



# The Newscast

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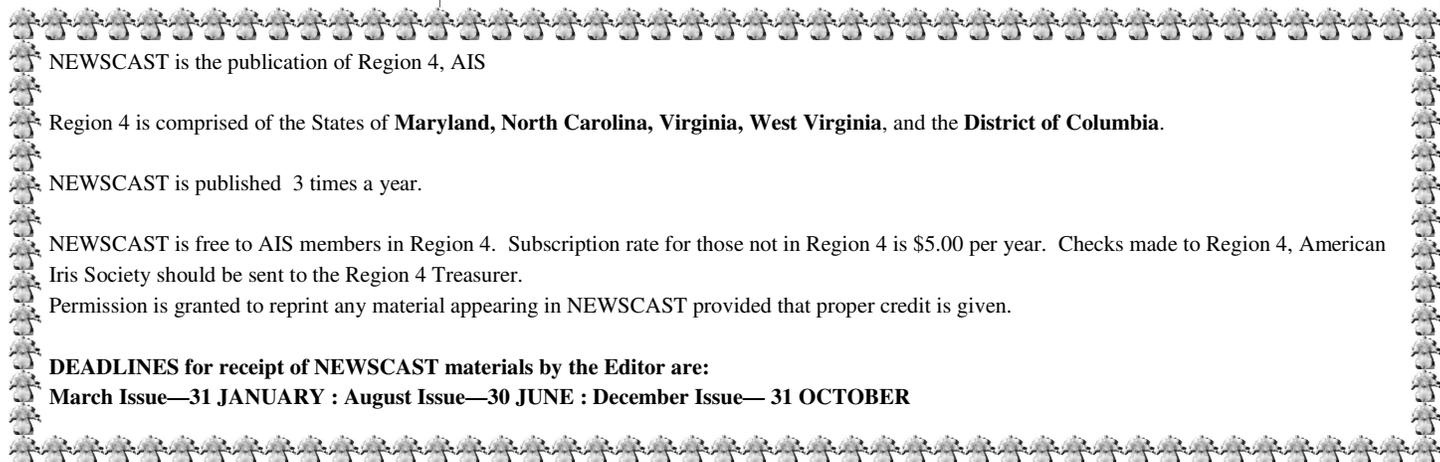
## Questions

**What would we have called the color *orange* if it wasn't a fruit?**

**Why does *cleave* mean both split apart and stick together?**

**If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?**

**If corn oil comes from corn, what does baby oil come from?**



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## From 1959 The Region Vice President Claude O'Brien

**REGION 4  
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
November 18, 1965**

Dear Fellow A.I.S. Members:

In the fall of 1958, about a dozen of us here in Greensboro and High Point met at my home to undertake the organization of our Region 4. Many of you know the results.

Our Region has grown from around 200 members that hardly knew each other, to a Region of nearly 500 members. We began the publication of News-Cast, a top rated Regional Bulletin. We have had 5 Regional Spring Meetings. Region 4 ranks high in our American Iris Society in all categories. (sp.) Good job!

However, it is a fact that we were so occupied with that job that we did not set up an organization for our Eastern North Carolina Chapter. Three years ago we did go as far as accepting the leadership of a Chapter Chairman. John Wilson served without our help as an organized group. John did a grand job, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Under our Regional By-Laws he can only serve three terms of office.

These same By-Laws provide that each Chapter shall elect their officers. Since we are not organized, our Region's Board, at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, appointed me as your Chapter Chairman for one year with the stipulation that we set up an organization, electing officers to serve one year with me.

I want very much to carry out the wishes of our Board for several reasons. The most important one being that it will bring to you and all of us a much greater degree of pleasure and enjoyment in our growing iris. None of us could ever grow all the iris we would like, but we can visit one another's gardens. Not only do we enjoy a greater number of varieties, but very often learn things helpful to us. Then the fellowship. I have said a number of times that in my book, iris people are the finest people to know and have as friends. A no less important reason to me is that our ENC Chapter was the cradle of our Region's birth as an organized, strong, vigorous unit of A.I.S. Most of us would be less than happy if our Chapter did not maintain a place of leadership in our Region and thru it our A.I.S.

Time is vital to our setting up an organization. Because this is so, I have reserved Room #2 in our new City Public Library on Sunday, November 28, at 2:00 p.m. for the afternoon. This was the only open date until Christmas holidays have passed. The Library is located at the corner of Greene and Gaston Streets in the heart of our City. It is easy to find, and parking on the street is permitted on Sunday.

Please come!

Sincerely, Claude C. O'Brien



## From 2009 The Region Vice President

Greetings,

What a busy time for "iris people". Just after attending a delightful Region 4 meeting, we were on our way to Kansas

City for the AUS Meeting. Once back home it was time to start work on the fall regional meeting.

First a big thank you to FAIS for the excellent spring meeting - iris show, garden tour, judges training, meeting arrangements and the warm hospitality of the host members. An interesting series of scenes depicting the history of FAIS was shown throughout the evening on Saturday. Other affiliates might wish to embark on a similar project.

My first AIS meeting as RVP was very exciting. In addition to lots of meetings, including one for RVPs, judges training and garden tours, there was a tornado watch and a substantial hail storm, neither of which diminished the enthusiasm and energy of the meeting. Region 4 was represented by AIS president Roy Epperson, Ruth Barker, Glenn and Susan Grigg, Ray and Karen Jones, Mike and Anne Lowe, Robert Pries, Lois Rose, John and June Rosini, Tricia Taylor and Carrie Winter. At the Awards Banquet, Ray Jones received the William-White Medal on behalf of Don Spoon for his 'Maslon'.

Despite the hot humid days of summer, it is time to begin planning for fall, specifically the regional meeting. At the spring board meeting, a decision was made to have a "No Affiliate Host" meeting in a generally central location of the region. This means that each affiliate has a responsibility for the success of the meeting. We have heard your comments and have tried to be responsive by making some significant changes from previous fall meetings, while preserving the traditional components and spirit of the meeting. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

John and June Rosini (CVIS) are chairing the Local Arrangements Committee; Carol Warner (FSK) is Registrar; Lois Rose (FAIS) is Show Chair and Susan Grigg (ENCIS) is Silent Auction Chair. Don Spoon (C&P) will chair the Plant Auction. Others will be added

to the team and will be acknowledged in the meeting program. As you check out the Registration and the Schedule for the meeting, please note the much reduced registration fee; the abundance of judges training; opportunity to discuss affiliate issues; as well as the Reblooming show, banquet and silent and plant auction.

Since there is no "Host Affiliate" to provide the core of items for the auctions, please accept a personal responsibility to support both auctions by bringing or sending plants and iris related items. Typically silent auction proceeds go to the host with plant auction proceeds to the region. If you have items for the silent auction, please call Susan Grigg 919-870 8345 to let her know what you plan to bring. Even if you forget to call bring your items anyway.

If we were to continue with fall meetings we need your support. Meetings are not free, but with participation from each affiliate, we can provide a cost effective event. No doubt we will need some modifications for future meetings, but come join us in Richmond, October 9 -10 to help sort out what we need to keep and what we need to change.

Region 4 is rich with talent and all 3 JT sessions will be taught by region 4 members. The good news is that we have by no means exhausted the JT talent of Region 4.

Join me and others in Richmond for a great fall meeting.

**VOTE the SYMPOSIUM:** Watch for the Symposium in the July issue of the BULLETIN. Vote for your favorites and send your tally to RVP Carrie Winter, 5801 Masters Court, Charlotte, NC 28226 as soon as possible. Due to a change in format last year (which will be repeated this year) the response from members was pathetic. You have been warned to be on the lookout so check out the July Bulletin and follow the instructions for voting so that Region 4 has a voice in deciding which iris are most loved. Please VOTE.

**Contribution to Region 4:** Remember to include the region when your affiliate budget is prepared. A MINIMUM of \$5.00 per AIS member is recommended. Contributions from affiliates are a major source of income for the region. We all need to do our part.

Carrie Winter

**Crouchers move through a garden at a stoop: naming, gasping, hooraying, admiring or coveting plants; Gapers saunter, smiling or sighing at what they find, succumbing to an intangible beatitude that takes them for a brief escape into another dimension. Both sorts of gardener are besotted; both get their hands dirty; think and talk gardening; but on the threshold of another's garden, each use a different set of whiskers.**

**- Mirabel Osler, *Gapers and Crouchers***

Compiled by Michael P. Garofalo  
From the Spirit of Gardening  
Website

## FROM THE EDITOR

Fifty years, wow. There should be pride in such an accomplishment. Although through the few years that I have been a member of Region 4, we have lost a tremendous amount of knowledge talent, hybridizing possibilities, and most importantly friends. Since joining the American Iris Societies I have been proud to be a member of Region 4. There may be spats but they are small and usually quickly forgotten. This region's affiliates go out of their way to help any who ask including other regions. As a volunteer organization, sure there are those that are everywhere doing so much that it motivates me to be better try and do more even though I have little time.

Region 4 has produced some of the finest cultivars that grow in some of the worst conditions in the country. Rebloomers have been produced that bloom in some instances in the northern tier where the growing cycle is so short. There have been Species, all bearded sizes, Arilbred, Rebloomers, space agers, Japanese, Siberian, and so much more. Slowly were are, in my opinion, training some of the best judges for the American Iris Society because we are held to such a high standard not only by those outside our region but within as well, and we demand it of ourselves as well.

Through these years there have been so many that have given their time, talents and efforts to what often are jobs that get very little recognition but are so important. Each affiliate have core people that keep the various clubs alive and moving forward to spread the word to as many as possible.

I want to thank all of you who volunteer to help in shows, meetings, digging, cleaning, sales, training, and all

the other jobs. I want to encourage new members to send me your garden pictures and tell me about them. Send me your poetry or short stories about your gardens and irises. Is there a trick that you use in your garden that works let us know. Be part of the team and I will guarantee it is something you will not regret.

For those members living in Virginia who I was unable to visit your garden this year please send me pictures and short descriptions. For those Living in North Carolina, I am going to try to visit as many as possible so please let your president know if you would like me to visit your gardens. West Virginia Iris Growers, I would love to hear from you as well.

I add my invitation for all to come to the fall meeting in Richmond VA, there is lots of judges training that is for everyone even if you do not want to be a judge. Then there is the Spring Meeting being hosted by the ENCIS affiliate that will offer a great deal if fun, information, gardens and time to spend with new friends.

Have a great rest of the summer and see you this Fall in Richmond

Anita

**Region 4 Treasurer's Report****Checking Account Balance on September 29, 2008** **\$4,106.71****Receipts:**

Fall Auction: \$400.00

Donations:

Carolina Mountains Iris Society: \$90.00

Interest: \$1.06**Total Receipts: \$491.06****Expenditures:**December 2008 *Newscast Printing & Mailing*: \$807.87

Membership - Mac Shawe: \$37.02

March 2009 *Newscast Printing & Mailing*: \$935.59

WEB Site Registration: \$104.65

WEB Site Software: \$121.95

Bulk Mail Permit, Paper & Ink: \$176.33**Total Expenditures: \$2,183.41****Checking Account Balance on May 8, 2009:** **\$2,414.36****Certificate of Deposit (M&T Bank)** **\$7,171.47****Total Assets:** **\$9,585.83**

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

Region 4, American iris Society – Spring Meeting  
Hospitality Inn – Fredericksburg, Virginia  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Friday May 8, 2008 2:10 P.M.

Carrie then asked for each chapter representative to give their report of their respective happenings since last fall's meeting. Each chapter's report is filed herewith.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Vice-President, Carrie Winter. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the Fall 2008 board meeting as printed in the January, 2009 Newscast. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Old Business – Electronic Fall Board Meeting** – Roy Epperson was unable to attend the Region 4 Spring Meeting at the last minute, and therefore, there was no information available regarding the follow-up to this subject.

Carrie addressed the subject of the Fall Meeting and the difficulty in spreading the responsibility around to other chapters. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a permanent central location for the fall meeting; having several chapters share the responsibility of the cost and coordination of the meeting, and whether or not to cancel having a fall meeting. Carrie asked the board members from the (Richmond) chapter to please go back and discuss with their members about hosting the fall meeting in Richmond and report back their consensus.

No further business being presented the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Taylor

Regional Secretary

Saturday, May 9, 2008 – 7:30 pm?????

Minutes of the Membership Meeting

AIS Region 4

Carol Warner presented the Treasurer's report, and the entire report was entered into the record. Jack Loving presented the proposed budget for 2010 for consideration by the Board and Region 4 members as it will be published in the August, 2009 Newscast. Membership Chairman, Mac Shaw was unable to attend and therefore no membership report was available.

The Newscast and Web Report was presented by Anita Moran. Anita gave a laptop presentation of the new website and solicited feedback from the Board for any suggested changes. Everyone seemed very pleased with the hard work Anita put in to make the new website happen and how it was laid out.

Carrie Winter read the Region 4 Rebloom Report from Chairman, Mike Lockett. Carrie asked that everyone please fill out and submit a rebloom report and mail or email them to Mike Lockett.

Saturday, May 9, 2008 – 7:30 pm  
Minutes of the Membership Meeting  
AIS Region 4

Following the dinner, the meeting was called to order by Carrie Winter. She asked each chapter present to stand and the number of members from each chapter was noted.

Carrie praised the wonderful turnout for the Regional Flower Show. Everyone was concerned there wouldn't have been enough entries to have an official show. Carrie reported that there was over 200 entries. She also thanked Jim Schroetter for the wonderful slide presentation from FAIS for their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Carrie asked that everyone to stay after the Membership Meeting for a wonderful presentation given by

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Since the Fall Meeting was not yet settled on, Carrie asked that all members look to the next Newscast to keep informed of where the Fall Meeting would be held.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted,

Tricia Taylor  
Region 4 Secretary

**The following is a memorial tribute read at the March 14, 1970 meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the AIS, Region 4 at the death of Claude C. O'Brien by his friend and fellow irisarian, Ralph Lewis.**

March 14, 1970

It becomes my sad privilege to try and express a small part of the obligation that all A.I.S. members, all iris enthusiasts in the state, all members of Region 4, and all members of the Eastern North Carolina area owe to Claude O'Brien.

In his death we all lost a good friend and a wise councilor. The National Society lost a tireless and effective worker, and North Carolina lost its Dean of Irisarians.

Claude served as R.V.P. at a most critical time in the history of the region. He was a most effective judge, and he helped to organize the N. C. I. S., tirelessly promoting those things which he felt would advance iris culture and the enjoyment and well being of irisarians. He was the only chairman of the Eastern North Carolina Area of A. I. S. On all levels he is not replaceable, but above all, each of us loses an old and tried friend.

Ralph E. Lewis

## REMEMBERING ENCIS

By Susan Grigg

Glenn and I both love irises. My Granny Hord had a row of blue and yellow irises in the side yard of her house; Glenn's Grigg grandparents had a nursery at one time near Shelby, NC. So when we bought some seedlings from Powell's Garden in Princeton, NC, we proudly planted them at our new home in Raleigh. Glenn took stalks to work and a colleague told him that his neighbor also grew iris. The neighbor was Mr. John Dughi, who came to visit us and promised to share his named iris with us. He also invited us to attend a meeting of iris enthusiasts, the Eastern NC Chapter (later, Society) of the AIS. October 16, 1971 was our first meeting and the following May we attended the Spring Regional meeting in High Point hosted by the Chapter. We were hooked!

We didn't ever meet Mr. Claude O'Brien, who was so instrumental in the beginning of Region 4 and our local Chapter; he died in 1970, but we did get to know his lovely wife, Naomi. We enjoyed friendships with John and Evelyn Dughi, Henry and Gracie Witherspoon, Alice Bouldin, Nannie Paquet, Mary Nifong, Marge Parham, Lolita Powell, J. D. Stadler, Polly Price Irby, Barbara Trogdon, E. Roy Epperson, Geraldine Davis, Lloyd Zurbrigg. ENCIS now presents the Alice Bouldin Award to the best seedling growing and blooming in a garden at the Spring Region 4 Convention.

As it is in any group, new members are

soon asked to help the group function. In 1973 I was elected Secretary, a position I held often. I had the three requirements for a Secretary: I could listen, take notes at the meeting, and write decent minutes to bring to the next meeting and read. In 1974 Glenn became Vice Chairman and I retained my position as Secretary. In 1975 Glenn was elected Chairman and I was again Secretary. Glenn continued as Chairman in 1976 and I was elected to that office in 1977.

Now in 2009 I'm serving as President and Glenn is Secretary. From those friends named above, we both learned to serve when it was needed and to participate in any way we could be helpful – in auctions, in iris shows, in regional meetings, and in local meetings.

There were lunch meetings at the Colonial Inn in Hillsborough, where the food was plentiful and delicious and the atmosphere of the historic Inn added even more warmth to the fellowship. At Alice and Johnny Bouldin's farm in Caswell County we knew that Alice's tasty chicken and dumplings would be waiting for us. We enjoyed seeing Alice in bonnet and long dress walk the rows of recent irises that had to prove themselves beside the older cultivars. She was never swayed by the "new and improved". In Roy's neat backyard garden in High Point we enjoyed not only the best in recent irises, but also hostas and some

perennials that were new to me, but Roy knew their Latin names. In later years when Lloyd Zurbrigg moved to Durham and joined our group, we looked forward to visiting his garden, a hybridizer's garden, to see the next introduction to the world of rebloomers.

We're honored now to have the current AIS President, Roy Epperson, in our group and two other members of the AIS Board, Ruth Barker and Bob Pries.

ENCIS has a proud and colorful history. We're glad to be a part of it.



Powell garden 1981

Seedlings

**Eastern North Carolina Iris Society of the American Iris Society**

Presidents of Eastern North Carolina Iris Society of the American Iris Society

- Susan Grigg 2006 -
- Margaret Pearson 2002 - 2006
- Roslyn Mitchell 2001 - 2002
- Glenn Grigg, Jr. 1997 - 2001
- Burt Pearson 1995 - 1997
- Sharon Yarbrough 1992 - 1995
- J. D. Stadler 1986 - 1992
- Alice Bouldin 1985 - 1986
- Polly Price Irby 1979 - 1985
- Susan Grigg 1977 - 1979
- Glenn Grigg, Jr. 1975 - 1977
- Marge Parham 1974 - 1975
- E. Roy Epperson 1972 - 1974
- John Dughi 1970 - 1972
- Claude O Brian 1965 - 1970

Current Officers

- Susan Grigg President
- Ruth Barker Vice-President
- Glenn Grigg Secretary
- E. Roy Epperson Treasurer



Alice Bouldin Garden May73

Alice Bouldin



Ms Nifong and Henry Witherspoon  
in Bouldin Garden 1973



Grigg's garden 1971



Nifong garden 1972

## Affiliate Reports

### Charlotte Iris Society Report

The Charlotte Iris Society held its first meeting of 2009 on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and tasty treats and lively conversation preceded the timely program “Starting Plants from Seeds” presented by member Julia Hindle. To increase membership and participation is the goal for the year.

Planned Activities for the year include:

A program “Growing Iris” for Montgomery County Public Library in Troy NC on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The second Meeting of the year, April 11<sup>th</sup> featuring a tour of the Elizabeth Lawrence garden. (Ms. Lawrence, noted author, gardener)

The Iris show, chaired by Carrie Winter and Ruth Holbrook, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Blacklion on Park Road.

The Rhizome sale at the Metrolina Farmers Market in Mid-July.

Meeting and Plant Auction in Early September.

The Harvest Luncheon in early November.

June Hood  
President

### Carolina Mountain Iris Society

In March we produced and mailed out annual newsletter. This was mailed to members and interested parties totaling 60 copies, down from last year. Our 2009 schedule is as follows:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Meeting, Henderson County Library. 1 – 3:00 PM, new CD PowerPoint presentation “It’s Show Time”.

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Japanese Iris exhibit, Opportunity House, Hendersonville, NC Opens at 10:00 AM June 5<sup>th</sup>, and 4:00 PM June 6<sup>th</sup>.

August 15<sup>th</sup> Iris Sale, First Congregational Church, Hendersonville, NC. Doors open for sale at 12:30 PM

October 24<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting Henderson County Public Library, 1-3 PM.

Our spring meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Henderson County Library where we will have a business meeting followed by a CD PowerPoint called “It’s Show Time” newly released from AIS. During this meeting it will be decided if we will have enough entries for an AIS accredited show. We did schedule a spring show for May 16<sup>th</sup>, applied for approval from our national show chairperson, and arranged for our usual facility. Our struggle is for a proper show date as our county is large and bloom time can vary greatly by 20 miles. This factor is an influence in addition to our spring temperatures varying from hot to cold multiple times before bloom season. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is peak for this year.

I will be submitting my resignation as President after 5 years and will continue my duties until November when voting occurs. It is my hope that the next president will have fresh ideas and the time to implement them. After 12 years I do plan to continue as a member of AIS and CMIS. I hope to work as our membership chairperson and try to raise our numbers to fifty.

## Affiliate Reports

### 2009 Schedule C&P Iris Society (cont.)

#### Carolina Mountain Iris Society (Cont.)

CMIS will man a booth at Henderson County Garden Jubilee May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23 rd.

Please accept our donation to the silent auction for the Spring Regional Meeting.

Please Submit our schedule to Newscast.

Respectfully,  
Danee Hoover  
CMIS President

Saturday, Sept. 19 Picnic, 12-4, home of Ray and Karen Jones

Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Fall Reblooming Iris Show, Meadowlark Park Vienna, VA 10-12 setup, 12-1 judging, 1-3 open to the public

Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, home of Ray and Karen Jones, 11-3



### 2009 Schedule C&P Iris Society

**Saturday, March 28** Spring Luncheon,  
McLean Governmental Center 1-4 p.m.

Catered barbecue lunch; bring your favorite garden tool to share. Sign and label making demonstration, slide show and general meeting. \$17 per person RSVP to Ray Jones (703-573-7675)

<ramonandkaren@verizon.net>

May 8-9 Region 4 meeting, Fredericksburg, VA

Sunday, May 10 Open gardens at Winterberry

May 11-16 AIS National Convention, Kansas

Saturday, May 23 Spring Show, Meadowlark Park, Vienna, VA. Setup 10-12, judging 12-1, open to public 1-4

Sunday, May 24 Open gardens for C&P TBA

Saturday, July 18 Iris sale, Meadowlark Park, Vienna, VA 11-3 Setup 9:30-11

## WEB NEWS

Sorry this was not in the printed Newscast but time was running out. The new site is up and running but the Forms still do not work. I know it has to be a comma, colon, period or some other silly thing in the code that is keeping it from working but I will conquer it yet. There was a lot going on in the gardens this year so let's see those pictures. Remember the Photo Gallery of Region 4 Gardens is for you. You do not have to have your president's permission for me to add pictures of your garden here. These will eventually be separated by Affiliate or State, but until there are enough it will just be as it is. Also there is a youth area. This is for any youth member photos. If those children you have been trying to get interested in irises this might be a way.

I retain the right not to place photos of poor quality. This does not include the pose but rather clarity, color and such. I can correct many things but a blurry picture looks worse on the net.

Affiliate presidents please let me know if there are new officers and if there are any changes you want made to your affiliate site.

Have a great rest of the year

Anita

## Affiliate Reports

### Central Virginia Iris Society Update:

Schedule Remaining for the Year:

CVIS meets bi-monthly on Saturdays for our scheduled meetings in LaPrade Library in Richmond, VA. Thus far we have had a busy and interesting year. For ease of documenting, I have included the following events and activities in a bulleted format:

January – CVIS had an informal meeting at IHOP to brainstorm and catch up over the holidays.

**March** – Great Big Breenhouse and Nursery's Spring Gardener's Fair, held on March 14-15. At least three times during the year, we set up an education booth. Our goal is to let the public know who the CVIS is and answer any iris questions. At our table, we have flyers, AIS Bulletins, and various membership tri-folds available for the public. This was our first one of the year.

CVIS meeting March 21 – We were very privileged to have not one, but two, knowledgeable women from Presby Memorial Iris Garden as speakers at our March Meeting. Linda Sercus, the new director, began with a thorough presentation on the history of the gardens, entertaining us with a wonderful PowerPoint program that included heirloom photos and memorabilia of the founding owners and others responsible for preserving the gardens to this day. Leticia Munro, who oversees the many volunteers, followed with her presentation of a virtual tour of the gardens, describing the layout and many wonderful irises and plant belonging to the garden

**April** – Strange's Bloomin' Days, held on April 4-5 – We had a booth set up at the annual spring plant sale at Strange's Plant Center. We answered questions, provided helpful handouts for growing irises, and added five new members to our club.

Hanover Master Gardener's Spring Plant Sale – This was our third educational booth set-up in Ashland VA. This allowed us to use our leftover rhizomes, which we pot up from the previous year's fall sale. We sold all of the potted irises and also added five new members as well.

**May** – We will not have a regularly scheduled meeting, in lieu of open garden tours on May 16-17. Wayne Bryant and Michael Kendrick and his mother, marie Itner, will have their gardens open to the public.

Trip to Presby Memorial Gardens on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1 – Van Ferguson and Cameron Hall will be traveling up to New Jersey to visit Presby Memorial Iris Garden. Anyone in the northern Virginia area is welcome to join us if interested. Contact information is available through our AIS link.

**July** – CVIS Annual Picnic, Iris Swap, and open iris forum on Saturday Jul 11.

**September** – CVIS meeting September 12 – Guest speakers, John and June Rosini will be speaking on dividing and preparing iris for a plant sale.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's annual fall plant sale in Richmond VA on September 18-19. This is a state wide attraction with many different plant vendors from various locations. All other iris societies are invited to attend.

**October** – Hanover Master Gardener's Fall Plant Sale on October 10.

**November** - CVIS November meeting and annual harvest Dinner on Saturday November 21, Speaker TBA.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Scheffler  
CVIS President on April 28, 2009

## Affiliate Reports

### EASTERN NC IRIS SOCIETY REPORT MAY 2009

The Eastern NC Iris Society began their activities for the year on Saturday, February 28th with a program presented by our Vice President Ruth Barker entitled "Irises and the Societies that Love Them". This digital CD program was purchased by ENCIS from AIS Resources and was an enjoyable introduction to the societies and sections of AIS. Our several new members found this particular program full of good information. We recommend this CD to other groups with members new to AIS.

Our meeting on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> was held at the Raleigh Crabtree Marriott Hotel where the group enjoyed a delicious lunch together and had centerpieces of iris blooms from the gardens of two ENCIS members. Secretary Glenn Grigg showed pictures from the 2008 AIS Convention gardens in Austin, Texas and from various hybridizers' 2006 introductions.

There will be no ENCIS Iris Show this year because of the scheduling of the regional and national meetings. The Regional Iris Show will be held in 2010 in the Greensboro area as a part of the Region 4 Spring Meeting hosted by ENCIS. We hope everyone will save May 7 and 8, 2010 for the Region 4 Spring Meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro, NC. We'll visit the established garden of Dr. Roy Epperson in High Point, the newer garden of Ruth and Hudson Barker near Greensboro, and the several-acre, park-like garden of Wyatt LeFever near Kernersville, NC.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ENCIS Iris Sale will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bayleaf Community Center at the corner of Norwood and Six Forks Roads in Raleigh.

Susan Grigg, ENCIS President

### Report from the Eastern Shore Iris Society

Bloom season has suffered at the hands of some tremendous storms with high winds and hail. The gardens of our Northern members are fairing a bit better. Our judged show is this Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, and they should have some nice specimens. Our sale is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are very grateful for the support that we have received from the Region and AIS as we work to grow our club and expand the types of iris that we endeavor to cultivate.

The Arils from Anita have survived the winter but have not bloomed this year. In 2007 we received some Spuria and some seeds for Siberians, among other interesting additions. My first Siberian from seeds is blooming and the Spurias were sending up robust bloom stalks in my Virginia garden when I was last there. Member Ann Dumbler's Spuria are plugging along in Salisbury Maryland but they seem to prefer the soil, climate and manure on Virginia's Eastern Shore. 'Smart' was an early show stopper and then 'Fathom' came on nicely in several of our gardens. 'Pintail' was a new surprise.

We hope to have a visit from Anita Moran during the weekend of my birthday when my family and I will be spending time in the garden together.

Several of our members have experienced sad losses this Spring, with Ann Dumbler losing her beloved husband, Ray, and Gail Reily-Cross losing her mother. We will have some Gardening days in remembrance and will pick up our pace once some of our more active members have healed from these difficult times.

Warm Regards,

Debbie Campbell

## Affiliate Reports

### Report of the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society for 2009

The Fredericksburg Area Iris Society opened the year with a board of directors meeting and the all member meeting in March. We had a weekend for volunteers to help prepare the Iris Gardens that will be open during the Region 4 meeting. The Region 4 meeting will be the challenging activity for our Society this year. The Chairperson, Lois Rose, with a host of outstanding volunteers produced an agenda for a wonderful meeting. It will include dinners, iris show, garden tours, happy hours, and silent auction, etc. On the Sunday following the Region 4 meeting our society will have an open garden tour for our community. Five gardens will be open for the enjoyment of the area residents. Usually fair weather or foul, we will have a very large turnout of visitors to the open gardens.

In July the Society will hold its annual iris rhizome sale at Roxbury Mills. This sale produces our major income and the greatest number of new members to the AIS and the FAIS.

The club will have its annual picnic in September. Hosted by Jack and Rosalie Loving, the picnic is an informal gathering that all the attendees enjoy especially a plant auction. The plants donated by the club members and there is a unique feature. The donated plants are auctioned off by ticket and as each ticket is called a member may select a donated plant or steal a plant from a member who has already selected a plant. It is, I hope, a friendly competition.

FAIS will close its year with a harvest dinner. It is a pot luck dinner with donations from all the members. It is a sumptuous dinner that any gourmet would enjoy. You have to leave satisfied.

This is a report of the activities of the FAIS for 2009 by the president  
William F. Kennedy

### F.S.K. Iris Society Report

F.S.K. members are looking forward to our regular Spring show on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are cooperating with the District III Federated Garden Clubs to do a joint horticulture and artistic show. Hopefully some of the Garden Club members will be inspired to grow more irises of their own and possibly join our group.

Our beardless show featuring mostly Japanese irises will be on June 20, also at the Shops of Kenilworth in Towson, Maryland. This is always an exceptionally beautiful show and introduces the public to a whole new group of irises blooming at a different time.

Our two sales in July have been successful at reaching customers in two entirely different areas. It is always amazing to see how much work goes into the sale and how many irises find new loving homes. Since this is our only fundraiser we rely on the generosity of many of our members.

Our summer picnic will be in a new location this year which gives us an opportunity to see a garden that most of us have never seen. Vickie and Dave are busy working on getting ready four months in advance.

The fall meeting scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> is not firmly planned but we always seem to come up with an interesting program.

Our good old faithful members support our events but it is still a challenge to attract and thoroughly engage new members.

## Affiliate Reports

### Hampton Roads Iris Society Spring 2009 Report

Since the Fall Regional, we have been very busy and have had quite a few judges' training events.

**November 2008:** The club held the election of officers for the 2009 year. Officers were elected as follows:

Joanne Hamm – President  
 Freda Gallop, Vice President  
 Bea Rogers, Recording Secretary  
 Gwenn Mull, Treasurer  
 David Young, Corresponding Secretary

Since that time David Young and Gwenn Mull have withdrawn as officers because of family illnesses. The Treasurer position is still unfilled and Peggy Meador is now the Corresponding Secretary.

**December 2008:** We had a fabulous Christmas party in December at Peggy Leftwich's house with 11 members attending with three guest.

**February 2009:** In February we had a judges' training presentation by the Laings, Linda, Dan and Crissy, with Bill Mull providing the slides. The presentation was on Siberian Irises, which included cultivation, showing and garden evaluation. The slides were of different varieties of Siberians.

Afterwards there was quite a bit of discussion of folding the club because of lack of attendance, interest, and participation. We never seem to have much problems recruiting new members to AIS, but these people never attend any of our local club meetings. They merely sign up and are never seen again even though personal phone calls are made to them each month to remind them of our meetings and tell them of the meeting agenda. After much discussion, the club decided to continue for 2009 and add more judges training speakers as well as other speakers. It was also decided that we would start offering door prizes at the meetings in an effort to entice members to attend. The club also moved the storage unit to a better facility and discard a lot of accumulated "junk".

**March 2009:** In March, Joanne Hamm handed out pictures of part of the irises that will be available at our July sale so that members will have the opportunity to purchase them at club member discounts during our "member pre-sale". Irises from Winterberry Gardens will be added later. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our first sale of the season at York High School for the York County Gardening Symposium. We sold irises that we potted up in September from ones that were left from our July rhizome sale. We also had a lot of brochures and handouts about growing all types of irises.

**April 2009:** In April Bea Rogers gave a judges' training presentation on Iris Show regulations. We also distributed the 2009 show schedules to those present. Other members not attending plus all of the regional clubs were mailed a copy of the show schedule. We also had our second potted iris sale of the year at Christopher Newport University in Newport News during their Gardening Extravaganza.

**May 2009:** On the first Saturday in May, we had the honor of having Don Rude to give Garden Training at Bea Rodger's garden for two hours of judges' training credit. The presentation was very informative, and the garden was delightful. We will be having our annual Iris Show on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. We would be honored to have other club members attend our show at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens where you can not only enter our iris show, but you can also enjoy the beautiful botanical gardens.

Attendance at our meetings is still lacking, but a few members have started participating at our events. Our sales are good and there is a solid demand for irises, rhizomes and potted, of all types. There is also a lot of interest in the brochures and handouts that we provide to the public. If we can just get our members to attend the club meetings, then maybe we can continue. It is difficult to continue with only four or five active members to answer the huge public demand for the beautiful iris species.

Respectfully submitted  
 Joanne Hamm  
 President

## Proposed Budget

### PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET FOR REGION 4

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Printing and Mailing Three (3) Issues of Newscast	\$4300.00
RVP Travel Expenses	600.00
Membership Committee – M. Shawe	250.00
Memorials	300.00
AIS Youth Program	100.00
Web Page	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00
Total	\$6150.00

Submitted by:

JACK W. LOVING

## SHOWING IRIS?

By Anita Moran

Okay, I'm ready. Now there are steps, I should know I get a list of those steps every year. This is about my First Iris show. Nothing like jumping in with both feet.

### **Choose your iris early so you can cut it for a show.**

Ok this seems easy enough. There are a couple of stalks outside I'll just cut a bunch and we're set. Hmmmm that one that's almost open might be better, I really would like to show Jessie song it opened yesterday but it still looks good and this little sprinkle sure won't hurt an iris. Back to the house and get some hot cocoa. Man is it chilly for May.

### **Cut Iris at the Rhizome.**

Cool. Easy enough. Ya, know I better take extra just in case. Around the yard I go and collect any and everything blooming and of course some that are not because you know those will be the freshest flowers.

### **Transport Iris is water to keep them fresh.**

Where is that five gallon bucket at, there it is, just rinse out what ever Ben used it for couple inches of water and we are set. Oops what do I do about these medians they just won't get in the water, I'll just put them down in the bucket they'll be fine. Now let's get breakfast.

### **Arrive at show site early to set up and groom iris.**

Groom? What are we brushing their beards. I guess I'll find out. Iris in the car, heater on high, got to get those stupid irises to open up. I am positive if I had left them at home they would have been completely opened when I get home. Man is it hot in this can. Should take only 30 minutes and that should be plenty of time, I read on the internet if they get warm after being cool they open right up. Man we are almost there and they are still closed, but they are closer, surely they will be open but the time the judges see them.

### **Clean off fingerprints, bugs like spiders, place in show container and straighten.**

WHAT? Ok I did a lot of watching. Cool just rub them with a moist cotton or paper towel, put them in a PVC pipe holder and shove paper towels and cotton to keep them sitting up right.

### **Fill out show card.**

What's a show card? What is a show Schedule? Oh, thanks. Ok let's see how do you spell "Dorothea Marquart", Tall bearded got that, I-A we are good. Ah place it where? On the table off to the next.

Those iris that were not open still were not opened but I have heat stroke. Wait she is opening hers. I bet I could go that. OH MAN! Busted it. Let me try another. Ok this is not working. Hey! this one opened cool I put it up, the rest are going to have to open on their own. I am sure glad Jessie's Song stayed ok. Don't like the looks of those little holes but that's ok the other blooms are looking good, kinda.

Between rushing to get to the show site, heat stroke from the heater I had blasting, allergy because they were painting and remodeling the place. Head pounding from stress, have to stand outside waiting for the judges in freezing, ok 45oF weather, I am sure showing iris was not for me. Got home picked up the instruction getting ready to toss them. Well I didn't. When you get instruction, read ALL of them not just the first sentence.

Have Great Fun This Fall and Next Spring

## AIS Region 4 Fall 2009 Meeting

Friday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>  
Richmond, VA

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel  
6624 West Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23230  
Phone: 804-285-2000

### HOTEL INFORMATION

**Room rate:** for King Bed Non-Smoking Room is **\$85.00 plus tax per night**. If you need a room with two double beds, please ask for those arrangements when making your reservation. Reservations must be made with the hotel by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Please remember to mention AIS Region 4** when registering in order to get these rates.

#### **Check-in /Check-out:**

Guest accommodations will be available at 3:00 PM on date of arrival and reserved until 12:00 PM on the departure day.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:**

##### From North:

Take **I-95 South** to **Interstate 64 West (Exit 79)**. **Do not take the Interstate 295 bypass**. Take the Broad Street East Exit (**Exit 183B**). **Turn left at the first traffic light** into the Brookfield Complex.

##### From West:

Follow **I-64 East**. Take the **Broad Street Road East Exit**. **Turn left at the first traffic light** into the Brookfield Complex.

##### From East:

Take **I-64 West** to **Interstate 95 North**. Proceed to the Charlottesville/Interstate 64 Exit (**Exit 79**). Continue to the Broad Street East Exit (**Exit 183B**). **Turn left at the first traffic light** into the Brookfield Complex.

##### From South:

Take **I-95 North** to **I-64 West (Exit 79)**. **Do not take the Interstate 295 bypass**. Continue to the Broad Street East Exit (**Exit 183B**). **Turn left at the first traffic light** into the Brookfield Complex.

#### **HOTEL SERVICES:**

Complimentary 24-Hour Fitness Facility

24-Hour Front Desk

24-Hour Business Center

Free Parking Facilities

Indoor Heated Pool

Smoke Detectors

Wheelchair Access

100% Non-Smoking Rooms and Facilities

Disability Accessible Facilities

Luggage Storage

Wake-up Service Available

Babysitting Service

Room Service

Shuttle Service within Surrounding Area (Limited)

Gift/Sundry Shop

Outdoor Heated Pool

Outdoor Pool

Some of the services and facilities above may not be available on a 24-hour basis or without advance request. Fees on certain facilities/services may apply. **Pets up to 80 pounds are allowed.**

Hotel is near shopping, restaurants, and recreation.

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**Registration Form:**

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or Region: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or Region: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

**Full Registration:** \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Full Registration:** \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After September 25th, the Full Registration will be \$60.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full registration includes all activities and Saturday evening dinner. *Registration for Judges Training only, is \$10.00 per session and sessions are:*

*Session 1 \_\_\_ Awards and Ballots – Friday afternoon, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Session 2 \_\_\_ Reblooming Irises – Friday evening, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Session 3 \_\_\_ Species Irises – is incorporated into the Saturday nights' dinner arrangements.*

Total amount enclosed for registration(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Meals:** Please indicate your Saturday evening meal choices below. If responding for more than one registrant, indicate #1 or #2 to match names above.

\_\_\_\_\_ **10 oz Ribeye Steak** with Tobacco Onions and Portobello Mushrooms

\_\_\_\_\_ **Herb Crusted Grouper** w/Pineapple and Mango Salsa

\_\_\_\_\_ **Veggie Strudel** -Tomato Polenta, Asparagus, Red and Yellow Pepper Coulis with Sweet Potato Straws.

*If you have special dietary needs, please contact us, or give information on back of form.*

Send completed Registration form with check made payable to **AIS - Region 4** to:

**Carol Warner, Registrar**  
 16815 Falls Road  
 Upperco, MD 21155  
 Phone: (410)374-4788

For additional information contact:

**John or June Rosini**  
 Phone: (804) 598-8497  
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**NOTE:** If you would you be interested in going to a local Vietnamese Restaurant on Friday night as part of a group please check the yes box below. If enough people are interested arrangements can be made for a table. The menu includes a large variety of grilled meat dishes, sea foods, Pho (Vietnamese 'full meal' soup), fresh Vietnamese salads, stir fry's and noodle dishes. This is a very popular restaurant in the Richmond area, moderately priced, and only a couple of blocks from the hotel. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Region 4 Fall MEETING October 9-10, 2009**

#### **Friday, October 9, 2009**

11:00	AM Registration Opens Lunch on Your Own
1:00-3:00	Board Meeting
3:30-5:30	Judges Training Awards and Balloting
5:00	Silent Auction Opens
6:00	Dinner on Your Own (possible informal group at Vietnamese Restaurant)
8:00	Judges Training Rebloomers

#### **Saturday October 10, 2009**

9:30-11:30	Option for those not involved in Show. Round Table Discussion of Affiliate issues.
10:00- 11:00	Show entries received
11:30-12:30	Judging of Show
2 :00	Auction
4:00	Sharing of Info from Roundtable
5:30	Social Hour (Buy your own drinks from bar)
6:30	Dinner and Business Meeting
7:30	Silent Auction closes
7:30	Judges Training Species Iris

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