

Bayou and Marsh

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Please Note:

- Our work this Saturday, March 4, will mainly involve getting ready for the sale and planning spring activities. Any work with plants will be very light. But we need help organizing our spring events. Please come out if you can.
- We will need volunteer workers at all the events, especially the Iris Sale, the Rainbow Festival, and the Open House on the Island. Just a few hours spread among our members will do the job.
- Another issue of *Bayou and Marsh* soon will provide more detail about each of our events.

Early Bloom in the Sculpture Garden

'Flareout' and 'Hush Money'



Special 'Save the Date' Edition

Think Spring

Just make a note of these events and the dates. Expect more details soon.

The iris bloom season is far too short, and the starting and ending dates are never certain. Of course, some activities can and must be scheduled in advance, but if we want to see blooming irises, we must be prepared to adjust.

The event dates in the calendar below are set, but planning around some is a work in progress. For additional information, watch your email, the GNOIS website, and Facebook page. Also, expect another edition of *Bayou and Marsh* with details soon.

Our Thursday morning volunteer sessions on the Island will continue through bloom season, and that is another opportunity to see the irises. You can check the website's home page for a flag indicating whether the session is "on" or "off." Sometimes the weather or scheduling conflicts will force a cancellation.

Sat. Mar 4	Spring Planning, Sale Prep, and Spruce-up Island Iris Nursery, 9AM-11:30AM
Sat. Mar 25	Spring Potted Louisiana Iris Sale New Canal Lighthouse, 8001 Lakeshore Dr., 9AM-Noon
Sat., Apr 1	Member Open Gardens TBA
Sun, Apr 2	Annual Louisiana Iris Rainbow Festival Besthoff Sculpture Garden, 10AM-4PM
Tue, Apr 4	Louisiana Iris Day at Longue Vue Wild Garden, 4PM-7PM
Sat, Apr 8	OPEN HOUSE ON THE ISLAND GNOIS Island Iris Nursery 10AM-3PM
Fri-Sun, Apr 15-17	Society For Louisiana Irises in Lafayette Details sent separately

This Saturday on the island

Yes, this **Saturday, March 4, (not much notice, we know)** members are invited to come to the Island Iris Nursery from around 9AM till Noon. We had reserved the library for a regular meeting, what we need more is help at the Island Iris Nursery to:

- Spruce up a little to be ready for an Open House
- Get ready for our Potted Louisiana Iris Sale on March 25
- Plan for other spring activities

We are improvising a bit in our spring planning as we see that the bloom season is shaping up to arrive early. Saturday will involve laying plans for the events you see in the calendar and a little light work.

If you have not been to the island, you'll need directions, which you will find on the home page of our website at

<http://www.louisianairisgnois.com/>



Early Bloom
'New Basin Canal'