

Newsletter of the Capital Hudson Iris Society

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2019 Calendar

**Wednesday, July 31st, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.,
Iris Rhizome Prep Party** at Euthemia's, 13 Hartwood Road, Delmar. Come help prepare iris rhizomes (bearded irises) for the Iris Sale at Faddegon's on August 3rd.

**Saturday, August 3rd, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.,
Annual Iris Sale** at Faddegon's Nursery, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7), in Latham. This year it will be both potted **Siberians and Bearded Iris Rhizomes** that we have for sale. Great prices, many varieties, pictures of everything so you know what you're buying.

Sunday, September 15th: 1:30 p.m. CHIS meeting, East Greenbush Community Library, Speaker to be announced. The first meeting of the "new" year.

Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th. The Greater Rochester Iris Society is hosting the annual **Region 2 meeting**. Hybridizer Hugh Stout is the speaker. This will probably be the last major meeting of Region 2. More information in upcoming newsletters.

Other events of interest

Saturday, July 20, 3-6 p.m. High Tea in the Gardens at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville. Rain date Sunday, July 21st. Tickets by reservation only and **prepayment required by Thursday, July 18th**. Log onto www.Albany.cce.cornell.edu for reservation form.

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www.irises.org

Annual Iris Sale at Faddegon's Saturday, August 3, 9-12

This year the Iris Sale at Faddegon's will be special because there will not only be Tall Bearded, Intermediates, Standard Dwarf, and Miniature Tall Bearded irises for sale, but almost 200 pots of Siberians as well! Bob Keup is preparing the list of bearded irises he and Ann will dig for our sale from their extensive collection in Maine. They relocated quite a few years ago but, as a group founder, keeps up his interest in our progress and wants us to thrive! We will have quite a selection at the sale, don't miss it!

The Capital Hudson Iris Society Iris Sale will be on Saturday, August 3rd, from 9-12 at Faddegon's Nursery, 1140 Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7) in Latham. As everyone who has been there knows, the Iris Sale is the best place to buy new bearded irises and now Siberians as well! Let your friends know about the sale and bring them. If you have any questions, contact Kathryn Mohr at kemohrke@aol.com.

Iris Prep Party Wednesday 7/31

The preparation of bearded irises for the Annual Iris Sale at Faddegon's will take place on Wednesday, 7/31, at Euthemia's house, 13 Hartwood Road, Delmar, from 9 a.m. – noon. We had a very successful Siberian potting party in June and hope for lots of people on the 31st. We're selling both Siberians and Bearded irises at the August 3rd sale.

Bearded irises need to be prepped as close to the sale date as possible. Bob Keup is again sending us many irises from his extensive gardens in Maine and we've already bought the bags to put them in. At the party we'll staple a label to each rhizome that includes the name of the iris, whether it's a tall bearded or another bearded, a short description and the price. The bag will have a picture of the iris and the description, price, etc.

If you have a surplus of any named iris (we need the names so we can have a picture or they just don't sell) that you want to contribute to the sale, send Euthemia the names in advance so she can prepare labels. But even if you haven't any irises to contribute, come and help because there will be plenty to do. **Please put this date on your calendar now and come have fun.**

Bring any of the following that you can: a pair of scissors, a stapler, scotch tape, and a folding chair. We'll have extras if you don't have them, but it always helps to supplies. Email Euthemia with questions. See you on the 31st!

Linda says...

Dear Gardeners -

We probably all had a great display of beautiful irises in the garden this spring. The Siberians were magnificent and the bearded did well, too. All around the Capital District you could see irises strutting their stuff! The wet and cool spring made for England-like weather and we were growing flowers like we were British! Weather really does make a difference.

The Iris Show was really beautiful this year. We were so pleased to have two new iris exhibitors, Brian Michaud and Joanna Doggett. Each of them won a blue ribbon and Brian won the Founders Award for the most first time blue ribbons. Congratulations to both Brian and Joanna! We also want to thank Charlie Buchanan, another new exhibitor, who brought in a beautiful flower arrangement. See the results of the show in the next column.

We had a great potting party on June 26 at Euthemia's where we potted about 200 Siberians for the August 3rd sale. **Now for our next activity, Wednesday, July 31st** from 9-12 at Euthemia's again, to label the irises and prep the bags for the hundreds of bearded irises Bob Keup will be sending us from Maine. If you plan on bringing any bearded irises for prepping, please let Euthemia know their names so she can prepare the labels and bag pictures in advance.

If you can post the attached flyer, or send it to a friend who would like the August 3rd sale, it would be much appreciated. A lot of work goes into preparing for the sale, so we like to have as many people there as possible.

See you on July 31st and August 3rd! - Linda

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June 1 Iris Show Results

On June 1st, CHIS hosted the annual Iris Show at the East Greenbush Library. Kathryn Mohr again organized an exceptional show – she's really got this under her belt and makes it look so much easier than it really is!

Again this year, Virginia Dorwaldt's irises shone. Virginia won Best Specimen of Show with "Queen Caterina", a Tall Bearded. Her MTB "Ace" won in that category, and "Trim the Velvet" won in the Siberian category. Euthemia Matsoukas won in the Species and Species Cross category for "Aquatic Alliance".

Virginia Dorwaldt won the Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award and the Mohr Award, both for Queen Caterina, and won the Silver Medal for most blue ribbons. Kathryn Mohr won Bronze for second most blue ribbons. Brian Michaud won the Founders Award for most blue ribbons won by a first time blue ribbon winner. Brian was a first time exhibitor as was Joanna Doggett. Another new exhibitor was Charlie Buchanan who brought in an absolutely gorgeous flower arrangement, shown below, front.

Judges were David Nitka, Rebecca Wong and John Colley. Apprentice Judge Suzanne Perry assisted. The Clerks were Don Salhoff and Joanna Doggett.



Joanna Doggett, John Colley, David Nitka, Rebecca Wong, and Don Salhoff with winning irises

Annual Iris Sale

Siberian Irises and Beardless Iris Rhizomes

Saturday, August 3rd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Faddegon's Nursery

**1140 Troy-Schenectady Road (Route 7), Latham
about 2.5 miles west of I-87 Northway exit 6**



**Ready-to-plant rhizomes of bearded irises: tall bearded, medians, miniatures;
and a large selection of Siberian Irises as well!**

For information call 518 952-4995