

Greater Rochester Iris Society
(an affiliate of the American Iris Society)

April 2026 newsletter

Is Spring really here? It seems to be, my iris *reticulata* have been showing their colors, and the crocus and daffodils are blooming madly. I hope you have been able to get out in your gardens and start your spring cleanup. With that in mind, it's time to start looking around and seeing what might be blooming in your garden for our show, on June 7th.

To get an idea of what goes on in a show, we will be having a demonstration of a design at our upcoming meeting, April 19th. I will be creating a design according to our show schedule, and hopefully we will all be able to critic it as per the AIS Judges' Handbook. We will also be finalizing who will be doing what for the show, we need clerks, hosts and enthusiastic people at the show!

The meeting will be at St. John's Episcopal Church Hall at our usual time of 2 pm. The church is located at 11 Episcopal Ave. in Honeoye Falls.

Also coming up is the SHOW! Our show will be on June 7th, at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble, 3349 Monroe Ave. in Pittsford Plaza. I will be handing out show schedules at the April meeting with all the details.

On August 8th and 9th we will be having our annual rhizome sale at Bristol's Garden Center, so this spring, don't forget to take a look at what you can divide and donate to our sale!

Our annual picnic will be held at Pat Bartholomew's barn on August 30th. More details will follow.

Our fall meetings will be on September 13 and October 11. Alex and Leto Solla will be giving a two part talk on iris seeds at these meetings.

On October 3rd, GRIS will be hosting the Region 2 annual Fall Meeting. We will be having the meeting at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, just down the street from St. John's Church. Jody Nolin, former president of AIS, will be our speaker, presenting a talk on "Iris Species for Every Gardener". This is an exciting event for GRIS, and we will have lots of fun and hear a great speaker! More details will follow!

See you at the next meeting.

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