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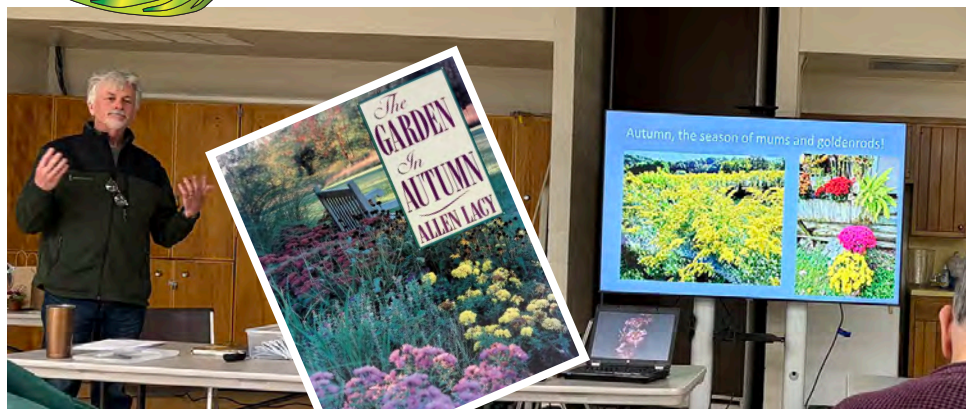
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David Chinery, our January speaker, said his presentation was inspired by the 1990 book "Plants for an Autumn Garden".

Although bitter cold outside, David's photos* and his "color commentary", a room full of gardeners soon forget all about the cold.

Through the magic of laptops, jump drives, flat screens and the Internet we joined Connecticut Daylily Society's (CDS) monthly meeting via zoom.

*Many taken by CCERC Master Gardener Volunteers)



2025
Dues are Due
See Pages 4-7
for Membership
Forms

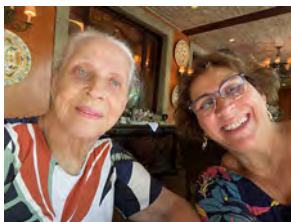
Shades of
GREEN
...and so much more



UNYHS Leadership Message

Greetings from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Here are some pictures of my favorite walking route just a block away from my mom's. Early in the morning the sand is taken over by volleyball nets and fitness aficionados. After 10am colorful beach umbrellas cover the whole extension of the beach.

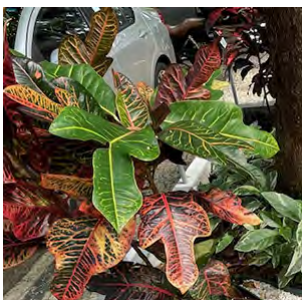


While the Capital region back home in New York is experiencing a deep freeze, here the temps have been in the high 90s. Am I bragging? Not at all! I guess after 40 years in upstate NY, I am more of a nor-easterner than a tropics girl.

Thanks to all those working hard to get our groups ready for a new year of fun and educational activities.

See you in March!

Lena Degeneff
UNHYS Interim President





Our next Garden Alliance Meeting

Save the Date: February 15, 2025 for Margaret Blohm's

Top Ten reasons
TREES ARE GREAT!
Plus so much more

Margaret is a Master Gardener Volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Schenectady County, a member of the Niskayuna Tree Council and is involved in community science projects with Albany Pine Bush Preserve and Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. As a recent retiree, she loves having the time for long walks with her rescue dogs, learning new things and spending more time with family and friends.





Garden Alliance Minutes

Michelle Young
January 2025 Minutes

The General Meeting

A small but mighty group braved the weather to join us for the January meeting. The food was delicious, and we had not one but two presentations for people to enjoy!

First David Chinery, From Rensselaer County, gave us a wonderful PowerPoint and handout on "Plants for an Autumn Garden". And some attendees were able to help him with some sourcing as well.

Then our meeting just happened to correspond to the same day at the Connecticut Daylily Society's (CDS) monthly meeting which was on Zoom with a hybridizer, Kirsten Hatfield of Dorsets and Daylilies, Zanesville, Ohio (www.dorsetsndaylilies.com/). So we attended the Zoom as a group using the TV in the room.

New Memberships (Sorry, not renewals)

At our January meeting we decided to reward all new memberships with a \$10 Voucher to be used at our annual fundraising plant sales at Faddegon's 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.



August Sales

We often have a general sale to the public at Faddegon's Nursery. The plants either come from the gardens of members who have been growing them out or need to make room, or in the case of Hosta, purchased plants that were then grown all summer for the sale.

The current plan is Iris and Hosta on August 9, 2025, and Daylily on August 16th. There is a potting party for Hosta in May.

CCE Rensselaer County's Spring Garden Day

- Saturday, March 15 2025, 9:45 am to 3:30 pm
- Tamarac/Brunswick High School , Troy, NY
- See flyer for more details (see pages 7-9).



And if you want to receive their newsletter
(CCE Rensselaer County) "Plant Happenings"
please email janisefallon@gmail.com.

CHIS

The Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) is hosting this years regional Iris meeting at CCE Albany (our normal meeting place). All members are welcome. Setup will be October 17, with the meeting/guests being on October 18. Please save the date to help out and attend. Details to follows as the plans progress.

HADS

Christl has some old daylily pictures, etc. from the group and is now downsizing. Cindi Jones will investigate further.

Administration

Debi will forward the CCE invoice for 2025

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 on pages 4-6 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.

Enclosed are my/our \$10.00 annual dues. Please send dues for 2 or more years if possible to help keep administrative time to a minimum.

Please make checks payable to CHIS.

American Iris Society Application & Renewal

Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Full Membership – 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	
Print Membership	
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
Emembership	
Multiple year Emembership is welcome.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	15.00/year
Youth Membership	
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

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!

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

Member Address

Member Email

Member Phone

Family member name

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. 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 or 330-814-0068.

CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr,
President Capital-Hudson Iris Society



Presented by Chuck Chapman
"Broken Colour in Irises"

Part 1 – Wednesday January 29, 2025

History and early development of broken colour hybrids and significant developments. Will include the various ways iris can have random and mixed-up colour - looking at cold, frost, roundup, viruses, and chimera. Also, will discuss how to distinguish viruses from genetic broken colour.

Part 2 – Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Will focus more on genetics, including how transposons (aka jumping genes) produce broken colour, genetic variations, where the transposon is located and how the genetics work. Will also spend some time looking at plicata and non-plicata based broken colour, what can go wrong in broken colour iris, breeding advances and potential developments. A brief section included on what to look at on the show bench.

As always, the registration information for each webinar will be sent the Friday before the Wednesday webinar. If you don't receive it, please let us know at AISwebinars@gmail.com.

Presented by Karen Wigglesworth

Jean Stevens and the 'Blooming Impossible' Project

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Jean Stevens was a pioneering New Zealand iris hybridizer. She developed the first yellow amoena TB 'Pinnacle' and the first pink amoena TB 'Sunset Snows' and won many awards. Karen Wigglesworth is writing a book about Jean's story. She and others were unsuccessful in trying to save Jean's garden, but have recently established the Jean Stevens Iris Garden at the Bason Botanic Gardens in Whanganui in her honour.

As always, the registration information for each webinar will be sent the Friday before the Wednesday webinar. If you don't receive it, please let us know at AISwebinars@gmail.com.



I. sentensii



'Modern Madness'



'Chihuahua Morning'
(Howard Dash, R. 2021)



'Chihuahua Night'
(Howard Dash, R. 2018)

In October the AIS Region 2 meeting will be hosted by CHIS. Howie Dash will present a program on Picacho Mountain Iris, his introductions and how he created them. His website is picachomountainiris.com. There will be information on arilbred varieties that are easier to grow here. Howie was a founding member of the Hudson Valley Daylily and Iris Society. He chaired the 2022 AIS National Convention and is an AIS Director. He has introduced tall bearded, Louisiana and arilbred irises. More details will follow.

'Chihuahua Night'
won the 2022
National Convention
President's Cup.
AIS Photo





Spring Garden Day



Saturday March 15, 2025 ~ 9:45 am to 3:30 pm

Tamarac/ Brunswick High School, Troy, NY
Snow Date Sunday, March 16, 2025

Keynote Speaker - Jen Lerner

Your landscape can be an attractive flowering oasis that offers habitat for insects and birds. Whether you manage a small garden or a whole landscape, learn how your plant choices and management methods can create a delightful, pollinator haven. Keynote Speaker Jen Lerner will also speak about the efforts Master Gardener Volunteers have made to advance a local Pollinator Pathway effort and engage community partners to create bee-friendly landscapes.



Jen Lerner is a Senior Resource Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Putnam County. A Cornell graduate, Jen spent her early career designing and building landscapes in Westchester and Dutchess Counties in NY. She has been with Extension for 20 years as an educator. Her areas of focus include creating pollinator habitat in managed landscapes, log-grown Shiitake culture, and serving commercial and residential horticulture audiences. **More information pages 10 and 11**

Welcome To Spring Garden Day 2025

Full Day Registration: The fee of \$40.00 entitles each participant to choose up to three classes for the day; to participate in the free lunch and door prize drawing; and to hear the keynote speaker. Register by examining the attached class schedule. Indicate your first, second, and third choice of classes on the form for each of the three class periods. Make sure to choose a lunch period, or another class if you do not want lunch. Your class assignments will be available at the registration table on March 15. **You will not receive registration confirmation by phone or mail, but you can call us at (518) 272-4210 to make sure we received your registration.** The enclosed schedule is final, but last minute changes may be necessary. Although we try to give people their first choice, class sizes are limited, and regretfully, we may have to place you in another class. Registration will be open until classes are full. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Refunds must be requested on or before March 7. After that date, no refunds will be made.



Directions to Tamarac/Brunswick/Brittonkill High School:

From the west (Albany, Schenectady, Troy): Take Route 7 East over the Collar City Bridge. From the east end of the bridge, proceed east on Route 7 (Hoosick Street) approximately 9 miles to a traffic light at Route 278 (past the Harley-Davidson dealer on right). Turn right onto Route 278 east and proceed for approximately 3 miles until Route 278 ends at a traffic light at Route 2. Turn left onto Route 2; the school is immediately on your left.



From the south (West Sand Lake/Route 43 area): Take Route 351 north, through the village of Poestenkill, until you reach Route 2. Turn left (west) onto Route 2. The school will be very shortly on your right.

Pick-A-Prize Auction: We will hold a Pick-A-Prize Auction of garden-related items. Participants can buy tickets (10 for \$5.00) and “bid” on items by placing a ticket or tickets in a paper bag next to the item. Winners will be drawn at the end of the day after the last sessions. You must be present to win. Proceeds will support the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden.

Sales and Drawings: A Plant Sale, A Garden Tool Sale, and Drawings for fabulous prizes are featured. Our Fourth Annual “Tool of The Year” sale will feature the Spear Head Spade “Mini!” This small shovel is 30” tall and weighs only 2 lbs. It is better than a trowel and ideal for large containers and raised beds. We will also be selling medium-sized Spear Head Spades in a rainbow of colors as well as the Deluxe Soil Knives and Skidger Hoes.

Door Prizes: Each participant is given one free door prize ticket. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the day in the auditorium. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

Questions: Call the Horticulture Program at (518) 272-4210. Individuals with questions or special needs requiring accommodation should contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County at the phone number above. “Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.”



REGISTRATION FORM - SPRING GARDEN DAY - March 15, 2025 (snow date: March 16)

Please complete carefully and completely!

1. Please indicate your first, second and third choices for each time period by writing 1, 2, or 3 on the line. Choosing second and third choices for each time period is necessary in case your first choice is filled. Regretfully, not everyone will receive all of their first choices, due to room size restrictions. Make sure you sign up for either the first or second lunch period (if lunch is desired). You will not receive a lunch if you don't sign up for a lunch. This will establish your tentative schedule.
2. You will receive final confirmation, based on class size and availability, at check-in at Spring Garden Day 2025. You will NOT receive confirmation by mail or phone prior to the program, but you can call us at (518) 272-4210 with questions or to confirm we have received your registration. Registration is open until March 7, 2025 or when classes are filled.
2. Only one name per form, please. You may photocopy this form or call CCE-Rensselaer Co. (518) 272-4210 for extras or visit our website at: <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/>
3. Send this completed form with check for \$40.00, made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, to: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Spring Garden Day, 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush NY 12061

	10:30 - 11:30	11:40 - 12:40	12:50 - 1:50	2:00 - 3:00	3:15
9:45 AM Doors Open and Registration Begins	Special Keynote Session	LUNCH #1. ____	LUNCH #5. ____	The Wheel of the Year: Herbs of Spring #9. ____	Exciting DOOR PRIZES:
	BEE FRIENDLY BACKYARDS: Supporting Pollinators With Beautiful Landscapes	Gardening in Shades of Shade: How To Brighten All Kinds of Shady Home Landscapes #2. ____	Native Perennials & Groundcovers #6. ____	My North American Garden Adventure #10. ____	DRAWING WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM
	Featuring Jen Lerner	An Arborist's Approach to Trees in Landscapes #3. ____	The Deer Ate My Daylilies! Dealing With Deer in Your Landscape #7. ____	Off Your Knees: The Nuts & Bolts of Raised Bed Gardening #11. ____	YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!
		Introduction to Invasive Species #4. ____	The Fascination of Big Trees #8. ____	Orchid Obsessions! #12. ____	

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY & STATE: _____ Zip: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

By registering, I give my permission to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County to use any photos, slides, films, or sketches taken of myself during this activity for publicity, advertising, and/or promotional purposes.

2025 Garden Alliance Meetings and Events:

2025 Mark your calendars

FEBRUARY 15th, 10am: "TREES ARE GREAT" Presented by Margaret Blohm, CCECC, Master Gardener Volunteer, with CCE Schenectady County.

MARCH 16th*

(*on Sunday at Noon, to allow us to table at Spring Garden Say on the 15th)

APRIL 19th

MAY 17th

JUNE 21st

JULY 19th (Summer Picnic)

AUGUST 9th (Hosta & Iris Sale at Faddegons)

AUGUST 16th (Daylily Sale at Faddegons)

SEPTEMBER 20th

OCTOBER 18th

NOVEMBER 15th

DECEMBER 13th (Holiday Party)

~~~ SAVE THE DATES for 2025 ~~~  
Plant Sale at Faddegons - Saturday August 9th and 16th, 2025

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)

<https://hudsonadirondackdaylilyociety.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/>

Capital Region  
**FLOWER &  
GARDEN EXPO**

**March 28-30, 2025 | HVCC, Troy NY**

<https://flowerandgardenexpo.com/>



**For a little fun this winter...**

**(Even if you don't bid)**

**CHECK OUT**



## **The American Hosta Society (AHS) Online Auction**

The annual AHS Online Auction is January 26 to February 2 2025

It raises funds to support the publication of the Hosta Journal  
and is an opportunity to add exciting new cultivars to our collections.

NEHS member Tom Voystock is the auction director.

Contact Tom at [ahsonlineauction@gmail.com](mailto:ahsonlineauction@gmail.com) to help, participate or to do

## **Looking for a gift for your gardening friends?**

**How about a gift membership in the American Hosta Society?**

**Give an eMembership to your gardening friends for only \$12.**

An eMembership will give your gift recipient access to the Hosta Journal online.

They will also receive a copy of Hosta Adventure, and the Hosta of the Year booklet mailed to them.

Additionally, they receive a voucher valued at \$15.00 to be used toward the purchase of  
a Hosta from our participating vendors.



Purchase online at [Hosta.org](http://Hosta.org).

(When prompted for membership location, be sure to select eMembership.)

If you prefer, you may call 309-678-4119 with your credit card to purchase the gift subscription over the phone.

Your gift recipient will get a letter announcing your gift to them along with  
their welcome packet containing the above items. Barry Ankney

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# 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.

**HOSTA.ORG** or call to join 309-678-4119

#### **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.***