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Our Purpose

The Purposes of the American Iris Society, and Region 4, shall be to develop the science of horticulture and any activities related to the study, propagation and culture of the genus *Iris*; to stimulate and foster interest in horticultural pursuits, conservation and protection of these plants; to cooperate with other organizations, public and private, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning any phase of the genus *Iris*, by any and all means which may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. These shall include but are not limited to:

- (a) encouragement and support of scientific research, including those pertaining to the solution of diseases related to but not necessarily exclusive to the genus *Iris*, and investigation and conservation of the genus in the wild;
- (b) collection, compilation and publication of data concerning the history, classification, breeding and culture of Irises; and
- (c) education of the public through exhibitions, public display gardens, published standards for judging and local, area, regional and national meetings open to the public.

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RVP'S MESSAGE



“When the days begin to lengthen then the cold begins to strengthen,” so said my wise grandmother. These cold days are perfect for doing all the paperwork that was laid aside during the holidays.

I would have welcomed more Symposium Ballots to count in August. Only 85 (14.25%) of those eligible to vote did so; better than last year but still pitifully small. I wonder what it takes to...?

The Fall meeting in Suffolk was a pleasant weekend with some of the best food I have ever eaten at a convention. The show was good, the auctions were profitable and we all enjoyed having Terry Aitken with us. The minutes of our Board Meeting will tell you all you ever wanted to know about actions taken.

The AIS Fall Board Meeting in Colorado in November saw a number of issues raised, addressed and discussed. Some solutions were forthcoming; others are in the process. A committee, headed by Roy Epperson, will study the AIS Awards problems. Roy will also be taking a more active part in overseeing the completion of the *Judges Handbook* revision. Both of these issues have drawn much fire.

Our membership policy concerns were discussed at length. An addition will be made to the membership forms giving new members a choice of whether to backdate to January of the present year or advance to January of the coming year. (See January *Bulletin* minutes for details.) Our membership now stands at 670. It was heartening to see how many members have renewed and we welcome a whole bunch of new members to Region 4. Hats off to Rich Randall and all the chapter membership persons who prod and poke, coax and cajole.

The Term Limits proposal was accepted pending revision of the necessary bylaws to make it work. The Board wanted (and rightly so) to see the final updated version before voting to accept/reject/modify in Michigan.

Our bid for the AIS National Convention in 2003 was accepted; the AIS Fall Board Meeting will be held in High Point in 2001.

The 'Eastern' AIS Display Board resides with Joan and Ken Roberts. I hope that all societies will use this striking three-fold display at shows, sales and any function where iris are being promoted. This is an effective recruiting tool and well worth the shipping costs.

The Affiliation process for 1997 has been completed, and I thank the 13 Chapter Presidents who returned forms with a minimum of prodding. We wish the Blue Ridge Chapter a speedy return to active status.

I welcome our new judges and encourage those of you who would like to become judges to get with the program. I would also like to say "Right on!" to Dick Sparling's message that judges should get out and visit gardens.

Bill Kuykendall hopes to begin the incorporation process for us in March. At this time he does not foresee any problems getting 501 (c) (3) status.

Please plan to attend College Weekend #2 (Spring Regional) in High Point in May. It's a wonderful and affordable weekend that you won't want to miss!



Nominating Committee Report

At the Region 4 Board Meeting in May, the Nominating Committee will propose the following slate of officers for election:

RVP: Anne Lowe

Ass't RVP: Libby Dufresne

Secretary: Caryl Randall

Treasurer: J. Owings Rebert

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Margaret Stone, Chairman



IN MEMORIAM
Ruby Buchanan, North Carolina
Louise Smith, Virginia
Don Herzberg, Virginia

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Region IV American Iris Society
Holiday Inn, Suffolk, Virginia
October 12, 1996

The Fall Board meeting was convened by RVP Anne Lowe at 9:45 A.M. After approval of the agenda as printed, the minutes of the May 18, 1996 Board Meeting were approved as printed in the *Newscast*, Vol. 38, Number 2.

RVP - Anne Lowe

The AIS Symposium, membership totals, and affiliation process were discussed in the RVP report:

After phone calls, E-mail messages, post cards and other forms of shaking the tree, I finally accumulated 85 AIS Symposium ballots representing 14.25% of Region 4 members eligible to vote. Last year Roy reported 92 ballots and 12.6%. Even though we had 7 less votes in 1996, the higher percentage was due to the fact that only 596 members in Region 4 received the *Bulletin* containing the ballot and were, therefore, eligible to vote. The actual tabulation was fairly simple, getting the ballots here was difficult, expensive and frustrating. Because 1 September was on Sunday and the next day was Labor Day holiday, plus a wrong zip code listing for me in the spring *Newscast*, I was able to extend the deadline just a bit. Had I not, there would have been a much poorer showing.

I was pleased to note a number of new members casting ballots. We had several very honest responses from some new irisarians who grew only a few iris, none of which were on the ballot. They promised to vote next year. It was also interesting to note that 131 of 412 irises on the ballot received no vote at all in this region.

The September AIS Membership Drop List has just come in. Region 4 has lost 92 members, most of whom were 1 year single memberships. At this time, I do not know where we rank. My only consolation is that I hear Region 18 (our nearest competitor) may have lost as many as 200 members.

The next task for me will be the affiliation process for 1997. Last year I sent out the forms in early December. In late January, I had to contact a number of chapter presidents, sometimes several times, in order to meet the 1 February deadline imposed on me. This year, I will mail the forms to each Chapter President right after the first of the year. In the meantime, please get your membership

lists up-to-date as I must work directly from these to verify affiliate eligibility.

To those who have written AIS President Niswonger on behalf of the Term Limits Committee, I say *many thanks*. I hope to be able to report positively on this effort when I return from the Fall Board Meeting in Colorado Springs in November.

Asst. RVP - Phil Ogilvie

Due to ill health the Asst. RVP was not present. His report reads:

I regret that I can not be with you for this meeting, but my health is such that I have to make decisions at the last minute about travel and activities. There are no new Convention sits to report.

1997	Spring	ENC,	High Point, NC
	Fall	AHIS,	Lewisburg, WV
1998	Spring	FSK,	Towson, MD
	Fall	CIS,	Charlotte, NC
1999/	Spring	Open	
2000	Fall	Open	

In the interest of setting dates for spring regionals, the following dates for National are tentatively offered:

1997	Detroit	June 3-9
1998	Denver	June 2-6
1999	Okla. City	May 4-8
2000	Dallas	April 16-30

If any chapter wishes to issue an invitation for any of the open dates or to supply any of the missing information please contact me. It is strongly suggested by both Dr. Epperson and me that, at the Suffolk meeting, an individual from Charlotte be identified as a liaison with Region 5 to help arrange a joint spring meeting in the year 2000.

Secretary - Susan Grigg - No report.

Treasurer - J. Owings Rebert - See page 13

Historian - Margaret Stone

Please keep the newsletters and newspaper clippings coming. We want to keep our iris files growing.

Parliamentarian - Rosalie Figge - No report.

Newscastr Editor - Dennis Stoneburner

I continue to receive favorable reports from members as to the content and timing of *Newscastr*. I want to thank everyone who sends reports and articles on time. This contributes to the success of *Newscastr* and makes my job easier. More assignments have been sent out with some already received.

We had 750 copies printed with 710 copies mailed.

Beardless and Species - Carol Warner

This has been a fantastic year for growing beardless irises. In Maryland the rainfall total is 14" over the yearly average. Bearded irises have been treated with all kinds of remedies but many are succumbing to the relentless bacterial soft rot. The beardless, on the other hand, have put on fantastic growth with some leaf growth approaching four or five feet on the Japanese.

The two beardless section conventions were very successful. Registration for the Siberian Convention was closed at the maximum of 200 attendees by mid March. The Japanese meeting in St. Louis also drew a large number of interested conventioners. A "traditional flowered" siberian, Lorena Cronin" won the top award for the favorite guest iris in Mass. "Holden's Child" was the winner in species judging. Best seedling was S90-13-1 by Schafer/Sacks.

Region 4's guest iris consisted of "Ruffles" and "Dreams" two Mahan siberians, "Seiran", a species laevigata, also from Clarence Mahan, "M/W-10", a white setosa sent by Mahan/Warner, "Legacy of Love", a siberian from Katherine Steele and "Shaker's Prayer", a siberian by Carol Warner.

The winners of the balloting in St. Louis have yet not been printed. However, this year there was a tie for the Payne Medal, so both "Edge of Frost" and "Kalamazoo" will be awarded the medal for 1966. "Shaker's Prayer" received the Morgan Wood Medal for Siberians.

Join the beardless revolution and enjoy some of the easiest iris growing. You'll be glad you did.

Median Irises - Dick Sparling

Display Gardens-What are they? Why are they? Where are they? How are they gotten? When are they used?

Display gardens are member's gardens who open them to the public, grow a reasonable number of Medians-of all classes and are willing to write a report each year on the bloom in the garden.

Display gardens are to make available to members a reasonable selection of newer Medians in one spot for their perusal to see what they might want to grow in their own gardens. It is a spot for Judges to come and see the newer iris and a collection of iris in order to evaluate them for award or judging purposes.

Display gardens are used when the iris are in bloom-by the JUDGES to vote their ballots (should visit several times)-by the members to see a collection in one spot (advisable to visit several times)-by the public to see the various types of iris-by the host to evaluate how the Medians are doing that particular year (visit on a daily basis or several times a day if feasible).

Display gardens are available in many areas of the region but not all. At last report there are none in North Carolina, Eastern Virginia, The Eastern Shore, West Virginia or Northern Maryland.

Although there are quite a few in the Region, we need these gardens in all the local areas. I would like to see us get one in every Society or Chapter. Most of us qualify in that we open our gardens to the public, many grow a sufficient number of Medians but where we are lacking is the willingness to fill out a form provided by the MIS to evaluate your garden as to what were the best blooms in each class. Big Deal. Let's get with it and volunteer.

My big hang up is the lack of visitations particularly by JUDGES. How can we vote wisely if we don't take advantage of gardens that have many Medians? When one is available with over 1000 Medians or Dwarfs and is visited by only one or two judges, once in the season unless they sneak in while I'm asleep, I think it's a disgrace.

If the summer and fall growth is any indication and we have a relatively normal winter and spring, the Median and Dwarf bloom here should be spectacular. The rhizomes that have come from outside of my garden have had tremendous increases-up to 10 to 12 on some SDBs-averaging about 6. Many of the other classes have increased better than normal as well-BBs, IBs, MTBs, AMEDs and MDBs.

Get out and visit your local display garden.

Membership - Rich Randall

Membership recruitment this year has been less than in the past. In the past 12 months, 55 new members joined AIS, but 132 members have been dropped because they did not renew.

The AIS membership contest is over for 1996. I do not know who the individual or affiliate winners are, but I do believe that Region 4 will again have more affiliate participation than any other region. We have 10 of our 13 affiliated chapters entering.

According to my unofficial records, within our region, AH, C&P and FSK are still in contention with 5 and 10 points separating these top 3 chapters.

Our regional \$100 membership contest is also over. To ALL those 31 that entered our regional contest, THANK YOU. Certificates of appreciation have been sent to their chapter's membership chairman for presentation at their meetings.

Our regional winner is from the AH Chapter, Margaret Stone. Congratulations Margaret.

Region 4 wins again

The 1996 National contest is over. Although none of our affiliate societies took first place, the region did win. Region 4 had more affiliate participation than the other regions - 10 of the 11 societies that entered were from region 4. We, as a region, also accumulated more points than the other regions - 1725 from Region 4 - 525 from Region 6.

Judges and Judges Training - Roy Epperson - See page 14

Photography - Dennis Stoneburner

Please send your extra slides to me. Several requests recently for older varieties. Still need Siberian slides.

Publicity, Public Relations - Ken Roberts

No report.

Reblooming Irises - Joan Roberts

C&P and FSK are having reblooming events.

Robins - Libby Cross

We still only have two robins flying in the Region. The Short Ones (Medians) and The Wild Ones (Beardless). The Short Ones which flew so rapidly at first, has slowed to a crawl, and will have to be searched for soon.

The Wild Ones continued to move at its usual pace, and is now being tracked by a method suggested by one of our members, Doris Simpson: Each member sends a copy of their robin letter to the director, in lieu of a courtesy card. This way, in the event the robin is lost in transit, or hung up at an erring member's place, it can be restarted without loss of the original news.

The Short Ones will be changed to this method on its next round, and I hope to get as many as possible of the National Robins working this way.

We could use a new General Information, Space Age, Tall Bearded, and Reblooming Robins in the region. If anyone is interested in these, please let me know.

Webmaster - Bill Smoot

The web page is on line and I'd like photos, information from hybridizers, etc. The list of current judges is on the web.

Youth - Tammy Lee

Hello, I am Tammy Lee, Region Four Youth Chairman. This is an update on what's been going on this summer. My iris garden was very disappointing to me this year, out of 15 irises I had only four that bloomed.

On a brighter note, I received two iris from Greenbelt, Maryland which was an addition to my developing garden. I have enjoyed seeing, learning, and growing irises. They really do provide a lot of enjoyment! I have gotten my brother interested in this amazing flower, he is now growing some of his own.

Hopefully, we will get together soon, I am sorry that I could not be there with you today. I am currently a junior at Greenbrier East High School. Hopefully we'll meet again, soon.

Reports from Region 4 Affiliates

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- Blue Ridge Iris Society - Dennis Stoneburner - Page 57
- Carolina Mountains Iris Society - Betsy Higgins - Page 60
- Central Virginia Iris Society - Phyllis Soine - Page 55
- Charlotte Iris Society - Carrie Winter - Page 53
- Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society - Ginny Spoon - Page 58
- Eastern North Carolina Iris Society - Bert Pearson III
No report
- Eastern Shore Iris Society - John Vincent - Page 54
- Francis Scott Key Iris Society - Mary Brown - Page 52
- Fredericksburg Area Iris Society - Leslie Nelson - Page 51

Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk iris Society - Page 50

Tidewater Iris Society - No report

Virginia Peninsula Iris Society - Betty Worrell - Page 56

Old Business

Membership Chairman Rich Randall presented a revision of the Membership Contest rules.

New Region 4 Membership Contest

Each chapter within our region can have a winner.

To be eligible, recruit a new AIS member, put your name on the application as the recruiter and give it to the membership chairman. If, within your chapter you earn the most points, you're the winner - no minimum number of points needed and there does not need to be 2 or 3 other contestants.

New rules and prizes

1. Only new AIS memberships are eligible - no upgrading of memberships
2. A \$ 10 prize to the top recruiter in each chapter
3. \$ 50 prize for the top recruiter - \$ 0 for item # 2 above. If there is a tie for top recruiter, it will be equally divided.
4. Rich Randall needs to be informed before Marilyn Harlow informs him.

Roy Epperson moved acceptance; Rosalie Figge seconded the motion. The motion passed.

RVP Lowe gave information about incorporating Region IV. AIS is recommending that Regions consider incorporating. Cost would be about \$100. Clarence Mahan moved, Roy Epperson seconded that we proceed with incorporating, the motion passed.

New Business

The following were elected as Nominating Committee members: Margaret Stone - WV - Chairman
Carol Warner - MD Bill Smoot - VA
Carrie Winter - NC Phil Ogilvie - DC

The RVP appointed an Advertising Committee to set rates and develop guidelines for ads appearing in *Newscast*, convention booklets, show schedules, etc. Serving on the Committee are

Janice Mull, Chairman, Ginny Spoon, Margaret Stone, Bill Smoot, and Dennis Stoneburner, ex-officio.

RVP Lowe appointed an AD Hoc Committee to study the formation of a Regional Memorial Fund; Sara Marley, Chairman, Betty Worrell, Barbara Alexander, and Jack Loving, ex-officio.

In response to a letter to the RVP from Clarence Mahan, AIS Convention Liaison Chairman, Sara Marley moved and Rosalie Figge seconded that Region IV file a resolution of intent to host the 2003 AIS National Convention. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Clarence Mahan, seconded by Dennis Stoneburner, to set the date of Regional meetings at least one year in advance, not to conflict with the National meeting, and to be published in *Newscast*. The motion passed.

Bill Smoot made a motion that Region IV go on record to protest the current AIS membership policy for new members, Dennis Stoneburner seconded, and the motion passed.

Roy Epperson moved, Dennis Stoneburner seconded, that Region IV go on record as supporting the two consecutive three year term limit for AIS Directors. The motion passed.

Roy Epperson on behalf of ENC invited the membership of Region IV to High Point University, May 9 and 10 to the 1997 Spring regional Meeting. Hal Stahly, former AIS President, will be our guest for the weekend; five gardens will be toured; and an accredited show will be presented at Oak Hollow Mall.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.



~~ Give them a Report ~~

Many of us in Region 4 are growing seedlings or new introductions for hybridizers both in and out of Region. These people spend many hours of back breaking labor to produce the finest irises available. It is our responsibility to give them proper feedback on the growth and bloom of these plants. They want honest feedback to make the necessary decisions about the cultivar. Please take a moment to ~~ Give them a report ~~!

Treasurer's Report - Region IV - AIS

For Period July 15, 1996 - February 1, 1997

July 15, 1997 Balance \$8,855.61

Receipts

Donations:

Francis Scott Key	\$300.00
Eastern Shore	\$ 50.00
Eastern North Carolina	\$135.00
Carolina Mountains	\$ 75.00
Blue Ridge Society	\$400.00
Charlotte	\$500.00
Chesapeake & Potomac	\$750.00

Fall Auction	\$1,455.00
Newscast Subscriptions - Out of Region	\$30.00
Interest on account (5 months)	\$119.02

Total Receipts	\$3,814.02
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Complete Totals	\$12,669.63
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Expenditures

Dunn-Rite Printing - Fall Newscast	\$1,525.56
Automated Mailing Service - Newscast Mailing	\$230.00
Dennis Stoneburner - Newscast to New Members	\$91.90
Anne Lowe - RVP Expenses	\$98.61
Membership Committee - R. Randall	\$240.52

Total Expenses	\$2,186.59
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February 1, 1997 Balance	\$10,483.04
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Respectfully submitted,



J. Owings Rebert, Treasurer
Region IV, AIS

JUDGES AND JUDGES' TRAINING REPORT

Dr. E. Roy Epperson

For 1997, the following changes occurred in the Roster of Region 4 Accredited Judges: Apprentice advanced to Garden (6); new Apprentices appointed (1); dropped due to insufficient hours of training (3); removed due to death (1); dropped due to no timely Activity Report (1); apprentice dropped due to non fulfillment of requirements within a 3 year period (1); resigned due to ill health (1); transfer out to Region 5 (1).

For 1997, Region 4 will have the following Roster summary of Accredited judges: 22 Accredited Garden, 8 Master/Active, 9 Master/Retired, 2 Apprentice, 2 Emeritus

Of these 43 accredited judges, 24 are quota and 19 are non-quota. Region 4 has a quota maximum of 108 accredited judges for 1996.

1997 Roster of Judges. Region 4

Accredited Garden

Mrs. Pat Bowen
Mrs. Sandra S. Bryan
Ms. Libby A. Cross
Mr. S. Herman Dennis III
Ms. Gloria Fairhead
Mr. Walter Hoover
Dr. Bruce Hornstein
Mr. M. B. Lowe (Mike)
Mrs. M. B. Lowe (Anne)
Mr. Clarence E. Mahan
Ms. Sara H. Marley
Mr. Bill Mull
Mrs. JaNiece Mull
Mrs. Caryll Randall
Mr. Richard Randall
Mrs. Joan Roberts
Mr. Ken Roberts
Mr. Daniel Schlanger
Mr. William C. Smoot
Mr. Dennis Stoneburner
Mrs. Frances Thrash

Apprentices

Mr. Randell Bowen
Mrs. Barbara O. Moeller

Master/Active

Dr. E. Roy Epperson
Mrs. Frank H. J. Figge
Mrs. Glenn Grigg, Jr.
Mrs. Paul D. Kabler
Mr. Richard Sparling
Mrs. Richard D. Steele
Mrs. James H. Trent
Mrs. Andrew (Carol) Warner

Master/Retired

Mrs. Miles P. Farrar
Mrs. Charles L. Hare
Mrs. Nancy Karriker
Mrs. Fred M. Miller
Dr. Joseph B. Parker, Jr.
Dr. A. W. Rice
Mrs. A. W. Rice

Master/Retired

Mr. David G. Walsh

Mr. Dennis A. Wilkie

Emeritus

Mr. F. G. Stephenson

Dr. Lloyd Zurbrig



Auction Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Region, all those who donated irises to the Regional Auctions at the Spring Meeting and the Fall Meeting are commended. Our Spring auction was one of the most successful in our history, and it is likely the Fall auction will also be very profitable for the Region...and that means profitable for all our members. Regional auctions are not only a good way to generate funds for the region, they also provide the means to get good irises in cultivation all over the region. Then too, our members who attend the regional auctions often can pick up healthy, fairly recent iris introductions and other perennials at bargain basement prices. Often irises are put up for auction that are rare, sometimes not even listed in any catalogue or price list. And one thing everyone gets who attends an auction, and gets it just for coming: FUN.

Let's make our Spring Auction in 1997 the best ever. Please think of what irises (or daylilies, hostas, or other plants) you can donate. And then don't forget to bring them. Again, thanks to everyone who has made our regional auctions such successful, fun affairs.



Go With The Flow:

Amend only within reason. Rather than trying to convert a difficult, boggy spot into a desert plain, or sandy area into a ferny glade, accept the conditions you have, then choose the appropriate plants with an eye towards natives. Japanese, Siberian and Louisianas, adapt well in wetter places. Bearded irises like the drier areas. All require at least 6 hours of sun.

(C&P Newsletter, November 96.)

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

Katharine Steele, Charlotte Iris Society

1953 Was the year and California was the place where Richard and I saw a lovely fenced garden with tall bearded irises. There was such an array of colors we had never seen before. That garden left an indelible mental picture. At the time Richard and I were newly married and he was stationed at Edwards AFB. Each weekend we took day trips to surrounding areas.

After we built our first home in Charlotte, NC in 1958, I reserved a sunny spot at the end of the driveway. In 1961 it was planted with twelve tall bearded irises ordered from Cooley's Garden. The first spring when ten of them bloomed I was delighted and we and our neighbors were amazed at their beauty.

Included in that first dozen were:

NEW SNOW Fay 1946

DESERT SONG Fay 1946

OLA KALA Sass 1942 Dykes 1948

HELEN MCGREGOR Graves 1946 Dykes 1949

PINK CAMEO Fay 1944

MULBERRY ROSE Schreiner 1941

PRAIRIE SUNSET Sass 1939 Dykes 1943

TECHNICOLOR Whiting 1949

VIOLET HARMONY Lowry 1948 Dykes 1957

MAYTIME Whiting 1948

Just think what enormous improvements hybridizers have produced since that time! But also imagine the color pallet of my first meager garden! When I saw a notice in the newspaper in 1962 or 1963 about a Charlotte Iris Society meeting I attended and joined this society that was organized in 1948. Mrs. Kenneth Spoon (Lila) Don Spoon's mother was president. With the next spring came show time. I went to the staging area in our shopping mall but left my two stalks in the car. I wanted to see what was going on before I made a fool of myself.

When I finally retrieved and entered them in the show **BLACK TAFFETA** Songer 1954 had opened it's third blossom and **ARGUS PHEASANT** Deforest 1948 Dykes 1952 had two open blossoms. I left before judging had begun and went back in the afternoon with Richard and our two young sons. Speaking of beginner's luck, **BLACK TAFFETA** had won Best in Show! **ARGUS PHEASANT** had a red ribbon. I certainly know how to

rejoice with other first time winners. Other awards came along the way but nothing could compare to that first experience.

I have remained active in the Charlotte Iris Society with participation at meetings, annual shows, program presentations, judges training classes, etc. Long ago B.J. and Frances Brown gave me a membership in AIS that I have continued as well. AIS membership helped to broaden my knowledge and propelled me to judges training. Now we are gardening at our third home and because of a flood plain garden location we grow mostly Siberian, Japanese, Louisiana and species irises. My love for these grows as well. After a flood the irises are just fine as are the daylilies, grasses and bulbs. The bearded irises are growing in our mountain garden in Blowing Rock. Because of limited space there we will grow favorite recent introductions. Hybridizing came slowly and is still minimal. However, I just found a note on my 1964 calendar for January, "Plant iris seeds". I have always been a seed saver and it just made sense to plant those bee crosses. I recall the seedlings produced a plant with a flurry of rebloom. Since I knew nothing of the term rebloom they were passed on to a friend and long since forsaken. The brash luck with seedlings from DESERT QUAIL X CAROLYN ROSE produced MTB PETITE MONET, (1990) so much like a little painting.

Some Siberian seedlings from two crosses RIVER CITY WINE Ennenga 1988 and LINDA MARY Cooper 1990 bloomed profusely this year. It's too soon to tell if any are prospective introductions. This seedling bed however, helped me to show a Hybridizing class from Central Piedmont Community College the diversity from each seed pod and how to do some crossing of their own. The resulting seeds have been sent to them for planting.

My 1995 Siberian introduction LEGACY OF LOVE, (a tribute to my parents) is a twenty inch pewter lavender. Where it grows, it grows and blooms quite well but sometimes it commits planticide. Seeds several years back from Adolph Vogt have gifted an intensely lovely Japanese seedling. I also am continuing to work on near white pseudacorus seedlings. Each springtime is iris time and always exciting. There's the anticipation of first blossoms on new plantings and sometimes seedlings. There's also the anticipation of National and Regional Conventions. The annual CIS show brings the opportunity to encourage new growers and show-ers. Garden visitors come. The eternal cycle is at it's most beautiful!!!

Iris People

Julie Allen - Sparta, Tennessee

No flow'ry phrase or words sublime
Are offered here to take your time.
Our love of beauty is a fact,
But it's quite earthy, not abstract.
We work the soil and feel the sun;
What some call labor, we call fun.

For iris we can't say enough:
Not only lovely, they are tough!
Discarded o'er the backyard fence,
They bloom with passion two years hence.
Though cricket craters dot their face,
The rhizomes live and grow apace.

We love them though they cause us pain,
As when they rot because of rain.
Inverse proportion they may show
Between price paid and will to grow.
In spite of tender, loving care,
Sometimes the rhizomes just sit there.

But when they bloom, we feel the joy
A young child feels with his new toy.
We love the colors, soft and bright;
The forms and textures bring delight.
To hours that we spent on our knees,
Add one in praise God for all these.

Julie is a member of the Iris-L E-mail list)



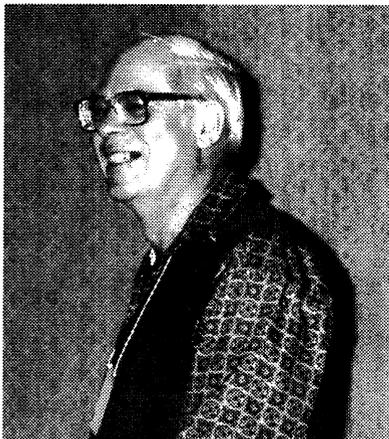
Advance Notice - 1997 Fall Regional

Lewisburg West Virginia is the place, October 3-4 are the dates.
While you're out for a weekend drive to enjoy the fall colors, stop by
the Brier Inn and enjoy Region 4's annual fall get together. If you
brought any reblooming stalks, you can enter them into the Fall
Show. Consult the Fall 1995 issue of *Newscast* for details. The
Meeting prices are the same. Motel rates are slightly increased.
More information in the Fall 1997 *Newscast*. See you there!

Preparing for the Millennium

Ginny Spoon, C&P

As with most plant collectors, we are constantly making signage for our plants. Don and I use a Brother P-Touch label maker to make our labels, black on white background being the best. We put the name of the cultivar on top (the I stands for the genus iris and the cultivar is in single quotes) and the name of the hybridizer and year of introduction below the name. We have both historic irises and modern cultivars, and if the year is in the 1500's to 1800's, we write it out totally, ie: **I 'Ames' (Foster cot 1885)**. If it is in the 1900's, which most of them are, we just put the last two numbers, ie: **I 'Little John' (Spoon 96)**. This saves time and material and most of us do it this way. What are we going to do in three years for the year 2000? We can't put 00 since this could mean 1700, 1800, 1900 etc. We need to use something that can be clearly understood by everyone. How about using the Roman numeral M plus the year? We should really put two M's of course, since one M stands for a thousand, but no one used the M before so we could use it to stand for "millennium". Thus, the year 2000 could be shown as M 0, the year 2001 as M 1, etc. Of course when we get to 2010 it would have to be M10, and when we finally got to 2100, we would probably be just as well writing it out totally. We don't have to worry about that for now, our great grandchildren can figure that out! What about it? Does anyone else have a better idea?



Terry Aitken - Guest Speaker Fall Regional '96

The Era of Iris Hybridizing Comes to a Close

Hortus Veritas

As the 21st century approaches, the age of great advances in iris hybridizing comes to a close. Iris breeders have done just about all there is to be done. In the future, new introductions are likely to be only minor variations on cultivars already on the market.

Those of us who have had great joy in witnessing the creation of brown, pink, orange and large-flowered plicata tall bearded irises; seeing Louisiana irises with bright colors and ruffled flowers emerge from species growing along the bayou; and living at the time *I. pumila* was used to create modern dwarfs of extraordinary characteristics, must be saddened. There just aren't any areas of iris breeding left for young people (or not so young people) to work in any more.

I have heard some people say that cold climate reblooming bearded irises comprise opportunities for people starting out to breed irises. Really! We already have a lot of nice rebloomers. Just because we don't have a good brown, or a good red, or a dependable orange rebloomer surely does not mean there is much to do. These missing components from the cold climate rebloomer array will almost certainly be created in the next year or two. And just because there are many beautiful once blooming irises that are nowhere to be found duplicated among the rebloomers does not mean we need them!

It has been suggested that some lines of tall bearded irises seem susceptible to rot in areas with wet climates, such as the eastern portion of the U.S. This might suggest there are breeding improvements to be sought. In modern teenager language, my response to this is: "I don't think so."

By replacing one's soil with a few tons of sandy loam with lots of grit, using cloches or glass cold frames, and careful fertilizing and watering, the so-called tender lines of bearded irises can thrive in wet climates. And of course there is nothing to prevent anyone from moving to the sunnier areas of California. So why bother improving these lines to produce similar irises which will be less susceptible to rot?

People who have seen modern spuria irises growing at their best in areas such as California, and who know that most of these irises will not grow so well in the eastern and southern U.S., have

hinted that spuria irises offer hybridizers challenging opportunities. They have pointed out that many spuria species such as *I. carthaliniae* and *I. musulmanica*, and species hybrids like the cultivar BELIZE, do wonderfully in the Eastern U.S.

One might ask: "Wouldn't it be worthwhile to develop strains of spuria hybrids that grow and bloom vigorously in the East?" Surely trying to do this would be going against Nature! Anyone who has confronted Nature face to face knows you don't want to get into a fight with Nature.

Iris authorities familiar with Japanese irises like to boast that all the many forms and colors of that type of iris come from a single species, i.e. *Iris ensata*. By collecting from the wild as many different forms as could be found, and then breeding these various forms to get extremely large flowers of many different color patterns, the modern Japanese irises were made possible. Some Japanese iris breeders seem to think that dwarf plants with all their parts in proportion would be nice - but would they? Some people tend to think that it would be nice to develop cultivars which are more lime tolerant or have a wider spectrum of colors. Do these objectives make sense to you? Get serious!

Pointing out that Japanese irises all arise from *Iris ensata*, some people have hinted that one might collect various forms of other species and breed them toward achieving bigger flowers, clearer colors, differently formed flowers, dwarf plants, and more patterns. They cite such species as *I. vericolor*, *virginica*, *setosa*, *prismatica*, *cristata*, *tectorum*, *laevigata*, and *missouriensis* as good candidates for such hybridizing efforts. I am not even going to comment on such ideas except to say: "Some people just don't seem to have common sense."

There are people who think that miniature tall bearded irises could be improved. They seem to think that all the clear colors and various flower forms now represented among tall bearded cultivars could be produced in miniature tall bearded lines. Some of these same people think it might be possible to develop better border bearded cultivars that grow in class. They even opine that strains of miniature dwarf bearded irises that do well in the southern part of the U.S. might be achieved. In every field of endeavor there are unrealistic dreamers. Do these people really think that working on such goals would be worth the effort?

And who in the world really needs better branching? Or higher bud count? Or irises that hold up better in wind and rain?

Or dwarf Siberians? Or aril, arilbred, and Pacific Coast Native irises that are more adaptable to a diversity of climates and soils? Who, indeed!

“No!” I say. The era of great iris breeding achievements is entering its twilight time. We will all be better off when we recognize there is little to be done in the future. I, for one, would rather spend my time more productively building cold frames in which to grow tender tall bearded irises. And unlike some lazy people, I enjoy staking the many modern tall bearded cultivars that fall over in the slightest breeze.

Just because breeding irises is a really fun thing to do does not justify fighting Nature. There are no more worthy goals to be sought. Don't waste your time.



WHAT'S IN A NAME

Ginny Spoon, C&P

One of the privileges of being a hybridizer is being able to choose a name for your irises. Later, if they perform well and are introduced, others will be able to obtain and enjoy them. Have you ever wondered who an iris was named for, or what the story was behind the name? Every iris name has a story, I'm sure. Here are two of ours.

One of my favorite irises is 'Little John' (Spoon 96). Don made the cross in the spring of 1990. The parents were (DAMSEL X QUEEN DOROTHY), out of reblooming stock with lace in its' parentage. The seeds were planted in his garden he had made around the observatory building at Georgetown University where he taught biology. The area for the seeds was limited, only 12" square for each cross. If there were 60 seeds, only about 10 survived. Truly a struggle for survival. Then, the next summer, those seedlings were lined out in a field in Accokeek, Maryland along with thousands of others which Don planted and weeded with help from his son, Bryan. In 1993, when I walked along the field to see the seedlings I first saw what was to be 'Little John'. It was lovely; tall, well branched, ruffled and laced, of very thick substance, and was an unusual color arrangement. It had mauve

pink standards, plum rose falls, and tangerine beards. I wanted to take it back to Cross Junction, Virginia where Don and I had made our new home and garden, Winterberry Gardens. We had only planned to look at the irises and hadn't brought along any tools, and he said we would have to get it later. I'm not into "later", so I pulled on a rhizome and it wouldn't budge. The clay soil was dry and hard but I managed to break off a very small piece of rhizome with no roots. I put the pitiful little piece in my pocket and planted it with loving care at Winterberry Gardens. Don did not expect that it would ever survive and grow. I watched it all that year as it not only survived but grew new increases and put up beautiful blue-green foliage. The next spring, 1994, it rewarded me with stalks that would have taken "Queen of Show" if it had been introduced, with a bud count of 11 and 4 open flowers. The flowers were even more beautiful than I had remembered and lasted four to five days because of their substance. Don was impressed. We went back to Accokeek and dug up the rest of the clump.

Later that year, friends lost their son, who was called Little John, instead of John Junior, to leukemia. Little John had worked for me during his summer vacation from school doing heavy work in the garden. He joined the army and was training to operate a tank. He had a gentle strength like the Little John of Sherwood Forest. I asked Don if he would name this extraordinary iris, even though it was a tall bearded, 'Little John' and he agreed. Little John's parents were pleased to have this iris named in his honor. So, that is why a tall bearded iris is named 'Little John'.

Don is going to register and name a beautiful golden spaceager seedling that rebloomed for us this October, 'Don Herzberg', in memory of a C&P Iris Society member who died earlier in late October. The two Don's had good times together at the auctions discussing their favorite flowers. Just a few weeks before his death, Don Herzberg had been admiring photographs of our seedlings at one of the C&P auctions. He especially liked the spaceagers Don was working with. We think he would have liked this one. It will always remind us of our good friend.



The Symposium Ballot is coming!!!

LOUISE C. SMITH

1912-1996

Nelda Pressly - Virginia Peninsula

The Fragrance Iris Gardens is closed. No longer are we able to enjoy the beauty of the 30,000 irises that bloomed there. The garden has passed on like the lovely lady who planted it and nurtured it for thirty plus years.

Louise C. Smith, "The Iris Lady" of Williamsburg, specialized in hybridizing irises to enhance their fragrance. She was especially pleased with a two tone brown that she called Chocolate Daddy because it smells just like a Hershey Bar. Louise and her late husband, Walter, enjoyed showing the irises to the many visitors who came to the garden each spring.

Louise was born in Iowa. In 1940, Louise, Walter and family moved to Tennessee where she was introduced to the beauty of the iris. Having lived in South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia, the Smiths, in 1964, settled in James City County just outside of Williamsburg, Virginia. All through those years, she kept her love for the spring blooming iris, turning that love into the Fragrance Iris Gardens.

She liked to tell people about irises. Thus, she was a frequent speaker at garden clubs. She was active in the Williamsburg Iris Society for many years. Although in recent years, her health prevented active participation in Society and garden club events, she was always happy to receive visitors and to show her beloved irises to any and all who came by.

The passing of "The Iris Lady" on September 14th and the closing of the Fragrance Iris Gardens leaves memories of a lovely lady with a lovely smile who was dedicated to the iris.



Get well wishes to JaNiece Mull who has been quite ill for months, and Paul Jones who had Gall Bladder surgery recently. Hopefully everyone is over the flu and winter blahs. Time for Spring!



Louise Smith with shovel in hand sharing her plants and love of irises with others.



Dig When It's Right:

Avoid the temptation to start working the soil the instant it stops raining or before the ground has really thawed. If you dig when the soil is too wet, you will compact the particles and destroy the texture. Test the soil by gathering a handful and pressing into a ball. If the ball sticks together, then drips when you squeeze it, wait another day, and then try again.

C&P Newsletter, Nov. 96

The Region 4 Fall Regional Meeting

Clarence Mahan, C&P

My wife Suky and I feel very lucky that the first “iris event” we ever attended was an AIS Region 4 meeting. Right from the start we learned how interesting and nice the people in our AIS region are. We learned how much the people who attend the regional meetings know and so willingly share not only about irises, but about all aspects of horticulture and a who raft of other subjects. We were able to meet iris hybridizers, iris judges and iris collectors. Best of all, we were made to feel welcome right from the start.

And so ever since that first meeting Suky and I have made regional meetings a “must do” event twice a year. When our Editor asked me to do an article on the Region 4 fall meeting held this past October, it made me think a bit about why I look forward to regional fall meetings. I like the slide programs, enjoy the judges training, take an active interest in the items on the business agenda, love the good food, and really appreciate the fall iris show that we have been having for more than a decade.

But the most salient attraction of regional meetings has to be all the wonderful old friends we get to see and all the new friends we get to make. This conclusion came to me because of comments made by two couples who attended our fall regional meeting for the first time this year. I had met Edmund and Glenna Castillo of Hamilton, VA the previous month at the C&P Iris Society beardless sale, and was delighted to see them at the regional meeting. John and Pat Kwedar of Manchester, MD were also first-timers. Both of these couples told me how much they enjoyed the meeting and expressed delight in making so many new, interesting friends. Their comments brought back many warm memories of my first regional meeting. That first meeting was so much fun, but then so was this year’s!

After seemingly unending rain this summer and fall, Friday, October 11th was a lovely morning to drive from northern Virginia to “Constant’s Warehouse,” as Suffolk was known in colonial times. Traveling from the Potomac River to Suffolk, which is on the North Carolina border, took us about four hours, and we arrived in the early afternoon. We were greeted by several members of the Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Suffolk Iris Society (PCSIS), and were given our meeting “packet”. Suky was pleased

that our name tags were on “ropes” to wear around our necks...not the “pin” type that make holes in dresses. I was pleased with this too, since I knew it would not be necessary for my friends in PCSIS to get a “lecture” about name tags from several of our more mature members.

Right from the start, the “silent auction” was a big hit. Around the room in which we registered were a host of iris items, such as a most attractive bench with carved irises, a gorgeous stained glass “iris” lamp made and donated by Bill Smoot, iris books, and many other items, on which we could bid. Throughout the meeting, people would amble into the registration room and enter a new bid. The bidding on some items was intense, especially the “iris” bench. When the meeting was about to end we all learned whose bids had won. Naturally, Rosalie Figge got the bench. All the proceeds went to Region 4.

Another feature of this fall meeting which drew a large crowd was the demonstration of “cyber iris.” The mysteries of computers were revealed, and we were shown how easy it is to get onto the Internet and see such fascinating material as the AIS home page, the Region 4 home page, and other web pages devoted to irises. The Iris-L, or listserv, was explained, and it was demonstrated what fun with irises the Internet can bring right into your home.

On Friday afternoon, Dr. Epperson gave an excellent judges training program on Awards and Balloting. One learns quickly never to miss an opportunity to attend judges training given by Roy Epperson—it is always informative, professionally given, and interesting. After a break to chat, rest, and refresh ourselves, we gathered for dinner. Mrs. Figge pronounced the food at this regional meeting the best she has ever had at an iris event! How could I say less? It was superbly prepared and there was lots of it. The entrees were so good I had no room left for desserts, which I understand from my ladylove were wonderful.

The main feature of Friday evening was our guest speaker, Terry Aitken of Oregon. Terry is an AIS director, and he is editor of the AIS Bulletin. Of course, he has introduced many new irises which have won top awards, and has an extensive commercial nursery. He spoke to us and showed slides of some of the best newer iris introductions. It was an outstanding program with beautiful slides. One thing I was most interested in learning about was Terry’s use of a nemacide on the soil before replanting irises in

old beds. Terry says the reason irises tend to go down hill in older beds is because of a buildup of nematodes in the soil. The use of a nemacide will kill these nematodes and the soil will then be 'like new.'

After Terry Aitken's program, we had our first auction of irises donated by Region 4 members. We used our new bidding signs prepared by Rich Randall for the first time. As the auctioneer, I really like these new signs which make our clerks' job much easier. (Of course as the auctioneer I have to store these new bidding signs and bring them to each meeting—I like this part a little less, but it is the price of glory). As always there were some outstanding iris bargains to be had at the auction, and we all had lots of laughs.

On Saturday morning, PCSIS members set up the iris show, and those who had brought irises entered their stalks. It was a very nice AIS sanctioned show. We enjoyed a splendid country breakfast buffet in the restaurant, and then while the show was being judged, Anne Lowe, our Regional Vice President, conducted the business meeting.

After lunch we had two judges training programs. Terry Aitken gave an excellent program on evaluating and judging seedlings. Then brave Anne Lowe instructed us on the subject of judging English boxes and collections. We all agreed with Anne that the Judges Handbook on English boxes needs to be enhanced ("enhanced" is a euphemism for "completely rewritten").

The closing banquet was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Again, the food was first rate. Anne Lowe conducted a brief general meeting. During the two days PCSIS had lots of nice door prizes; seemingly everyone won something. Bill Smoot gave everyone two plants from his garden. One was a the "walking iris" and the other Iris japonica. These are more tender than most irises, but Iris japonica will survive outside in Region 4 if given a sheltered site. The "walking iris" is a South African Iridaceae that must be taken inside in the winter months.

Finally we had our final auction, and again many fine plants were sold for a pittance (or a fortune depending on those who were bidding). As usual, the auctioneer behaved outrageously, but ducked all tomatoes and cabbages thrown from the crowd. I just wish more Region 4 AIS members knew how much fun was to be had at regional meetings—if they did they would not miss the next one.

And it will be the spring meeting hosted by the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society at High Point, NC. You all come.



Iris Society Publicity

Ian Efford, Ottawa Ontario

I thought those in local iris societies might be interested in our recent experience at the Ottawa Valley Rock Garden Society.

Last summer, we elected a new executive with some difficulties as no one wants to take the jobs! After some pleading, one young lady volunteered to take over publicity. She is a new Vietnamese immigrant and appears highly educated but with limited English, so I was a little concerned about her role in publicity. What I missed was her dogged determination.

Our meetings are on Saturday afternoons once a month except in the summer. She has arranged for the speakers to appear on the local radio station at 8:15 on the morning of their talk. They are interviewed and the interviewer announces the meeting and invites people to attend.

The result is that we are almost unable to cope with success. Last meeting was a talk by one of our own members and usually we get far more visitors for outside speakers. We had 125 attendees, completely filled the room with standing at the back, added 29 new members at the meeting and more are arriving by mail so that we have now passed 200 members. The result is that we have had to purchase two more coffee urns, double the size of the room, etc. etc.

Our publicity representative now plans to send announcements to all 32 free newspapers in the area who have agreed to publicize the announcements and publish gardening articles from our newsletter! I mention this because the effort required to increase membership has been relatively small but quite focused. As I become the Society Chair in June, my only concern is that I am not sure we, or I, can cope with the success she has generated!

Some of your local iris societies may wish to copy these ideas.

(Ian is a member of the Iris-L e-mail list.)

Untitled

by Celia Storey

Standards fall when morning sunlight
finds this one iris in this one bed.
Nothing special to an expert's eye,
Nothing useful to be said about grand parentage
or heterosis or chromosomal threads
that weave fine strands past generations
back to great-named gardeners now dead.

Its substance, to be frank, lacks real distinction,
feels faintly ordinary in my hand.
There's nothing new about these style crests
nothing to note in these plain fans
with their edges blunt as dinner knives.
The bloomstalk isn't fat enough.
The spathes aren't quite Dyke's taste.
Even the name's gone off the marker;
lingering here should be a waste
of what little time I have this morning
to get my business done.

But I am held by this plain iris
and I will not walk away
Until its selfless anonymity names
the unjudged beauty that is one day.

(Celia is from Arkansas and a member of the Iris-L, E-Mail List)



Soil Test in a Jar:

Glorious gardens have their roots in great soil. How can you tell if you have good loam soil...or if you have too much clay or sand? Here's an easy (and very effective) way to test yours at home. Toss a cup of dirt from your garden into a clean quart jar. Fill with water, shake vigorously and let settle for 24 hours. You'll be able to estimate the percentage of sand, silt and clay from the depth of each layer.

(C&P Newsletter, Nov. 96)

**1997 SPRING REGION 4 MEETING
WEEKEND IRIS COLLEGE II
at
HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**

DATES: Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, 1997
LOCATION: High Point University High Point, North Carolina
VISITING PROFESSOR: Dr. Hal Stahly, Hybridizer
Past President, American Iris Society

TUITION, FEES, ROOM, AND BOARD: \$100.00 per person

Includes:

ALL meals: Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast
(Friday buffet, Saturday full hot breakfast, Saturday
lunch and banquet, Sunday full hot breakfast).

Housing: Finch Residence Hall [two twin beds per
room, linens included, two rooms per suite, shared bath,
air-conditioned, elevators.

COURSES: Garden Judging Siberian Iris (Two hours credit)
Exhibition Judging (One hour credit)

SPECIAL EVENT: Accredited AIS Exhibition
Friday, May 9, 1997

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH
REGION 4 MEMBER.**

1997 SPRING REGION 4 MEETING
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The 1997 Spring meeting of the Region 4 membership will be new and different. We will return again to college for a WEEKEND IRIS COLLEGE II headquartered at High Point University. All of the meetings will be in the Slane University Center Food service is located there) and lodging will be in Finch Residence Hall. All of these facilities are air conditioned and handicap accessible.

The utilization of the University facilities makes it possible for an exceptionally attractive total registration fee of only \$ 100.00 per person! This includes lodging, ALL meals, bus transportation and all fees. We hope that you will consider this a "bargain" that you simply cannot afford to pass up.

WEEKEND IRIS COLLEGE II begins on Friday, May 9, with an accredited AIS exhibition. This will be held in the Slane University center, an excellent location for an exhibition. [This is the same venue as for the Weekend Iris College 1992 exhibition.] Entries will be received from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Full details and a show schedule will be mailed along with registration materials. The exhibition will be open to the public from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judges' Training courses for credit will be presented on Friday afternoon. One hour of exhibition training can be earned using the show as the classroom. Garden judging of Siberian iris for two hours credit will be given by Hal Stahly in the Epperson garden.

Friday evening will be devoted to a buffet dinner and the meeting of the Region 4 Board.

The host ENC Iris Society purchased many of the 1996 bearded award winners and Award of Merit winners to grow and offer as draw prizes and/or auction items for Weekend Iris College II. And, of course, there will be many fame opportunities !

Saturday is garden tour day !! The tour will begin in the High Point garden of Traci Wray. This is a new garden in a recently developed residential area of High Point. The plantings are primarily TBs. From there we go to the garden of Geraldine Davis near Burlington. This garden is primarily TBs and is a garden that

FULL REGISTRATION includes : Friday and Saturday nights lodging; ALL meals, bus transportation and ALL other fees.

Send your registration form and check payable to ENCIS and mail to : E. Roy Epperson

1115 Delk Drive
High Point, NC 27262

JUDGES TRAINING SESSIONS

Please indicate if you plan to attend any of the following JT Sessions.

_____ Garden Judging Siberian Iris (Fri 3:00 - 5:00 pm) - Dr. Hal Stahly

_____ Exhibition Judging (Fri 5:30 - 6:30 pm) - Various Judges

AUCTION INFORMATION

There will be a plant and other items auction on Saturday night. If you plan to donate irises or other items to the auction, please check here _____ and list the cultivars and/or items on the back of this sheet.

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we have visited before. The next garden is that of Sharon and Jerry Yarbrough at Prospect Hill. Jerry and Sharon purchased the stock from Twin Wheels Garden of Alice Bouldin. Here there is a large planting of iris, hosta, and hemerocallis. Jerry collects antique clocks and has a very large collection.

Lunch will be at the historic Colonial Inn in Hillsborough.

Next is a hybridizer's garden. This will be the first visit for many of you to the Durham garden of Lloyd Zurbrigg. Most of the seedlings to be seen on this tour will be seen here in Lloyd's garden. This is a protected garden and late varieties will be in evidence. Then back to High Point for the last garden of the day, Kirklee Iris and Hosta Garden of Roy Epperson. This is a garden of bearded and beardless iris, hosta, hemerocallis and selected perennials. There are about 100 1995 and 1996 bearded introductions growing here.

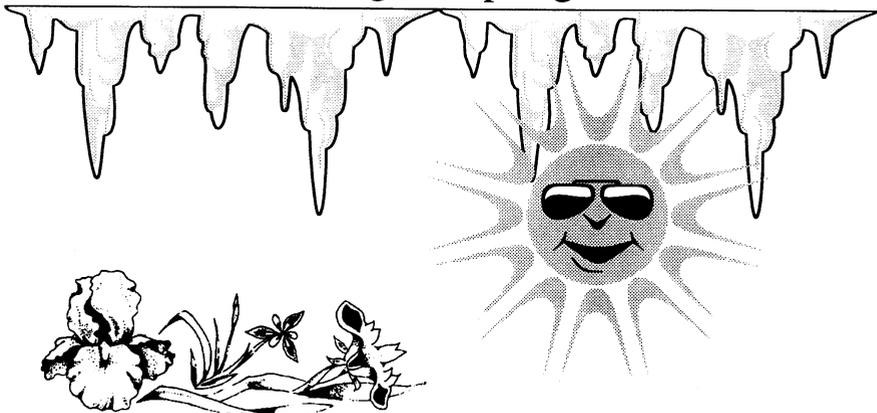
Saturday evening will be the banquet and the Spring auction. Hopefully, you can buy some of the varieties that you fell in love with during the garden tours !

For those of you who want an alternate activity for Friday afternoon, remember that High Point is the wood furniture manufacturing capital of the world and the world's largest retail furniture store is located here. Also, The Furniture Discovery Center, a museum of furniture manufacture is worth visiting. Note, too, that many of the tour gardens have hosta plantings and at Sharon's and Roy's you can see established plantings of older varieties and many of the newer ones.

This is an affordable Spring Meeting with something for everyone !



It won't be long till Spring is here!



GROWING AND ENJOYING IRISES

Jeanne Grundies, Carolina Mountains

We live in a villa in a retirement center. The lawns and landscaping are maintained by the Fletcher Academy. Most of the other villas have only small front yards, ours, however, was built on a hill with a back yard that ends in a raised clump or area of bamboo. The academy would have seeded this downhill area and have kept it mowed. But, we decided to make use of this excess plot of land and designed a circular, raised flower bed that meets the edge of the sodded lawn. We planted this bed with perennials, summer annuals and evergreen hollies for green in the winter. We now enjoy our garden year round. In late fall red, gold, and bronze chrysanthemums bloom with the reblooming irises - Lady Emma, Carole Lee and Pink Attraction.

In December, I cut back the Japanese, Louisiana, Siberian and "Claret Cup" versicolor to about six inches and added more mulch to put them to bed. Now, I look out at the winter garden - at the holly's shiny green leaves, the filled bird feeders, the birdbath cleaned and filled, and I enjoy watching the winter collection of birds in my backyard.

We terraced the hill that lies below the bamboo and lined it with stones. These cooler days the pink and lavender clumps of creeping phlox begin to show color and often bloom with snow on the ground.

January and February are my months to puruse the catalogs; but, in March, my early blooming irises begin - first, the bright yellow Danfordae, for which I planted the bulbs back in the fall. Then, April brings the standard dwarf bearded iris in bloom. Walter Hoover introduced me to the SDB's as he calls them. One of my favorites is Tantara - a color blend of tan and purple. Others I enjoy are Cherry Garden, a rich red with a purple beard and Be Dazzled which has bright yellow standards and a reddish-brown thumbprint edged yellow on the falls. Other interesting dwarfs are Boo and Yo-Yo. All the SDB's are a refreshing sight as they are first to bloom. In May, a miniature tall bearded early bloomer and a dependable rebloomer is Lady Emma, a fragrant yellow bi-color. Another is Carole Lee which is yellow with purple falls. Other MTB's I grow and like are Astra Girl, Blue T Winkle, Bumblebee Deelite, and Striped Pants. Two slightly later blooming ones I like

are two border bearded - Pink Bubbles and Brown Lasso. Brown Lasso has gold standards and purple falls.

Two other kinds of iris I have are Louisianas and Siberians. Louisianas like more moist growing conditions and do not have to be divided as often as other types of iris. Where the ground lies lower in my garden, I have planted three of them - Dixie Deb, Ann Chowning, and Colorific. Clumps of Siberian irises are planted along the edge of the raised perennial bed.

In June, after all of the other irises are blooming, I look forward to the tall, swaying Japanese irises which bloom in mid-June. They are planted in a bed at the back of our house where I can water them easily. They especially require plenty of moisture near bloom time. That does not mean they must be planted in water or pools even though they can be. I have seen them growing beautifully in with other plants in garden beds and on hillsides.

You can see why I look forward to spring. Maybe some iris will bloom that did not last year - will surprise me with a blossom after I had believed the plant was lost or had died long ago. thus rekindling my fascination with growing irises.

(Reprint from the Carolina Mountains Iris Society Newsletter #6, Winter97)



Best Artistic Design at the Fall Reblooming Show

HOW I BECAME INTERESTED IN GROWING IRIS

Barbara Lozaw, Virginia Peninsula

Wedding, funeral, sickness, church or just a gift - whatever the occasion, the family would expect and did appreciate a huge and varied bouquet of beautiful iris from Mama Ruth's garden. Broadway Star, Sapphire Hills, Copper Lustre, New Snow, Gay Parie, and Eleanor's Pride to name a few.

Unfortunately, her new house was built in a development directly over Hilton's old dump. Through the years she managed to pick out enough broken glass and rubble to grow a lovely garden. She and her two sisters favored iris over all other flowers. Catalogs prevailed and short trips to selling gardens were a springtime tradition.

During those years she didn't realize she was handing down her feeling for these flowers much like a mother teaches cooking, cleaning, and sewing to her offspring. But, in fact, all along this love was being instilled in me.

When my time came to have a garden of my own, the soil was good, but there were other problems. Funds were short. Even so, I finally sent for my first order of irises. On the day I planted them a little neighbor boy pulled all the rhizomes up and pitched them over the fence. That same child later picked every one of my tulips because - his mommie didn't have any.

Then there were the cats. You know how they love freshly dug dirt. There were thirteen of them. It just happened. O.K.? They were cheap entertainment for the five Lozaw children. And the cats didn't need batteries. Somehow, back then, cat food and kitty litter were never purchased. The cats thrived on scraps and sometimes used the sandbox of the "flower picker" next door. Revenge - isn't it sweet?

Alas, these were not all of my problems. There was football, baseball, basketball, hide and seek, cops and robbers, all played too near the garden. Neighborhood kids soon learned the "flower witch" would confiscate any balls during bloom season.

It wasn't easy. But, surprisingly those determined irises came through it all just as pretty as any anywhere. Pretty Carol, Amethyst Flame, Lovely Letty and many others.

Years later all flowers were abandoned because of a new job and a "Too fast" move to a new home. Then, a few years ago, a new

garden was started. It grows by leaps and bounds each year as I purchase new plants. Bertwistle, Thornbird, Mesmerizer, and Colette are some I ordered this year.

Mama, after three strokes, diabetes and heart problems has gone to be with her maker. Some of her flowers have been planted in the new garden. They remain here as a living reminder of someone, much loved, who planted the seeds for my interest in growing iris.

And that's not the end of the story. My mother, bless her heart, didn't start driving until she was around 70 years old. Daddy would never let her use the car. Well, anyway, she had two fender-benders and although she would drive, we did not encourage it. So, you know what she did? You know people get real shrewd when they get a little age on them, It's one of the tactics for survival. Anyway, she "joined" me to three of her clubs so I would be the chauffeur. The Williamsburg Iris Society was one of them. I guess this cool movement was another lesson she instilled in her one and only offspring.

I suppose it would only be fair if I conniving. I've already talked my oldest daughter, Connie, into taking most all of the irises out of mama's yard. During the year mom lived with me, children played in her yard and uprooted all the name tags and even though I love those irises, I don't have room for them and my newer ones. I think Connie is hooked, but I can't get her to attend our club's meetings. She does come to the shows and sales and one day when I get a little older and bolder maybe I'll figure out a way to get her to join.

Hey, there is Carol my "kick the can too near the garden" little girl. She and her husband even had their own yard maintenance and landscaping business - uniforms and all, until it got too big for them and they sold the enterprise. She should be a natural, except right now she is so busy with a painting business and he is working himself to death in real estate. In two years they plan to sell everything, buy a R.V. and travel....I don't know..why parents get gray.

Craig brings home an occasional flower, bush or tree. He doesn't know he's going to specialize in iris yet. He has the perfect yard for it. Big and all sun. On a busy highway where everyone can see. Ideal if he ever wants to sell plants.

My oldest granddaughter, Leora, has already worked in my flower beds, but at 19 she is in a very busy time in her life.

Oh well, there are five other grandchildren to work on. I hope I make the right maneuvers and sew good seeds and no weeds while I'm trying to get them interested in growing iris and loving it as I do.



THE IRIS OF FOREVER

Barbara Lozaw

When Earth's last iris is through blooming and
that flower has faded and died;
When all of the gardeners have passed on and
their gardening tools put aside;
We will rest and be pleased we have finished to
lie down for forever and more;
'Till the Master of all iris lovers shall return us to
work like before.
Then those that work hard will be happy. They
will rest in a garden chair.
They will dig in a weedless flower bed that will
need no earthly care.
They will find good plants to cross from and
create with a God given power.
Yes the soil will always stay fertile and be wa-
tered by a heavenly shower.
Then the real Master Gardener will help us.
We'll grow flowers without blemish or blame.
No there won't be any cruel borers and the rot
will not drive us insane.
So each for the pure joy of planting, and each in
his own special way
Will grow iris to his own very liking for a God
who'll have flowers every day.

57th Official Tall Bearded Iris Symposium
 American Iris Society, Region 4
 1997

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85 Ballots were cast = 14.25% of the Region 4 membership.

41	Vanity (DM 82)	14	Codicil
39	Thornbird		Gypsy Woman
38	Silverado (DM 94)		Mystique (DM 80)
36	Jesse's Song (DM 90)	13	Christmas Time
35	Immortality		Dazzling Gold
	Titan's Glory (DM 88)		Everything Plus (DM 91)
32	Dusky Challenger (DM92)		Gay Parasol
31	Stepping Out (DM 68)		Pacific Destiny
29	Edith Wolford (DM 93)		Shipshape
	Song of Norway (DM 86)	12	Afternoon Delight
28	Beverly Sills (DM 85)		Babbling Brook (DM 72)
	Clarence		Lullaby of Spring
27	Before The Storm (DM 96)		Mulled Wine
26	Lady Friend		Superstition
25	Mary Frances (DM 79)	11	Joyce Terry
24	Skating Party		Leda's Lover
	Suky		Loyalist
	Victoria Falls (DM 84)		Purple Pepper
23	Dover Beach	10	Altrust
22	Going My Way		Best Bet
21	Holy Night		Breakers
	Honky Tonk Blues (DM 95)		David Keith
20	Laced Cotton		Debby Rairdon (DM 71)
18	Bride's Halo (DM 78)		Lemon Mist
	Camelot Rose		Proud Tradition
	Sky Hooks		-----
17	Champagne Elegance		9 Votes - 13 cultivars
	Supreme Sultan		8 Votes - 9 cultivars
15	Conjunction		7 Votes - 9 cultivars
	Lorilee		6 Votes - 15 cultivars
	Ringo		5 Votes - 18 cultivars
	Winter Olympics (DM 67)		4 Votes - 20 cultivars
			3 Votes - 29 cultivars
			2 Votes - 43 cultivars
			1 Vote - 65 cultivars
			0 Votes - 134 cultivars

NOTE: Those cultivars shown in **Bold** are introductions of Region 4 hybridizers.

Membership Contest - 1996

The following is a list of Affiliates from Region 4 that participated in the 1996 Membership contest:

- 2nd Place - Francis Scott Key Iris Society - 400 points
 - 3rd Place - Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society - 305 points
 - 4th Place - Alleghany Highlands Iris Society - 295 points
 - 5th Place - Central Virginia Iris Society - 215 points
 - 6th Place - Charlotte Iris Society - 205 points
 - 7th Place - Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Suffolk Iris Society
195 points
 - 8th Place - Tidewater Iris Society - 65 points
 - 9th Place - Fredericksburg Area Iris Society - 20 points
 - 10th Place - Virginia Peninsula Iris Society - 15 points
 - 11th Place - Eastern Shore Iris Society - 10 points
- As you can see from the above list, Region 4 did quite well. The overall winner was Iris Club of Southeast Michigan, Region 6 with 525 points. Well done Region 4.
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The following members from Region 4 participated in the 1996 membership contest:

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| Barbara Alexander | Pat Bowen |
| Steven C. Chandler | Joan Collins |
| Becky Cook | Dwight Eddy |
| Charles Geller | Holly Green |
| Mrs. A.H. Hazzard | Ruth Brown Holbrook |
| Gladys N. Lee | Ms. Sharon A. Lipiec |
| Anne & Mike Lowe | Clarence Mahan |
| Sara Marley | Franklin W. Marr |
| Elizabeth Molchany | Leslie Nelson |
| Dennis Pearson | Ken & Joan Roberts |
| Bea Rogers | Jim Schroetter |
| Bill Smoot | Phyllis Soine |
| Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stevens | Margaret Stone |
| Margaret Thomas | Ruth Walker |
| Anner Whitehead | Robert S. Whithey |
| Joseph Yule | |

HOW DID I BEGIN ???

E. Roy Epperson, Eastern North Carolina

My first beginnings as a gardener was my weed garden! Daddy always had to leave a space for me to collect blooming weeds and grasses and plant them in my own little garden. I was seven years old. As A preacher's kid in North Mississippi, I always helped in the vegetable garden, for that was one of the main food sources for our large family. One year, Daddy expanded into a very large space and left the regular garden to me. I had rows upon rows of annuals and supplied the altar at church for many Sundays. That garden was in Horn Lake, Mississippi, and while we lived there a church member who was a member of AIS got me interested in iris, although I did not grow any. I bought my first iris The Red Douglas from Sears, Roebuck in 1949. I knew very little about iris culture and planted it in too much shade and too wet feet. However, it bloomed! Several years later, I ordered one of the collections from Cooley's. A dozen, I think. Looking back, I realize that I planted these too close together, but I did give them enough sun and all of them bloomed! This was probably the beginnings of my being an "iris nut"

While I was in graduate school, my iris plantings dwindled and it was not until I went to work at Elon College that my interest was renewed. A member of the French faculty was an AIS member and she and I mutually maintained the iris beds in her back yard. She gave me a membership in AIS in 1959. She and I bought iris together from Nannie Pacquet. When she left the Faculty, Virginia and I moved into that house and the iris beds became mine. It was there that I first met Alice Bouldin. My TB ins collection began to grow when I became aware of people like Frances Brown of Roanoke who made newer cultivars available at reduced prices. I bought Amethyst Flame and Whole Cloth and thought that I had gone to iris heaven. We moved to High Point in 1966 and I established Kirklee Iris Garden. Then I learned about Siberian iris and hosta from Jeanne Price. She gave me my first plantings of sibs and hosta. And now, thirty years later, my garden is beginning to look the way I want it to. There are TBs, IBs, SDBs, MTBs, Siberians, and some species. And of course, lots of hosta and other perennials.

New Members to Region 4

Alleghany Highlands Iris Society

Anthony Playtis

Washington, WV 26181

Blue Ridge Iris Society

Bill & Audrey Bedle

Roanoke, VA 24019

Carolina Mountians Iris Society

Mavis R. Delvecchio

Hendersonville, NC 28791

Judy Anne Edwards

Etowah, NC 28729

Danee A. Hoover

Horse Shoe, NC 28742

June Middleton

Saluda, NC 28773

Central Virginia Iris Society

Paulette B. Barnes

Bumpass, VA 23024

Pamela S. George

Richmond, VA 23233

Charlotte Iris Society

Jeanne W. Kincaid

Mooresboro, NC 28114

Brad Ratcliff

Charlotte, NC 28226

John W. Wood

Mooresboro, NC 28114

Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society

Eleanor Baker

Alexandria, VA 22305

Angela Britt

Landover, MD 20785

Ryan Carter

Winchester, VA 22603

Edmund & Glenda Castillo

Hamilton, VA 20158

Char Cook

Falls Church, VA 22046

James & Betty Hawkshaw

Alexandria, VA 22305

Sharon Herzberg

Springfield, VA 22153

Ramon & Karen Jones

Fairfax, VA 22031

Karen C. Lawson

Washington D.C. 20011

Victoria E. Perez

Bowie, MD 20715

Kathleen L. Pratt

Burke, VA 22015

Harry & Nancy Reed Jr.

Strasburg, VA 22657

Donna Cooper Stange

Reston, VA 22091

Lynn Title

Lanham, MD 20706

Eastern Shore Iris Society

Robert E. Malesardi

Easton, MD 21601

Margaret Mumford

Salisbury, MD 21801

Eastern North Carolina Iris Society

Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Kerchmar	Durham, NC 27705
Brenda Reavis	Yadkinville, NC 27055
Lucille Romero	Louisburg, NC 27549
Carolyn B. Stafford	Kernersville, NC 27284

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society

Linda Billingsley	Fredericksburg, VA 22406
Ted Caldwell	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Mrs. Toni Carneal	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Mr. Churchill Clark	Locust Grove, VA 22508
Nina Cox	King George, VA 22485
Linda Duncan	Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Darrien Edwards	Richlands, NC 28574
Donna Falls	Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Eileen Flynn	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
JoAnne Fortune	Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Elizabeth Gordon	Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Ms. Linda Govenides	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Bob & Karen Harvell	Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Mrs. M. Jo Holland	Stafford, VA 22554
Thomas Howard	Fredericksburg, VA 22408
Mrs. Marguerite Jackson	Milford, VA 22514
Diane Johnson	Hartwood, VA 22406
Dorothy Johnson	Fredericksburg, VA 22408
Ms. Hollen Johnson	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Margaret Keith	Fredericksburg, VA 22405
Jeannine Kenny	Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Susan Lewis	Woodford, VA 22580
Frances Mumford	Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Marjorie Patterson	Glen Allen, VA 23060
Ms. Carine Thomas	Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Francis Scott Key Iris Society

R. Dennis Hager	Millington, MD 21651
Mrs. Wilfred Kleiber Jr.	Columbia, MD 21045
John Saunders	Baltimore, MD 21222
Victoria J. Scriggins	Great Cacapon, MD 25422

Portsmouth, Chesapeake & Suffolk Iris Society

Barbara Banze	Suffolk, VA 23438
Betty J. Collins	Elberon, VA 23846

Virginia Peninsula Iris Society

Deborah Green	Williamsburg, VA 23188
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Alfalfa - Beneficial Soil Additive

Dr. Carolyn Schaffner, Buffalo New York

Alfalfa pellets, as a beneficial soil additive, has many growers of iris and daylilies excited! This natural product seems to have marvelous properties and no offensive ones.

It seems that in 1975, Dr. Stanley K Ries of Michigan State University established that alfalfa increased yields of certain plants. He discovered that TRIACONTANOL, contained in the leaves of alfalfa, is an extremely powerful plant growth stimulant. Alfalfa is also beneficial for soil organisms. It has a very high Vitamin A content, plus thiamin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, niacin, pyridoxine, choline, praline, bentaine and folic acid, plus nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, calcium, magnesium and other valuable minerals. Also included are sugars, starches, proteins and fiber, plus co-enzymes and 16 amino acids.

Anecdotal evidence that alfalfa works in the garden comes from commercial growers as well as home gardeners. One says he has been using alfalfa pellets for five years. At first he tried them in one bed. That bed was outstanding, and so he used them on all beds ever since.

Some gardeners put a handful, or even a cupful in the soil in the hole while planting individual specimens. The pellets can be sprinkled over the top of the soil around established plantings and can be left to dissolve -- they quickly turn into a mush -- or dug into the soil around the plants. Alfalfa is not relished by squirrels and because it quickly melds into the soil, does not seem to attract other varmints.

Farmers have been growing alfalfa to improve soil for a long time. Now it's available and has been proven to be successful for home gardeners, too.

(This was taken off the Iris-L List.)

Questions & Answers about Alfalfa Pellets/Meal

Dennis Stoneburner

Where can I find Alfalfa? - Feed stores. They are commonly used as horse and rabbit feed and the "sales associates" are beginning to recognize that gardeners use the same products for their gardening.

When is the best time to apply Alfalfa? - Most agree that after bloom time is best. Some apply a small amount on Siberians in the Fall.

Is there anything I should avoid? - Do not buy Alfalfa with corn or molasses added since these are growth Inhibitors.

Can Water soluble fertilizers like Miracle-Grow be used at the same time? - Yes, using a ¼ - ½ strength mixture in a hose-end sprayer can be used. This will also help breakdown the pellets.

How about Alfalfa meal? - You can use meal instead of pellets. Water thoroughly. Some people use a mixture of bone meal and Alfalfa meal.

I have problems with rabbits. Will this make it worse? - I have heard yes and no. If you water in completely there shouldn't be any problem.

What about the odor? - Again, if watered in completely, the aroma should be gone in a day or two.

Can you put too much on? - I have used a thick coating of pellets with no side effects. There have been reports of rot because of Alfalfa. Apply a measured amount to your garden and note the results.



ALFALFA TEA AND SIMILAR DELIGHTS

Used for roses and all other plants

Cow tea, alfalfa tea and fish emulsion solutions still work the best with roses of all types, including miniatures. These mixtures feed the soil, supporting the organisms that convert nutrients into forms available to plants. A long chain but a simple one. Food value is bulk in as well, but the primary boost comes from activating the soil organisms. Can't burn....tiny hair roots love it. If you haven't brewed up one of the teas, your roses haven't enjoyed a natural treat.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

*32 gallon, leakproof, plastic garbage can with a TIGHT lid
Alfalfa meal or alfalfa pellets (about 12 cups per 32 gallons)
OR a 10-pound onion sack of cow chips or horse apples or cow manure.

Available water long stirring stick (broom handle)

FERMENTING METHOD:

Add the active ingredients to garbage can, fill nearly to the top with water, and stir. Cover Tightly. Let steep for 2-3 days, stir and steep off-and-on for no more than a week. The result will be a green fermentation solution with a foamy consistency. It's ready to apply. IT ALSO SMELLS.

APPLICATION:

Use an old bucket to bail out a gallon or so per large bush. Miniatures can use about half as much. Can safely be used every six weeks during the active growing season. Works great on all sorts of plants in containers. Leaves green up, new growth appears, blooms take on a richer hue. When the garbage can is nearly empty, there will be a rich sediment left. Fill with water, steep a day or so and apply again. One loading of organic ingredients will make up two batches. For Irises and other plants: 1-3 cups, (depending on the size) per plant or clump.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Alfalfa contains a growth hormone call Triacontanol and an organic base on which organisms can feed. Alfalfa meal or pellets broadcast and snatched into The soil do the same thing, but tea works much faster.

FORTIFIED TEA:

To the finished tea, add 8 tablespoons of Sequestrene 330, ½ cup of Epson salts, and 1 cup of 20-20-20 soluble fertilizer (or a 20-20-20 mix with trace elements). Stir well. Apply one gallon per established plant, but only about a quart for miniatures. It's the best treat your roses ever had.

(This was taken from the Newsletter, *Rosarian*, 1996)

Some Thoughts on Judging Irises

Clarence Mahan

Several years ago I wrote an article for our local Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society Newsletter which I suggested that we are “rushing to judgment” in voting for the Honorable Mention (HM) award for irises two years after an iris is introduced. Ron Mullen, who at the time was editor of the AIS Bulletin, thought the article of sufficient interest that he reprinted it in the Bulletin.

When the AIS Awards System was subsequently revised, the committee which had studied the system recommended it be changed to require irises to wait 3 years after introduction before they become eligible for the HM award. The AIS Board was divided on this issue. Consequently, we reached a compromise. Since that time beardless irises must wait three years to be eligible for the HM: but bearded irises retain the 2 year requirement.

Although I voted for the compromise, I have made no secret that I personally think the 3 year requirement should be applied to all irises. I just do not believe 2 years is sufficient time to evaluate an iris, especially since it takes several years for new irises to be evaluated in the various parts of the country. Also, there are some cultivars that I have been quite favorable impressed with after two years, but have changed my mind after the third or fourth year.

In a letter exchange with Keith Keppel on this subject, Keith expressed disagreement with my views on requiring bearded irises to wait for 3 years for the HM vote. As an alternative to increasing the time, Keith suggested that judges should withhold their votes if they have not had a chance to evaluate a cultivar in their part of the country. I have a lot of respect for Keith’s views: indeed I respect the views of others who have disagreed with me on this matter, too. Nevertheless I continue to believe that 2 years is not enough time to properly evaluate a new iris.

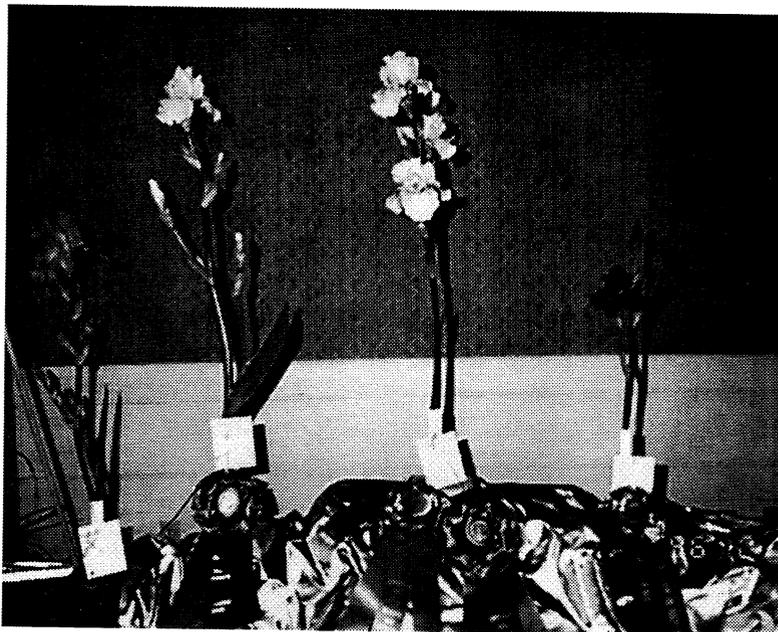
Whatever the rules, however, I do think Keith Keppel’s advice that judges should not vote for an iris cultivar unless they know it does well in their part of the country is sound. For the most part, I have practiced this rule in the past. I intend practicing it even more religiously in the future. Regardless as to how beautiful and vigorous an iris is elsewhere, if it does not grow well in my part of the country, I shall not vote an award for it.

When we judges vote for cultivars whose stalks tend to fall over, whose blooms and stalks cannot hold up in our typical bloom season weather, whose increase is poor in our climate and soil, or whose rhizomes are quite susceptible to rot in our climates, we do a great disservice to the promotion of irises as garden plants. I also believe we are doing the same disservice when we vote for an iris cultivar that is untested in our growing area and conditions. What do you think?

Ed. Note: If anyone has any comments concerning the AIS judging standards or Handbook, send your comments to Dr. E. Roy Epperson. (address on front inside cover) He is currently chairing committees looking into these issues.



Members of the Alleghany Highlands Chapter attending the Fall Regional in Suffolk. (Back row - Paul Jones, Dennis Stoneburner, John Wright Front row - June Wright, Margaret Stone)



Queen 'MISTY TWILIGHT' and her court at the Fall Show in Suffolk. Jan Bryant was the exhibitor who also won the Best Design in the Artistic Division.



Tool Care:

It's important to keep your tools in good condition for them to work properly and to last. Sharpen or replace pruning blades frequently. Dull blades tear, especially with shrubs and trees, and can leave jagged edges that invite disease. Use a solvent to clean sap and other debris from blades after each use. An easy way to clean dirt and bits of grass off the blades and to prevent rusting is to push them up and down into a bucket of sand that has some oil mixed in. Tighten any loose screws, bolts or nuts as needed. At the end of the gardening season, look over all of your tools, repair where necessary and give them a final cleaning before putting them away for the winter.

(C&P Newsletter Nov. 96)

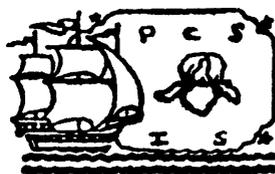
Color Your Garden Gorgeous:

Choose and combine colors with an artists flair with a gardeners color wheel. Add instant pizazz to a cool garden with sparks of hot color...tie a bed or border with clumps of repeating color...combine clashing colors like orange and purple. Interior decorators often use three or four colors as a theme throughout a home, and "exterior decorators" do the same. Theme colors used repetitively will unify the different garden areas, just as they unify the rooms of a house. For example, bordering all your garden plots with a row of marigolds or creamy petunias will tie different garden areas together. Repeating the same colors in different plant types can have the same effect.

(C&P Newsletter, Nov. 96)



Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk Iris Society



1997 Officers:

President: Jan Bryant - 757-686-1536

Vice-President: Dennis Pearson - 757-238-3145

Secretary: Becky Cook - 757-855-9646

Treasurer: Bea Rogers - 757-484-6601

~~ Calendar of Events ~~

March:	Carol Warner - Japanese Iris
April:	Show Duties & Grooming Iris
May:	Annual Show - Chesapeake Square Mall
June:	Slide Show - New Introductions
July:	Annual Iris Sale
Aug:	Cultivation Information
Sept:	Elections & Chapter Picnic

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society



1997 Officers:

President: Leslie Nelson - 540-663-2769

Vice-President: Roger Glassoff - 540-891-9862

Secretary: JoAnne Krzeminski - 540-891-0223

Treasurer: Walter Gaylord - 540-371-1644

In August, we had our annual sale, which was quite successful and at which 22 new members joined. In September, we had our annual picnic at the Rose Farm. At this meeting, Jim Schroetter was appointed as our new program Chairman and he is quite enthusiastic about it. We hope to have a full, fun, and educational schedule planned for the upcoming year. It is our hope that this will bring back old members and interest our new members. We will hold our annual Harvest Dinner in November.

~~ Calendar of Events ~~

March 15	Arrangements and Design Workshop: Martha Carter
April 12	Iris Exhibition Workshop: TBA
May 17	Iris Show: TBA
May 18	Garden tours to members gardens
June 14	Tour to Lewis Gitner Gardens in Richmond
July 12	Plant swap, meeting, and "Iris Pest & Predators"
Aug 2	Annual Iris Sale at Roxbury Farm & Garden
Sept 13	Annual Picnic & "Beardless Iris" presentation at Lois's Rose's Farm
Oct 11	"Rebloomer" presentation and garden tour at the Schroetter place
Nov 14	Harvest Dinner & "Ask the Experts"



God Almighty first planted a garden, And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.

Frances Bacon

Francis Scott Key Iris Society



1997 Officers:

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The FSK 96 Fall luncheon was held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Columbia Hilton Inn. Members set up a very beautiful display of Reblooming Iris from their gardens. After lunch, Ginny Spoon gave an interesting slide presentation on Median Iris. This was followed by Rosalie Figge and Carol Warner who gave their impressions on the conventions they attended in 1996: National Convention in Sacramento, California; Median Iris Societies Convention in Portland, Oregon; and the Species & Siberian Convention in Massachusetts.

FSK donated \$1,200 to Dundalk Community College to award four horticultural scholarships for the academic year 96/97.

Thirty years ago, FSK was founded by The late Retta & Maynard Harp. We will celebrate this special event this year with a special event to be announced later.

~~ Calendar of Events ~~

Feb. 28-Mar. 2 & Mar. 7-9: Maryland Flower & Garden Show
State Fair Grounds, Timonium, MD

April 12: Spring Luncheon - TBA

May 24: FSK Annual Spring Iris Show

July 19: Iris Sale - Watson's Garden Center, York Rd.
Timonium, MD

July 27: Annual Picnic - TBA

October 18: Fall Luncheon & Show - TBA

Charlotte Iris Society



The second year of the biennium of the Charlotte Iris Society started with a successful Rhizome Sale in July. In addition to recent introductions and old favorites, the sale featured a collection of Intermediates from Dr. Warren Hazelton from Maine. Since our '97 show is scheduled for April, we expect to see more intermediates than we have had at previous shows, hence a fortuitous sale.

Our next event was our September Auction which featured "one only" of a variety of beardless iris and other perennials. Any duplicates from the September meeting were added to other plants which were declared surplus by several of our best gardeners. A group of members potted up many of these plants and others to be sold bare rooted. The plants were sold at Cotswold Mall October 5 with up to \$500.00 of income dedicated to Region 4. We realized our goal and plants not sold have been "recycled" to the plant sale of Central Piedmont Community College.

Topics for the annual February Seminar have not been announced, but we anticipate lively interest.

The board has approved the appointment of a task force to evaluate our present program of work and make recommendations for the organization that will enhance the participation of our members (approximately 100 with 40 AIS members in our area) toward the mission of the organization. In 1998 as we celebrate 50 years of the Charlotte iris Society, we want to be poised to move into the 21'st century with renewed vigor and energy for iris in the Charlotte Area..

Each member is excited and proud that Katharine Steele's Petite Monet won the Williamson-White Medal.

The society wishes to extend a warm invitation to the region for the Fall '98 meeting. Come help us complete our 50th anniversary celebration.

Eastern North Carolina Iris Society

1997 Officers:

President: Burt H. Pearson, III - 919-496-2865

Secretary: Mrs. Geraldine Davis - 910-421-0500

Treasurer: Roy Epperson - 910-883-9677



Eastern Shore Iris Society

1997 Officers:

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Vice-President: Diana Hunter - 410-749-0497

Recording Secretary: Andrea Helkowski - 410-749-7493

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Treasurer: Genevieve Deggendorf - 410-742-0593

~ Calendar of Events ~

Spring Luncheon meeting at Jack Holland's home - Who is also a prize winning daffodil exhibitor.

Several Judges Training Seminars

Garden Tour in May

Flower Show - Second Saturday in May - Centre at Salisbury

Summer Picnic

Iris Rhizome Sale - Centre at Salisbury

Fall Luncheon and Meeting

Christmas Party - Popular Hill Mansion



*Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees,
that half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees.*

Rudyard Kipling

Central Virginia Iris Society

1997 Officers:

President: Phyllis Soine - 804-233-3672

Vice-President: Mary Ann Bennis - 804-739-7970

Secretary: Deborah R. Bowen - 804-745-9553

Treasurer: Van Ferguson - 804-741-6591

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 8 **GARDENER'S FAIR 10am-4pm**
(CVIS will have a table for information sharing and recruitment)

GREAT BIG GREENHOUSE & NURSERY

Forest Hill Ave. & Chippenham Pkwy

Richmond, VA

MAY 17 **GARDEN TOURS-TBA**

JULY 26 **IRIS SALE 10am-3pm**

UKROP'S at STONY POINT

3000 Stony Point RD.

Stony Point Shopping Center

(where Forest Hill meets Huguenot Rd.)

Richmond, VA

SEPTEMBER 20 **FALL MEETING**

GUEST LECTURER - To be announced

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

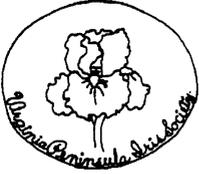
ST. JOHN'S WOOD APARTMENTS CLUB

HOUSE (SKY LOUNGE)

901 St. John's Wood Drive

(Off Jahnke Road, east of Chippenham Pkwy)

Richmond, VA



Virginia Peninsula Iris Society

May was our annual Iris Show at the Williamsburg Outlet Mall, Lightfoot VA. We had 11 exhibitors with 107 exhibits. Mabel Coday, Siberian, took Queen of the Show.

In June, we elected our new slate of officers for the 1996-98 term. They are:

President: Betty Worrell - 757- 565-1970
Vice-President: Grace Hall - 757- 851-8033
Secretary: Alice Woodward - 757- 966-9701
Treasurer: James Pressly - 757- 220-1858

We took a break in July and resumed our meetings with a picnic in August at Newport News Park.

Our September rhizome sale was held at Patrick Henry Mall, Newport News VA. October meeting is our planning meeting for the coming year. We finish up our year with an annual luncheon at Fort Magruder inn, Williamsburg for members, family and friends.

Three of our members, who are Master Gardeners, spoke to other gardening groups on Iris.

Our newsletter Rhizome Review is sent out each month after the meeting to members and to the RVP and historian or Region 4. We also exchange news letters with other societies.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Louise Smith, one of our charter members, on the 14th of September. She was a lover of iris and worked to hybridize fragrant iris. Her "Fragrant Iris Garden" was a show place in the spring. Louise and her late husband, Walter, opened the garden every Spring to anyone who wished to visit. Many Garden Clubs and gardening groups planned their April/May meeting around a trip to her garden. Louise, known locally as the Iris Lady, was a program speaker for many of these groups. We will miss her; for her iris knowledge and her cheerful smile.

We normally meet the second Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM at the Williamsburg Regional Library. Exceptions for 1997 are April, May, August, September and November.

January: video "Iris A to Z"
February: Landscape designer, speaker
March: Clarence Mahan, speaker
April: Garden tour - late month
May: Iris Exhibition
June: Iris Trivia: Questions and Answers
July: no meeting
August: Picnic
September: Rhizome sale
October: Business meeting
November: Luncheon
December: no meeting



Blue Ridge Iris Society



1997 Officers:

President: Dennis Stoneburner - 540-982-2176
Vice-President: Fred Stephenson - 540-774-0202
Secretary: Helen Padgett - 540-947-5098
Treasurer: Millie Trent - 540-774-9171

This past year was a hard one for Blue Ridge. We lost several key members for various reasons. We are attempting to keep ourselves together this year, but will not overtax our available resources. No Shows or Sales are planned. Getting together for a few meetings and garden get-togethers will be our main focus. It is hopeful we can continue in the future, possibly to the level for which we were once known.



Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society

1997 Officers:

President: Ginny Spoon - 540-888-4447
Vice-President: Gloria Fairhead - 410-276-1303
Secretary: Valerie Canada - 301-498-6003
Treasurer: Eleanor Fischer - 202-526-2447

This past year C&P hosted the spring regional and despite some problems and uncooperative weather we managed to pull through thanks to the entire team effort of the members who planned and worked so hard. We are also grateful for all the people who came and participated in the regional and hope that they enjoyed their visit. Now we are working hard to plan for a successful year ahead with emphasis on more member involvement.

As Sara Marley pointed out to me recently, our chapter is large enough to be a region in itself, approximately 100 miles wide by 150 miles long. It is difficult to find places to meet and have shows which are convenient to everyone. This year I'm searching out some new and some old places which may be more centrally located. Also, I want these places to be spots where we may reach more potential members. I also want to encourage more youth memberships. We are not getting any younger unfortunately, and we need to pass on our knowledge and passion for this beautiful flower to the younger generation. This summer we met a young man, 12 years old, who had a love for irises that his grandfather passed on to him. He came to our garden and asked us many questions and we could see that he had a genuine love for them. We gave him 20 of our best irises so he could start his own collection and sponsored him in the AIS youth program. We will continue to keep in contact with him and give support whenever possible. Blaney Marlow, one of our members, has sponsored her grandson in the youth program also. Perry Dyer started as a youth member in the society at age 18. He now owns Contemporary Gardens and writes a most fun and informative column in the bulletin called "Contemporary Views".

I would also like to have our veteran members teach their knowledge of putting on shows, judging, etc. to the newer members so that they could take over more responsibilities with confidence. Ideally each chairman should have a co-chairman who would help and learn from them and eventually be able to take over their job.

Our first board meeting of the new officers will be held on October 19th at Behnke's Nursery. There we will outline programs which will be informative and fun for our membership. We will also discuss nominations for a program chairman as well as a ways and means, hospitality, publicity, awards, and a show committee chairman.



Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23rd. **Reblooming Iris - Don & Ginny Spoon,
Green Spring Park, Annandale, Va.**
- Mar. 8th. **Paul Black Luncheon - Fairview Marriott,
Falls Church**
- Apr. 26th. **Judges Training - Medians - Dick Sparling's House,
Olney, Md.**
- Apr. 27th. **Median Show - Behnke's Nursery, Beltsville, Md.**
- May 17th. **Flower Show - Merrifield Garden Center - Fairfax**
- May 25th. **Judges Training - Spoon's Garden, Cross Junction,
Va. - with Lloyd Zurbrigg**
- Jun. 21st. **Beardless Show - TBA**
- Jul. 19th. **Bearded Iris Sale - Falls Church Community Center**
- Aug. 16th. **Annual Picnic - Marley's, Hillsboro Va.**
- Sept. 14th. **Beardless Iris Sale & Auction - TBA**
- Oct. 18th. **C&P Annual Fall Show - Behnke's Nursery**
- Nov. 9th. **Mike & Lowe speaking on Historic Irises - TBA**



"What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it."

Charles Dudley Warner

Carolina Mountains Iris Society

1997 Officers:

President: Betsy Higgins - 704-693-3290
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Secretary: Jeanne Grundies - 704-687-3565
Treasurer: Flossie Nelson - 704-692-7942



Our annual Show was held on May 11. Due to the late Spring, bloom was not as prolific in the Hendersonville area as usual, but our more southerly and easterly exhibitors made up for the slack in this area. It was gratifying to see some Space Age entries this year and a magnificent stalk of Conjuration won Best-in-Show.

Our Japanese Show on June 13 and 14 was bigger and better than ever, with 87 entries. Japanese iris-growing continues to expand in this area as more people become familiar with them. "To see them is to love them" is certainly true about Japanese Iris.

Our very successful Auction was held on August 10, enabling us to fund, once again, a horticultural scholarship at Blue Ridge Community College. When it came time to separate the Japanese irises growing at BRCC, the horticultural students helped dig and divide-the huge clumps and replant divisions. This task became part of their curriculum and proved to be a wonderful learning experience for them. CMIS was also grateful for their help; a job that would have taken us all day was done in 3 hours!

The Fall meeting was held on November 1 with good attendance and with the expectation of Convention slides from AIS. Unfortunately, the slides failed to arrive in time for the meeting. Therefore, since there were several new-to-iris folks attending, there was a general discussion about irises and their culture and many of their questions were answered.

1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Spring meeting: April 19 at Hendersonville Public Library
Annual Flower Show: May 17 at First Congregational Church,
Hendersonville
Annual Japanese Flower Show: June 12 and 13 at Opportunity
House, Hendersonville
Sale & Auction: August 9 at First Congregational Church,
Hendersonville
Fall meeting: November 1 at Hendersonville Public Library.



Alleghany Highlands Iris Society

1997 Officers:



- President: Margaret Stone - 304-647-4395
Vice-President: Paul F. Jones - 304-647-4395
Secretary: Connie Siess - 304-645-3696
Treasurer: Georgia C. Hayes - 304-645-2598

The Alleghany Highlands Iris Society would like to welcome all to the Region 4 Fall Convention which will be held October 3rd and 4th at Brier Inn in Lewisburg, WV. The members are looking forward to an outstanding meeting when they will be meeting new members as well as old friends.

The fall covered dish dinner will be held in the home of Georgia C. Hayes on October 26, 1996.

The Christmas dinner will be held on Dec. 14, 1996 in the home of Margaret C. Stone and Paul F. Jones. Margaret and Paul will prepare the meal which will be served at 5 p.m. New officers for the coming year will be elected during the meeting following the dinner.

The Iris Rhizome sales proved to be very successful as well as a learning experience.

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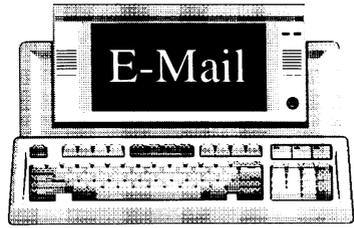
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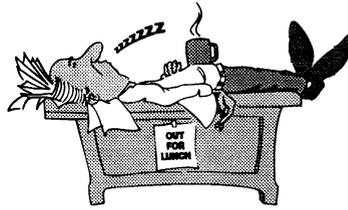


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If you have a computer with a modem, come join the fun. Lots to see and talk about on the 'Net'.
Have I forgotten anyone? E-Mail me with your address.



Ah, a cup of coffee and a power nap, what a marvelous idea. Putting Newscast together takes hours of work but at least it's fun. This issue was particularly difficult since I started out the year with the flu and pneumonia. Not a fun experience for anyone anytime. I'm back to my old self now, tickling these keys with a passion.

Speaking of passion, there's lots of it on the Iris Internet. Plenty of people from all over the world exchanging ideas on a wide range of subjects. The discussions sometimes can be lively and very informative. If you have a computer and a modem, come join us. If Rosalie Figge can do it, so can you!!!

So much is currently going on in AIS. The Awards system, membership, judging standards, and the Handbook just to name a few. Ideas tossed about on the Internet, in club meetings, or over coffee are good but to no effect if not passed on to the proper people. Take a moment to jot ideas on a piece of paper and send them to Dr. Epperson, or Anne Lowe. I know there are plenty of great ideas out there. We need an up to date Judges Handbook and plenty of new judges.

Speaking of Judges, ever considered becoming one? It's a great learning experience and fun too. In High Point you will have the opportunity to be instructed by Dr. Hal Stahly, former President of AIS and a noted Hybridizer. If becoming a judge isn't for you, attend anyway. If nothing else, you will benefit in knowing how to select a good iris for your garden.

And finally, speaking of the garden, does your garden have borders? You know those things that keep the dirt in place. (You thought I meant Border Bearded Irises.....not this time.) Well borders in your garden are good because without them, you would have a big MESS. The same is true with your life. If we all try to do too much and ignore the borders or remove them altogether our life gets out of control. Spring is fast approaching and with it iris bloom, shows, tours, sales, auctions, meetings....and on and on and on. Don't over do it. Rediscover your borders and don't ignore them. Like your garden, you would be a mess without them!

Well time for that cup of coffee and nap. See you in the fall!!

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