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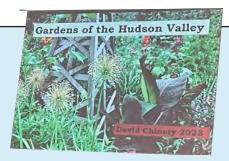
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During the December Holiday Party Michelle Young presented Kathryn Mohr with a quilted wall hanging of iris in appreciation for all she does to keep the Iris Society (CHIS) going.

We really appreciate you Kathryn!



Guest speaker for the november18th meeting was David Chinery, CCE Rensselaer County NY. His topic was **Gardens of the Hudson Valley.** Showcasing unique and beautiful gardens from NYC northward along the Hudson River it was enhanced by David's informative and often numerous descriptions.

Thank you David.







January 2024



Have you paid your dues for 2024?

Not sure? To clarify– you can...

Contact Penny by email pennysalemme@gmail.com

-OR-

Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check to Penny Salemme, Membership Chair, 11 Woodhall Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065

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Please return this Form to:

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

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Calendar

January 20th	Planning Meeting
February 18th	Doldrums
March 16th	
March 22-240	Capital Region Flower
	and Garden Expo
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2024 meetings to be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County Office, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY unless otherwise indicated. Speakers to be announced

April 20th May 11th	
June 8th	Picnic
June 22-24	AHS Convention
	Boston MA
July 7th	
August	Sales/ Faddegon's

September 21st	
November 16th	
December 14th	Holiday Party
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# **UNYHS** President's Message



**Dear fellow hosta lovers, greetings from Brazil**, I write to you today from Rio de Janeiro where it is sunny and hot.

I don't know if the storm forcasted for capital region of New York will actually happen...but if it does I hope it is a mild one.

Our combined clubs have following planned for January and February:

See the details in the calendar above

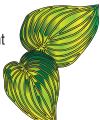
**The 2024 Capital Region Flower & Garden Expo** will be held on March 22-24 at the Hudson Valley Community College. Our 3 groups will be manning one booth at the expo. Please consider volunteering at this fun event. Contact: Kathryn Mohr to help out.



Since this is my first AHS Convention I am very excited. Any tips on how to get the most out of the programs and activities?

I hope you enjoy the photo of tropical plants at a restaurant here in Rio de Janeiro. No hostas here.

Happy, healthy new year to all, Caio! Lena Degeneff, Interim President









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Addison Kubik: Invasive species education and outreach coordinator of the Capital Region PRISM program. Pictured above, Addison, Kathryn Mohr and Debi Chowdhury. Addison was our invited speaker for December and joined our holiday party afterwards.

#### Some highlights:

He spoke about "weeds" as simply being any plant that is growing in a place unwanted.

Any plant species can be a weed that has the potential to interfere with any cultural production or cause damage to a natural ecosystem.

Invasive plants have the potential to be even more damaging than agricultural weeds because they compete with native plants in undisturbed areas thus damaging base of native plant community and adversely affecting ecosystem.

Alien species are not native to the North American plains they are mostly from Asia or Eurasia. Many were brought over as ornamental foundation plants.

These plants can impact natural systems by competing for resources such as light, minerals or water. They alienate nearby soil conditions by seeping chemicals, poison into the system that makes it poisonous for native plants to survive.

Many inhibit seed germination or growth of other plants. In areas

https://www.capitalregionprism.org/resources.html https://www.risccnetwork.org/northeast



that are already disturbed and lacking in native diversity, the invasives are food for habitat or food for some native organisms may be important.

Addison Kubik was a knowledgeable, energetic and often times very funny speaker on invasive species management. He spoke for over an hour explaining about invasive species and their lookalikes of native plants and suggested how other native plants could be substituted to produce better environmental growth.

Addison provided multiple handouts for growing native plants, having natural garden and replacing ornamental invasive species with native plants. **(see links below left this page)** 

Addison Kubik can be reached through Saratoga County Cornell Cooperative extension office Addison Kubik Invasive Species Education and Outreach Coordinator Capital Region PRISM 518-885-8995 ask263@cornell.edu



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# I know it's NOT a Poinsettia...they told me it's a CYCLAMEN... —— Now what do I do to keep it flowering??——-

Prepared by Dave Jennings, Master Gardener Volunteer for CCE of Saratoga County





They like it cool: The first thing you need to know is they like it cool...so keep them in the coolest room in your home and only bring them out when you are able to enjoy them to keep them thriving. They can tolerate temperatures as low as 50 degrees but really don't like it above 65 degrees during the day. You should make sure they get good air circulation but keep them out of drafts.

Give them bright but indirect sunlight: In the winter, this means an east or north-facing window is a good option. Too much sun can warm them up too much and force them to go into dormancy.

**They like a humid growing condition:** Frequent misting (Daily) is a good way to provide this when they are in bloom. Placing the pot on a pebble filled tray of water will help as well, as long as the pot is above the water level.

You may need to Water them daily: Use room temperature water and keep the soil slightly moist but never soggy. If the soil feels dry then water it around the edge of the pot, being extra careful not to get water over the crown of the plant or you may cause the corm (the bulbous part of the plant at the base of the stems) to rot.

Yellowing leaves and spent flowers should be removed: Pruning them off the plant will prolong the flowering period by allowing the water and nutrients to help encourage healthy blooms and new leaves.

Stop watering once the plant stops blooming in the Spring: New blooms will stop forming and the old blooms will fade away. The plants will enter dormancy so you should stop watering and allow Shades of Green

the foliage to die back naturally. Watering at that time will cause the Corm to rot. I recommend you simply leave them to go dormant in their pot.

The plant will look DEAD: Be assured it isn't though. You should refresh the soil in the pot in early fall and start watering again at the first sign of new growth, being sure to water around the edges of the pot again so you don't rot the corm. With a little luck and TLC your Cyclamen can be forced to re-bloom for many years to come.

**SOURCE:** Original Article was co-authored by Lauren Kurtz and by wikiHow staff writer, Amber Crain



SpringHillNursery.com photo

# News from the American Iris Society

#### The 2024 "Iris of the Year" 'Don't Doubt Dalton'

The American Iris Society (AIS) is pleased to announce the 2024 "Iris of the Year": tall bearded iris 'Don't Doubt Dalton'. This outstanding iris is the result of work conducted by plant hybridizer Tom Burseen of Grand Prairie, Texas. He introduced 'Don't Doubt Dalton' to the public through his commercial iris garden in 2015. Tom named this iris for a friend's grandson who rides bulls. Tom is known for his tall bearded iris hybrids with unusual names. He also received the AIS Hybridizer Award in 2022. 'Don't Doubt Dalton' Photo by Andi Rivarola



About 'Don't Doubt Dalton' The Iris Encyclopedia describes this iris as having early to late bloom; its standards (top petals) pure white with random redpurple splattering; style arms (center of flower) white, washed gold; falls (bottom petals) pure white, yellow-gold washed hafts (top portions of falls), random dark purple splatters; beards poppy orange with tattered and feathered white horns; flared and ruffled; slight sweet fragrance.

When asked to describe his iris, Tom Burseen said 'Don't Doubt Dalton' grows and blooms profusely, and is not only a color breaker (describing the unusual splatters of a different color on the solid color background) but a space ager also." A "space ager" normally has a horn, spoon, or flounce appendage at the end of the "beard".

These are uncommon additions to a bearded iris flower. The combination of broken color and a horn appendage is highly unusual and 'Don't Doubt Dalton' is the first American Dykes Medal winner to display both.

#### **Additional AIS Garden Awards**

Tall bearded irises are judged chiefly on their qualities as perennial garden plants, with more emphasis on strong growth characteristics and disease resistance than on mere beauty and distinctiveness of the flower.

AIS-accredited judges cast votes that resulted in 'Don't Doubt Dalton' earning an Honorable Mention in 2017, an Award of Merit in 2019, a Wister Medal in 2021, and AIS's highest award, the American Dykes Medal, in 2023.

#### About The American Iris Society

The mission of the AIS is to organize and disseminate knowledge of the genus Iris and to foster its preservation, enjoyment, and continued development. The Society welcomes all people, regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation. Members collaborate locally, regionally, and nationally to encourage the cultivation. enjoyment, and preservation of all irises. Activities often include educational programs, judges' training, exhibitions, and garden observation of irises in 15 horticultural iris classifications. The AIS also maintains the official world registry for non-bulbous irises. Visit the AIS website for more information, including a commercial directory of iris growers and hybridizers.

#### Contacts:

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## **Capital Hudson Iris Society**

(CHIS) Serving Eastern Central New York, the upper Hudson River Valley and the Greater Albany Area

CHIS meetings are held jointly with HADS and UNYHS at the Albany County Cooperative Extension office 24 Martin Rd. Voorheesville, NY

# ADS Region 4 Newsletter is now available on the Region 4 Website

To all club presidents and club officers: The newest issue of the regional newsletter is now ready for your enjoyment (see the editor's message below). However, the newsletter is only emailed to AHS members from Region 4, so we need your help getting it to your non-AHS members. Please send the message from Marlene Harmon below with the link to the website so that all of your club members are aware that the newsletter is available for viewing.

Thanks for your help, Chris Petersen Region 4 President

# Hi all,

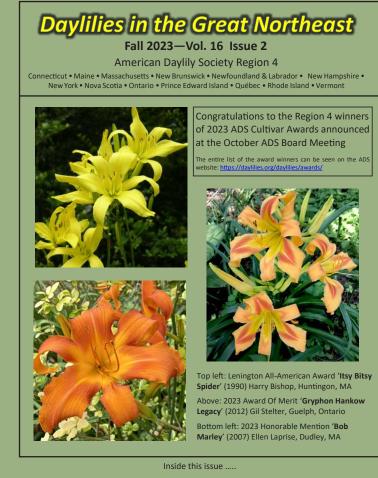
Please visit the <u>https://ahsregion4.org</u> to find the latest issue of the Region 4 Newsletter Daylilies in the Great Northeast.

Inside the issue you'll hear from our officers, see photos from our 2023 Summer Regional, learn what is going on in clubs in our region, and find out who won the Hybridizer Award and Region 4 Photo Contest.

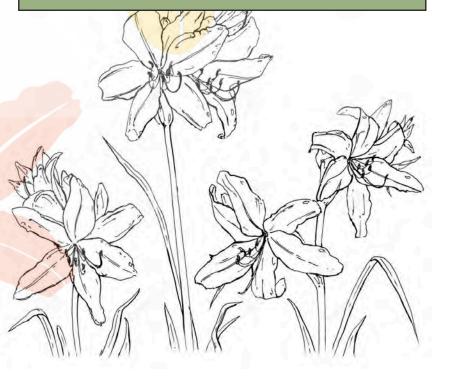
There are several very interesting articles from our members. Thanks to everyone who contributed. If you have something you'd like to have included in the next newsletter, please send it to me by February 15, 2024.

Best regards, Marlene Harmon

ADS Region 4 Newsletter Editor



2023 Region 4 Award Winners....Summer Regional Highlights.... Region 4 Photo Contest Results....Club Reports....Articles from Region 4 Members



January 20th, Saturday at 10:00 am	Other Meeting Dates
AGENDA	April 20th
Planning Meeting for Doldrums Gathering	May 11th
<ul> <li>Capital Region Flower &amp; Garden Expo</li> <li>at Hudson Valley Community College</li> </ul>	June 8th
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February 18th, Sunday at 10:00 am	June 19th to 23rd
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#### 2024 AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

June 18-22, 2024 - Marlborough, Massachusetts

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel

181 Boston Post Road W - Marlborough, MA 01752

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

AHS convention website: **www.hostaconvention.org** 

Remember to request the special **AMERICAN HOSTA SOCIETY 2024** Room Rate **\$139**/night (includes full buffet breakfast in Zachary's Restaurant)

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

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# ~ AHS Annual Online Auction ~ Mark you calendars !

The holidays are well underway. Not all seasonal events have passed yet, in the case of the AHS Online Auction, the event is upon us.

January 21 is coming soon which means that the annual AHS Online Auction will start SOON! The event will once again run for two weeks, Sunday, January 21 through Saturday, February 3, 2024. We have completed testing the software and are taking donations now, ready to handle more.



Each year I am personally excited as I see what you all have come up with as a donation. Sometimes it is in the realm of new and exciting, never before released plants. Each year it is moving to receive many of our favorite nurseries delve into their new releases as well as gardeners select from their own gardens a favorite or two "classic" as an offer. The generosity from our many donors is overwhelming.

Each year, I am grateful for the support and technology resources by Josh Spece. Joanna Kovalcsik, AKA Jojo, has been a welcomed addition to this event and over the course of the past few years. She joins us again. This event simply does NOT happen without all these things coming together.

Never donated an item? No problem. New and exciting hosta, classic hosta that newcomers will enjoy as much as you have enjoyed, hard to find collector plants, companion plants, books, garden art, all have been donated and well received in the past. Simply send me both a photo (we can often help if you do not have one) and a description including enough detail for the bidders to understand what the item is. We can work together on the write-up for clarity, if need be, our experience on our end may help with follow-up questions that we anticipate bidders may be curious about. We will make it work!

Any descriptions and photos of offerings that can reach us within the next two weeks helps us be prepared for the opening day. We will accept donations until the third to last day (time to format info is required and bids to be generated). We will continue to post items and process new arrivals throughout the two-week running of the auction. Email donations to: dedean@g.com

Help spread the word to your hosta friends via personal emails, forums, and phone calls. Membership in the AHS is NOT required to take part in this auction. Of course, we do encourage and welcome those wishing to become a member. Go to: http://americanhostasociety.org/Membership/Membership.htm.

Tips, updates, clarifications, etc. will be posted in the "non-bid important news" section of the auction postings like previous years. Be sure to keep checking these since this is where any corrections are posted.

Look for a link to be posted upon the AHS website after the first of the new year at: <a href="https://americanhostasociety.org/events-awards/auctions/">https://americanhostasociety.org/events-awards/auctions/</a>

Consider continued participation this year and/or joining in the fun if you have not done so in the past.

Looking forward to working with you again, Don Dean dedean@g.com

# hear Ye! hear Ye!

### Region One is very excited to be the location of the 2024 AHS National Convention. Join us June 18-22 in Marlborough, Massachusetts at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel for A Whale of a Time!

Convention activities will include several fabulous garden tours, a New England Clambake & BBQ, a fully accredited Hosta Show, lots of vending and shopping opportunities, four informative speakers, fun contests, a Friday night buffet dinner followed by the much anticipated AHS auction, Saturday AHS Awards Banquet, plenty of Hosta-tality and the first ever New England Seedling & Sport Competition (modeled after the beloved First Look competition).

The convention activities will kick off Tuesday afternoon/evening with a Judges Bootcamp open to anyone who would like to sign up to attend judging clinics, a hosta show job fair and a workshop on how to prepare and enter leaves in the hosta show. Two optional tours will be available on Wednesday (additional fee, pre-registration required) and those who sign up can experience

Boston by going on a Whale Watch or seeing the sights by land and by water on a famous Duck Boat tour. After some time on your own, the bus will then stop at Sam Adams Brewery for a tour and a tasting.

More information, registration forms and t-shirt order forms can be found at www.hostaconvention.org

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# **American Hosta Society**

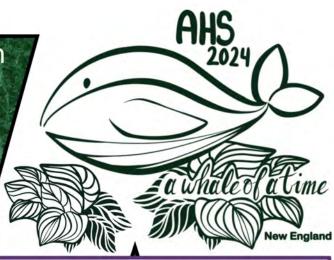


## JOIN US in New England for A WHALE OF a TIME

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



Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel 181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough, MA 01752 (508) 460-0700 Ask for American Hosta Society 2024 room rate



June 18th - 22nd Marlborough, Massachusetts

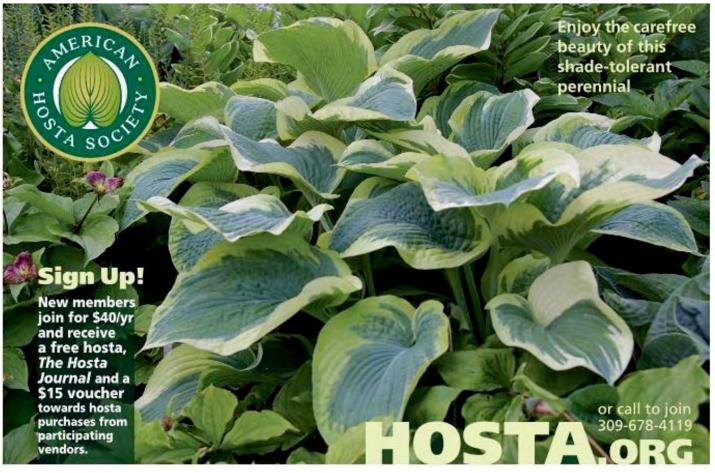


Registration information at www.hostaconvention.org

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

Early Registration Deadline 1/31/24 Registration Deadline 4/30/24 Late Registration Deadline 6/8/24

For more information and schedule of events, please visit www.hostaconvention.org



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- 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.