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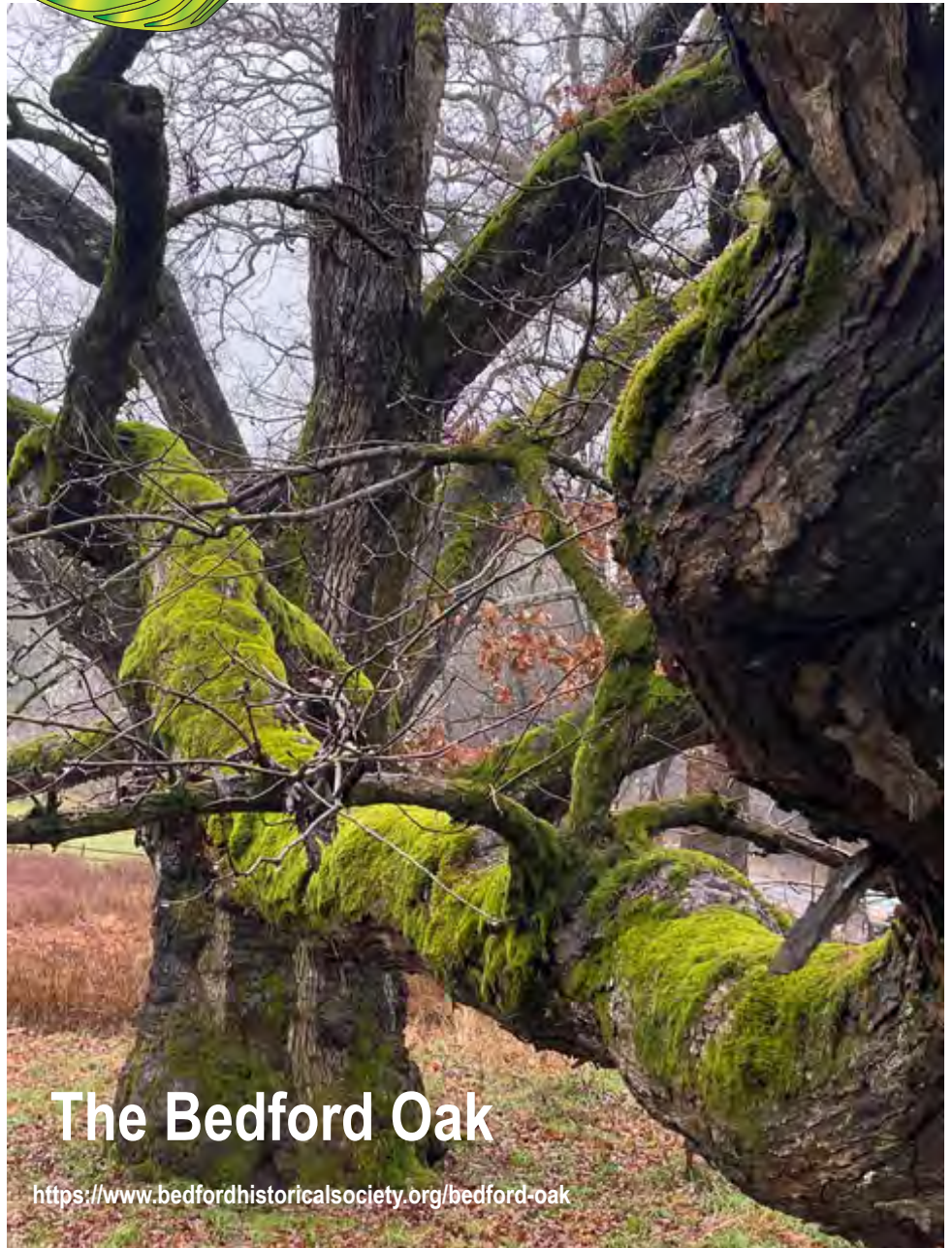
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## The Bedford Oak

<https://www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org/bedford-oak>

**Bedford Oak, Quercus Alba, circa 1500** (one sign says 15th century, the other says 1500!). In Bedford, NY just on border of Connecticut. Margaret Blohm introduced Garden Alliance members and guests to this magnificent tree during her February presentation “Top Ten reasons TREES ARE GREAT - and so much more”. Thank you Margaret.!

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## UNYHS Leadership Message



### Hello fellow Hosta lovers! Greetings from Brazil

You probably think that spending the winter in the tropics is sooo cool. It's not cool at all! The temperatures have been sweltering. Over 100 degrees for long stretches of time. Not a lot of rain where I am making the danger of brush fire very real. When it rains it's usually a deluge with flooding everywhere. A mess!

**Well, there are some perks. Like having fresh "Suco de Caju" right after the picking.**

The fruit nut can be roasted and it becomes the delicious cashews that I so much love.

Unfortunately I cannot transport fresh cashews into the USA but I will bring some American bought ones to our April meeting.

Please consider signing up to help with the potting and caring for the Hostas we purchased for the Faddegons sale. Without your help this event is not possible.

We are not participating in this year's Capital Region Flower and Garden Expo. but I hope you will plan to support this fun event. I will not see you in March but will be back in April.

I hope the temperatures there are a little milder for my return. Stay warm!

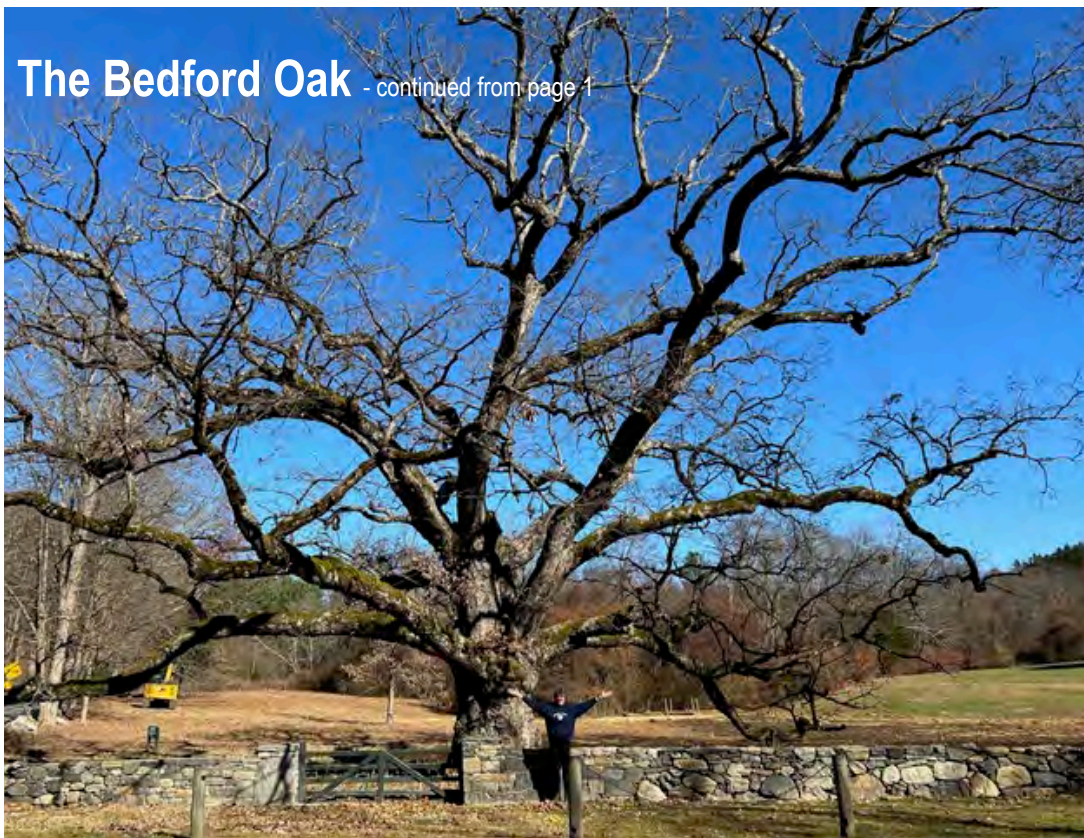
**See you in April!**

Lena Degeneff, UNHYS Interim President

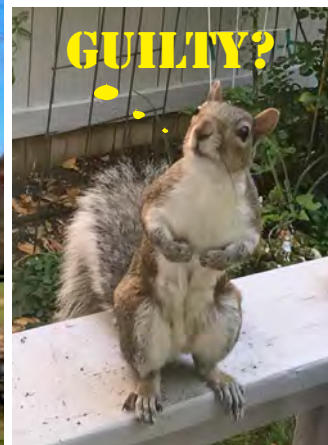


*The fruit is CAJU. The nut is CASHEW. The juice is delicious*

## The Bedford Oak - continued from page 1



Margaret has visited the Bedford Oak twice. The first time, it was raining, she found acorns by the side of the road and brought them home. She planted them ... they seemed to be doing well, but squirrels got around her defenses and ate them all. Sadly, no acorns this year (2024)



# Prep for our 2025 Hosta Sale at Faddegon's Garden Center on August 9th

Prepared by Dave Jennings, Communications Chair

**REMINDER:** Please remember we will need your help on August 9th at Faddegon's Garden Center for our Hosta & Iris Fundraising Sale. For now though, we need everyone (CHIS, Garden Club of the Capital District and HADS Members too) to get ready to go out to your garden next 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.

**You can pick up sterile growing media and new pots at our March meeting if you send an email to [UNYHS@aol.com](mailto:UNYHS@aol.com) to tell us how many you plan to pot up and grow on for the sale.**

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 will have a sign-up link in our newsletter next month 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 me at: [UNYHS@aol.com](mailto:UNYHS@aol.com)**



This is the size I like the pips to be when I dig them.



You may need some help digging the mature clump!



You can divide them all the way down to one pip.



These are already too big to dig and divide for our sale this year

# HADS /CHIS Minutes

Michelle Young  
February 2025 Minutes

## February 15 was our Doldrums monthly meeting.

We were in a beautiful room with lots of flowers,  
food, and prizes. See next page

## UNYHS

The Hosta Potting Party will be held at the home of Kathryn Mohr in Glenville on May 3, 2025 rain or shine. The directions and address will be provided privately. Plants will be sold August 9 at Faddegons.

The **Sign-up.com** website will be available for members to schedule how they will volunteer for the potting of bare root hosta. Along with potting volunteers, babysitters will need to pick up and take home some of the 200 plants. Thank you Michelle.

Lunch will be provided by the club for volunteers along with a \$10 voucher to spend at the sale.

Dave has offered to source the gallon pots and Kathryn will be sourcing the potting mix. The club will allocate \$300 for these purchases .



Shades of Green

## Spring Garden Day in Rensselaer County\*

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

Tamarac/Brunswick High School, Troy, NY



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

## Garden Alliance

### Announcement Highlights

- We need to contact Faddegons to verify that the August Dates are OK with them this year. HADS will follow-up.
- We need a Certificate of Insurance for CCE – will Iris be doing that again this year?

\* **Spring Garden Day in Rensselaer** – 30 slots left as of 2/15/25. Visit <https://rensselaer.cce.cornell.edu/events/2025/03/15/spring-garden-day-2025> for more details.

### Upcoming Flower Shows include:

- PHS Philadelphia Garden Show March 1-9
- Capital Region Flower Show: March 28-30, 2025, HVCC
- Pennsylvania Herb and Garden Festival, April 4–5, 2025 at the York Expo Center
- Van Gogh: Painting with Flowers May 24–October 26, 2025, NYBG

## CHIS

The planning for the Regional Iris meeting scheduled for October is progressing. More details and requests for help as we get closer.

### February Presenter

Margaret Blohm of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schenectady County on the **Top Ten Reasons Trees are Great!**



# Dol·drums...Schmol·drums



More flowers (**way more**) than attendees at our annual Doldrums Gathering certainly helped us to forget the blustery weather outside and the predicted afternoon storm.

As always the decorations were beautiful and much appreciated  
Thank you to everyone for all that you contribute to the Garden Alliance!



# HADS Leadership Message

Cindi Jones, President

## After the Doldrums...

I know I've been whining about the cold snowy winter weather for a while now (well, since Thanksgiving) but I've got to get over it and look forward to spring. The days are noticeably longer and we are 2/3 the way through the first quarter - almost to the vernal equinox - Yay! Even though we experienced yet another snow and ice storm immediately after enjoying our "Beat the Doldrums" get-together in February, it seems like that was a turning point. All of a sudden there are seeds, plants and summer bulbs for sale in the local garden departments. Even if it's really too early for some of the dormant plants and bulbs, it is so welcome to see them on the shelves.

One thing I thought of when scanning through catalogs and store shelves is that as much as I love daylilies, my garden could use some additional action before and after daylily season. That sea of green grassy leaves in late summer is kind of depressing, because it means it's over for another year.

Obvious early-season companions are spring bulbs – daffodils especially. They make a great show in the spring and come in a delightful array of both new and historic varieties. They like conditions similar to daylilies, sunshine and reasonably rich, well drained soil. They tend to naturalize and build up into clumps, as opposed to most tulips which, more than not, fade away after a few seasons. When the daylily foliage grows, it masks the yellowing daffodil foliage which should be left in place to nourish the bulbs and next year's flowers. So that is a nice progression, even if there is quite a bit of time between daffodil and daylily season. But because there is a lot more going on that time of year with spring blooming trees and shrubs, perennials (like hosta and iris - both near and dear to our hearts) and plenty more, I don't notice the gap as much.

It is really later in the year when most of the daylilies have gone and many other things are winding down, that I really miss color in the garden. One other plant that comes to mind, based on those bags and boxes of bulbs in the stores and all the YouTube videos out there right now, are dahlias.

***Now I'm not just trying for alliteration here; I know doldrums, daffodils, daylilies and dahlias all begin with the letter "D." I'm just thinking that dahlias fill the bill for the daylily after-party – they are showy, late summer blooming flowers that can bloom until frost.***



The genus Dahlia belongs in the daisy family and is native to the high plains of Mexico and Central America. Dahlias therefore also like lots of sun and a sandy, well-drained, rich soil. Sounds familiar, right? But even though they probably like a bit more free drainage than either daylilies or daffodils, they can be good companions for both.

There are over 40 wild species of dahlia, and oodles (57,000) of modern hybrids grouped into approximately 15 commonly recognized groups. Ok, so daylilies have more – the American Daylily Society registering over 100,000 daylily cultivars, but that certainly seems enough to satisfy the dahlia addicts among us. Uh oh, did I just say addict? See how quick that can happen?

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) registers the 57,000 plus cultivars based on flower type, and maintains The International Register of Dahlia Names, which is updated annually.

There is also a North American organization for the education about and the promotion of the dahlia, the American Dahlia Society, responsible for registering named cultivars in North America. They publish a list of over 10,000 registered cultivars based on color, form and size. There is also a Dahlia Registrar in the Netherlands. The Netherlands produces much of the cultivated stock for large North American commercial retailers, but there are also many small farmers producing quality

dahlia tubers for the US market.

Dahlias incredible number of colors and forms are based on their genetics. (Continued on page 7)



## After the Doldrums... (continued from page 6)

Where we are familiar with daylily DNA being either diploid or tetraploid (2 or 4 sets of chromosomes) dahlias on the other hand are octoploids with 8 sets of chromosomes, resulting in far greater variability in offspring. Dahlias also contain what are called "transposons" or "jumping genes" that move from place to place in the DNA sequence, which adds to their diversity.

Flowers range in size from 2 to 12 inches in diameter, in every color except true blue, similar to roses and daylilies. They can be short for the front of the border at a foot or two tall, or statuesque beauties up to 8 feet tall (stake me please!). The only difference from our beloved daylilies, hosta, iris or daffodils is that they have tuberous roots tender to frost. So in USDA zone 4 to 8, they can be treated as annuals and abandoned to the winter, or lifted and stored in peat moss or pine shavings in a frost free area to be replanted in the spring. Some gardeners in dry areas in zone 5b and up have had success leaving them in the ground and mulching heavily and covering the area with a tarp to protect them from too much moisture. I don't know that I'd try that with my clay soil however.

The best time to plant dahlias is in spring when the soil and night temperatures have warmed up reliably, similar to when you'd plant your tomatoes or peppers. The tubers can be divided in the spring before replanting when overcrowded or when you want additional plants. Divisions can be potted up in April or so here in the north, to get a jump on our short season. Additional plants can be grown from cuttings taken from these early growing tubers. Dahlias can also be propagated from seed, even from plants in your own garden. They will not "come true" from seed, similar to daylilies, so you can create totally new, totally unique varieties. Divisions, cuttings or seeds planted in the spring will all grow into flowering plants by late summer, and will form typical tubers underground at the end of the season. Then you can save the tubers of favorite selections to get that same variety again next season. Voila! You're now a dahlia breeder!

So I admit the plant acquisition lust has hit and I've bought 5 different varieties of dahlia, plus a mix of single types, from the local stores. This will be a new adventure, and joking about addiction aside, hopefully will help to brighten my late summer garden with some colors and shapes not seen there before.

## On to spring...

Cindi Jones



# CHIS Leadership Message

*KS sunrise viewed through hotel window*

Kathryn Mohr,  
President Capital-Hudson Iris Society



## The Garden Alliance is helping us all move forward after the pandemic.

Through the AIS Affiliate work group I hope to encourage other iris clubs across the US to follow our example. Let's all congratulate ourselves and keep up the good work!

**I've been in KS since February 1.** Some of my earliest memories of irises are driving by El Dorado (KS) Gardens on fishing trips with my grandparents or picking tiny MDBs in our front yard at our 80 acre farm. When I was 16 (1970) my uncle was given 2 heaping bushel baskets of irises from Linwood Gardens of Wichita. I planted them in 2 1/8 mile rows. My brother likes to mow them with his tractor, so they don't bloom very well, but those original rows are now at least 15 feet wide.

## Some highlights of the trip:

**Feb. 3 Small chimney fire in the wood stove at the farm.** The family room filled with smoke. We closed the main damper, carried the live coals outside, then after everything cooled off my 63-year-old brother climbed onto the 30 foot roof of the house and swept the chimney.

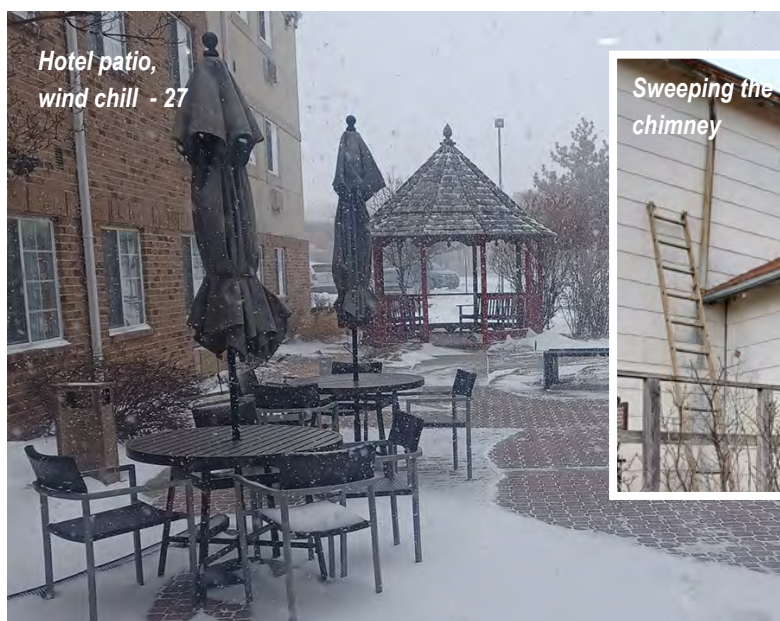
**Feb. 18 Six AM fire alarm at the hotel.** The wind chill outside was - 27. Wearing night clothes and a farm coat, was opening the door to my room when the alarm cut off.

**Feb 18 and 19 Blizzard.** There wasn't a lot of snow and the main streets were plowed, but the side streets had 6 inches of snow that was so cold and dry it was like driving in deep sand.

The sunrises and sunsets here are spectacular, fiery orange-pink. I didn't take photos because it was too cold to get out of the car. I'll wait until next trip to take a photo of the "Welcome to Meat Country" Walnut Valley sign.

**In the garden:** as the weather warms, watch for rhizomes that have heaved out of the ground. Press the rhizomes back into the soil, then place a brick or rock on them to keep them in place.

If the ground is still frozen it's not too late to mulch with branches to keep it frozen during late winter thaws.



*Hotel patio,  
wind chill - 27*



*Sweeping the  
chimney*



*Blizzard, viewed through window,  
because is wind chill - 27*

# GCCD Leadership Message

## Those are tomatoes in the picture, in case you can't tell.

Bill Stoneman, Garden Club of the Capital District

They weren't totally exposed to the elements. But they were in a cold shed for a few months awaiting the launch of school initiative in Albany by a volunteer group, the Vegetable Project, that I lead. And when we recently suggested to middle school students cutting into them to remove seeds, most balked – at least initially.

***With observations like, “ew!” and “gross!” and “disgusting!” Many students, however, quickly overcame their discomfort and cut away with plastic knives.***

Collecting tomato seeds and preparing to save them was atop the agenda on Day 1 of a new months-long gig the Vegetable Project has at an Albany middle school working with six self-contained special education classes. We could have started with lots of other activities. But this one was appealing because it helped us get several balls in the air at the same time:

- 1) talking about life cycle of plants and
- 2) functions of parts of plants,
- 3) setting up a lab-like procedure that would take two weeks and press students a bit to be patient and careful and
- 4) our commitment to gently encouraging kids to touch yucky substances.

So, maybe this wasn't an entirely typical middle school science lesson. But it sure felt to our team, and we think most of the teachers who looked on, as if helping kids quickly move past nearly performative objection was a decent trust-building first step. It is our observation that student trust of teachers could often be better.

And more broadly, collecting seeds from tomatoes after asking kids where seeds come from and what kind of plants they'll grow (and no, the answers to those questions were not obvious to everyone) and whether that ball of juicy red flesh is a fruit or a vegetable – reflects our enthusiasm for building teaching and learning around doing and touching and tasting and experiencing. It gets students more involved in their learning than listening or reading or watching do. Along with building trust, real involvement in learning should be a goal. And handling plants happens to be a fantastic vehicle for this kind of thinking about teaching and learning.

We'll be with these six classes twice a week until the end of June. And maybe students will understand by the end of our time together that every bite we eat from birth until death comes from plants, directly or indirectly. And maybe they'll understand the crucial role that plants play in capturing the sun's energy that nearly all living organisms need every day of their lives. And maybe



they'll get their hands around our nearly complete dependence on plants for the oxygen that we breathe.

If we are not entirely successful by these kinds of measurements, we would likely still take some solace in knowing that students will be a bit more open to taking some risks that they would have previously avoided. That will pay dividends forever. And if any of the teachers we started working with that day doubted their students would come around so quickly to cutting into the disgusting rotted tomatoes, well, that's a peak at what the Vegetable Project offers. And by the way, the secret to that little success was nothing more complicated than patience.

And while we certainly did not encourage anyone to taste the rotted tomatoes, we also took seeds from store-bought specimens and encouraged tasting them. Not so many students took us up on that offer. But we have time.

***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 Meetings and Events:

### 2025 Mark your calendars

#### MARCH 16th\* - Native Perennials & Groundcovers

Learn about easy to grow Native Perennials that can be added to your landscape to support pollinators and the environment. These plants will reduce your need to water, are lower maintenance, and will eliminate the need for pesticides and herbicides. Learn about Groundcovers which will reduce the need to weed, mow.

**Carole Henry, Community Horticulture Program Manager**  
**Cornell Cooperative Extension | Albany County**

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

**APRIL 19th** - Welcoming spring

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

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

**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)

<http://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/>

# Hosta 'Mouseketeer' PP35221

**Great NEW Variety coming to  
local Garden Centers soon...**

Available from Walters Gardens, Inc. (Wholesale ONLY Nursery)

Reminiscent of 'Blue Mouse Ears', as the name suggests, but with a broad yellow centers, green flecking, and a larger size. Leaf variegation extends down the petiole to the base of the clump.



Hostas are exceedingly popular perennials in today's gardens due to their versatility in the landscape. Their subtle colors, tall flower scapes, and broad, coarse leaves fill a niche in garden designs that few other plants can achieve. Their large leaves provide excellent coverage for Spring Flowering bulb foliage as they die back. Hostas also grow well in city environments where the air may be polluted by car exhaust, etc.

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height:             | 9.0 Inches                                                          |
| Sp                  | 16.0-18.0 Inches                                                    |
|                     | 8.0-10.0 Inches                                                     |
| Hardiness Zones:    | 3-9                                                                 |
| Flower Color:       | Purple shades                                                       |
| Foliage Color:      | Green shadesBlue shadesVariegated                                   |
| Sun                 | Part Shade (4-6 hrs. Direct Sun)Full<br>Shade (< 4 hrs. Direct Sun) |
| Water Requirements: | Average Water Needs Consistent Water<br>Needs                       |
| Soil Quality:       | Average Soil Quality Fertile Soil Quality                           |
| Soil Chemistry:     | Acidic Soil (pH < 7.0)Neutral Soil (pH =<br>7.0)                    |

|                 |                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bloomtime:      | Early Summer                                                                                    |
| Attracts Wings: | Attracts Hummingbirds                                                                           |
| Growth Rate:    | Medium                                                                                          |
| Garden Style:   | AsianPatio Container Cottage Eclectic<br>Formal Modern Woodland Shade                           |
| Other Features: | Border Plant Container Cut Foliage Easy<br>To Grow Edging Attractive Foliage Small<br>Miniature |
| Origin:         | Not Native to North America                                                                     |

***For size comparison, the  
smaller solid blueish leaf  
is 'Blue Mouse Ears'***



# 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\_\_\_\_\_

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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

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <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

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 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.***