



Beardless Iris Day 2019

Saturday 1st June

Hopelands, Weobley, Herefordshire HR4 8RZ

all welcome

Morning Talks

after welcome coffee (9.30 - 10am)

Siberian Irises - Where do we go from here?

Alun & Jill Whitehead

Siberian irises have been hybridised for over a hundred years. What has been achieved and what is still to do! Alun & Jill, National Collection holders, talk about the current progress and possible ways forward.

Beardless Beauties of Europe - to be enjoyed in the garden

Tim Loe

Tim, a chartered landscape architect by profession has a particular passion for irises and grows a wide range of species in his Cornish garden, though many of these are protected under glass from the particularly wet climate. Tim, with his wife Kate, run *Loe Books* which specialises in natural history titles and original artworks. In 2015 Tim's bibliography on *The New Naturalist* series of books was published by HarperCollins. Tim edits the *Bulletin* of the Species Group of the BIS, and remains fascinated and enthusiastic by all things iris - an enthusiasm that is very evident when he talks on the subject.

Making sense of the Iridaceae!

Dr. Julian Sutton

Julian and wife Sarah need no introduction having run the well-known *Desirable Plants* nursery for over 20 years. They have now concentrated their enterprise to allow more time to garden, propagate and write, but still produce regular email lists. Julian will allow us to look at the Iridaceae family through his botanical eye and share his interest in these evolutionary specialists.

Lunch

Afternoon visit to Aulden Farm

National Collection of Siberian Irises & garden

Tea & Homemade Cake

Cost £20 per person includes talks, lunch, garden entrance, drinks and cake.

Registration/payment by: PayPal/website www.beardlessiris.org

direct bank payment email jill@auldenfarm.co.uk for details

Cheques payable to the Group for Beardless Irises sent to

GBI, c/o Aulden Farm, Aulden, Leominster HR6 0JT

Numbers are limited - so early booking is advised. Please advise if gluten free or vegetarian when booking.

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