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- 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

February is here and much to everyone's surprise Tidewater had a blanket of snow that lasted more than one day. This has been a very different weather year. We have had excessive rain with flooding and now snow and more snow that has stayed on the ground longer than I have ever seen. I think I am back in Iowa again. Also the weather has been very cold, then the next day it has been a warm spring day, crazy, never know what the weather is going to do next. We finally have been able to get out to look at our iris. We had lost some iris to various weather related activities, but hopefully the weather is going to cooperate and we are going to have plenty of irises for you to see at the Spring meeting the last of April.



Mary Brown, our Membership Chair, has been working very hard on renewals and we are making remarkable efforts to keep Region 4's members. One of the things that I hope we will be able to do at the Spring Meeting is to exchange ideas about failures and successes the various societies have had in working with their own society. The local societies have many good ideas out and about. We just need to share these ideas with each other.

Unfortunately, many of you have indicated to me that you will be unable to attend our Spring Meeting due to conflicts - many that were caused by the Tidewater Iris Society's changing the date from the first weekend in May to the last weekend in April. We had had a rough year here in Tidewater, as we have lost members to death, have had some serious illnesses, people have changed jobs and as a result had their responsibilities increased and last, but not the least, we have children graduating from college the first weekend in May. So, I am going to miss not seeing many of you iris friends that I look forward to seeing each spring and fall.

Probably the biggest advantage to having the meeting the last of April is that each year the Norfolk Botanical Gardens host an international Azalea Festival. The azaleas are in full bloom and it makes a colorful background for our Botanical Gardens. This year as part of our garden tour, we are going to go to the Botanical Gardens and they are going to have a boat waiting for us to take us up the waterway. When we return, they will have a train waiting to take us through the garden itself. This will take a little less than an hour. After the boat and train ride, you will have an opportunity to look around the garden before going back to the hotel. We will have judges training, but you will be given the opportunity to stay at the gardens and the bus will return later to pick you up for the evening events. Many people over the years we have been involved in Region 4 activities have commented on the fact that they would enjoy seeing the azaleas. So this is your chance.

I am sending a copy of the Registration Form, which you will also find as the last page of this *NEWSCAST*, to each of the chapter/society presidents so that they can put it in the local newsletter. We are going to have an accredited show and if everything works out, we are

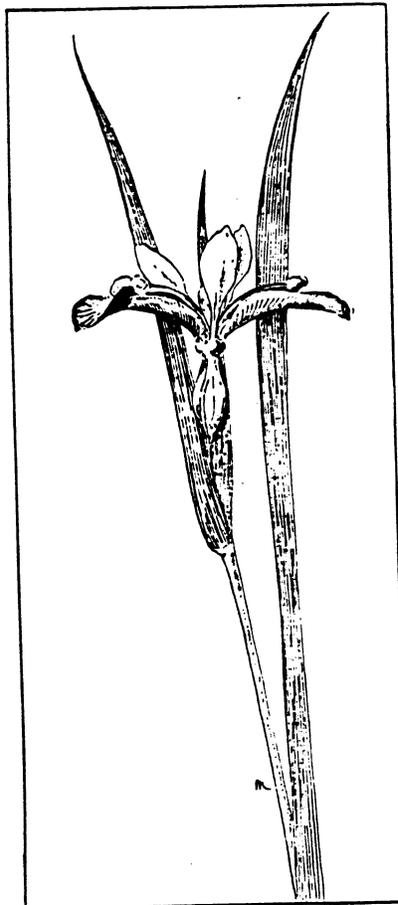
looking forward to having a Federated Design show. If the design show develops, we will notify the chapter/society presidents of the various classes so you can enter if you so desire. I am sorry to report that our invited speaker will not be with us as she has a previous speaking engagement for the changed date of the Spring Meeting. Things have gotten very confused at TIS, but we are putting together an exciting weekend.

The spring auction is going to be the only event on Friday evening. Hopefully, we will have much to auction and by having it early on Friday evening, we will be able to get to bed at a better hour, as well as some of us still being awake at the end of the auction. I am still looking for a volunteer to serve as Regional Auction Chairman. This is a good opportunity for you to get involved on the regional level.

Help! Help! We still need a webmaster. Do you know of anyone or are you willing to help! I know it is a big job for a volunteer, but if you are a computer person you might enjoy this challenge. If you know anyone or have anyone in your society, area, etc., that would be willing to be the Region 4 Webmaster, please contact me. We need someone who is willing to work with the web site as well as keep it updated on a timely basis. Call me, JaNiece, at (757) 858-8085 or E-mail at Region 4 J Mull @aol.com.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting! Take extra slides of your iris this bloom season and bring them or send them to Bill Mull so we can build up a slide library.

Have a great iris and gardening season! Some of you we will see in Dallas at the National Convention.



-*Iris graminca*

REGION 4 SPRING MEETING

APRIL 28 and 29, 2000

Hosts: Tidewater Iris Society

Headquarters: Airport Hilton, 1500 N. Military Hwy
Norfolk, VA 757-466-800

Schedule of Activities:

Friday, April 28

- 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Show set up/Receipt of Entries
- 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Judging of Show
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Judges Training (1 hour credit)
Ethics of Entering and Judging a Show
Instructor: E. Roy Epperson
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Social Time
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Banquet
- 7:45 p.m. until??? Regional Auction

Saturday, April 29

- Morning Local Garden Tours
- Lunch
- Tour of Norfolk Botanical Gardens: Boat and Train tour included
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Judges Training (2 hours credit)
Awards and Balloting
Instructor: E. Roy Epperson
- 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Social Time
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Banquet/Business Meeting and Awards
- 8:30 -10:30 p.m. Guest Speaker/Sharing Time

CULTURE OF IRISES A COMMON-SENSE APPROACH FOR THE AVERAGE HOME GARDENER

Rena Crumpler

[Editor's Note: Rena Frantz Crumpler served Region 4 and AIS for many years as RVP, Editor of *NEWSCAST*, and a Director of AIS. She thoroughly understood the how of growing irises and presented a beautiful garden for visitors. She wrote a series of articles for *NEWSCAST* in 1978-79 when she was Editor and I was RVP. I intend to reprint each of these with some editing.]

This series of articles is not for large growers, hybridizers, specialists or professionals. It is devoted to average home gardeners, a group which comprises the vast majority of our irisarians. It is an attempt to furnish information concerning the cultural needs of the several broad classifications of irises commonly grown in modern gardens in the hope that it will increase the grower's basic understanding of his/her irises, the care they require and the soil they need to sustain them, and give her/him sufficient knowledge to determine the reason or lack of reason behind some of the "musts" and "must nots" which constantly bombard him or her.

Danger is inherent in generalization, over-simplification and, most of all, in pronouncements. Nearly every statement is made with full knowledge that there are exceptions and modifications. The opening sentence on *Iris Culture in Garden Irises* published in 1959 is: "These are changing times for iris gardeners." It is doubly true today when horticulture, along with every other science, is in an age of adjustment of concepts. Tremendous advances in knowledge through plant and soil research are being made but a state of confusion exists because no sooner does one respected authority establish what he believes is an absolute than another just as respected, disputes it and proves that it is far from conclusive or applicable in all cases. We can be thankful that the great iris family is an adaptable and hardy clan which will forgive more of our mistakes than most.

Being human, we resist change and experimentation and become firmly entrenched in our habits. Willingness to experiment but never accept without proof and thorough testing is the earmark which separates the fine gardener from the mediocre.

The subject of general iris culture cannot be discussed satisfactorily by specifying areas or regions and recommending thus and so for that particular part of the country. Most regions are subject to radical change of soil type and climate within short distances. Literally, you and your next-door neighbor may have completely different growing problems. Even different parts of your own garden vary in depth of top soil, natural fertility, structure, texture, acidity, underlying base, drainage conditions, amounts of sun and shade and exposure to elements, with some areas being considerably more protected than others. All of these things materially affect plant growth.

Each irisarian is all too willing to give you his "magic formula". He is sure his methods are the best. They may be for him, but your growing conditions may not be the same and your needs and objectives may differ. You can learn much from him but, more often than not, his "magic" is not for you. Probably your wisest course is to use his advice on a few basics but develop

your own "magic" by observation, talking with not one irisarian but with many and studying simplified, down-to-earth garden books, always avoiding fads and extremes. Then and only then, decide what is best for you depending on what you wish to accomplish.

THE BEGINNER

Information directed at the beginning grower of irises often appears to assume that s/he intends to go forth and prepare a special bed in which s/he will grow irises only. Therefore, emphasis is placed on the preparation of the bed. I wonder how many of today's irisarians started in that way? Interest in any plant comes in a much more subtle manner. It sneaks up on you.

In the beginning, perhaps you see a beautiful bloom and admire it; perhaps you attend an iris show or an iris garden and decided you would like to grow a few; perhaps someone gives you a couple of rhizomes and you stick them in among other plants; perhaps you buy a dozen at a bargain. Much later, when you find this lovely flower assuming an important role among your hobbies, is when you really get hooked usually, for life. In any event, your interest grows gradually and the odds are that you will not start by digging a bed exclusively for irises. You may never do so. Some of the finest irisarians I know, continue to grow irises right along with many other kinds of plants.

As a rule, we are attracted first by the tall bearded irises, the largest and most spectacular of the iris family. If you begin with any of the bearded irises, small or large, you will discover that they grow quite well in the same environment as hemerocallis, peonies, canterbury bells, foxglove, petunias, phlox, snapdragons and other widely grown garden plants. You will find also that they make agreeable companions for such plants. The same is true of the bulbous irises, particularly Dutch irises which will tolerate a wide variety of growing conditions. Although not as well known in most sections, spurias, which are members of the beardless group, are quite adaptable and are coming into prominence very rapidly. Siberians, another beardless type, long thought to require special conditions, are not as choosy as we have been led to believe. As a type, they are meadow plants, enjoying the edge of a pond, the banks of a stream, but many varieties perform satisfactorily with other plants in the average garden. Louisianas, Japanese and many of the species are fundamentally water plants which are native to swamps and bogs. They require special considerations, but some of them, especially the Louisianas can adapt very well to many climates and conditions. As the grower becomes more involved, s/he will want to broaden his/her knowledge and study specific types of irises.

Here are a few simple suggestions which may be helpful to the budding irisarian.

1. Give them room to grow. Few irises can stand crowding other than the small bearded (miniature dwarf, standard dwarf and intermediate). There are a hardier breed, more resistant to insects and diseases and may often survive where others fail. They also have the advantage of blooming early before other plants start heavy growth.
2. Irises other than some of the species and water-loving types will flower best if they are in full sun, a minimum of 4 - 6 hours per day. In very hot, dry climates, light shade for part of the day is helpful.

3. Good drainage is essential to the bearded irises, the bulbous irises and the spurias. Even most of the Siberians, which like extra water, seem not to thrive best under constant soggy conditions.

4. Use the same garden practices of cleanliness and neatness that you use for roses and other perennials. Remove spent bloomstalks promptly, clean out debris around the plant and leave it open to sun and air. Remember that nothing grows well with weeds except more weeds.

5. Conduct a practical and consistent spray program.

6. Make sure the bearded varieties (rhizomatous) do not get too deeply imbedded in the soil. This can be the start of troubles with fungus diseases, rot and borers. The correct depth varies from practically no covering of soil in the South to a depth of about 1 1/2" in cold climates.

7. Separate or thin the bearded types every year or two depending on how fast they multiply. Some growers leave them longer, but, in my experience, this provides a breeding ground for insects and diseases. Thin means to cut out the base of the spent bloomstalk along with most of the rest of the old rhizome. I usually leave a small portion at the tips of the new rhizomes to help anchor them. Remove growth that looks weak and dwarfed and remove any rhizome that is crowding the clump.

8. Use a balanced fertilizer such as 5-10-10 when new growth starts, again just before bloom season and again after the season is over. For the iris family, several light applications seem to work a great deal better than one large feeding.

9. Check often for signs of pests and diseases and take prompt action when either are present.

10. Don't waste your time and energy on inferior plants. Purchase from a reputable specialist in irises and don't fall for the guy who wants to sell you a collect of irises for a couple of dollars (usually unnamed). Insist on knowing the name and year of introduction and before you buy check the list over with a knowledgeable iris grower in your area.

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[The next article in this series is "The Soil" and will be printed in the August *NEWSCAST*.]

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 1, 1999 through February 1, 2000

Balance on November 3, 1999 (Checking only) \$ 8,750.59

Receipts

Donation: Eastern North Carolina Iris Society	\$ 300.00*
Donation: Francis Scott Key Iris Society	\$ 500.00
Interest on Account	\$ 26.81
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	\$ 826.81

Expenditures

Epperson - December NEWSCAST	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 932.30
Wm. Mull Computer Service	\$ 363.39
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	\$ 1,295.69

Net balance on February 1, 2000 \$ 8,281.71

Certificate of Deposit Assets

No. 1: Toward "2003 National Convention"	\$ 2,150.48
No. 2: Toward "Newscast culture issue"	\$ 645.24
No. 3: Toward "2003 National Convention"	\$ 2,307.00
No. 4: Toward "2003 National Convention"	\$ 3,164.34
No. 5: Toward "2003 National Convention"	\$ 1,000.00
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	\$ 9,267.06

Complete Current Net Assets on February 1, 2000 \$ 17,548.77

*When the 2003 National Convention Treasurer is appointed, \$100.00 of this amount will be transferred to that account as requested by ENCIS.

Submitted by J. Owings Rebert, Treasurer

SPRING AUCTION

Everyone in Region 4 looks forward to our spring and fall auctions. We always have some unbelievable iris that will be yours for the bidding, as well as some wonderful plants for our gardens, home, etc. This spring we are holding our Auction on Friday evening and it will be the only event after our dinner, so hopefully we can get finished with the auction and to bed at a reasonable hour.

The members of Region 4 are always so generous with their plants and those of us buying iris look forward to having them shipped to us at the correct planting time. Region 4 will pay for the shipping cost if you donate irises to the Auction and then submit a bill for shipping cost. Again this year we will have three-part forms for plants that will be sent at a later date. One copy will remain with the Region; one will go to the seller; and one to the buyer. It will be helpful if you would send a list of donations ahead of time so we can make up information sheets for buyers. It is very important that you bring or send a short description of all the plants that you are donating to Region 4. This will make the auction go faster as well as make certain all the information about your plants is in the hands of buyers before bidding begins.

You can send the list and information to Bill Mull at 7112 Fox's Lair Court, Norfolk, VA, 23518-4435 OR FAX him at 757-858-5529 OR E-mail him at Region 4 J Mull@aol.com. We are looking forward to another exciting evening of fun at our auction. Bring plants, bring descriptions, and bring money!

Our RVP is still looking for an Auction Chairman to organize the spring and fall auctions. This position is not necessarily responsible for actually conducting the auctions, but to do the paper work to get the plants contributed to the auctions and set up the auction. Think about volunteering for this position. It can be fun and will give you an opportunity to get better acquainted with the members of Region 4.



Iris cristata

REGION 4 HAS A NEW WEB PAGE

OUR DOMAIN NAME IS: IRISREGION4.COM

Region 4 is looking for suggestions about what information **YOU** would like to have on your web page. At the present time the information on the web page is very brief. However, we need your input as to what you would like as an AIS member and an iris grower in Region 4.

The following are a few suggestions that have been made:

- Local affiliate/society information, including: meeting dates, shows, sales, officers, membership information, display gardens
- National and Regional Convention information
- Membership information with blank membership form
- Region 4 officers and directors
- AIS Judges
- Speakers on Iris and related subjects
- Commercial Suppliers
- Calendar of Iris events and bloom seasons
- Display gardens listing information, dates, directions and maps
- Current iris news items
- Glossary of iris terms
- Listing of (with subscription information) all AIS Sections, Cooperating Societies, Regional, Affiliate/Chapter publications
- Current AIS Symposium results
- "How to Do" section
- Pictures and registration information
- Links to iris-related web sites

We are anxious to hear your ideas, so please send any suggestions you have to RVP JaNiece Mull. It will take time to get the Web site up and running and we hope to keep up-dating it on a regular basis. So any assistance, ideas, or help you can give, please don't be bashful about contacting JaNiece.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A WEBMASTER FOR THE REGION 4 WEB PAGE. IS YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH RVP MULL, ASAP! We need to have a full-time person working with our Web Page.

REGION 4 MEMBERSHIP IN AIS

Congratulations Region 4 !! As of February 1, 2000, Region was leading all 24 regions of The American Iris Society with 752 AIS members. Last October we had 740, so it is encouraging to see that our membership is increasing.

Thanks to Mary Brown, our Membership Chairman, who has been busy contacting all of the AIS members in Region 4 whose memberships are expiring. WE are working hard to encourage people to continue their membership in AIS. Individual chapters/societies need to follow through and contact members whose memberships are expiring. Each chapter/society needs to make every effort to not only recruit new members but to get all members involved in local activities. We have many exciting events coming up in our immediate area, not only on a local, but regional and national level in the next few years.

Single and dual memberships are wonderful. However, that only gives us one year to show people what a great society we are and to demonstrate all the good and educational things that we can do for individuals, the community, schools, etc. If we promote the Triennial memberships, then we have three (3) years to get the new members more involved, as well as giving them a better opportunity to appreciate the benefits of Region 4 and The American Iris Society.

Keep up the good work !! We can use all the members you bring into AIS !

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RICHMOND'S ALLEY IRISES

Anner Whitehead

Richmond, Virginia, is an old town and amazing things are growing in the byways and alleys of some residential neighborhoods. In bearded iris season we enjoy peering over fences to see what blooms have emerged from the many clumps of otherwise anonymous foliage that are found scattered in gardens, and along alleys, and tucked beside the trunks of trees. Although the iris was declared the official flower of the city in April, 1921, largely through the lobbying of the Garden Club, it could not be said that interest in bearded irises has remained high in this city and most of the irises one sees are historic cultivars. Many are familiar and expected; some, as I said, are amazing.

A little knowledge of the social history of the city helps to track down these irises. Some survive as family heirlooms in affluent neighborhoods, some persist in areas where the population is ageing, and some migrated to those neighborhoods on the bus lines where many of the inhabitants worked as domestic help to the members of the Garden Club. Some are still found today along those avenues fashionable in the earlier years of the century, and some are being swapped around now among the baby boomers. GREAT LAKES is making a comeback here, and looking good.

PALLIDA is everywhere, of course, in dank shade and full sun, deeper ones and paler ones, even some rosey ones. Lots of GERMANICA as well, some nicer than others. There are yellows of all descriptions and ages, and also whites. Occasionally, one sees a copper. All these irises have names, but we do not know them yet. There are many representatives of the deep bitones with velvety falls of the 'twenties and 'thirties. One sees the venerable INDIAN CHIEF, and, here and there, the chestnut LOUVOIS and sober AMBASSADEUR. In this same vein is purple ALCAZAR, which is ubiquitous, beautiful, and hardy as rock. We know a place where it lines an alley for fifty feet. And we know a planting of another purple, WILLIAM A. SETCHELL, that makes that look like small potatoes.

We had been told to expect to encounter LORELEY, but there is not much of it here. We have seen WABASH only twice, and both in gardens. The distinctive neglecta HELEN COLLINGWOOD is around, as is MULBERRY ROSE, QUAKER LADY, and CORONATION, but a lone stalk of PINNACLE growing out of wiregrass next to a trash can was startling. No less startling was the garden which featured only an early black, divided many times, bordering the vegetables.

Perhaps the most amazing discovery has been along an alley in a depressed neighborhood. There, for some thirty feet, overrun with chickweed and infested with aphids, blooms a strange grey white iris with a golden heart. Its presence in the landscape is eery. Now, we know this iris because we grow this iris. It is none other than MOONLIGHT, bred by William R. Dykes himself, and a major progenitor. As a parent of the iris W. R. DYKES it became the foundation of many yellows, and it figures also in the pedigrees of many modern pinks. It is, as they say, a famous iris.

One is always concerned about irises which look like they should be rescued, so some ethical questions inevitable arise. Irises which look unappreciated may, in fact, be somebody's beloved plants. Someone with limited yard may have found them a bit of sun. A landlord may have planted them to brighten a property. These alley plantings are surviving, and many are thriving, albeit in conditions we might consider less than their due. They, along with the self sown tradescantias, violets, hollyhocks and dame's rocket are part of the greater urban garden. Far more so than the municipal plantings of marigolds and salvias.

We have found that most people are happy that you are enjoying their flowers. Often, if approached, they will tell you stories about them, which presents an opportunity to offer a few pointers on culture, or to negotiate a swap. Older people often enjoy having someone else to pass a piece on to, thereby ensuring continuing for a favorite plant.

A truly derelict planting is disturbing, of course, but appreciation of the plant is not license to commit larceny. We have only seriously considered crisis intervention once and, mercifully, the situation abated so we didn't have to test our principles. We hope we would have made the right decision.

This season we wish you happy explorations in your neighborhood!

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Anner is the Commercial Source Chairman for HIPS (Historic Iris Preservation Society). The HIPS webpage is at <http://www.worldiris.com>.

This article is reprinted from the VPIS Newsletter *Rhizome Review*.



-Iris tectorum

SOME AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY - Carrie Winter

May 16 Iris Show at Black Lion.

CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC IRIS SOCIETY - Ginny Spoon

April 29 Median Show at Behnke's Nursery

May 20 Bearded Show at Merrifield Fair Oaks Garden Center

May 27 Youth Hybridizing Activity at Winterberry Gardens

July 15 Bearded Sale and Auction, Falls Church area

July 29 Bearded Sale at Brookside Gardens

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA IRIS SOCIETY - Glenn Grigg, Jr.

July 8 Annual Plant Auction at Roy Epperson's, High Point, NC

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY IRIS SOCIETY - Carol Warner

May 20 Spring Show at Kennilworth Mall

May 27/28 Garden Tours

June 17 Beardless Show (with C&P) at Brookside Gardens

July 8 Sale at Watson's Garden Center

July 15 Sale At Kennilworth Mall

KOMMENTS FROM KIRKLEE and THE EDITOR

The cover illustration is that of Farmers' Bulletin No. 1406 published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in January 1926. The author was B. Y. Morrison, Horticulturist, Division of Horticultural Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry. The illustrations used throughout this issue are those of Morrison. He wrote in the introduction to the Bulletin:

The history of floriculture shows that some flowers more than others receive the attention of both professional and amateur gardeners, and of these a few have been developed and perfected to such degrees of refinement that they have become the objects of collective search.

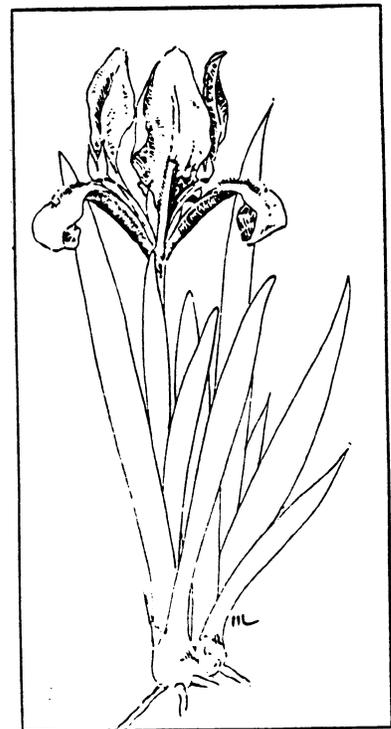
The excesses of the one-time tulip mania probably will never be repeated; but there are today several flowers which are in great popular favor, with notable collections, both small and large, and with great centers of activity in the gardens of hybridists in this country and in Europe. The wealth of the ages is available for our gardens, and there is no treasury richer than that of the iris.

I am continually amused at the innovation ways that manure is marketed. My grandsons were so delighted to bring me a POOPET named "Large Scat" (shaped like a reclining cat). "Handmade self-fertilizing cow manure figurines for all indoor and outdoor plants. Guaranteed Analysis 2-1-1.5." I shudder to think what they must have paid for this. Then there is "BaaBaaDoo", dehydrated sheep manure. "An ALL-ORGANIC Fertilizer". 2.0-2.0-1.0.

Addendum: Joan Wood is an accredited garden judge in Region 4. Her name was inadvertently left out of the list of Region 4 judges for 2000.

Roy

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REGION 4 AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY
2000 SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

April 28 and 29, 2000

Name, as you want it to appear on your registration badge

(1) _____ Chapter _____

(2) _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATION

Full Registration is \$85 per person. After April 1, 2000 the registration will be \$90. There will be no refunds after April 15th. This includes dinner on Friday night, lunch on Saturday, dinner on Saturday Night plus bus transportation to the gardens and a ticket to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens Azalea Festival with boat and train ride on Saturday P.M. Youth Registration \$75. Partial Registration is \$30 Fri. Eve only \$60 Sat Only \$35 Sat. day only \$35 Sat. Eve. only

HOTEL

AIRPORT HILTON – NORFOLK, VIRGINIA (757) 466-8000

1500 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA

The rate is \$79 (single or double) plus tax (you may come early and stay longer at this rate.)

Please call the hotel directly and refer to the Iris Society. Check-in is after 3 p.m.

The hotel will hold the block of rooms at this rate until April 15, 2000.

I 64 to Exit 281 (Military Hwy) stay in center lane. Go to 1st stoplight.

Friday Night Dinner Choice of Chicken Cheryl Tuna Fillet

Saturday Night Dinner Choice of Seafood Platter Prime Rib of Beef

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

Send your check made out to TIS to: Bill Trotter
213 Derby
Portsmouth, VA 23702-2017

*mailed
5/27/00*

FRIDAY – APRIL 28, 2000

SHOW set up 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Judging 1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: 12 NOON -

REGION 4 MEETING: Friday 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

JUDGES TRAINING

Friday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Ethics of Entering and Judging a Show 1 hour – Roy Epperson

Saturday Afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Awards and Balloting 2 hours – Roy Epperson

FRIDAY SOCIAL: 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and DINNER 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

AUCTION – 7:45 p.m. to ?????

SATURDAY GARDEN TOURS & LUNCH

Local Gardens

Tour Norfolk Botanical Gardens with boat & train ride

Bus comes back to hotel for judges training (Awards & Balloting)

Bus will pick up people who did not come back for judges training

SATURDAY SOCIAL 6:00 p.m. DINNER AND SPEAKER: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sharing Time – Chapter activities, meetings, membership, youth, etc.

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