



SPRING TOURS

MEMBERS OPEN GARDENS ON TWO SATURDAYS IN MARCH

On March 22 and March 29, GNOIS will sponsor a garden tour for members to several gardens on both sides of the Lake. On **March 29**, there will be stops at the gardens of Benny Trahan in Slidell, Buddy Manuel in Mandeville and Keith Pendergraft near Independence. These gardens will afford a unique opportunity to see not only modern hybrids but undoubtedly the widest array of species and collected irises in existence in gardens today. In the morning of **March 22**, the gardens of Patrick O'Connor and Eileen Hollander will be open. Both gardens feature modern hybrid Louisiana irises. In the afternoon of the 22nd, interested members will meet at City Park to view -- and hopefully help identify -- some of the many irises planted within the last year in the Botanical Garden, the Sculpture Garden, and in the lagoons.

There is no charge to members for the tours. Non-members are welcome on a space-available basis with a registration fee of \$5 for each tour, coincidentally, the same price as membership. (There is also charge for the N.O. Botanical Garden, if you participate in that part of the tour on the 22nd). To register, call Patrick O'Connor at 504-456-6060. A detailed schedule, driving instructions and maps will be sent to those registering. Mark your calendars for the spring tours!

March 22

9:30 - 10:15AM Visit Patrick O'Connor garden, Metairie

10:45 - 11:30 AM Visit Eileen Hollander garden, New Orleans

Lunch on your own

1:00 - 2:30 PM Meet at City Park Sculpture Garden for walking tour of the Sculpture Garden, the nearby lagoons, and the Botanical Garden.

March 29

9AM Meet at Benny Trahan's home, Slidell

9:30 - 10:15 Visit Trahan iris garden nearby

11:00 - 11:45 Visit Buddy Manuel garden, Mandeville

Noon - 1:00 Dutch treat lunch at a Mandeville restaurant

1:45 - 2:30 Visit Keith Pendergraft garden, near Independence.

Transportation will be by individual car, but depending on numbers we may arrange to car pool for some legs of the March 29 tour across the Lake.