

2026 AIS CONVENTION - NJ & NY

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

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MONDAY, May 18, 2026*

12:00noon - 3:00pm	Registration set-up (Salon A)
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Registration (Salon A)
3:00pm - 9:00pm	AIS Silent Auction (Setup) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
3:00pm - 9:00pm	Boutique (Setup) (Setup) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
3:00pm - 9:00pm	Farr Exhibit (Setup - Salon C)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner on Your Own - Board Social at Presby House

TUESDAY, May 19, 2026*

9:00am - 7:00pm	Registration (Salon A)
9:00am - 4:00pm	Optional Tour: New York Botanical Garden (Load 8:00, depart 8:30 a.m.)
12:00pm - 3:00pm	AIS Silent Auction (Setup) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Boutique (Setup) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Farr Exhibit (Setup) (Salon C)
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch on your own
3:00pm - 5:00pm	AIS Silent Auction (Opens) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Boutique (Opens) (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Farr Exhibit (Opens) (Salon C)
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Meeting w/ new attendees (Salon D), Youth Welcome, Lobby Area
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Tall Bearded Iris Society Program
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Cash Bar
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Welcome Banquet (Salons 4-5)

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WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026

8:00am - 8:45am	Registration (Salon A)
9:00am - 9:30am	Breakfast in-garden
9:00am - 3:00pm	Brooklyn Botanic Garden (lunch included, in Palm House) (Load 7:15, depart 7:45)
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Bus Captains Meeting (Morris)
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Aril Society International Program (Salon D) Howie Dash "What's New in Arilbreds 2020 to Present"
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Dinner on your own
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Spuria program (Salon E) Claire Schneider
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Dwarf Iris Society (Liberty) Delane Langton
8:00pm - 9:30pm	Novelty Irises Program (Salon D) Bonnie Nichols
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Boutique and Silent Auction (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Farr Exhibit (Salon C)

THURSDAY, May 21, 2026

8:00am - 8:45am	Registration (Salon A)
10:00am - 10:30am	Breakfast in-garden
10:00am - 3:00pm	Presby Memorial Iris Garden (lunch included)

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(buses load at 9:00am, leave at 9:30am
HIPS Program - at Presby Timothy Vanover
Median Iris Society (Salon D) Paul Black
4:00pm - 5:00pm
4:00pm - 5:00pm Bus Captains Meeting (Morris)
5:00pm - 6:00pm Reblooming Iris Society (Salon E) TBD
6:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner on your own
7:00pm - 8:00pm Louisiana Iris Society (Salon D) Robert Treadway "The Good, the Bad
and the Ugly".
6:00pm - 10:00pm AIS Silent Auction (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
(Bids Close 10:00pm)
6:00pm - 10:00pm Boutique (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia)
6:00pm - 10:00pm Farr Exhibit (Salon C)
8:00pm - 9:00pm Judges Training (Salon E) (Median by Stephanie Markham

FRIDAY, May 22, 2026

7:00am AIS Silent Auction Winning Bids Posted
7:30am - 7:45am Registration (Salon A)
9:00am - 9:30am Breakfast in-garden
9:00am - 4:00pm Garden Tours Rutgers Gardens (lunch included)
Load buses 7:45 AM, depart hotel 8:15 AM.
Geek Auction in-pavillion, right after lunch - No charge

5:30pm - 6:30pm Siberian Program (Salon E) Jan Sacks
5:45pm - 6:45pm Bus Captains Meeting (Morris Room)
5:00pm Dinner on your own

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6:30pm - 8:30pm	AIS Silent Auction (Lincoln-Holland-Columbia) Closed (Please pay winning bids) Pick up items only.
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Boutique Closed
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Farr Exhibit (Salon C) Closed
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Japanese Iris Society (Salon E) Chad Harris
7:30pm - 8:30pm	TBD
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Past, Present, Future Convention Chairpersons Meeting
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Judges Training - Salon E (artistic design by Anna Cadd)

SATURDAY, May 23, 2026

7:30am - 7:45am Registration (Salon A)

9:00am - 3:30pm Garden Tours Gary Slagle Garden (lunch included)
Load Buses - Buses 1 and 2 - 7:15 AM
Depart Newark Airport Marriot Hotel- 7:45 AM
Arrive Slagle Garden - 9:30 AM
Load Slagle Garden - 11:30 AM
Depart Slagle Garden 11:45 AM
Arrive Rode's Barn Restaurant - 12:00 Noon
Depart Rode's Barn Restaurant - 12:45 PM
Arrive Newark Airport Marriott Hotel - 2:30 PM

Load Buses - Buses 3 and 4 - 8:45 AM
Leave Newark Airport Marriott Hotel - 9:15 AM
Arrive Rode's Barn Restaurant - 11:00 AM
Depart - Rode's Barn Restaurant - 11:45 AM

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	Arrive Slagle Garden - 12:00 Noon
	Load Slagle Garden - 2:00 PM
	Depart Slagle Garden - 2:15 PM
	Arrive Newark Airport Marriott Hotel - 4:00 PM
4:30pm	Deadline For Ballots. Ballot Boxes (Salon A)
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Live Auction
6:30pm - 7:00pm	Cash bar (Salons 1-3)
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Awards Banquet (Salons 4-5)

*Monday and Tuesday are set-up days and volunteers are needed!

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