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2019 Calendar

Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th. The Greater Rochester Iris Society is hosting the annual **Region 2 meeting** in Honeoye Falls, NY. **Hybridizer Hugh Stout** is the speaker. For registration please contact thehutchings@mac.com. AIS members see the Region 2 newsletter you should have received in your email recently for detailed information.

Sunday, October 13th: 1:30 p.m. **CHIS Meeting**, East Greenbush Community Library. An afternoon of Zentangle pumpkins, garden stones, and ceramic tiles.

Sunday, November 17th: 1:00 p.m. (note early time). **Annual Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon**, East Greenbush Community Library, program to be announced.

No meeting in December.

Other events of interest

AIS 100th Anniversary Convention, May 18th– 23rd, 2020. Based at Marriott Hotel, Liberty Airport in Newark, with tours and events in New York City, New Jersey and surrounding area including the New York Botanical Garden, the Highline, and exciting events. See the article in our September newsletter or Google “American Iris Society Convention 2020” and take a look at the program.

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Zentangle for your Garden

We’re trying something completely different and fun for the Sunday, October 13th, meeting at the East Greenbush Community Library at 1:30 p.m.

Joanne Maier with assistance from Euthemia Matsoukas and Virginia Dorwaldt will coordinate teaching the art of decorating Zentangle-style on miniature pumpkins, flat rocks and stones for the garden, and ceramic tiles. Zentangle is a relaxing art form using thin permanent markers on a variety of surfaces. We’ll supply the miniature pumpkins (some white, some orange), washed rocks, and ceramic tiles. It’s not hard and best of all you don’t need to be artistic to do it. (See the pictures below and on page 2 for examples of what can be done.)

If you have a fine permanent marker, please bring it. We’ll supply many but more are always helpful. Rocks tend to wear them out quickly, so the more we can have, the better. Also, if you’d like to do a larger pumpkin, do feel free to bring your own (white or orange). Likewise if you have a favorite flat rock from your garden you’d like to decorate, bring it/them – the lighter and smoother the rock the better. Pick ones you’d like to put outside in your garden – they look wonderful.

Coffee and cake begin at 1:30, we’ll have a short business meeting at 2 and get to the fun art work after that. Go online to the Library if you need driving instructions, and email Euthemia if you have any questions.



Linda says...

Dear Gardeners -

Our great thanks go out to Dave Burdick for a wonderful presentation on Colchicums at our September meeting. Not only did he sell us on the idea of colchicums in our gardens, he also brought a large supply of them for sale – and I think every one of them went! Mine looks beautiful in the garden. It's really good to have new varieties of fall flowering flowers!

For those who may be interested in taking a trip to Honeoye Falls on Saturday, October 5, the Fall Region 2 meeting will be featuring Hugh Stout, a respected hybridizer of both irises and daylilies and past president of the Tall Bearded Iris Society, giving a talk on "The Diversity of Bearded Iris". Contact Kathryn Mohr to find out more about it: kemohrke@aol.com. Reservations required by October 3, so hurry!

Our Sunday, October 13th meeting will be fun with lessons in Zentangle given by Joanne Maier with help from Euthemia Matsoukas and Virginia Dorwaldt. Take a look at the pictures on the front page of this newsletter or even Google Zentangle and see what exquisite work can be done with no prior identifiable artistic ability! If you've got a nice flat rock in your garden that you're able to carry and wash in advance (light rocks are preferable), bring that along too. We'll have small pumpkins available as well as some other appropriate surfaces to work with. It should be a good meeting. We hope you'll come and bring a friend as well as a dish to share.

- Linda

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Dave Burdick in September

Old friend and renowned garden guru, David Burdick returned after too long an absence on September 15 and presented an enjoyable program on colchicums to an enthusiastic CHIS audience.

David brought a large variety of these unusual fall-blooming corms ranging in color from pure white to jewel-like tones of lavender, pink and royal purple.

The plant is unusual in that it sends its leaves up in early spring and then goes dormant for the summer months. Starting in September, and lasting into October, delicate chalice-like blooms appear without foliage, earning these autumn beauties the dubious nickname, "Naked Ladies". There was a buying frenzy after David finished his presentation since no one wanted to go home without a few naked ladies for the garden...

- Dan Maier

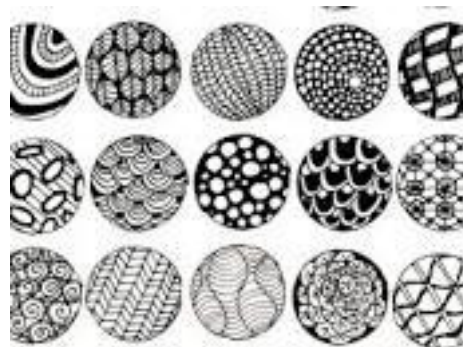
Business Meeting 9/15/19

Linda Knipper called the first meeting of the year to order, welcoming all present including three new attendees. The next meeting is October 13, program yet to be determined (see Page 1) The Holiday party is November 17. There will be no December meeting.

Kathryn Mohr, show chair, handed out the Iris Show awards as outlined in the July-August newsletter. Virginia Dorwaldt, Brian Michaud, and Kathryn Mohr all received awards.

The club voted to donate \$200 to Region 2 and \$100 to the East Greenbush Community Library.

- Virginia Dorwaldt



Zentangle patterns

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