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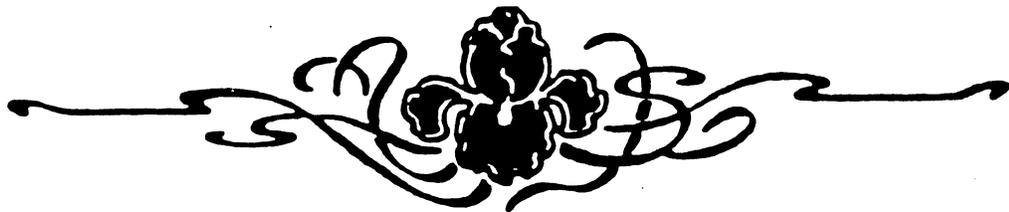
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The Purposes of The American Iris Society, and Region 4, shall be to develop the science of horticulture and any activities related to the study, propagation and culture of the genus Iris; to stimulate and foster interest in horticultural pursuits, 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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KOMMENTS FROM KIRKLEE and the EDITOR

When I visit other gardens, one of the points of interest to me is what companion plants are utilized by the gardener to complement the iris plantings. The 2001 AIS Convention gardens were a rich source of ideas for beautifying our gardens. Alliums were in bloom in several of the gardens. The tall giant flower heads were quite spectacular. Of especial interest were *Allium Schubertii* and *Allium bulgaricum* in Carol Warner's garden. Each of these grows 24" to 30"; *Schubertii* has a flower head that looks like a very fancy fireworks burst; *bulgaricum* has pendulous bell-shaped flowers in pale green and rose. I have already ordered these two and several other of the giant alliums for my garden for next spring. Alliums (like lycoris) can be planted so that other plants cover the base of the blooms. At Williamsburg, *lycoris radiata* blooms above a thick bed of deep green ivy. In the front part of the Leader garden was a perfectly symmetrical mound of *geranium sanguinea* (common name is 'Bloody' Cranesbill) covered with deep rose blooms. A plant that I struggle with each year is the variegated polemonium *Brise d'Anjou*. This is a beautiful focal point in the shade garden but must have sufficient moisture. I try it in different areas of the garden and continue to replace it and continually hope that it will survive.



Katharine Steele's *pseudacorus* seedling FOXCROFT FULL MOON (R '97) was performing well in several gardens. It is a creamy-white ground with distinctive maroon eye zone. Another *pseudacorus* that stood out in the gardens was KRILL (Jill Copeland '00). This is a very light yellow with henna red veins. SYLVANSHINE (Mahan/Warner '97) is a white *setosa* with excellent branching and many buds. It is from SIGNA seed. SIGNA is a valuable source for SPEC seeds. Our own Ryan Carter's seedling 97-11A is a TB with pale violet S and pale to mid-yellow F with the color up the mid-rib of the S. It was performing well in the tour gardens. It is my understanding that this seedling will be introduced in 2002. In Sterling Innerst's seedling beds, I noted 4532-5: red B, ruffled S & F, S of soft cream white, F open pale lavender and mature to the S color, the F have a gold band; also, 4391-1, a large ruffled moonbeam yellow with lighter flush on F and a self beard. Don Spoon's MY GINNY and LITTLE JOHN were performing well. MY GINNY is on the Favorite Iris List as is LADY CLAIRE (J. Roberts '01).

Make your plans now for the 2002 AIS Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. The headquarters hotel is the Memphis Marriott (901-362-6200). The dates are April 24 - 29, 2002. Please note that these dates begin on Wednesday and end on the following Monday.

As members of Region 4, we have a unique upcoming opportunity to observe the inner workings of The American Iris Society. The Board of Directors meets two times each year, during the AIS Convention and at a Fall Meeting held the first weekend in November. It is at the fall meeting that much of the business of the AIS Board is achieved. This year, 2001, the invitation of Region 4 and the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society was accepted and the Fall Board meeting will be at the Ramada Inn Airport at the intersection of I-40 and Hwy 68 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The meeting dates are Friday, November 2 through Sunday, November 4. This is not a social event. The Board meets Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday morning. I will serve as on-site host for this meeting as I live in High Point and am a Director. I will send meeting information to all of the members of the Region 4 Board. If anyone wishes information please contact me. Help Region 4 say "Welcome" to the AIS Board of Directors and Officers. This is the first time that a fall meeting of the AIS Board has been held in Region 4!

And remember that at the present time the President (Clarence Mahan), Recording Secretary (Anne Lowe), Membership Secretary (Anner Whitehead), Slides Chairman (Bill Mull), Robins Chairman (Libby Cross), and two elected Directors (Mike Lowe, Policy Chairman, and E. Roy Epperson, Exhibitions Chairman) are members of Region 4. And, Carol Warner is President of the Society for Siberian Irises and Clarence Mahan is the incoming President of the Reblooming Iris Society!

Roy



REGION 4 FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 12 and 13, 2001

Hosts: Fredericksburg Area Iris Society

Headquarters: Ramada Inn South, 5324 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Fredericksburg, VA 22408 Telephone: (540) 898-1102

Schedule of Activities:

Friday, October 12

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Show set up/Receipt of Entries
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Judging of Show
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Judges' Training : Bearded Basics (3 hours credit) Instructor: E. Roy Epperson
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Social Time
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Region 4 Board Meeting

Saturday, October 13

9:30 a.m.	Carpool to visit gardens
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Regional Auction
6:30 p.m.	Social Time
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Buffet Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker: Anita Tuttle, Mary Washington College - "Native Wildflowers"

REGISTRATION FORM IS THE LAST PAGE IN THIS ISSUE

**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.]

Part 4. MULCHING IRISES

Definition and purpose of mulches: A layer of material, organic or man-made, naturally or artificially applied to the soil surface. Mulch assists the gardener to control soil temperature, conserve moisture, minimize run-off and erosion, prevent crusting, retard weed growth and improve the structure of the soil.

Materials: There are many and varied materials used as mulches, more often than not, depending on the cost, availability and suitability for the purpose to be accomplished. The most common are: Straw, marsh hay, leaves, excelsior, branches of evergreen trees and shrubs, sand, gravel and small stones, peat moss, peanut hulls, tobacco stems, buckwheat hulls, compost, paper, plastic, sawdust and wood chips.

There are others less widely used restricted to certain areas and specific plants. Some mulches are excellent for irises, other inadequate and some detrimental in their effect.

PART-TIME MULCHES

Straw, Marsh Hay, Leaves, Excelsior, Sand

These are used ordinarily by irisarians to protect against weather extremes. However, there are dangers involved because even the most experienced grower can run into freeze damage by removing such mulches too soon, or, by waiting too long after new growth has started. Even a relatively short, warm spell in the heart of winter can encourage new growth and become a problem. If one of the above materials is used, it is recommended that it be pulled back from the plants very gradually as weather permits, allowing new growth to harden slowly but retaining some protection until danger of hard freeze is past. Chicken wire, slats and similar devices are in common use for holding these materials in place.

Straw: A light, easy-to-apply material that is used for protection. It is relatively inexpensive, available over a wide area and goes a long way. It does not pack and probably, is as good as any for winter protection of irises. It may blow or shift if not anchored so may pile up around plants or scatter over your lawn. There is no problem in holding it in place if irises are planted in rows but when they are grown with other plants, it may be more difficult.

Marsh Hay: Used extensively in the Northeast. It is similar and has some of the same advantages as straw although heavier and, from my observation, gets soggy and packs more than straw. I have seen iris beds where it has not been removed before bloom time. It appeared to help control weeds, but, unfortunately, the beds were riddled with rot. There may have been other factors of which I was not aware but I have noted rot a number of times under such conditions and must conclude that if not the basic cause, it does contribute to this condition.

Leaves: As a rule, I would not be inclined to recommend the use of leaves. They get soggy and pack easily. There may be some that work reasonably well. An irisarian from Iowa once told me that he used a certain of small curly leaf that grew locally, in which he literally buried his irises for the winter. If you have very light weight non-packing leaves available to you and know how they act in your locality, feel free to use them.

Excelsior: This offers some protection, primarily from wind. I know of one irisarian who uses a "hunk" of it on each new rhizome she purchases and hold it down with a hairpin marker. Used in this way in a small garden it might be satisfactory but I would hesitate to recommend it as an overall mulch for irises.

Branches of evergreen trees or shrubs: These can make a partially effective windbreak when spread over the beds and may be of use in the small garden.

Sand: Is widely used in some of the Southern and Coastal areas where it is cheap and available. It is difficult to keep sand from working its way into the soil. If fine sand combines with soil liberally laced with clay, it can form a hard crust. When used on sandy soils, it can create an overbalance of sand in the soil rendering it too porous. The finer the sand, the more likely it is to be detrimental to the soil structure. If you must use it, be sure it contains no salt and is as coarse a grade as possible.

YEAR-ROUND MULCHES

Gravel and Small Stones: Good for permanent or semi-permanent plantings such as shrubs and trees. It is my opinion that there would be few cases where these materials would be practical for irises.

Peat Moss: Too dense in structure for most irises. It cakes and may keep air from circulating freely.

Peanut Hulls, Tobacco Stems, Buckwheat Hulls: Light, easy-to-handle materials which are beneficial as mulches for irises. These materials have a tendency to decay and disappear into the soil rapidly so unless you live in an area where they are plentiful and cheap, they are expensive to use.

Compost: A side-dressing of compost is helpful although it shouldn't be piled in quantity around irises. Its value is tremendous when combined with the soil but it would lose much of its purpose if used simply as a mulch. Of course, it may be dug in later but this puts it in the category of a seasonal mulch. It will certainly conserve moisture, minimize run-off and erosion,

prevent crusting and improve the soil structure. It would probably serve very well in winter. However, I am doubtful if it would keep the soil cooler in summer and certainly, it would not retard weed growth and might even become a problem in this respect.

Paper and Plastic: Such materials are satisfactory for some crops, for walkways and between rows of plants, but, I have yet to find an irisarian who is happy with the results after using them around irises over an extended period of time. They must be anchored by stakes or other method and are unsightly unless covered with soil or mulch of a more agreeable appearance. Of course, this means less air will get to the irises. When these materials are covered they often serve as a breeding ground for what one lady described as "gritzy" things like snails, slugs, wireworms, millepedes, sowbugs and flea beetles. These materials hold too much moisture for most irises or else the moisture is unevenly distributed so that the soil is too dry in one place and too wet in another. A scum of greenish residue and moss often forms on top of the soil immediately underneath paper or plastic.

Sawdust: This is a good mulch for some plants. Apparently, a few iris growers do not find it objectionable, but I cannot recommend it. Much of the advantage of using sawdust is that it is organic and can eventually be incorporated into the soil. Having experimented with it rather extensively and observed the reaction to it in other gardens, I have noted that when coming in contact with iris roots, a white, fungus-like growth is formed on the roots of the plants; there is a loss of vigor in root growth and a decline in the general health of the plants with yellowing of leaves even though the material is well rotted and a high nitrogen fertilizer is used. Rot also seemed much more prevalent.

This analysis is open to question and may be an area of personal disagreement. It is possible that the effects described are not universal in their applications. However, it is certainly a "no, no" for this area. [Roanoke, Virginia]

Wood Chips: This material has my vote for the most satisfactory year-round mulch in existence for irises. Large nuggets and shredded chips are used by some. I use them for other purposes but I much prefer the medium size for irises.

The material is light, clean and easy to handle. It presents a neat, attractive background for your plants. It allows air to penetrate into the soil, at the same time keeping the soil cooler in warm weather and warmer in cold weather. It is valuable particularly when used in climates such as ours where alternate freezing and thawing take place during the winter. It virtually eliminates heaving and washing. It is absorbed into the soil very slowly so pH changes are not a factor and relatively small amounts of the material will have to be added each year. So, although original cost is fairly high, the cost thereafter is minimal in comparison to the benefits. Providing the soil structure is good and drainage is adequate and the rhizomes are not allowed to get too deeply imbedded, this type of mulch can be used with safety on the bearded irises, the Spurias, the Siberians and the bulbous irises even in the warm South and in areas with above average rainfall. Often I hear statements from irisarians in these areas that they cannot mulch. There are many who will not agree, but I believe that with good drainage and high organic content in the soil and not planting too deeply, mulch can be used with desirable results much farther South than is usually recommended. Depth of mulch should vary with climate. Up to 3" to 4" can be used in the colder or dry climates; 1" to 2" in warm, rainy climates.

Chips help materially in controlling weeds. The few weeds that emerge are easily lifted out. It is not difficult to push aside when replanting. It can be taken off of entire beds in a short time, piled in a corner and then reused. Some irisarians who garden in the "borer belt" insist that mulch increases borers by furnishing material on which the borer moth can lay its eggs. However, if cleanliness, proper soil conditioning and fertilization and spraying at correct intervals is practiced in your garden, your problems with rot, leaf spot and borers will virtually disappear and any objection to mulching with chips can be discounted. Unless these practices are followed, you are in trouble regardless of whether or not you mulch. I have used wood chips for more than twenty years and have had absolutely no undesirable effects. I credit it for much of the quantity and quality of my iris bloom, for little or no freeze damage even in worst years when other gardens in the vicinity are almost wiped out and for an excellent percentage of first-year bloom with practically no loss of plants. I would not even attempt to grow the costly new varieties in this area without wood chip mulch.

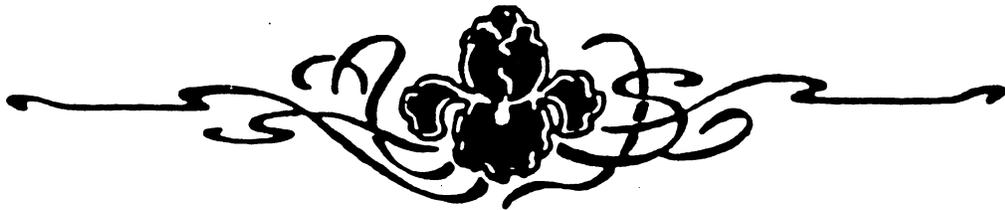
[The next article in this series is "Organic Matter - Humus" and will be printed in the December *NEWSCAST*.]

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IN MEMORIAM

John Dughi, NC

Patricia Stagg, MD



TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1, 2001 through July 1, 2001

Balance on February 1, 2001 (Checking only) \$ 14,336.93

Receipts

Maturity of final CD	\$ 3,459.58
Donation: Charlotte Iris Society	\$ 500.00
Slide rental	\$ 10.00
Interest on Account	\$ 32.01
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	\$ 4,001.59

Expenditures

Epperson - March 2001 NEWSCAST	
Printing and Mailing	\$ 720.00
Transfer to Treasurer of 2003	\$ 10,051.94
National Convention designated CDs	
Treasurer: Stamps and envelopes	\$ 7.84
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	\$ 10,779.78

Net balance on July 1, 2001 \$ 7,558.74

Certificate of Deposit Assets of \$ 9,071.34 invested over three years have matured with value gain of \$ 980.60 = \$ 10,051.94.

Complete Current Net Assets on July 1, 2001 \$ 7,558.74

Submitted by J. Owings Rebert, Treasurer



MESMERIZED

by Dennis Pearson, Father-of-the Bride

A kind man separated me from my parents when I was a year old. He planted me nearby so that I would always feel the love of my family. The man prepared a soft bed in full sun for me to lie. He watered, weeded and praised me. He was an excellent caretaker.

During my second year, he inspected my bed and asked me to grow straight stems and strive for perfection. These instructions were confusing. However, because of my respect for the gardener, I decided to try to put forth my best effort. Spring was approaching and new growth was evident. Strong swords turned a lush green and a perfectly straight stalk was being supported by a strong foundation. The gardener seemed pleased with my swelling buds and proportional form. About a week later, I burst into bloom. I was glorious, radiant! In my whole life, I had never felt more beautiful.

Saturday morning, this kind man, knelt beside me and looked closely, actually examining my blossoms. He thanked me for growing so well, stated that I was beautiful and that he was proud of my performance. He removed his knife, severed by stem near the base and immediately placed me in water. This confused me. Where was he taking me? What was happening? I was placed in the car, driven to his church, and then taken inside. He placed me on a table where several bouquets were displayed. They were gorgeous: Asiatic lilies, baby's breath, lush ferns. The man gently removed me from the water and trimmed my height and then ever so gently arranged me in the center of the most gorgeous of the bouquets. I was surrounded by beauty, humbled to be in such presence.

A little later, a tall slender young woman, dressed in an embroidered white shimmering gown lifted us from the table. She was breathtaking, the flowers could not match her radiance. She carried us to the vestibule of the church and she took the arm of the gardener. I realized then that this man was her father. I felt her hands tremble as we heard the violin and the piano. The doors opened and we slowly walked down an aisle where several other young people joined us. A man dressed in black with a warm smile and soft voice spoke to the father and the father stated "Our family gives this gift...", and he kissed his daughter and took the arm of the young man beside him and joined their arms. I saw dew form in the gardener's eyes, then he smiled and took a seat in the nearby pew.

The man in black spoke of love between souls and commitment. I was honored to have witnessed such a union - No! I was **Mesmerized!!**

[The iris in the bride's white bouquet was, of course, MESMERIZER. This was on the occasion of the wedding of the youngest daughter of Dennis Pearson. Was there dew in your eye as you read this?]

FAVORITE GUEST IRISES 2001 AIS CONVENTION

<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
1. QUEEN'S CIRCLE	Fred Kerr	00 TB	124
2. ANVIL OF DARKNESS	Sterling Innerst	98 TB	96
3. CHRISTIANA BAKER	Fred Kerr	99 BB	82
4. SOMEBODY LOVES ME	Robert Hollingworth	98 SIB	64
5. BRAZENBERRY	Sterling Innerst	99 TB	40
6. CONTINUITY	Sterling Innerst	94 TB	38
7. MY GINNY	Don Spoon	00 TB	36
8. DELIRIUM	Marky Smith	01 IB	35
9. ACE	Lynda Miller	99 MTB	33
9. IN YOUR DREAMS	Lynda Miller	00 TB	33
11. STARRING	Joseph Ghio	00 TB	31
12. RUFFLED GODDESS	Richard Tasco	93 TB	30
13. LADY CLAIRE	Joan Roberts	01 TB	27
14. MADAM PRESIDENT	Hugh Thurman	01 MTB	26
14. SHIPS ARE SAILING	Shafer/Sacks	98 SIB	26
14. RARE QUALITY	Schreiners	99 TB	26
14. EXCLUSIVITY	Sterling Innerst	99 TB	26
14. EROTIC TOUCH	Sterling Innerst	98 TB	26

Note: 220 total ballots were cast.

SHOW RESULTS IN REGION 4 FOR 2001

Carolina Mountains Iris Society - May 12

Best Specimen	<i>Versicolor</i> (SPEC)	Randell & Pat Bowen
Silver Medal		Randell & Pat Bowen
Bronze Medal		Walter Hoover

Carolina Mountains Iris Society - June 14

Best Specimen	FAIRY CARILLON	Walter Hoover
Silver Medal		Walter Hoover
Bronze Medal		Norma Murphy

Charlotte Iris Society - May 5

Best Specimen	CONJURATION	Dave Hull
Silver Medal		Don Spoon
Bronze Medal		Dave Hull
Best Design		Joan Ladd

Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society - April 21

Cancelled due to insufficient bloom.

Eastern Shore Iris Society - May 19

Best Specimen	HANKY PANKY (TB)	Joan Wood
Silver Medal		Joan Wood
Bronze Medal		Jack Holland

Francis Scott Key Iris Society - May 23 NATIONAL AIS CONVENTION

Best Specimen	BLUE RHYTHM (TB)	Sterling Innerst (Region 3)
Silver Medal		Erin, Bill and Martha Griner
Bronze Medal		Joseph John Griner (19)

Francis Scott Key Iris Society - June 23

Not reported as of 07/31/01

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society - May 12

Best Specimen	BROWNBERRY (BB)	Rosalie Loving
Silver Medal		Jim and Gina Schroetter
Bronze Medal		Rosalie Loving
Best Design		Martha Carter

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society - October 12

To be held in conjunction with the Region 4 Fall Meeting

Hampton Roads Iris Society - May 5

Best Specimen of Show	BERTWISTLE (TB)	Frances Thrash
Silver Medal		Marian "Bea" Rogers
Bronze Medal		Frances Thrash
Best Design of Show: Tricolor		Julia Dunaja
Best Design of Show: Designer's Choice		Gloria Crump

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

- TO:** Dr. Don Spoon for placing No. 6 with LADY OF LEONESS in the 2001 Florence (Italy) Competition.
- TO:** Dr. Don Spoon for winning seven (7) Exhibition Certificates at the FSK show held in conjunction with the AIS Convention: 6 TB, 1 MTB.
- TO:** Clarence Mahan for winning an Exhibition Certificate at the FSK show held in conjunction with the AIS Convention: 1 MTB.
- TO:** Carol Warner for winning five (5) Exhibition Certificates at the FSK show held in conjunction with the AIS Convention: 5 SIB.

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
REGION 4, AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY**

Hunt Valley, Maryland
Tuesday, May 22, 2001

The meeting was called to order by RVP JaNiece Mull. Board members and guests attending included Rosalie Figge (MD), Glenn and Susan Grigg (NC), Jack and Rosalie Loving (VA), Anne and Mike Lowe (VA), Sara Marley (NY), JaNiece and Bill Mull (VA), Owings and Doris Rebert (MD), Carl Rebert, Anner Whitehead (VA), Carrie Winter (NC), and Lloyd Zurbrigg (NC)

A quorum not being present, no actions could be taken.

Reports of the Officers

Regional Vice President - JaNiece Mull

JaNiece introduced Anner Whitehead, AIS Membership Secretary, who explained the dues increase for those members renewing on an annual basis. This is an increase of \$ 2.00 per annual membership effective October 1, 2001. Triennial, youth and life memberships are not affected.

The RVP announced that the Tidewater Iris Society and the Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk Iris Society have disbanded and re-organized as the Hampton Roads Iris Society, Marian "Bea" Rogers, President.

She pointed out that a number of chapters/affiliates need encouragement, especially as it relates to participation in AIS. She reminded and encouraged everyone to vote the Symposium.

Assistant Regional Vice President - Glenn Grigg

There have been no changes in the scheduled Regional Meetings. We still have open dates for Fall 2002 and Fall 2003. The scheduled meetings are as follows:

2001 Spring	with Region 3, National Convention
2001 Fall	Fredericksburg Area Iris Society
2002 Spring	Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society
2002 Fall	OPEN
2003 Spring	AIS National Convention, Region 4 Host
2003 Fall	OPEN
2004 Spring	OPEN

I have no poor progress in securing hosts for the open fall meetings. If no group wants to host, then I recommend that the structure of fall board meetings be changed to make them more acceptable to member societies. It may be necessary to restructure the meeting to simply a one day board meeting that could be organized and held without any local society participation. This would eliminate any fall show opportunity and the fall auction which bring in a significant part of our Regional income. Without offers to host at this time, then I recommend that the structure

of fall board meetings be changed to make them more acceptable to Region 4 affiliates/societies.

Secretary - Carrie Winter

NO REPORT

Treasurer - J. Owings Rebert (Report printed in full on page 10.)

An update for the 2003 National AIS Convention was presented by Jack Loving. The dates are May 12-17, 2003; the headquarters are the Holiday Inn Select in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with a rate of \$99.00 + taxes. Four gardens in the Fredericksburg area (Jim and Gina Schroetter, Sonya Loving, Lois Rose, and Jack and Rosalie Loving) for one day of garden tours. Gardens identified for the Winchester area day include Winterberry Gardens (Don and Ginny Spoon), Heartwood, and Blanding Farm. The possibility of two days of garden tours rather than the current three days was discussed, with an optional 3rd day being devoted to antiques, historical sites, etc. This suggestion was primarily due to the different bloom seasons of the Fredericksburg and Winchester areas.

The Charlotte Iris Society tentatively agreed to coordinate the volunteers for cookies from the various chapters/affiliates within the Region. [Carrie Winter as President of the Charlotte Iris Society would then become the "Cookie Monster."] [Editor and Convention Co-Chair: It is critical that the entire Region 4 membership participate to make this Convention the 'BEST' ever!! Get out your cookie recipes and let Carrie know how many dozen you can contribute.]

Each fall, the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society meets for a full week-end of work on behalf of the Society. For 2001 the meeting will be at the Ramada Inn Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina, on Friday, November 2 through Sunday noon, November 4. This is a result of an invitation issued by Dr. E. Roy Epperson, Director and Exhibitions Chairman. Some financial support is needed in support of this meeting. Full details will be presented at the October 12 meeting of the Region 4 Board.

Jack Loving gave an invitation to the 2001 Fall meeting of Region 4 scheduled for October 12 and 13 at the Ramada Inn in Fredericksburg, Virginia. A fall is scheduled as a part of this meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees

There were no Reports presented.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.





AIS REGION 4 FALL 2001 MEETING
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
 REGISTRATION FORM



(Please print or type)

Name 1:		Chapter:	
Name preference for name tag?			
Name 2:		Chapter:	
Name preference for name tag?			
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
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⇒ Full registration for the 2001 Fall Regional Meeting is only \$60.00 per person!

Number of persons attending: _____ X \$60.00 per person = \$ _____ total cost.
This includes dinner on Friday and Saturday nights.
 After September 1st, registration will be \$65 per person. *No refunds after October 1st!*

Please make checks payable to: **Fredericksburg Area Iris Society**
 Mail completed registration form & payment to:
Mr. Ted Caldwell, Treasurer
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 (540) 373-1202
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*** Reblooming Iris Show:** Friday, October 12th, 2001. *Setup from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.*
 Please bring as many irises as you can to help make this show *one to be remembered!*

*** Auction Contributions:** Please bring irises and/or other plants, along with any other items that you think would be of interest (photos, paintings, books, jewelry, etc.) to sell at the auction!

*** Hotel Information:** Rooms will be held for us at the convention rate *until September 26th.*
 Room rates are \$65 for an inside room (within the atrium) or \$59 for an outside room. Please call the hotel directly to make reservations and tell them you are with the American Iris Society.
Ramada Inn South, 5324 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Fredericksburg, VA 22408
 Phone: (540) 898-1102 Fax: (540) 898-2017
 From the north, take I-95 South to exit 126 (Rt. 1 South / Massaponax); at bottom of ramp turn left onto Rt. 1 North. At second light, turn right into hotel. From the south, take I-95 North to exit 126-A. Proceed onto Rt. 1 North. At first light turn right into hotel. (Note: this is the former Holiday Inn South, where the '95 Spring Regional was held.)



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