

WESTERN NEW YORK IRIS SOCIETY NEWS

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Hello Iris Members,

I do hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We, in the good old USA, have so many things to be thankful for-no bombs, no invaders, no terror. We can easily love one another. We can look forward to the winter holidays with family and friends. We are lucky! The NEWS--
AIS: Unfortunately, I was ill for the last Presidents of Affiliate meeting. There is another one coming up after the holidays. I will catch you up then. The minutes and various help issues are on google under AIS J. Nolan.

AIS-Region2: The last 2022 meeting will be held on November 30th at 7pm via Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending, you must pre-registered. Email me for directions.

WNYIS: December 4,2022 is our December meeting and Holiday Party. It is **dessert party!** No hot dishes. Bring cookies, candy, Danish, Christmas cookies, fancy desserts that you can pick up and enjoy! I also encourage everyone to bring hot water in thermoses as I will have Peppermint Hot Cocoa Hot Chocolate, tea bags and instant coffee for you all to add for your drinks. For those who wish to bring a gift for a teenager, remember to write on the gift (if it is for a girl or boy and age group.) The gifts will be donated to the Buffalo Neediest fund, to be dropped off at Wegman's Store.

We will be celebrating the holidays at the meeting by enjoying and critiquing the various designs. All members are encouraged to bring in their designs. Remember that the topic is **HOLIDAYS in DECEMBER: Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, and/or New Year's Eve.** Flowers are necessary, plant material, background panel and underlay. It can be of any size: petite up to 12 inches and/or regular size. It can be a simple line design or a mass design. Irises are not mandated but fresh and/or dried flowers/plant material are. Follow the **Principles of Design:** **Dominance**-color or texture of flowers or foliage draws one's eye; **Balance**-visual and physical stability of the design, viewed from any angle; **Contrast**-visual or physical difference in color, form, size or texture which stimulates and directs attention to specifics of the design; **Proportion**-the relationship of areas and amounts to each other and to the whole design; **Rhythm**-the dominant visual path through the design, achieved through gradation or repetition; **Scale**-the size relationship of the parts within the design; and **Unity**-harmony and compatibility created throughout the design.

Don't forget your **Elements of Design:** **Light**-make sure you bring light into your design—don't depend on the environment; **Line**-visual path which carries the eye through your design; **Form**-3-D shape or outline of your materials in your design; **Color**- most expressive element of the design-it evokes the emotion regarding your design; **Texture**-the feel, appearance or consistency of a surface or substance; **Pattern**-arrangements of lines or shapes, many times repeated; **Size**-overall size of the arrangement to the entire design. **FUN-DESIGN.**

DESIGNERS ARE TO ARRIVE ABOUT 12NOON- ALL OTHERS AT 1:30 REGULAR TIME AT Library.

Those working towards Artistic Design certification should have sent letters to Wendy Roller.

Also, start thinking about your design experience, dates, involvement in design, design judging,

planning, Shows, etc. that must be handed into me as soon as possible. **See you all on Dec. 4!**
Bring goodies to share and thermos of piping hot water and DESIGNS! Always, Marilee