



Hudson Valley Iris & Daylily Society **NEWSLETTER**



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Please mark April 3 on your calendar for our next meeting. We are looking forward to an informative presentation by Richard Howard, a retired civil engineer and past president of the Connecticut Daylily Society. He resides in Wallingford, Connecticut in growing zone 6. His two acre home has many perennial beds (mostly daylilies), a greenhouse, and about 4,000 pots of daylilies. He grows about 1,800 different named varieties of daylilies as well as other perennials and some unusual annuals. He has been hybridizing his own varieties of daylilies for about ten years and has two new introductions (his first) for 2011. He currently has several thousand of his own seedlings in various beds throughout his yard. Rich grows many newer varieties of daylilies from the top hybridizers in the country. He received Display Garden approval from the American Hemerocallis Society in 2003. Garden visitors are always welcome. Rich can be reached at 203-294-9520 and his web site is www.ctdaylily.com.

His PowerPoint presentation will be "Backyard Hybridizing-Creating your own Daylily". Rich will briefly discuss the types of daylilies and their attributes. He will illustrate how hybridizing is accomplished, what traits are desirable for hybridizing in Connecticut, and demonstrate how easy it is for anyone to create their own genetically unique daylily. He also will show some examples of newer cutting-edge daylilies that will knock your socks off! ". HVIDS meetings are held at the Marlboro Free Library unless otherwise noted. Social gathering begins at 1:30 pm, followed by a 2:00 meeting. So mark your calendar and plan on attending. See you there and bring friend.

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Next month our guest speaker is Jan Johnsen aka Serenity Garden Enthusiast, innovative landscape designer, and author. She currently teaches at Columbia University and the New York Botanical Garden.

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Members of our club can join CHIS on May 29th for a very special day trip to the Highline and Battery Park Gardens in NYC, and Presby Memorial Iris Garden in Montclair, NJ. Pickup will be at the Newburgh Bus Terminal. The cost of this bus trip is \$20.00, on a first come basis. If interested, send a check made out to CHIS to Jim Robinowitz, 10 Baldwin Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

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Presently, we need volunteers in order to have our annual HVIDS Open Gardens on May 22. The signup deadline is April 3, our upcoming meeting.

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Mary Ann and I plan on taking a day trip to visit the Cricket Hill Garden (peonies), during a May weekday - club members are welcome to join us. A club day trip can be discussed at the next meeting.

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TIP: I have purchased many woodworking and gardening tools at LeeValley.com and also used Gardeners Supply.com. There are currently free shipping opportunities. Check it out.

HVIDS EVENTS CALENDAR

Spring, 2011

- April 3** **HVIDS Meeting** – “Creating Your Own Daylily Cross” Rich Howard will cover the types of daylilies and their attributes. He will illustrate how hybridizing is accomplished, what traits are desirable for hybridizing in Connecticut, and demonstrate how easy it is for anyone to create their own genetically unique daylily. He also will show some examples of newer cutting-edge daylilies that will knock your socks off!
- May 1** **HVIDS Meeting** - 'Secrets of Creating Serenity Gardens' by Jan Johnsen, Johnsen Landscape & Pool, currently teaches at Columbia University and the New York Botanical Garden. Her books include Ortho's 'All About Trees'.
- May 21** **15th Annual AIS Affiliated Judged Iris Show and Public Exhibition**
Poughkeepsie Galleria (**Saturday**)
- May 22** **HVIDS OPEN GARDENS (Sunday)**
- July 16** **11th Annual Daylily Show & Public Exhibition**
Poughkeepsie Galleria (**Saturday**)
- July 17** **HVIDS OPEN GARDENS (Sunday)**
- July 30** Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale, Adams Fairacre Farm
- Aug 13** Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale, Poughkeepsie Galleria
- Aug 20** Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale, Poughkeepsie Galleria

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