



2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER FOR REGION 9 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Spring is here! April showers bring May flowers! How true

Here, in my garden, several of my iris beds, covered with purple crocus, a wonder sight. In about 3-4 weeks the Standard Dwarf will show their colors in these beds as well.



Iris reticulata



Purple Crocus

**Our annual SPRING MEETING is fast approaching! Saturday April 20, 2024, Farm Bureau
1505 Valle Vista, Pekin, IL – doors open 9AM, meeting 10AM**

Activities

Silent Auction with irises, iris items and gardening items

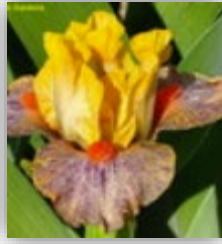
Short Business Meeting

Judges Training, both in the classroom for 1 hour credit

In the garden training for 1 hour credit

Judges training is open for to all to participate

Subject for judges training – [Standard Dwarf Bearded Irises](#)



Be Bold - SDB

Master judges participating are Steve Poole, Margaret Kelly and Marjorie Bensen

Registration is needed in order to have enough seating

Box lunch may be purchased as seen below or you may bring your lunch



Box Lunches by Avanti's of Pekin

All sandwiches made on Avanti's bread (whole wheat available)

Choice of 1/3 sandwich, chips, cookie \$8.00 tax included

Choice of 1/2 sandwich, chips, cookie \$9.00 tax included

Sandwich selection listed below 1-8

1. Veggie Gondola - Mozzarella cheese, American cheese, cucumber, onion, green pepper, tomato and lettuce
2. Veggie Gondola with Turkey
3. Avanti's Famous Gondola - ham, Salami, American cheese and lettuce
4. Avanti's Gondola Delux – extra ham and salami, American cheese, Mozzarella cheese, tomato and lettuce
5. Ham & Cheese - ham, American cheese or Mozzarella and lettuce
6. Turkey, Ham & American Cheese Gondola - turkey, ham, American cheese and lettuce
7. Turkey & Swiss Gondola – turkey, Swiss cheese, tomato and lettuce
8. Turkey & Swiss Gondola Supreme – turkey, Swiss cheese, tomato, lettuce, cucumber, onion and green pepper

Box lunch includes: sandwich, chips, cookie, napkin and condiment

Please state kind of chips desired! **Please complete by April 15th, 2024**

Coffee, soda and bottled water provided.

We hope you are making plans to attend this meeting and the education portion as well.



[REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEETING](#) so we have enough seating **AND LUNCH BOX order** – Must have order by April 15th – Thanks!

Send lunch box information & payment to Deb Miller, 61 Laconwood, Springfield, IL 62712

Name _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Lunch Box Choice _____

Payment _____



THE SPRING REGION 9 STATE MEETING APRIL 20, 2024

TAZEWELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU BUILDING 1505 Valle Vista Ave, Pekin, IL
Doors open 9am, meeting 10AM. See above!



Sangamon Valley Iris Society will hold their annual Iris Show Saturday May 18th at the Washington Park Botanical Garden, beginning at 1PM – don't miss an opportunity to these irises in person!



American Iris Society National Convention will take place June 26 – June 29 -June 29, 2024 in Portland, Oregon – centered around Japanese Irises and gardens of such. More information on American Iris Society website.



Our fall Region meeting will be held in Springfield at the Washington Botanical Garden and the Hampton Inn Southwest on August 23 & 24.

Set up time for Fall activities, set up tables, chairs and exhibits at Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall 1:30 PM Friday August 23rd, help would be appreciated. On Friday evening August 23th, there will be a speaker, telling about irises, at 7PM at the Hampton Inn Southwest, Springfield, IL. Special rate for overnight – mention your are with the American Iris Society Region 9. The public iris sale will be held at the Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibition Hall on the morning on August 24, 2024 from 9-noon, a silent auction for members of American iris Society, a short business meeting. More news later on this other activities.



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