

Greater Rochester Iris Society
an affiliate of the American Iris Society

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This has certainly been a long winter, and I personally have been ready to get out into my garden. But I know we still have about 2 ½ months before we can really get out into the garden. In the meantime, we have iris society meetings so we can plan our garden for the spring!

Our first meeting is March 8th. We will be watching an AIS webinar, “Bloom with us – Welcome to the Iris Garden” and discussing what to do in your garden for the next month.

All our meetings take place at 2 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church Hall, 11 Episcopal Ave., Honeoye Falls, NY, 14472.

Our next meeting is on April 19th, the third Sunday of April, instead of the 2nd, due to the Easter holiday. We will be finalizing all our iris show plans, and I hope to do a design and have it judged. And, of course, what we need to do in the garden at this time.

Our show will be June 7th, at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble, hopefully we will have a great spring and our iris will be in full bloom at that time.

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!

So put these dates on your calendar, we look forward to seeing you at our events!

Thank you,

Cara