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UNYHS Leadership Message



Dear Hosta friends, Greetings from Brazil.

It's spring in the southern hemisphere. The temperatures have been very nice. For the first time I saw the same temperature in Niskayuna, NY and Rio de Janeiro, a pleasant 76 degrees.

Thank you to all who came to our Hosta sale at Fadeggon's to help and/or buy plants. Unfortunately we fell short of our goal but will keep trying to sell the left over plants during our next few meetings.

Make sure you attend the September meeting. Our entertainment will be a short film by Garden Alliance member Arden Lawand , **"Go small... but go ANYWHERE"** I will see you there.

Lena Degeneff, Interim President



Shoppers and Garden Alliance helpers at August 9 Hosta and Iris sale at Faddegon's

Local Societies, Groups, Organizations:

Capital Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

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/>

Garden Alliance Minutes

Michelle Young

August 16 was the Daylily Sale at Faddegon's. We were joined by some leftovers from the Hosta Sale as well. We would like to thank all of the people that volunteered to help make the HADS sale at Faddegon's such an overwhelming success, HADS made \$1,212 on the Daylily sale, after expenses. Thank you everyone!

A Capital Region alliance of clubs and societies with a mutual interest in all things gardening

Capital-Hudson
Iris Society


Garden Club
of the Capital District

The Garden Alliance



Hudson Adirondack
Daylily Society


Upstate New York
Hosta Society



Garden Alliance Members and Friends 2025 Mark your calendars

SEPTEMBER 20th

Our entertainment for the September Garden Alliance meeting (if technology cooperates) will be

"Go Small...but go ANYWHERE"

A short film created in 2016

by Schenectady County CCE Master Gardeners
Arden Lawand, Carole Smith and Lois Colson

We combined our graphic design, voice narration and community theater backgrounds to explore the then very hot topic of fairy gardening.

OCTOBER 18th

NOVEMBER 15th

DECEMBER 13th

Holiday Party

CHIS Leadership Message

Kathryn Mohr,
President Capital-Hudson Iris Society



Thank you to everyone who made the August 9 iris sale at Faddegon's Nursery a success! Barbara Valencenti, Pat and Don Salhoff and Michelle Young donated large healthy rhizomes of several beautiful cultivars that sold very well. There were plenty of volunteers to answer shoppers' questions, clean-up went fast, and afterwards we enjoyed lunch in an air-conditioned diner nearby.

Saturday, October 18 CHIS hosts AIS Region 2 for the Annual Fall Meeting at Albany CCE

A number of Garden Alliance members have graciously asked "What can I do to help?"

1. Attend the event, enjoy meeting new iris friends and learn about irises from a delightful former member, Howie Dash.
 2. Help with set-up or clean-up.
 3. Although lunch will be catered subs and salads, desserts donated by members are always welcome.
 4. Several people are needed to collect auction bid sheets and group items together for winning bidders.
 5. Demonstrate to our guests how special the Garden Alliance is.
- Set-up for the event is Oct. 17 from 4 to 8 PM.**

The tentative schedule for Saturday October 18 is:

8-9:30 AM	Registration
8-9:30 AM	Silent Auction set-up continues
9:30-12:30 PM	Silent Auction bidding
10-11:15 AM	General membership meeting
11:30- 12:15	Lunch
1-2 PM	Program by Howie Dash
	"Picacho Mountain Iris, a Hybridizer's Journey" , a photographic presentation of his introductions and seedlings, including tall bearded, arilbred and Louisiana iris.
2-2:30	Silent Auction payment and pickup

New Electronic Iris Popularity Poll **Reminder**

Coming in November will be your chance to vote in the new electronic Iris Popularity Poll.

Make a note this iris season of your favorites in any class so that you will remember which irises you loved this season. Instead of providing you a list of irises (as in the Tall Bearded Symposium, which this is replacing), you will be able to type in the names of your favorite irises and submit electronically. The poll will be open to all classes of irises, both bearded and beardless. You will be asked to give the state where you garden, the name of the iris (up to 25 different cultivars) and the class of each iris you named. We hope you will restrict your votes to irises you have seen growing well in your region. Pretty faces are important but so is good increase and decent foliage.

The committee sees huge potential from data collected from iris lovers who live all over the US and Canada. This poll is open to anyone, so your fellow club members who have not yet joined AIS may also vote. Because it includes all classes of irises, we can find out what irises people are enjoying all over North America. Some of the cooperating societies and affiliates such as the Dwarf Iris Society have their own polls, which provide useful information about what their members grow. This poll, under the auspices of AIS, can reach beyond the membership in a specific group to other gardeners who also grow that class of iris.

We are hoping that analysis of the data (especially useful if enough of you vote) will show us favorite irises by region. We'd also like to use the data to see what irises do well in the frozen north, the humid southeast, the hot desert, and other growing conditions. Gardeners may like to know how far north Louisiana irises are favorites or how far south Siberians have an impact in the garden or where Arilbreds are irises gardeners love to grow. What about spurias or border bearded or any other class of irises: will any be listed as favorites? Maybe there is a class of irises you didn't know does well in similar growing conditions to yours. Results could let you know the names of different irises you might want to try.

The link to the poll will be available in the fall

Capital-Hudson Iris Society will host the 2025 Region 2 Annual Meeting October 18

at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186.










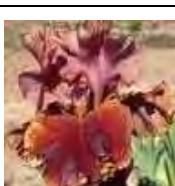
The meeting schedule will be included in the email acknowledging members' registration for the meeting.
The registration form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Howie Dash will be the guest speaker. His program "Picacho Mountain Iris, a hybrid-izer's journey", is a photographic presentation of his introductions and seedlings, including tall bearded, arilbred and Louisiana iris.

Howie was a founding member of the Hudson Valley Daylily and Iris Society (HVIDS). He chaired the 2022 AIS National Convention and is an AIS Director

AIS Region 2 Fall Meeting October 18, 2025 - Silent Auction

Cornell Cooperative Extension - Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville NY 12186

Iris Names and Descriptions All irises donated by hybridizer, Howie Dash			
	'Akela Flats' (Howie Dash, 2025) AB (OGB-), 27" (68.5 cm), Midseason bloom. Standards dark violet, with purple veining; style arms dark violet, with purple veining; falls dark violet, with purple veining; beards dark brown base, blue tips.		'Allen James Tetreault' (Howard Dash, 2024) TB, 32" (81.5 cm), Midseason to late bloom. Standards red-violet with faint gold rim; style arms red-violet with faint gold rim; falls red-brown overlaid on pale yellow base, faint gold rim; beards burnt orange; slight sweet fragrance.
	'Happy Cat' (Howie Dash, 2025) TB, 36" (91.5 cm), Early midseason bloom. Standards khaki; style arms yellow; falls brown fading to tan, medium orchid flush around beard, tan rim; beards burnt orange.		'Otero Mesa' (Howie Dash, 2024) AB (OGB-), 20" (51 cm), Early bloom. Standards beige, light yellow veining; style arms light yellow; falls light yellow overlaid on beige base, light yellow rim; diffuse brown signal; beards light orange.
	'Pecos Valley' (Howie Dash, 2025) AB (OGB-), 26" (66 cm), Midseason bloom. Standards pale violet, violet veining; style arms red-brown; falls pale violet brown base, violet brown veining, dark brown signal; beards burnt orange.		'Stephanie Returns' (Howie Dash, 2024) TB (RE), 30" (76 cm), Early bloom. Standards pale blue to white; style arms pale blue; falls blue, white zone around beard, white veining; beards yellow base, white tips.
	'Sword Of The Jedi' (Howie Dash, 2025) TB (horned), 32" (81.5 cm), Midseason bloom. Standards pale blue; style arms pale blue; falls pale blue, brown veining at halts, followed by blue-violet flush at shoulders; beards orange with purple flounces; slight fragrance.		'Tropical Charm' (Howie Dash, 2025) TB, 35" (89 cm), Early to midseason bloom. Standards white, pale red brown flush on midrib, gold rim; style arms white with gold rim; falls red brown, faint beige rim; beards red-orange; slight fragrance.
	'Ukrainian Princess' (Howie Dash, 2025) TB (RE), 30" (76 cm), Early midseason bloom. Standards light lavender, lavender veining; style arms light lavender, lavender veining; falls lavender veining on white base with lavender plicata markings, light brown veining on shoulders; beards light brown; slight fragrance.		'Wonderful Tonight' (Howie Dash, 2025) TB, 41" (104 cm), Midseason bloom. Standards rosy brown; style arms rosy brown; falls red-brown, with tan rim; beards burnt orange.

REGISTRATION FORM:

“AIS Region 2 Annual Meeting” – October 18 , 2025

Hosted by Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) and the Garden Alliance

Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County 24 Martin Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186

To Register: Mail completed this registration form with your check made payable to CHIS Society, to: Don Salhoff, 429 Wellington Rd, Delmar, NY 12054
Confirmation will be sent by email. Please make a copy of this form for your records.

Questions: Please email Kathryn Mohr at kemohrke@aol.com

Registration - \$10 US per person – Return registration before September 30, 2025

(please print clearly)

Full Name: _____

Name to appear on your name tag: _____

Affiliate Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lunch will be provided. Please specify any dietary requests:

HADS Leadership Message

Cindi Jones, President



Michelle hard at work separating fans



Margo washing up



Kathryn getting some shade





2025 Garden Alliance Monthly Meetings

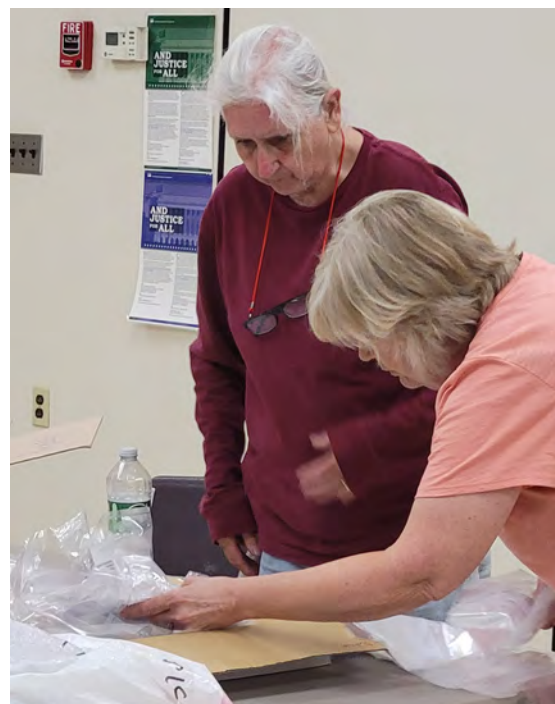
SEPTEMBER 20th

"Go Small...but go ANYWHERE"

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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!

**This informational piece is for all
Upstate New York Hosta Society people
who may not have paid their membership dues yet for this year.**

You may actually owe dues from last year too, but we are currently offering a grace period for previous years to everyone that pays at this time.

By doing so, you will automatically be Members until the end of 2026!

If you aren't sure of your status, then just fill out the Membership Form in this newsletter and send your check in with it and we will extend your current membership for another year if you are currently paid for this year.

We hope you will send in your check for dues even if circumstances prevent you from participating in our monthly meetings at this time. We don't want to remove you from getting our emails, newsletters or any other correspondence so please take care of this as soon as possible. If we don't hear from you we will simply assume you no longer wish to hear from us and we will remove you from our Membership Roster.

Dues are still only \$10 a year and are a crucial aspect of sustaining the operations and activities of our organization. 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 Form in this newsletter to mail in your check 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.

The Purpose of Membership Dues

Membership dues serve multiple purposes but they primarily provide a steady stream of revenue that ensures our 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 our 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 association. Without dues from people like you we can't continue to exist. Thank you!



The Society was founded in September of 1996 as an informal non-profit educational organization. Its goal is to promote knowledge of and interest in growing Hosta. Our organization has about fifty members, many of whom travel from across New York and neighboring states to share their diverse gardening interests and varied botanical skills. We meet throughout the year to exchange ideas and experiences, to encourage beginners, and to support long-time members as they venture into new areas of growing, collecting, propagating, and hybridizing Hosta. A congenial atmosphere and guest speakers make for lively discussions about topics relating to Hosta and gardening in general. Public plant sales help to offset club expenses such as obtaining great speakers for our membership meetings and other events. The sales provide members with the opportunity to acquire new, unique, and exotic plants to showcase in their gardens. Many of the more expensive varieties can often be obtained at prices well below average retail.

Annual dues are only \$10.00 and include a subscription to our periodic email updates and our electronic Newsletters. You are encouraged to send in your dues for a three-year period, if possible, to keep administrative time to a minimum.

Membership benefits: Plant Sales Guest Speakers Periodic Newsletters and Emails
Summer Garden Tours Door Prizes Holiday Gatherings ...and other informative & educational events

UNYHS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return this Form and your check to:
Heather Drinkwater, Membership Chair
634 Salvia Lane
Schenectady, NY 12303

(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 ☐ Assisting with Hospitality ☐ Maintaining our Library ☐ Recruiting Membership
☐ Writing Newsletter Articles ☐ Plant Acquisition ☐ Recruiting Guest Speakers ☐ Organizing Summer Tours
☐ Serve as an Officer ☐ Send out Emails & Eblasts ☐ Other (Please Indicate below)

Saturday, October 11th, 2025
12 - 4pm

Plant Sale

Sustainable Living Center & Greenhouses, Central Park, Schenectady NY

Native Plants for Sale
— *great for pollinators* —

Fall is a great time to plant!



Education Day

Native Garden Informational Tours: 1pm and 3pm

Why plant now, seed collecting, and so much more

— Free Soil Testing —

Sustainable Living Center & Greenhouses, Central Park
180 Ptl. Arthur Chaires Lane, Central Park, Schenectady, NY

Individuals with special needs requiring accommodations should contact our office prior to the event at 518-372-1622

<http://ccschenectady.org/sustainable-living-center>



GARDEN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FUNDRAISER ...HELP US GROW



Since 1991, the Master Gardener volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County have designed, planted, maintained, and educated residents through demonstration gardens to showcase plantings appropriate to the Capital District region.

The main learning garden located at the CCE Albany office, 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville, provides visitors with a wealth of information related to sound horticultural practices as well as a variety of native plants and pollinators in an outdoor setting full of learning opportunities.

The Albany County Master Gardener program is raising funds to continue its educational mission for the community by making improvements to the outdoor garden environment at the Voorheesville site.

Funds will help to:

Replace gazebo

Add picnic tables and a small storage shed

Provide shade coverings for children's garden and compost demonstration area

Update gardening equipment and tools

Secure materials to repair fencing

Create new educational signage

-Thank you for your support of this educational initiative and vision-

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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



2026 AHS Convention

Hosted by the Central Ohio Hosta Society

Buckeye Hosta Fever



**Join us in the Heart of Ohio for Buckeye Hosta Fever
In Dublin OH (a suburb of Columbus).**

Registration for the convention is limited to 350 participants. Register early to reserve your place! Download registration form at AmericanHostaSociety.org

All the events will be there: Hosta Show, educational presentations, live auction, garden tours, convention plant, vendors, and evening hosta-tality.

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):

\$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

Amount paid \$_____

Member Address

Member Email

Member Phone

Family member name



For those who are not Members of The American Hosta Society

A reminder that the cost of eMembership has been reduced!
Previously \$20

Join as an eMember now for one year for only \$12.

Call the Membership Secretary for details. 309-678-4119

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

An eMembership also makes a great gift for your hosta gardening friends!

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

Hosta.org

When prompted for location, choose eMembership from the list.

Visit our website to get more information.

Or call 309-678-4119 to speak with the Membership Secretary.

American Hosta Society | P O Box 7407 | VILLA PARK, IL, IL 60181-7407 US



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 or call 309-678-4119.