSHIP FORM ~**

**Please return this to:**

Kathryn Mohr, 19 Roslyn Dr., Ballston Lake, NY 12019

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

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is very important you include your e-mail address above so we can send our newsletter and announcements to you electronically as an e-mail attachment.

**Collection of dues is on hold for now. A committee will be deciding on the official policy. In the meantime, join the National American Iris Society which will automatically give you local membership.**



# American Iris Society Application & Renewal

<b>Check one:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Renewal</b>	
<b>Full Membership</b> – Print and Emembership in One	
1-Year Dues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual	50.00
2 people, same address, 1 Bulletin, 1 E-account	
3-Year Dues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	115.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual	130.00
2 people, same address, 1 Bulletin, 1 E-account	
<b>Print Membership</b>	
1-Year Dues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual	35.00
2 people, same address, 1 Bulletin	
3-Year Dues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual	85.00
<b>Emembership</b>	
Multiple year Emembership is welcome.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	15.00/year
<b>Youth Membership</b>	
18 or younger	
Year of Birth: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> without Bulletin	8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Including Bulletin	12.00

## Registration Information

Name _____	
Name 2 [Dual]: _____	
Address _____	
City _____	St/Prov _____
Code _____	Country _____
Phone _____ - _____ - _____	
Email _____ @ _____	
Email 2 [Dual] _____ @ _____	
YOUTH MEMBERS ONLY – YEAR OF BIRTH: 20 _____	

### Online Payment:

[www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)

### By Check - made out to AIS:

**AIS Membership Secretary**  
**1226 High Street**  
**Alameda, CA 94501**

## You are invited to join the American Iris Society A non-profit organization of iris enthusiasts.

AIS supports and encourages the growing, hybridizing, and celebration of irises – in all their beauty, and expanding diversity.

AIS does this through providing and promoting: education, exhibitions, field explorations, and gardening activities.

New AIS members receive AIS's Basic Iris Culture Booklet, an informative booklet which provides guides facts and tips for successful iris growing.

**Print AIS Membership** includes a subscription to the **AIS Bulletin**, a quarterly publication, which provides fresh information on iris culture, color photographs of both old and new irises, plus a Directory of commercial iris growers located in the United States and Canada.

**Electronic Membership** provides early access to the online AIS Bulletin (no print copy), all the benefits of standard membership, and a growing list of other online resources.

### Full Membership includes all the above.

All members receive **News & Notes**, AIS's electronic monthly Newsletter.

**AIS's website [www.irises.org]** is filled with resources for all iris lovers, growers and hybridizers, including links to the **AIS StoreFront** and the **Iris Encyclopedia**, which contains pictures and detailed information for over 70,000 irises of every ilk.

Within the AIS community there are several **Special Interest Sections and Cooperating Societies**, each with their own dues structure, meetings, and publications (*more information and links available on the AIS website*). Iris special interests include: Aril, Dwarf, Historic, Japanese, Louisiana, Median, Novelty, Pacific Coast Native, Reblooming, Siberian, Species, Spuria, and Tall Bearded

As a volunteer member organization, there are multiple opportunities for **member participation** in AIS at every level – local, regional, national, and global.

To those looking for an enjoyable gathering of likeminded gardeners; or, interested in exhibiting favorite beauties in a show, serving as a host garden, participating in educational events, becoming a judge, serving on a committee, or serving in office -

**AIS looks forward to welcoming you!**

Revised: July 1, 2023



# Garden Club of the Capital District and Gardeners of America

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### 2025 Dues

Please Make Check for \$20.00 Payable to “Garden Club of the Capital District” and mail to:

Russ Greenman, Treasurer  
25 Worthman Lane  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Please include your choice(s):

Amount paid \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Local membership (Garden Club of the Capital District)

\$10 National membership (The Gardeners Of America)

plus \$7.50 Additional family members (The Gardeners Of America)

Member Name

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Member Address

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Member Email

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Member Phone

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Family member name

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### Scholarships

#### Garden Club of the Capital District - Joe Herman Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications from college students for a \$500 scholarship to be awarded by our club. The scholarship is available to a full-time student currently enrolled, or accepted to begin a college program, with the intent to pursue studies in a horticultural-related field; such as landscaping, agriculture, environmental studies, ecology, forestry or natural resources management. It is open to both male or female applicants of any age, preferably with home residency in the seven-county area of the Capital Region. Perhaps you have a relative, neighbor or know someone in your circle of friends, that would deserve to be given this stipend. The committee will recognize those candidates that have a direct connection to our club, and whom also meet all the application qualifications.

For more information, or if you would like to request an application, please contact **Russ Greenman**, Chair of the **Joe Herman Scholarship Committee**. Call Russ at 518-477-8321, or contact him by email at [WB2LXC@verizon.net](mailto:WB2LXC@verizon.net). The application deadline is June 1, 2025

The Gardeners of America

**The application deadline is June 1, 2025**

In our commitment to education and research, The Gardeners of America annually awards \$1,000 scholarships.

Eligible applicants are majoring in horticulture or floriculture at accredited community colleges, universities or colleges.

Recipients hail from Ohio to Texas to New York to Missouri – sponsored by their local TGOA clubs and regions across the nation. They attend Ohio State, Minnesota State, Kansas State, University of Missouri, Texas A & M, Hennepin Tech, University of Nebraska, North Carolina State, Cornell, Farmingdale State, Richland College ... you get the idea.

Application details are available from your local TGOA garden club, in this online *Scholarship Application Guidelines*, or from our national office at [tgoa.org@gmail.com](mailto:tgoa.org@gmail.com) or 330-814-0068.



# The cost of EMembership for the **American Hosta Society**

has been reduced! Previously \$20.00

Join as an EMember for one year now for only \$12.00.



**EMembership in the American Hosta Society will unlock the following benefits:**

- Full-color issue of The Hosta Journal available to read online twice each year
  - Unique digital edition of The Hosta Journal emailed once each year
    - Access to “Members Only” section of the website
    - Eligibility to purchase a member-only hosta every year
- Exclusive invitation to exhibit hostas and compete for recognition in AHS-sanctioned Hosta Shows
- Updates on speaker programs, events, awards, plant auctions, news, and more!

## **FIRST-TIME MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE**

- \$15 voucher for use at participating nurseries
- Hosta Adventure—A Grower’s Guide, a primer on hostas outlining what every gardener should know
  - Hosta of the Year Booklet, a full-color publication featuring the American Hosta Growers Association Hostas of the year

To join the American Hosta Society as an EMember, please go to the AHS Website.

Visit our website to get more information.

## **Hosta.org**

American Hosta Society | P O Box 7407 | VILLA PARK, IL, IL 60181-7407 US  
Or call 309-678-4119 to speak with the Membership Secretary.



# The World's Largest Hosta Gathering!

## 2025 AHS/MRHS Convention

### “Hosta Double Feature”

Jointly sponsored by the American Hosta Society  
and the Midwest Regional Hosta Society

Hosted by the Central Illinois Hosta Society

## June 19-21, 2025

Par-A-Dice Hotel East Peoria, IL

**Garden Tours – Accredited Hosta Show - Vendors – Live and Silent Auctions  
Raffle - Educational Speakers – Hosta Seed Growers Seedling Competition**

*Convention Gift Hosta is Hosta ‘Prairieland Memories’*



Optional Thursday evening at Hornbaker Gardens  
Garden Center – Arboretum – Botanic Garden

**Register soon at [HostaConvention.org](https://HostaConvention.org)**

since the cut-off will be at 350 participants

Membership is preferred but you do not need to be a member to attend.



Enjoy the carefree beauty of this shade-tolerant perennial

**Sign Up!**  
New members join for \$40/yr and receive a free hosta, *The Hosta Journal* and a \$15 voucher towards hosta purchases from participating vendors.

or call to join 309-678-4119

**HOSTA.ORG**

#### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY**

- 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.

***For more information or to join go to [hosta.org](http://hosta.org) or call 309-678-4119.***