



Rutgers Gardens



AIS 2026 Convention

Join us for an exciting convention and tour
four exquisite gardens:

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Presby Memorial Iris Gardens
- Rutgers Gardens
- Gary Slagle's Garden

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**Presby Memorial Iris
Gardens**



Gary Slagle Garden

Guest irises are in all 4 gardens.

All 4 are hosting bearded irises.

Three (Brooklyn Botanic, Rutgers, the Slagle gardens) have beardless iris guests as well.

Presby Memorial Iris Gardens hosting only bearded guest irises.

Lunch (included in registration) will be in the 4 large gardens on each of the garden tour days.



Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Some Details...

Wednesday 5/20/26 - Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York City. Comprises 52 acres of gardens, begun in 1911. Includes bonsai museum, water gardens, woodland garden, conservatory, children's discovery garden, native flora garden, rose garden, herb garden, one of the oldest public Japanese gardens in the U. S., and more. And now, of course, guest iris gardens.

Thursday 5/21/26 - Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Avenue, Upper Montclair, NJ. In addition to guest irises, there are a large number of historic irises in numerous garden beds, a bed of irises planted for the 2020 International Iris Competition, and a dedicated bed of Paul Black irises. Also, a gift shop.

Friday 5/22/26 - Rutgers Gardens, New Brunswick, NJ. On 130 acres and is the official botanical garden of Rutgers University, located on the Rutgers-New Brunswick campus. The gardens consist of designed gardens, farms, plant collections, natural habitats, and a farmers market (on Fridays, when we will be visiting). A large area is now dedicated to guest irises in a prominent part of the gardens.

Saturday 5/23/26 - Gary Slagle Garden (Phanaticville), South Market Street, Gibbstown, NJ. This is the master planting for the 2026 convention. It is the only private garden, and located downstate, near Philadelphia.



Optional Tour:

New York Botanical Garden

On Tuesday, May 19

Additionally, if you have time before or after the convention, we recommend visiting the following gardens:

- The High Line, NYC
- Untemyer Gardens, Yonkers, NY
- Grounds for Sculptures, Hamilton, NJ
- Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, PA

