

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

I am so very excited as I had my first iris open today. It was only 8 inches tall but very pretty, a miniature dwarf bearded iris. I entered my iris in the Holland Garden Club's Flower Show! I surely hope that more irises will bloom for our Iris and Perennial Flower Show. Don't forget, our Flower Show is on June 4, 2022 at our regular meeting place, the Reinstein Library at 1030 Losson Road South Cheektowaga, New York 14227. There is no charge to attend, member and the general public is welcome from 1-4pm. Make sure that you tell your family, lovers, partners, friends, neighbors, and parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles. Children are welcome, of any age, but there are no babysitters! We want lots of people to come and enjoy the Show! We will have a few pots of irises for Sale and information on our IRIS/HOSTA/DAYLILY SALE on August 13, 2022.

I am looking for every Western New York Iris Society member to bring iris and /or perennials and enter the Show. We will be there to help you tag (card with your name and type of your flowers) and get a container (bottle) for your iris. Be at the library at 9am. Remember, you need to have your perennials in a clear vase containing water. Regarding irises to be entered in the Show, you must know the iris's registered name. I hope you have kept the plastic tag or wrote the name down in a little notebook. If you cannot locate the iris's registered name, we will have a special table for those no-named irises to allow people can admire them. **Enter the Show for sure, as we have beautiful ribbons and awards.**

The judging process is done by National Garden Club Accredited judges and American Iris Accredited judges. A new ruling from the AIS--all irises must be judged by Accredited Iris judges, and we are lucky that two judges from Rochester will do that job for us! All the judges of WNYIS will be also judging the Show from 11am to 1pm. Following the general voting by the judges, the Best iris of the Show and its two Runners-Up will be chosen, the two monetary awards will be voted on: the Mary Pat Award for the Best Pink Iris and the Best Perennial of the Show. The Best Design of the Show will be given honor with its huge ribbon. I encourage all new members to create a design for our Show. It is lots of fun! Or you can watch me attempt a few designs (one of each). Take a chance! Try a Design! Bring iris! Bring flowers! Be sure to Come! Be sure to call me if you cannot attend (668-1789)

Always, Marilee
President, WNY Iris Society