## AIS Region 21 Spring Regional May 19-20, 2018

Join your fellow Region 21 iris lovers for a <u>no-cost</u> regional event! This two-day meeting is held in conjunction with the Lincoln Iris Society's Spring Show and local open gardens. We've scheduled programs and judges' training as well as provided time for an informal group dinner on Saturday night.

## Saturday, May 19

2 p.m.

Lincoln Iris Society Spring Show (open to the public until 5 p.m.). If anyone wants to enter the show, entries must be on the show tables by 10 a.m.

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1015 Lancaster Lane, Lincoln, NE. Directions: 4 blocks east of 70th & Vine, first left past School onto E. Avon. Church is on the left. There will be signs about the iris show at the corners of 70th & Vine and at Vine & E. Avon.

- 4 p.m. **Judges Training Session** by Carolyn Lingenfelter and Gary White on Exhibition Judging. *Open to accredited judges, apprentices, students, and interested people from the region.*
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner** at JB's Burger Kitchen and Bar (connected to the hotel, see information below). We have a group reservation for 25 people but can accommodate more. Dinner on your own ticket. Menu includes appetizers, sandwiches, sliders
- 8 p.m. **After Dinner Program** at the hotel. The meeting room is upstairs from the restaurant and bar and we can bring/order food up from the restaurant, if needed.

## Sunday, May 20

8 a.m.

**Open Garden Tour** (until 8 p.m.) at Mark and Jenny Cich's. Location: 22801 North 176th Street, Greenwood, NE 68366. *Approximately 15-20 minutes from Mahoney State Park*.

9:30 a.m. **Judges Training Session** by Kelly Norris on Tall Bearded Irises. Open to accredited judges, apprentices, students, and interested people from the region.

Location: Mark and Jenny Cich's garden

11 a.m. Greater Omaha Iris Society Open Garden (until 2 p.m.) at the Sass Memorial Iris Garden at Mahoney State Park.

Judges Training Session by Marjorie Jansen on median irises (ingarden). Open to accredited judges, apprentices, students, and interested people from the region.

Location: Mahoney State Park, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003. Fees: \$6 (Nebraska Licensed Vehicle Fee) or \$8 (Non-Nebraska Licensed Vehicle Fee).

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Mahoney State Park Lodge. We are planning to have another group reservation. Lunch on your own ticket.

2 p.m. Educational Program on the Sass Family by Gary White.

Location: Mahoney State Park Lodge

## **Hotel Information**

Country Inn and Suites 5353 N. 27th St. Lincoln, NE 68521 (402) 476-5353

https://www.countryinns.com/lincoln-hotel-ne-68521/nelinco

- Room rate, if reserved by April 16th, 2018, is \$89 for a King bed or 2 Queen beds.
- Mention "Iris Society" when making the reservation for Saturday May 19.
- Rate is good for the night before and night after as well.
- Free hot breakfast in the hotel, across from the hotel desk in the lobby. Recently renovated breakfast area and expanded food choices.

No registration fee or form for the Spring Regional. <u>Please RSVP to confirm head counts for dinner, lunch and/or judges' training programs</u> by email or phone to:

Kelly Norris, Region 21 RVP gardens@kellydnorris.com
(712) 621-5399 (if no answer, leave a message)