



## Hudson Valley Iris & Daylily Society **NEWSLETTER**



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Please mark May 1 on your calendar for our next meeting. We are looking forward to an informative presentation by Jan Johnsen aka Serenity Garden Enthusiast, an innovative landscape designer, and author.



Jan Johnsen is a principal of [Johnsen Landscapes & Pools](http://www.johnsenlandscapes.com), [www.johnsenlandscapes.com](http://www.johnsenlandscapes.com), a well known landscape design and construction firm located in northern Westchester County, N.Y. She has been in the landscape design profession for 40 years and has worked in architecture and planning offices in Japan, Kenya, Hawaii, New Orleans, Vermont and New York. Her firm's projects have been featured in many books and magazines and she counts President and Secretary of State Clinton among her illustrious clients.

She currently teaches in the graduate program of landscape design at Columbia University and also at the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG). In 2003 NYBG named her 'Instructor of the Year'. Her awards include a Progressive Architecture (PA) award for her work on rooftop greenhouses in NYC.

The philosophy that has guided Jan's professional career is her passionate belief that just as we shape the natural world, it shapes us even more. In particular, she feels that beautiful outdoor spaces designed specifically for serenity enrich and enhance our health and well being more than we realize. She is now sharing this understanding with the world and toward that end, writes a popular blog and Facebook Page called Serenity in the Garden [www.serenityinthegarden.blogspot.com](http://www.serenityinthegarden.blogspot.com). She is also working on an upcoming book on the Secrets of Creating Serenity Gardens.

HVIDS meetings are held at the Marlboro Free Library unless otherwise noted. A 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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Very special thanks and kudos to Betty Gilbert for stepping in last minute and taking charge of hospitality for the April meeting. Irene needed to stay home with her husband who is recovering from hip surgery.

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Welcome to our new members: Brenda DeWitt, Susan Chase, and Gretchen Hitselberger (Kevin Cassone). Additionally, Gretchen and Kevin have volunteered their garden for our Open Gardens in conjunction with the Daylily Exhibition weekend on July 17.

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We are planning a **Day trip** on Thursday, May 19, to Cricket Hill, in Connecticut for their annual Peony Festival. So far, there are two cars. Passengers should plan on giving their driver \$15. There will be a signup sheet at the next meeting.

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Members of our club can still sign-up for the CHIS day trip on May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Linda Knipper, CHIS President, 15 Wiltshire Way, Niskayuna NY 12309

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The club has again been invited to an Open Garden & Barbeque on May 28 by Ella Murphy. So far, there are two cars going. As always, there is a courtesy charge of \$15 for all passengers. A sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.

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This newsletter includes our show poster. Please plan on running copies and placing in local establishments.

## **Directions**

### **HVIDS Open Gardens**

### **Sunday, May 22**

Our annual HVIDS Open Gardens on Sunday, May 22 will be at the Robinowitz, Herzog, Layton and Sorbello homes. Each garden will be open for approximately one and one half hours. Included, for your convenience are phone numbers and open times for each garden.

The Robinowitz home (845/454-6415) is located just off of Co. Rte 21/Noxon Rd. east of the Noxon-Titusville intersection. Turn onto High Acres Drive and make the first left onto Baldwin Rd. The house is a blue ranch, last on the right. Baldwin is a horseshoe. (10:00 – 11:30)

Turn right at High Acres Dr. Then turn right at Co. Rte 21/Noxon Rd. Turn left at Co. Rte. 49/Titusville Rd. Turn left at Co. Rte. 44/Red Oaks Mill Rd. Turn right at New Hackensack Rd. Continue onto NY-113/Spackenkill Rd. Turn right at Wilber Blvd. The Layton home (845/471-2370) is located at 192 Wilbur Blvd. (11:30 – 1:00)

Go back to NY-113/Spackenkill Rd and turn right. Keep left at fork. Turn left at IBM Rd and take the first right onto W. Dogwood Dr. Turn right to stay on W. Dogwood. Then turn right again to stay on W. Dogwood. The Herzog home (845-462-5206) is located at 28 W. Dogwood Drive. (1:00 – 2:30)

Go back to IBM Rd and turn right. Turn left at US-9 N about 3 – 3.5 miles. Bear to left and take the exit for Mid-Hudson Bridge. After crossing the bridge, bear left at the fork, follow signs for US-9W S/Newburgh for about 10.7 miles. Turn right at Morris Dr. (About 10.5 miles, on the right you will pass a Citco Gas Station. Then you will pass Dreyer Law Offices. Morris Drive is the immediate right) Go

up to the top of the hill and turn right at Parr Circle. The Sorbello home (845/561-5279) is located at 3 Parr Circle. (2:30 – 4:00)

## **HVIDS EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **Spring, 2011**

- May 1**      **HVIDS Meeting** - 'Secrets of Creating Serenity Gardens' by Jan Johnsen, of Johnsen Landscape & Pool. She currently teaches at Columbia University and the New York Botanical Garden. Her books include Ortho's 'All About Trees'.
- May 19**      Day trip to **Cricket Hill Garden** Thomaston, Ct. Presently, there are two drivers. Riders are on a "first come basis". The gardens "*Annual Peony Festival 2011*" should be at a spectacular level.
- May 21**      **15<sup>th</sup> Annual AIS Affiliated Judged Iris Show and Public Exhibition**  
Poughkeepsie Galleria (**Saturday**)
- May 22**      **HVIDS OPEN GARDENS (Sunday)**  
**Robinowitz/Herzog/Layton/Sorbello**
- May 28**      Open Garden & Barbeque Invite by Ella Murphy
- July 16**      **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Daylily Show & Public Exhibition**  
Poughkeepsie Galleria (**Saturday**)
- July 17**      **HVIDS OPEN GARDENS (Sunday)**  
**Hitselberger-Cassone/Robinowitz/Sorbello**
- July 24**      Sorbello "Dig"
- July 30**      **Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale**, Adams Fairacre Farm, Poughkeepsie
- Aug 13**      **Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale**, Poughkeepsie Galleria
- Aug 20**      **Iris Rhizome and Daylily Fan Sale**, Poughkeepsie Galleria

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**Hudson Valley Iris  
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in affiliation with

**American Iris Society**

Presents Its

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Iris Show**

**The Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall  
Lower Level, Center Court  
Route 9, Poughkeepsie, NY**

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

**1 PM to 5 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

