



Hudson Valley Iris & Daylily Society **NEWSLETTER**



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President's Greetings

Hearty early spring greetings and welcome back for another wonderful growing season. We have certainly had our share of snow and cold. For most of us, the winter of 2010 – 2011 has meant way too much time shoveling, plowing and/or blowing snow. Everyone I know can't wait for spring to arrive. I have promised myself that I will be spending some quality time with my seed catalogues and the new iris and daylily brochures

Thanks and kudos to Georgette Martin for organizing a wonderful spring lineup of great presenters for the club. We have an eclectic bunch of topics in store for March, April, and May. Additionally, the club show and exhibition will be offered on Saturdays and our open gardens will be moved to the next day. Hopefully, we will be able to attract bigger crowds and generate more interest, as well.

Please mark March 6 on your calendar for the start of another spring season. We are looking forward to an informative presentation by Kasha Furman of Cricket Hill Garden, Thomaston, Ct. She will give a presentation on tree peonies. **Cricket Hill Garden** is a plant nursery established in 1989 devoted to introducing American gardeners to the beauty of Chinese tree and herbaceous peonies. Tree peonies are the Chinese national flower and have been popular since the 7th century. In fact, the tree peony is synonymous with the phrase "spring flower". As a reminder, we always start with an informal ½ hour social at 1:30 with the actual presentation beginning at two. So mark your calendar and plan on attending the first HVIDS meeting of the year - See you there and bring friend.

December Meeting Brunch Revisited

Our last meeting of the fall season was our annual Holiday Brunch at **Shadows on the Hudson**. Those in attendance had a wonderful buffet brunch and all fifteen people enjoyed lovely company! Special thanks to Sue Rivard, Secretary who took care of taking reservations.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS MINUTES:

1. HVIDS is switching to a Saturday Iris Show and Daylily Exhibition in order to reach out to more people. We would have our open gardens on Sunday, reversing our current practice. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Our society will honor Jerry Murphy by creating a special award in his name at our annual Iris Show. Ella will discuss with her family what parameters would be used. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Election of HVIDS 2011 Officers – The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate: Jim Robinowitz – President, Georgette Martin – VP, Susan Rivard – Secretary, Frank Sorbello – Treasurer PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Reopening the discussion regarding the creation of HVIDS membership dues. TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING.

⇒ Frank Sorbello had surgery on February 24. Hopefully, he will be out of commission for only a short time. We are all keeping Frank in our thoughts and prayers. Get well quickly!



HVIDS EVENTS CALENDAR

Spring, 2011

- March 6** **HVIDS Meeting** - Kasha Furman of Cricket Hill Garden, Thomaston, Ct, will give a presentation on tree peonies. Tree peonies have been the national flower of China for more than 1400 years.
- April 3** **HVIDS Meeting** – Rich Howard – “Creating Your Own Daylily Cross”
(more to follow)
- May 1** **HVIDS Meeting** - 'Secrets of Creating Serenity Gardens' by Jan Johnsen
(more to follow)
- 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

HVIDS OFFICERS

President, Jim Robinowitz
Vice President, Georgette Martin
Secretary, Sue Rivard
Treasurer, Frank Sorbello
Hospitality, Irene Hutnik Webmaster, Jennifer Wagner