



The Newscast

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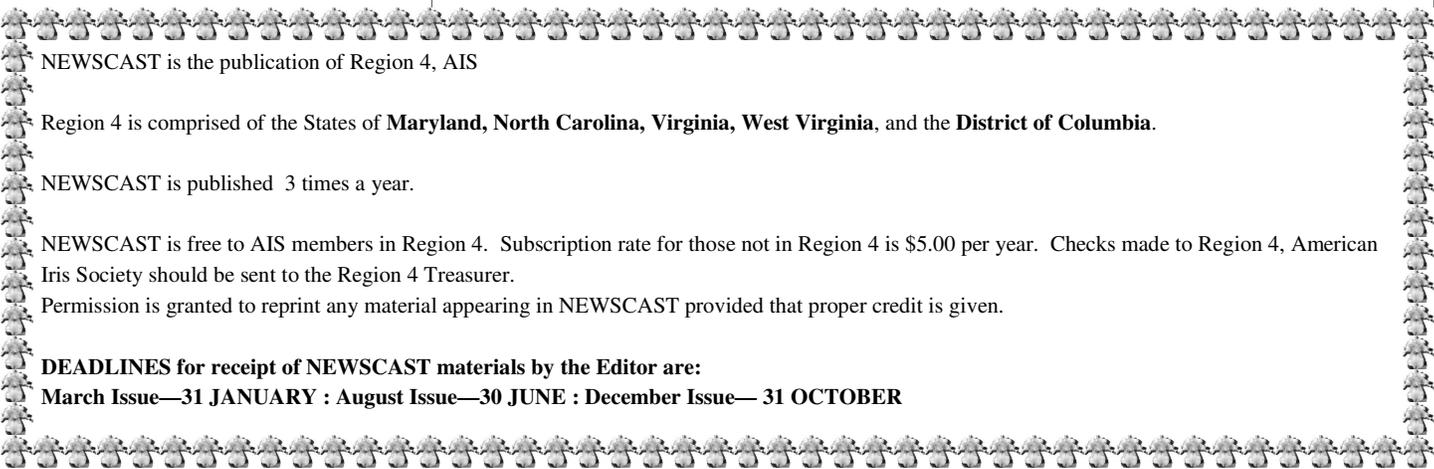
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The Region 4 Vice President

The iris year is always a busy one and 2010 is no exception. We had a delightful spring regional hosted by Eastern North

Carolina Iris Society in Greensboro, May 7-8. In addition to judge's training on Arils by Anita Moran, we had training in the Ruth Barker Garden for TB's by Vince Lewonski and for Siberians in the Epperson Garden by Carol Warner. There was also a lovely show and a celebration of the life of our very own E. Roy Epperson. We were reminded of the numerous contributions he had made to every facet of AIS life, but we were also reminded of a Roy with many qualities of human kindness that he showed to all. Again thank you Roy for having served Region 4 and subsequently AIS so very graciously.

Next there was the AIS meeting in Madison, I which was jammed packed with board meetings and general meetings of each of the Sections and the Cooperating Societies of AIS. Three days of garden tours, judges training, Welcome Dinner and the Awards Dinner followed. Clarence Mahan's "Dallas Mahan" received the Ben R Hager Cup for the favorite median and Don Spoon's "Orchid Dove" was runner up for the Cook Cup for the favorite out-of-region variety. The AIS Service Medal was presented posthumously to our own Dr. E. Roy Epperson. While the gardens were about a week past peak bloom, there was still plenty of color.

And now to work with summer rhizome sales, getting ready for another great fall regional in Richmond and working on completion of the organizational year for the affiliates. Hopefully each of us will be able to relax a bit and enjoy fall rebloom, which for some last until Christmas. Be sure to record your rebloom and send the record to Mike Lockett, Rebloom Chair for Region 4.

We are adding more complete information in the Directory to make it easier for you to communicate with board members. Remember Board members are a resource for the region and the affiliates so feel comfortable in calling any of them if you need help. For example, Bill Smoot, as Chair for Program Resources, is available to share ideas and provide advice for programs with possible suggestions for program participants. Let the Region help your chapter succeed.

Region 4 is honored that Susan Grigg of ENCIS has been nominated to the board of AIS. Her nomination is expected to be approved at the Fall Board Meeting of AIS. Congratulations to Susan.

The RVP is serving as Interim Judge's Training Chair. Please let me know of your plans to start JT as a student so that a file of your training can be maintained. There are many opportunities for training at regional meetings as well as with various chapters, making it easier than ever to become a Garden/Exhibition Judge. Several of you have already indicated that you wish to be posted as a student..

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity of serving Region 4,

'Till next time, have a good sale and get ready for Richmond and rebloom

Carrie

Prayer in a Garden

Today the world seemed cruel,
 but evening hours
 Were filled with perfume
 from forgotten flowers.
 I saw again familiar filigree
 Of moonlight through
 my lacy Lilac tree;
 I heard the robins stirring in their nest;
 And saw the path that fairy feet
 had pressed;
 Reflected stars were in my garden pool;
 On my warm face the breeze
 was kind and cool.
 The silence seemed to speak,
 my head was bowed,
 Then ramblers that had grown
 into a cloud
 Lifted my eyes that, tear-washed,
 now could see
 The beauty that today was lost to me.
 Dear god, who is so near to flowers,
 and birds,
 Be nearer still,
 as I shall search for words
 To thank Thee for the blessings
 night revealed,
 Which through the day
 discouragement concealed.

-EVA SPARKS TAYLOR

<http://www.backyardgardener.com/poem/index.html>



FROM THE EDITOR

It seems the time between March and August is so short compared with August to March, probably because we are all so busy with spring clean up then meetings shows, crosses for those that pursue that part of having an iris fetish. This year seemed to never stop and now looking out at the beds filled with weeds because it has been too hot and I have been too tired to deal with them I know the time is coming when I have to get out and pot some daylilies to make room for seedlings and pot irises that are new this year to make sure nothing is strange about them. This year, in January, I was given the title of Exhibition/Garden Judge, wow you all really need to do this small thing. At every regional I go to, every local report I read I see judges training happening and yet even though you have plenty of hours, a lot do not pursue to take it further. I was invited to two shows to judge a bearded show for FAIS (Thanks Guys) and a Japanese Show for DVIS (Delaware Valley Iris Society). Despite the heat and early bloom both shows produced wonderful flowers and the Best Specimen In Shows thoroughly deserved the title.

I am finishing up the Virginia Gardens in this issue and starting on the North Carolina Gardens. I hope I have done a well enough job to give you at least a hint of the beauty to be found just in our little corner of the world. After the Regional and with the help of many in ENCIS and CIS I was able to tour thirteen gardens around the Raleigh to Charlotte areas of North Carolina, sadly I just ran out of time to see more. It is my plan to see as many gardens in the region as possible but I want to make this perfectly clear: **ALL** of you can write up your own gardens and send them to me. There are so many gardens I missed and many I may never get to so please next spring toot your whistles and share with us what is in your

garden. It doesn't have to be all iris, Julia Hindle has the more glorious Rhododendrons and Azaleas. Send me pictures and I will do my best to get as many in as I can each month. There are over 400 members of Region 4 and even if you no longer have a garden I will bet there is a garden you visit all the time, a park, a friend's house, a Botanical garden, if you enjoy it we will enjoy it. In fact almost everyone sent me to "Plants Delights" a commercial Nursery in Raleigh. What a wonderful experience and you would be proud I only brought home one plant.

Region 4 Officers and Board, affiliate presidents and officers, could you please send me a copy of your report via e-mail so that I can cut and paste and not have to retype it. I know I make mistakes and I do try to catch them all but....

Well Fall is coming as in Rebloom, please send a quick note to our rebloom recorder Mike Lockett about what is reblooming in your yard. His e-mail is CMarti8855@aol.com.

Well that is about all I have to say, please look at the WEB NEWS and Join the Region 4 Cubit. It is a wonderful place to share what is happening in your area for the rest of use to enjoy.

See you all in October.

Anita

Persistence Saves Seedling

By Mike Lockett

Maiden bloom was seen in spring 2004 on my second batch of bearded iris seedlings. The late Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg of Durham, North Carolina had encouraged me to embrace breeding hybrids as part of my iris culture. During his last visit to my former Powhatan, VA garden location, the long-time reblooming iris hybridizer took a long look at Lockett Seedling No. 20150-24B-WY. He remarked, “I like that”. It was a nice affirmation for his aspiring pollen daubing student. Without my mentor’s future advice, 20150-24B-WY would sidestep success or destruction for a number of years.



A child of Joe Ghio’s Cordoba (1998) and Tom Burseen’s Silent Rain (1997), it was sent as a guest iris to various American Iris Society Regional and National Convention tour gardens. It was also exhibited at AIS sponsored local and regional flower shows. Little feedback was received on the worthiness of my interesting tall bearded yellow seedling.

As luck would have it, bearded iris bloom this past spring in Central Virginia was a week plus ahead of schedule. Since 20150-24B-WY tended to bloom late in the season, a viable bloomstalk was taken to the AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting in Greensboro, NC. It won “Best Seedling in Show at the event’s spring flower show. On the verge of certain oblivion after little comment on its performance at the AIS 2009 National Convention in Kansas City, MO and Overland Park, KS, I will now make my first ever tall bearded iris introduction in 2011. Fate finally smiled kindly on 20150-24B-WY. Persistence has finally paid handsome dividends for my iris seedling and me.

Proposed 2011 Budget For Region 4

Expenditures	Dollars
Printing and Mailing (3) Issues of Newscast	4,500.00
RVP Traveling expenses	800.00
Membership Committee– M. Shaw	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

Gardens of Virginia Part II



Mary Prozinski on her front porch during 2009 Spring Regional



'Thornbird' in Prozinski Garden



Grass walkway to the Iris Gardens



I just love garden art. A shell hidden in a front side plot in Prozinski Garden

Well as I said before I need years to complete the tour of Virginia's Iris Gardens. The garden of **Mary Prozinski, at Southbrook Asparagus Farm**, was created around a historic mansion that made you feel that "Tara" had risen again. There was a huge clump of 'Thornbird' that drew everyone to it and separate plantings filled with iris. Taking a grassy path to the rear of the property, we found irises in the field which were given their due, but those iris placed perfectly within the extensive gardens were like finding treasures. Garden art with and without irises were hidden in plain view as

Photos By Anita Moran

you walked paths or took short cuts through the gardens. After finding the treasures we were treated to good old fashioned freshly brewed tea on the veranda as we looked out on the more formal part of the garden. As an added bonus many took the advantage to stock up on some fresh asparagus while others rested and enjoyed the view. It was hard getting back on that bus but the cool short forest path made it a little easier.

Gardens of Virginia Part II



J Griffin Crump In his garden



Crump Seedling out of
'Blackbeard's Daughter'



Crump Seedling 952G8



Crump Seedling 052A

The last garden I was able to go to During the Spring of 2009 was that of Griff Crump's garden. As you drove through a nice neighborhood of neatly groomed gardens you are treated to an explosion of color for the entirety of Griff's front yard are wonderfully laid out gardens filled with seedling and named cultivars. There were just too many places to look to take it all in with a single glance and it took a while to get my camera out and then the problem was where to shoot first.. I had to stand by my car to take it all in before advancing to look at the individual flowers. In a

small city lot, Griff produced a menagerie of iris from named varieties like Antiquity, Desert Umbler to seedlings like 952G8 and his 'Blackbeard's Daughter' offspring, a white with bright yellow shoulders that shows great promise and was blooming for the first time during my visit. Griff's back yard was dominated by a large dogwood that he sadly loss during the winter's snows but outside the shade of the dogwood the rainbow of colors continued within the various beds filled with seedlings. What a show!

Photos by Anita Moran

Gardens of Virginia Continued

How strange 2010 has been for so many reasons but here I was headed to North Carolina and at home my dwarfs are done and medians nearly so and it is just the start of May. From a quick stop at Winterberry to pick up plants for the plant auction, thanks Ginny, I still had time to visit one additional Virginia garden on my way down to the 2010 Spring Regional, Mike Locketell's garden. Mike Locketell graciously granted my request to come see his garden which I had missed during the last Fall Regional. I warn you now GPS lie. According to the GPS Mike's garden was just a

short distance from 522, ah NOT. Knowing I was at least on the correct road, I continued down a beautiful country road until off to the right near an historic farm home was a flash of color. Not knowing if I was going to meet a shotgun for trespassing I continued up the drive until I was treated to iris and peony in abundance. In the Ninety plus degree heat, Mike was smartly sitting under a sprawling shade tree.

Getting out of the car I was over whelmed with the fragrance of iris and peony on the soft breeze that was just slightly cooler as it came across the small pond behind the planting. Joining Mike under the sprawl of a large oak tree, we talk for a short time on various subjects including the wide variety of irises and seedling he was working with. Walking the garden I was amazed at the various seedling lines he was working with but I think my favorite were the lined seedlings of various shades and depth. A particular favorite was a white with yellow shoulders a hint of yellow, nearly a color spot, filling with intricate lines.



Locketell Garden Spring 2010



Lined Locketell Seedling

Photos by Anita Moran

Gardens of Virginia Part II

One seedling which stopped me in my tracks had PINK shoulders. Not orange pink but ‘Beverly Sills’ pink. Mike tried to get me to choose between two of his delicious yellow seedlings, I just could not do it. Both were rich in color, nice form but this one, not better than the other but it photographed better, could be seen across the garden and drew you to it. I knew Mike was working with rebloomers but I did not know he was working with Siberians. A white and Yellow seedling looked as if he was using his lined bearded with it and the deep wine seedling was just exquisite with a velvety sheen on the falls and such bold coloring. It was getting late and I still had a long way to go, thankfully Mike gave me some easy directions and I was on my way to North Carolina.



Lockett Siberian Seedlings Spring 2010



Lockett Bearded Seedlings Spring 2010

Gardens of North Carolina

Part I: The First, The Last, and The Middle

I know the title of this piece is a little illogical but it fits for this article, although I will write up the rest of the gardens from North Carolina in a later Newscast, this will be about the First time I have seen Ruth Barker's Garden and the Last time we will see Dr. E. Roy Epperson's Garden and of course the Wyatt Lefever garden better known as the Koi place.



Glenn Grigg weeding in Epperson Garden



Bonita Masteller with her loaded truck of yard waste.



Epperson Garden just before the tours.

Photos by Susan Grigg, Jim Schrotter, and Anita Moran

The first thing I want to say is a BIG thank you to the members of Eastern North Carolina Iris Society for the hard work and diligence in preparing the garden of Dr. Epperson so that it could continue to be counted among those that were part of the 2010 Spring Regional for Region Four of the AIS. They include Susan Grigg, Glenn Grigg, Bonita Masteller, and her daughter Ruth, Bob Pries, Kat Causey, Margaret Pearson, Melissa Young and Ray Quinn. I know how many of you changed schedules, worked long hours and exposed yourselves to poison ivy/oak, trucking loads of yard waste

away all to allow us a final peek. Having seen the before pictures and those I personally took the after the transformation it is amazing that they were able to accomplish as much as they did. Thank you from all of us.

Since we are on that subject let us start there. A few short miles away from the convention hotel sits **Kirklee Iris and Hosta Garden** which sits on a quiet neighborhood corner and other than a

Gardens of North Carolina Part I



Epperson Garden During the Regional Tour.

Epperson Garden Before the Regional visit.

few iris in beds in the front you would not realize what treasures it held.

I wanted to go to the Epperson garden without the people so shortly after I arrived I headed out and was pleased that one of Dr. Epperson's daughters Sandra, was there along with people from Highpoint University. I asked and received permission to photograph the garden empty of everyone and I learn something important, a garden is not alive unless it is being appreciated. It was a sad experience to take pictures of the planted and potted hostas that lined the fence and sat beneath the wood arbor.

The wonderful attention given to the gardens by ENCIS seemed unappreciated in the empty garden. No one was sitting in the Tree-Zbo to get out of the sun and enjoy the site of all the beautiful blooms from medians to tall bearded to Siberians. Around the trees and along the fences were hellebores of a variety of colors.

The next day the garden was alive again when the bus arrived and emptied the regional attendees to see the garden one last time. Carol Warner gave the in garden Siberian Judges training but first we were all given ample time to investigate and look at the offerings of hostas for sale. These were Roy's passion as much as the iris and it was a thrill.

Gardens of North Carolina Part I

to take a little piece home with me. The Tree-Zbo was used to rest, for pictures and the garden was alive with admirers. As sad as it was to know this was the last time it was alright for Highpoint University would be taking a collection from the garden and re-establishing Roy's garden at the University, what a wonderful thought.



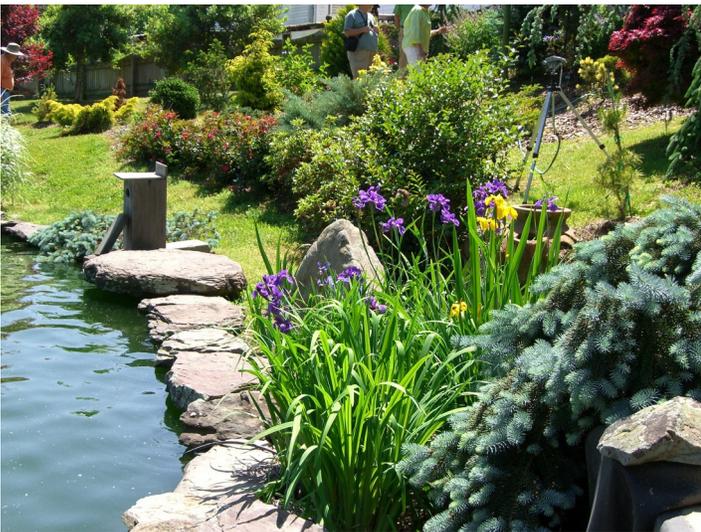
treat, as you travel down a secluded drive, it suddenly opens up into a sunny garden of irises. As we unloaded we were given a list of irises in Ruth's Collection, wow what a list. All of us did our thing trying to get pictures of everything blooming, but Ruth is sneaky for like the rest I wondered around the side of the house and there was a wonderful shade garden and between the leaves of the trees and shrubs was more color. Gold Mine!

Neat rows filled with eye candy in the form of MTBs, Stall Bearded a smattering of Siberians, what a joy it was to ramble though the trying to see all that was in bloom, and boy was there bloom. After allowing us our time of salivation, Vince Lewonski of the Delaware Valley Iris Society gave Tall Bearded in Garden Training and kept us in stitches. Just a hint Ruth's Seedling (03-01) stuck in a back corner won the Alice Bouldin Award, shhhhh!



The Tours however started off on an upbeat note. We would be seeing **Ruth and Hudson Barker Garden** for the first time. What a

Gardens of North Carolina Part I



ures at ever bend. At the opposite side of the garden was a path which was split in two, one leading back to the pond and the other leading to a larger wild looking pond surrounded by newly cut hay fields. On either bank were two cages filled with wood ducks which were very good at escaping and a variety of parrots. This was defiantly was a garden worthy of a stop and a stop by if you are in the neighborhood.

The Wyatt Lefever Garden was sure an eye opener. We had expected the Koi, large Koi, some bigger than those see at the Japanese Garden in Portland Oregon, and colors from black to near white, and every combination in between. That was not the draw. Up from the Koi pond which was home to Louisiana irises was a small path that everyone seemed to be following. Never one to be left out up I went. It was a different world. Al though this was not an “Iris Garden” it was more than would the investigation with Rhododendrons, azaleas with so many variations, Trillium in the middle of the path that we all knew what it was as we stared at it, and occasional Siberian was tucked into one of the few sunny areas. Benches for resting were as different and unique as the plants that we enjoyed as we followed paths that circles leading to new treas-



Affiliate Reports

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY

May, 2010

Our first meeting of the year was cancelled after mother nature brought ice and snow to the Charlotte area. The second meeting, held in early April dealt primarily to plan for the annual Iris Society show, urging all members and friends to bring as many blooms as possible to this show. One of our loyal members, Katherine Steele gave an excellent presentation on how to prepare and groom stalks for display.

The show, held on May 1, was a welcome success, as many of the iris plants bloomed earlier than expected. Our members were well represented and took home many ribbons. Nancy Moore, our co-president, won the best of show, as have so many of our members over the years. Her winning entry was "Dusky Challenger".

The club is looking forward to participating in a Rhizome plant sale at the Farmer's Market here in Charlotte in mid July. In September, we'll take part in a plant sale and auction. Finally, we'll end the year's activities with the annual autumn dinner in November.

Co-presidents,
Jay & Nancy Moore

C&P Iris Society

The C&P Iris Society had their early show on April 24th, 2010 at the Meadowlark Park in Vienna, VA. Carol Warner and Karen Jones were our judges with Lois Rose as apprentice judge. We had quite a turnout with 83 exhibits and 12 exhibitors. For a show that we didn't expect to have a very large turnout, it was a huge success. With the unusually warm weather and the large distribution of gardens, we had a wide variety of irises: 6 TBs, 1 arilbred, 1 siberian, 3 MTBs, 20 seedlings (IBs and SDBs), 4 BBs, 2 MDBs, 15

SDBs and 31 IBs.

Marilyn Naylor won the bronze medal and Best Specimen of Show with IB 'Black Current' and Lois Rose was runner up with 'Starwoman'. 'Polish Princess' exhibited by Patricia Taylor was Best in Section. Ginny Spoon won the silver medal for the most blue ribbons and Don Spoon won best seedling with SDB 2005-468. Ginny Spoon also won an EC and a blue ribbon for 2004-G3, a very short SDB (6 inches tops) that may be introduced as an MDB that is dark purple with bushy white beards. Other ECs awarded were to : 2005-492SB by Don Spoon.

The work on our house, damaged by a chimney fire in February is coming along well and we hope to be back in the house by July. The garden is lovely and we are there every day enjoying the irises.

Ginny Spoon

President, C&P Iris Society



2005-468 Don Spoon

2004-G3 Ginny Spoon



Affiliate Reports

Affiliate's Report for the Central Virginia Iris Society Spring 2010

CVIS holds its meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every odd month in the calendar year. We currently have 49 CVIS members, 16 being AIS members.

• January

Our January meeting featured Bill Smoot who gave a presentation on the "Introduction of Irises". For many members in attendance at our January meeting, Bill Smoot's presentation on the "Introduction of Irises" proved very informative. Many questions were asked and answered.

• March

In March CVIS manned a booth at the Great Green House in Chesterfield County, for their "Spring Gardening Day". We had two members join at this event.

Our March meeting was presented by Griff Crump, who gave a very informative program on hybridizing.

A committee was formed to organize a Flower Show schedule for 2011 and another committee formed to advertise and promote CVIS and its activities.

April

In April CVIS manned a booth at Strange's Florist and Garden Center during their spring plant promotion. Also an invitation was issued to CVIS from Albemarle County and Charlottesville Historic Garden Week Tours to man a booth in Ivy, VA for their 'Friendly Country Garden Tours'. Again, we had two new members to join CVIS during the event.

May

The CVIS May meeting will be held at the Rosini's garden where we hope to enjoy the iris bloom followed by a brief business meeting and a picnic.

July

The July meeting is to feature a power point program that is being put together by the Rosini's with hopes that it can be used at other functions.

September

CVIS has been asked to provide an information booth for the VA garden festival to be held at the Science Museum on VA on September 11th.

The September CVIS meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month due to it conflicting with the annual rhizome sale on September 17th and 18th at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Henrico County. This is where we earn the bulk of our monies for CVIS.

September's program is to be announced later in the summer.

November

The November meeting will feature our annual Fall Banquet which we all look forward to for the fellowship it provides to our society members.

Respectfully

John Rosini
President CVIS

BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR FREE?

What can make the prospect of an AIS Convention in beautiful British Columbia, Canada even more appealing? What about the possibility of winning 2 Full Registrations for the convention which includes 2 tickets to Butchart Gardens plus 5 nights double occupancy at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. Raffle tickets will be available at the Fall Regional in Richmond. The prices of the tickets are as follows:

1	\$5.00
3	\$7.00
7	\$20.00

It is important that the tickets be purchased at the meeting because they cannot be sent through the U.S. Mail. It is against the law. If you cannot attend the meeting in Richmond, have a friend who is attending purchase your tickets for you because, again, we CANNOT mail them. They must be sent by Fed Ex and that is not feasible for individual sales. Take a chance on winning the wonderful convention package and help AIS with its innovative fundraiser. All ticket sales must be completed and reported by January 25, 2011 with the drawing to be done February 1. So get your passport in order now. Even if you don't win the Raffle, this is a convention you will not want to miss. For additional information, call Carrie Winter.

Affiliate Reports

Eastern NC Iris Society Report – May 2010

In January of this year ENCIS members were hit with the awful news that our friend, Roy Epperson, had died. No other member of our group had given so much time and energy to make ENCIS successful over the years. His experience and guidance as our former President and his faithfulness as our current Treasurer could not be matched. We knew that AIS would feel his loss keenly, as would Region 4, but the loss has been very personal to us. As we looked over his garden in late January, it was hard to imagine that we could have KirkLee on tour in May. Much is owed to the loyal, hard working members of the “Weeding Angels” crew, who tirelessly gave many hours to traveling and to preparing Roy’s garden for visitors. Thanks go to Glenn Grigg, Bonita Masteller, and her daughter Ruth, Bob Pries, Kat Causey, Margaret Pearson, Melissa Young and Ray Quinn for the work they did at KirkLee Iris and Hosta Garden.

In the past months some of our members have taken part in events that helped to educate the public about iris. Glenn and Susan Grigg and Bob Pries took part in the Carolina Garden Expo in Greenville in February. Bob was one of the featured speakers and presented a talk about using various types of iris in the garden. In April, Bonita Masteller gave a Power Point program about “How to Get Better Blooms on Your Irises” at the Ideal Home and Garden show in Raleigh. She joined in the booth sponsored by “Triangle Gardener” magazine by Margaret and Burt Pearson, and Donna Shield. Bob Pries and Bonita had a table at the Duke Gardens Plant sale in April. These events helped introduce irises to the public and are an opportunity to advertise our July Iris Sale on Saturday, July 17th. We will have some of the irises from the Epperson garden for sale at that time.

We hope you enjoy the weekend in North Carolina and we thank you for coming.

Susan Grigg

ENCIS President

Report From Eastern Shore Iris Society

We have been staying busy and active in trying to attract new membership, with the target of ten new members for this year. A membership meeting was held on April 24th to review plans for our annual iris show/judging event at the Centre Mall in Salisbury, MD. The show is being held May eighth. The Society has received terrific media coverage in advance in helping us promote the event. We will be following up the show with a iris garden visit on May 16th in New Jersey. On July 31st, the Society will hold our annual “Selling Show” at Boscov’s in the Centre Mall. New members that have signed up at the May 8th show will receive three free shizomes for attending the “Buying Show”. A mid-September picnic for members is planned to be held at Gail Cross Reilly’s home, date TBD. A Christmas party/Diner is also on the schedule of events this year.

All our members have been reporting spectacular iris of all varieties this spring. Just a little early for our judging schedule.

Anthony Iwanski

Affiliate Reports

Francis Scott Key Iris Society Report Carol Warner, President

We had a successful Spring Meeting with a few new members in attendance. The meeting included a plant exchange and the invitation to make a list of plants that members are looking for so we can try to find some of them to share at our summer picnic. Our program focused on how to prepare an iris for entry into a show.

We are looking forward to our regular Spring Show on May 22nd and our beardless show on June 19th. Bloom season, although very early this year, seems to be good so far.

Our two sales are scheduled for July 10th and the 17th.

For the sSummer Picnic on July 31st, we have arranged again ordered new introductions from five different sources to be sold at cost. Last year we were able to sell new tall bearded for \$7.00 each since the hybridizers sent us such good collections.

We are always working on ways to get our new members involved and interested in the society. We now have a colorful invitation to Join just for our society listing the events for the year. These have been circulated and will be available at our shows and sales.

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society

FAIS started off the 2010 season with a one-two punch. In March we had Herb Wilson from Roxbury Mills Farms and Garden Center talk to us covering many garden topics including fertilizer, soil pH, weeds, various controls for fungal and bacterial diseases, and the many products available for use in dealing with these issues. A lively discussion ensued with many questions and answers provided. In April we had Francis Thrash come in and show us floral design possibilities for all five classes of our Artistic Division of our 2010 show. It was a wonderful event, Frances made design easy and uncomplicated. On May 15th the weekend after the Spring Regional we will have our annual FAIS show which should again prove to be a great event for the community with many iris cultivars displayed. And Sunday we will have open garden days with three gardens, Lois Rose's, Eileen and David Secrest's and Tricia Taylor's gardens open to the public for viewing. Additionally we have many of our gardens open to other FAIS members in various modes during the bloom season. Our guest iris program is focused on Louisiana iris and reblooming bearded iris. All in 2010 is proving to be another great year for FAIS.

Thanks

Douglas Chyz

Affiliate Reports

American Iris Society Region 4 Hampton Roads Iris Society Spring Regional Report 2010

Well happy news for everyone, Hampton Roads Iris Society is now back on our feet. I know the last regional report was not good, but we now have a new Board of Officers; and we have been working hard to turn things around since the Fall Regional when it was reported that the Hampton Roads Iris Society would fold from lack of officers.

In November, our normal election month, a new slate of members volunteered, and was voted into office. They were as follows:

President – Jan Bryant
Vice President – JoAnna Hamm
Treasurer – Bill Rogers
Recording Secretary – Bea Rogers
Corresponding Secretary – Peggy Meader

We then made plans for our Christmas Party, and discussed other future club programs.

In December our Christmas party was a full out success. Paul and Jan Bryant hosted the party with the help of a family friend. There were 14 in attendance, not counting the family pets. Paul was the chef for the evening; we also played “Dirty Santa” and made plans for a board meeting, future club programs, and started planning for a Spring show.

In January 2010 we did not have a meeting planned, however, we had a board meeting and luncheon for our board members. The topic was of the Spring show and a revision of our By-Laws. We were saddened by JoAnna Hamm when she resigned her place as Vice President.

In February we had another board meeting to work on our By-Laws, and possible replacement of Vice President. At the membership meeting we had 10 people in attendance. We opened the meeting with a Judges Training class given by Daniel, Linda and Kristen

Laing. Judge’s Training was on the cultivation of irises, division of irises, and garden judges training. Each member received a free gift of an iris named “T-Rex”. A donation was made in Roy Epperson’s name to AIS. Plans were made for the sell of potted iris at York County High School with the Master Gardeners.

In March at our membership meeting, we received a new member, Mary Ann Dunn. She is a wonderful lady who is willing to work with the rest of us. Then we continued to plan for the show and made plans for the purchase of irises for our annual sale. We also made a donation to AIS in Bill Mull’s name. Then had a wonderful slide show from slides Bull Mull had taken over the years.

With April’s meeting we again had judges training, this time “Grooming Irises for the Show Bench”, and “Show Registrations” given by Bea Rogers. We then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. As a result, Everett Smith is our new Vice President for the year. A week later we had another sale at the Fred Huetter Center where we also hold our monthly Membership meetings.

Given By
Jan Bryant
President of HRIS

2010 Region 4 Fall Meeting Invitation

The Regional Fall Meeting is coming up October 8-9, 2010. Make your plans now to attend and take part in Re-blooming Iris Flower Show, judges training sessions, and other activities being scheduled for that weekend.

The meeting will be held in Richmond, VA again this year and at the same hotel that we used last year. The hotel name however, has been changed; it is now **The Ramada Plaza**. We are fortunate to have the same Sales Manager to work with again this year; I'm sure we will be provided with excellent services and food. We are also able to keep the room rates as they were last year, \$85 per room, plus tax. **You must remember to ask for the American Iris Society Region 4 special rate in order to obtain a room at this rate.**

Plans are being made for another Re-Blooming Iris Flower Show this year and three judges training sessions. Friday night's dinner will be on your own, however, arrangements will be made for anyone wanting to participate in dinner at that wonderful Vietnamese Restaurant we went to last year.

Siberian irises will be featured this year at the plant auction. If you have extra Siberians in your garden consider digging a few to bring with you. (Other irises will be accepted as well). Also if you or you affiliate, have any iris related items that can be donated for the silent please let me know.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

June and John Rosini,
General Chairmen

American Iris Society Region 4 Fall MEETING

October 8-9, 2010

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 8, 2010

11:00 A.M. - Registration Opens

Lunch on Your Own

1:00-3:00 - Board Meeting

3:30-5:30 - Judges Training – "*Pseudata Irises*"

5:00 - Silent Auction Opens

6:00 - Dinner on Your Own (possibly informal group at Vietnamese Restaurant)

8:00 - Plant Auction – remember to bring your extra plants for the auction.

Saturday October 10, 2009

9:00 -11:00 – Roundtable Discussion of Affiliates (bring your ideas and concerns)

9:00 - 10:00 - Show entries received

10:00 -12:00 - Judging of Show

12:00 - Show opens to the Public

Lunch on Your Own

2:00 - 4:00 Judges Training – "*Median Irises*"

4:00 - 5:30 Social Hour (Buy your own drinks from bar)

6:30 - 7:30 Dinner and Business Meeting

7:30 - Silent Auction closes

7:30 - Program –Bill Smoot Presents "*Gardens of British Columbia*"

Followed By – Frances Thrash and judges training; topic "*Judging Artistic Designs*"

AIS Region 4 Fall 2010 Meeting
Friday, Oct 8th & Saturday, Oct 9th
Richmond, VA

The Ramada Plaza 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 9th, 2010. **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.

AIS Region 4 Fall 2010 Meeting

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The Ramada Plaza

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Richmond, VA 23230

Phone: 804-285-2000

Registration Form:

Name (1): _____ Chapter or Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (1): _____

Name (2): _____ Chapter or Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (2): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ (optional) E-mail: _____ (optional)

Full Registration: \$55.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

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

After September 25th, the Full Registration will be \$65.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Full registration includes all activities and Saturday evening dinner.

Judges Training only is \$10.00 per session; sessions are:

Session 1 ___ "Pseudata Irises" – Friday afternoon, Oct. 8th

Session 2 ___ "Median Irises" – Friday evening, Oct. 9th

Session 3 ___ "Judging Artistic Designs" will be incorporated into Saturday nights' after dinner program.

Total amount enclosed for registration(s): \$ _____. **NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 30th**

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** w/ Tobacco Onions and Portobello Mushrooms

____ **Baked Tilapia** w/Light Lemon Pepper, Lemon Sauce

____ **Roasted Vegetable Tower** - Tempura fried peppers, squash, zucchini, sweet potato straws and steamed potatoes

*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, General Chairmen

Phone: (804) 598-8497

Email: jrmaestro@comcast.net

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, seafoods, Pho (Vietnamese 'full meal' soup), fresh Vietnamese salads, stirfry'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

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