

## 2024 AIS REGION 4 FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

### Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th

Location: The Chesapeake Room, St. Michael's Inn,  
1228 S. Talbot Street, St. Michael's, MD 21663

**HIGHLIGHTS—FRIDAY, Oct. 18th**—Registration, Silent Auction, Scavenger Hunt, Classroom Judges Training, Board Meeting, Show, Patriot River Cruise, Lunch and dinner on your own.

No need to arrive by 10 am if you're concerned about the morning rush-hour traffic around DC and/or choose not to attend the "Early Bird" Classroom Judges' Training. (There's an In-garden JT planned on Saturday.) If you are entering irises in the show, arrive in time to have them entered by 11:45 am. Judging and the Board Meeting start at 12 pm. Scavenger Hunt begins; all persons completing it correctly on time get a FREE Iris!

Bidding on any local Gift Certificates in the Silent Auction will close at 2:45 pm so they can be used during your visit.

Please make arrangements to car pool to the Tour Gardens on Saturday, as parking will be somewhat limited. Sign up during registration if you have seating available so others can contact you for a ride.

### FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 am - Registration until 3:00 pm, bidding on Silent Auction begins, pauses during judging of show; (bidding on local Gift Certificates only closes at 2:45 pm for immediate pickup), Show entries accepted until 11:45 am. Drop off items for plant sale until 3:00 pm. Scavenger hunt (in your Welcome Bag) all day today, ends tomorrow; turn in when completed, by 3:30 pm for a FREE iris!

10:30 am - "Early Bird" Classroom Judges Training

12 pm - Judging of Show Entries, Board Meeting, Lunch (Bring your own or eat beforehand.)

1 pm - Show open for viewing until 3 pm, Bidding on Silent Auction resumes.

2:45 - Silent Auction bids end for local Gift Certificates only; please pick up immediately.

3:00 pm - Show closes; remove exhibits until 3:15. Meeting room will close @ 3:15 and be locked until 3 pm on Saturday.

4 pm - Patriot River Cruise Departs - carpooling suggested. Assemble near the dock at 3:45 pm. to count noses.

Dinner on your own

7:30 pm – Return to SMI for Guest Speaker, incoming AIS President Bonnie Nichols.

**HIGHLIGHTS—SATURDAY, Oct. 19th**—Garden Tours (3), In-garden Judges Training, Silent Auction closes, Scavenger Hunt ends, Plant Sale, Social "Hour", Cash Bar, Banquet, and Guest Speaker.

**NOTE:** If you are staying overnight Saturday, and would like some free time on Saturday (to rest, shop, sightsee, etc.) you may choose to visit the Iwanski or Rhodes garden on your way home on Sunday. The Iwanski garden is convenient to those returning south via the Bay Bridge Tunnel, and the Rhodes' garden is convenient to those returning north via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge or Rt. 301.

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

9-10:30 McNeal Garden open for viewing and In-Garden Judges Training  
Pick up box lunches there. Anyone registering late will register there as well.

11-11:45 Iwanski Garden Open

Lunch - seating available at Iwanski and Pat Rhodes' Gardens

1:30-2:30 - Rhodes Garden Open

3 pm - Meeting Room reopens, Bid on Silent Auction, drop off items for plant sale

3:30 - Scavenger Hunt Ends - FREE Iris for all that are correctly completed in time

3:45 - Silent Auction bidding ends - Winners posted for pickup ASAP

4 pm - Plant Auction followed by Social "Hour" with Cash Bar

6:30 pm—Dinner and Door Prizes followed by Guest Speaker