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### Words From Our Regional Vice President



All of us in Region IV, The Mid-Atlantic States, are experiencing (sharing) the typical Climatology for our Region: Cold/Hot/Dry/Wet/Windy/Still/Sunny/ Cloudy! Here in downtown Frederick, Maryland, I have some of the most beautiful Re-Bloom Stalks that I have produced in years. It is November 4, 2006, not a frost as yet; but there is no way these beautiful stalks will make it to Thanksgiving. If they do, it will be because they are added to my daily prayers. I have in bloom: Lady Emma, Twilight Fancies, Lunar Whitewash, Daughter of Stars, Baby Blessed, I Do and Silver Dividends; with many more absolutely beautiful stalks. These stalks offer promise of several Blue Ribbons, if only the Fall Show were next week.

Speaking of the Fall Show, thanks to all of you who contributed so very much to the Joint Region III and Region IV conference in Gettysburg October 6th. and 7th. In addition, thanks to all of you who attended. It was a first, having a Fall Meeting with Two Regions, and everything actually "happened" on schedule. The Suttons came all the way from California to present a program on Saturday Night, and George presented Judges Training in the Garden of Ken and Joan Roberts. They had very little "Bloom," but training "in the garden" made it a wonderful experience, none the less. Ginny Spoon presented Judges Training, on Medians, on Friday afternoon, to a full house. Back to the topic of climatology, I think we should hold future Region IV Fall Conferences later in October.

Please mark your calendars now for the Region IV Spring Conference, May 25 and 26, 2007. It will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel Baltimore North, Hunt Valley, Maryland. It promises to be a really great event, with GOOD gardens, GOOD food, GOOD speaker (Rick Tasco), and, best of all, you will see GOOD FRIENDS.

Jerry Coates 11/4/06

### **From The Editor**

WELCOME to Winter! Brrr, I have been spoiled in the past being able to plant well into late fall that this year cold snaps were not welcome. As you have noticed the Newscast has changed. This is the first of the test project the second will arrive in March. At the Fall meeting I was also given permission to add two color pages for printing seedlings. I hope you enjoy this as much as I enjoyed putting it together.

We have also added a new section for new members and those who want to learn more about the flower we so love. I hope those with knowledge will write for this section and share their knowledge with those of us so willing to learn all the tricks of the trade.

Please fill out the following so that we know what you would like to see in this new section:

What Burning Question would you like to know about Iris?

Send responses to me at Anita Moran 5351 Rocks Rd Pylesville, MD 21132

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** A color copy of the March, August, and December Newscast are available for download only at **www.irisregion4.com/Newscast.html** Follow the directions for downloading carefully. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the file as it is in PDF format, but there is a link near the download area for downloading the viewer. You can also print from Adobe Acrobat Reader. :)

# **Region 4's Regional Meetings**

I have truly come to appreciate Region four this year especially. I have friends in many different regions and while most do have their problems, region 4 seems to me, though I just might be prejudiced, to run a little smoother, gather their chicks into the folds a little better, and exhibit a cordiality that make one feel at home no matter the venue.

This past spring we were invited to Charlotte North Carolina by the member of CIS. Now you must under stand there are not a lot of members in this affiliate and to undertake a Spring Regional Meeting could have been daunting. Oh how we worried for nothing. How can I possibly describe the warm welcome we received and the plans that were put together? I must start with the show first. Everything from Arils to species and anything in between were on display for all to enjoy. What a wonderful sight to see so many types of iris to include seedlings from not just bearded but beardless as well. From Maryland to locally grown iris were carefully groomed and displayed. I did not envy the judges in their task of deciding between so many wonderful cultivars. There were 10 packed tables of eye candy to gaze upon and notes to take as to what would appear in our gardens next. On top of this, there was also a design section that was fabulous as well. One word SPECTACULAR!





- 1. 10 tables filled with iries from all over the region are displayed for judging.
- 2. Carol Warner lends a hand in organizing the tables and the iris.

# **Region 4's Regional Meetings**



Another thing that made this spring regional special were the gardens. Dave Hull's Gardens were a wonder land of unusual plants including the 4-foot Corpse plant that was in full bloom when we arrived. Since I do watch National Geographic I knew what it smelled like and kept far enough away not to get a whiff of the rotten smell. Bamboo, streams and of course iris filled this wonderland. Borrowing a neighbor's garden area, he planted the guest so that Dr. Epperson could give us garden training. All this and Dave made many small plants available for us to take and fill the bus.

The garden of Barbara Alexander had many species not only blooming but in pots for us to take with us. The one iris I was particularly impressed with was

*Iris foetidissima*. I had lways heard that only the seed pods made this iris

worth having, Not! This delicate wide flower of soft browns and I just had to take one home with me. Scattered in the fern and other plants from mottled sunlight to deep shade, it seemed at home throughout her garden. I know I made a pest of myself asking what different plants were, and Barbara was very tolerant of my curiosity.

Ruth Holbrook's garden was filled with peonies, guest



and her own private collection. I had to marvel that so many tall bearded did

had to marvel that so many tall bearded did very well in part to mostly shade areas. It had been a long day and it was wonderful to sit in the shade and just look and sip lemonade, or smell the flowers or watch a new generation fall in love with iris.

I want to thank Julia Hindle for being my guide and identifying all the plants, do I remember any of it; well I know I have to get

more Trillium. To Katharine Steele I owe a huge thank you for running home and getting me a piece of her own I. fulva "Red

Dazzler", and Barbara for my new I. fodissma, and Ruth for my new appreciation of peonies and not least thanks to Dave I have seen the "Corpse Plant" and a new respect for bamboo. That stuff can get out of anything!



1. The Corpse Plant at Dave Hull's Garden, 2. *Iris foetidissima* at Barbara Alexander's Garden, 3. A new generation judging the iris (SEA POWER) what great taste. Julia Hindle my life line for the regional.



Region 4 had a joint fall regional with Region 3. We were treated to two judges training, class-room Medians by Ginny Spoon and in the garden rebloomer training by George Sutton. There was

enough stalks so that we were able to have a show and ZURICH show by Bruce Hornstein took the Best Specimen in Show. Additionally a new member to Region 4, showing for the first time, Claudette Boudreaux showing LADY EMMA also made it to the queen's table. At the silent auction, many items from Rosalie Figge were put up and the famous Iris trashcan went to the live auction along with some other special items. Maryanne Coates made spectacular pillows for the silent auction that was enjoyed by all.



Joan Roberts graciously consented

to be the tour garden. Although there was little rebloom at the time, there was plenty enough for judges training and many took advantage to get those special irises that they had been wanting and



ber of iris to their want or need lists.

that Joan had made available.

After some scary moments when we thought we would not be able to get the audio visual system to work, a waiter, who just happened to be a very good technician, was able to diagnose the problem. After a wonderful meal we were treated to some wonderful seedling pictures that are up and coming from Sutton's Garden. I'm

sure many have added num-



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1. One of many Pillows made by Maryanne Coats for the silent auction. 2. George Sutton give judges training within the reblooming seedling area of Friendship Gardens. 3. BABY PRINCE reblooming for us in the gardens

### TREASURER'S REPORT A.I.S. REGION 4

### May 5, 2006 to October 7, 2006

#### Checking Account Balance on May 5, 2006:

\$5,433.10

Charlotte Iris Society	\$200.00	
Fredericksburg Iris Society	\$500.00	
Memorials:		
Helen Walsh (Eastern Shore Iris Society)	\$250.00	
Rosalie Figge	\$50.00	
Regional Meeting Registration:		
	\$3,319.00	
Interest:	\$2.35	
Total Receipts:	\$4,884.35	
Expenditures:		
August 2006 Newscast Printing	\$563.63	
August 2006 Newscast Mailing	\$115.07	
Membership (Mac Shawe)	\$44.71	
Regional Meeting Expenses	\$2,302.16	
Total Expenditures:	\$3,025.57	
ecking Account Balance on October 7, 2006:	-	\$7,291.88
rtificate of Deposit (M&T Bank)		\$10,000.00

Submitted by Carol S. Warner, A.I.S. Region 4 Treasurer

### **A Wedding In Irises**



Lois Rose's Iris Garden was a perfect back drop for her daughter's wedding.

The garden's paths were a wonderful carpet for the happy couple.



### **A Wedding In Irises (cont.)**

As the summer sun is rising and the irises stand tall two single souls unite as one in honor, trust and love

In the breeze and around the trees through rain and heat of sun they'll testify to one another "I do" forever more

The pond will ripple and branches will sway as evidence therein a powerful force unites the two as only love can do

For those who sit and read this now they ask you to procure a spot upon the hillside stage where their rings they will exchange

### **Seedlings From Around the Region**

### Seedlings From Jim Schroetter



### Seedlings From Don Spoon



### Seedlings From Ginny Spoon

Seedling From Bryan Spoon



### **Seedlings From Around the Region**

### Seedlings From The Stoll Youth



## Seedlings From J. Griffin Crump



Seedlings From Anita Moran



### **New Members Area**

Welcome to the new Members area not just for new members. A suggestion was made that new members would like articles on how to do the basics in the world of iris. So I am going to start with the introduction of Claudette Boudreaux and her first show. Claudette brought her first rebloomer to her first show at this fall's joint regional meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. At her first show she made it to the Queen's table. Now I know many of you believe that well in that fall that is easy. Well let me dissuade you from that notion. First you must have rebloomers, which must rebloom at the time of the show, are not twisted stalks, bug eaten, excessive leaf spot despite the deluge of rain, is a good representation of the cultivar, is well groomed, and a list of other factors in order to get a flower to the show at all, you must then rate a first place with the judges. Remember judges do not have to award a first place ribbon just because there is only one stalk. If that stalk is not good enough they may judge it any they wish.. It is truly more difficult to get a good stalk to the show in the fall than in the spring where you have a greater variety to choose from. Having said that, Claudette did a wonderful job and deserves a big congratulation.

Now that I have terrified all of you from showing, let me assure you as a novice at showing iris myself it is a great experience, the camaraderie is wonderful, people will often give advice if sought, and that first blue ribbon is worth all the effort especially if you are one of the few to make it to the Queen's Table. I encourage everyone to show iris weather locally or at the regional and to that goal I am giving you the pointers from Jim Morris.





Claudette Boudreaux in first show with MTB LADY EMMA on the Queens Table at the fall regional in Gettysburg.
Felicitas Goethals with her first appearance on the Queens Table with JI POPULAR DEMAND at the FSK Beardless Show in Timonium

### **New Members Area**

### SHOW GROOMING STARTS IN THE GARDEN

By Jim Morris

What? Show grooming starts in the garden? That's right, it does. Prior to the mid-70s the American Iris Society affiliates (read local clubs) conducted color classification shows. This put huge responsibility on both the exhibitor and the Show Placement Chairman to place the iris display in the proper color classification. (1) For what should have been a fun experience this was entirely too much work. A grass roots movement to varietal shows ensued so that today we set up classes by cultivars and judge these classes against a standard of perfection for that cultivar variety.

Therefore, in theory a clean, well-groomed, well-grown, sprawling *I. brevacaulis* can win a blue ribbon just as well as a clean, well-groomed, well-grown, upright tall bearded iris. The key is what is standard for the cultivar. So you need to know your irises. As an example, it is known that the TB VICTORIA FALLS, even though beautiful, is weak-stemmed. So what can you do? Start your grooming of this variety, and any other iris that needs help, by staking it. However, unless you're just bringing stalks to fill the show, you shouldn't bother with varieties that are subpar, that are leggy or leaning to grow to the sun. Evaluate potential entries several days in advance of the show looking for irises that are typical and likely to be at peak for the show date. Stake some, thin out some foliage to allow air circulation and decrease bloom crowding, and keep a keen eye out for the weather.

You want to avoid bloom damage from rain, hail, wind or sun fading. You can protect blooms in the garden with wind breaks, staking and shade cloth, but the easiest way is to cut the stalks before the buds open. This way you avoid weather damage, and you can either speed up bloom by forcing flowers in warm conditions or slow them down by keeping in a cool place or by refrigerating. With the availability of cheap used refrigerators (you can purchase one for the price of one or two new iris introductions), you greatly enhance your ability to both control and protect a significant amount of show entries. A very detailed paper on refrigeration and iris show preparation, "Preparing Irises For Exhibition At Iris Shows" by Sheldon Butt, was printed in the Median Iris Society's *The Medianite*, Vol. 35, No 1, Spring 1994.(Sheldon is widely believed to have won more silver medals (73 in 21 years) than anyone in AIS history. This author beat Sheldon only twice in those 21 years and has won 18 total silver medals in 29 years of show competition.

When cutting bloom stalks, they should be placed in a bucket or bottle of tepid water ASAP, first removing any foliage that will detract from the stalk or compete for water. Good foliage adds little except in some species or beardless irises. Defective foliage must be neatly removed or trimmed to follow the natural contour of the leaf. Do not chop leaves at right angles. The stalks should be cut at ground level and then trimmed for display within their class, i.e., SDBs 8-16", TBs 28" and above, etc. Judges may reluctantly award a blue ribbon to an iris grown or displayed over or under its classification, but it is never to be awarded Best of Section or Best of Show. As the exhibitor, you have no excuse for entering an exhibit out of class. If overgrown, it can be cut shorter, and if undergrown, it can be entered in an English Box or for "display only."

The AIS Judges Handbook sets forth a point scale that exhibitors should become familiar with because exhibition judging of irises is distinctly different from judging in the garden. The Show Judge is looking for cultural perfection (how well the specimen is grown) and for condition and grooming (how well the specimen was prepared for entry). The point scales are used to encourage consistent evaluation of exhibits on the show bench.

Cultural Perfection (75 points) is where your performance as a horticulturist is evaluated and is outside the scope of this article. Condition and Grooming are assigned 25 points. By definition, Condition refers to the degree of visible improvement in the appearance of the specimen stalk as a result of grooming. Grooming involves those finishing touches the exhibitor makes so that the entry presents its best possible appearance.

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If the terminal bloom or other flowers are "spent," they should be removed and the spathe smoothed together using water, milk or old fashioned spit. If there is no unopened bud remaining, the branch may be removed entirely (when a leaf conceals the connection to the stalk), keeping in mind overall proportion of the stalk. Proportion, proportion, proportion is the watchword for the Median Iris Society, and it should be yours with show displays regardless of the iris classification. We want our displays to be pleasing to the eye.

Your flowers and stalk should always be clean. Keep a sable brush or cotton swab (Q-tip) on hand to remove dirt and pollen from flowers. Excessive fingerprints on the stalks should be removed by rubbing with a cotton ball or piece of carpet padding. Get rid of any bugs. One or two aphids may have migrated from some other stalk, and the judges may be tolerant, but insect infestation or spider webs are totally unacceptable. The white powdery substance appearing naturally may be left on the stalks unless smudged or visibly fingerprinted. Then it should be removed from all branches.

Position your entries properly in the container with the bottom branch above the opening. Wedge it upright and securely using the aforementioned flexible carpet padding. Sometimes for strength, a cut piece of stalk may be used to straighten a display stalk. Never place the stalk in the container without wedging, as entries are moved about by the show clerks in both the placement and judging processes. Make sure your container is clean inside and out. It could be the difference between a blue ribbon and no ribbon.

Exhibitors should have some sort of tool box or basket in which there should be entry tags, address labels, rubber bands, pens, cuticle scissors, sable brush, cotton swabs/balls, wedges, knife, pruning shears, paper towels or equivalent supplies.

Although Condition and Grooming can never overcome the dominant liabilities of a culturally deficient entry, it is here that blue ribbons are won or lost. Just getting the specimen to the show unbroken is not enough. Some exhibitors never fully realize that a well-groomed entry often beats a horticulturally superior specimen that is not groomed or presented well. Grooming is worth the effort.

Poem by Louise Bellagamba

You don't know the joy you would find, If you would plant the iris seed, Hoe and water, feed and weed. To see it bloom, a thing brand new, And know it came from God through you.

(1) The AIS Board adopted an Iris Color Classification system for shows on November 5, 1948 after many years of study. This system was based on numerical organization to fit irises into proper categories of the "ever expanding color panorama of irises". After color classification was completed on several thousand irises, the AIS published a Color Classification Booklet in 1966 to help the hard-pressed show committees. This booklet provided a forty number class system with subdivisions and the flexibility for expansion into other subdivisions. A list of 1,450 cultivars that were widely grown, or appeared in commercial catalogues, or were relatively new were included in the booklet together with their color classification.

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### **PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET FOR REGION 4**

Expenditures		<u>Dollars</u>
Printing and Mailing Three (3) Issues of Newscast		\$3300.00
RVP Travel Expenses		600.00
Membership Committee – M. Shawe		250.00
Slides and Photography		500.00
Memorials		300.00
AIS Youth Program		100.00
Web Page		300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		300.00
	Total	\$5650.00

Submitted by:

JACK W. LOVING

### CAROLINA MOUNTAIN IRIS SOCIETY CHAPTER REPORT

Danee Hover, President

#### CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY President June Hood

Charlotte Iris Society Report 10-7-06

The Charlotte Iris Society held its annual plant Sale July 15, 2006 at the Metrolina Regional Farmer's Market. A selection of choice iris rhizomes and an assortment of perennials generated funds for Society projects.

On September 16, 2006 a regularly scheduled meeting was held featuring the auction of an assortment of plants contributed by members. During the business portion of the meeting the Society voted to send a contribution of \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) to Region \$ of AIS. A report from Scholarship Chairman, Carrie Winter explained the society's endowment fund at Central Piedmont Community College. The fund provides Scholarships for students enrolled in the horticulture program. The Society voted to add \$1,000.00 to the endowment fund.

On October 14 and 15, 2006 in cooperation with Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs and the Elizabeth Home and Garden tour, the Charoltte Iris Society will host an educational exhibit entitled "Irises Throughout the Year".

A harvest luncheon is planned for the November meeting at which we hope all members will come together for fun and fellowship and to welcome our six most recent new members.

June Hood President

### CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC IRIS SOCIETY

President: Dave Stoll

### EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA IRIS SOCIETY CHAPTER REPORT

The Eastern NC Iris Society had our inaugural iris sale to the public on Saturday, July 29. Randy Ray, one of our faithful members, donated his garden area on a busy street as the perfect place to attract prospective customers. The local newspaper and the Saturday morning garden show on radio both gave us free notices. We ordered plants from Cooley's Gardens and from Sutton Garden and our past President Margaret Pearson dug plants from her large garden for the benefit of the sale. Member Jan Anderson brought packs of blueberries from her garden and gave the proceeds to ENCIS. We had eager customers all day and had just a few plants left. The net profit from our first sale was \$1,151.67.

We had no accredited iris show in May since the Region 4 Spring Meeting was held the first weekend in May, which would have been our peak bloom.

Our last meeting of the year will be our Harvest Lunch on Saturday, November 11 at the home of Glenn and Susan Grigg in Raleigh. Our program will be the viewing of digital slides from the AIS Convention in Oregon.

Our new officers are in place for 2007 and we are looking forward to a busy and productive year.

Susan Grigg President, ENCIS

### FRANCIS SCOTT KEY IRIS SOCIETY CHAPTER REPORT

President: DORIS REBERT

Francis Scott Key Iris Society Chapter Report

October's bright blue sky and a nipo in the air – Fall definitely is here. With the approach of winter brings the fall clean-up of iris beds, so hopefully – not like me—you are well on the way to completion of that task.

FSK has been quiet busy this summer, as the following summary will show:

- Our Iris Shows on May 20, 2006 and June 24, 2006 at Kenilworth Shops in Lutherville, Maryland were well represented and well attended. Again this year, our Beardless Show was held in conjunction with the District III Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. This event included design classifications which proved to be very pleasing.
- The Rhizome Sales, which were held July 15, 2006 at Watson's Garden Center in Lutherville, MD and July 22, 2006 at The Dutch Plant Farm in Fredrick, MD were most profitable to our treasury but also to our membership, as 10 new members joined our society.
- Anita Moran hosted our annual picnic and board meeting at her home on July 29, 2006. The Board was able to finalize most of the calendar of events for the upcoming year. As always, everyone enjoyed the plentiful food, the socializing, and the good time.
- FSK is finalizing plans and arrangements for the Spring Regional Meeting 2007. Looking forward to greeting you here at that time.
- Our final event planned for this year is our membership Luncheon to be held on October 21, 2006, at Boulevard and Beyond in Westminster, MD, with Anita Moran and Carol Warner presenting the program "Highlights of the Portland Convention"

Submitted by: Doris Rebert, President Francis Scott key Iris Society

### FREDERICKSBURG AREA IRIS SOCIETY CHAPTER REPORT

President: Jim Schroetter

As the 2006 garden seasons winds down, FAIS looks back on an extremely successful year.

Our show on May 13 and our "Open Garden Day" on May 14 were successful beyond our wildest expectations. This success can be attributed in large part to the article about the show, the open gardens, and the society in general that appeared on the front page of the "House and Home" section of the local newspaper on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the day before the show, complete with color photos, a map, and directions to the open gardens. The public turn out for our show was the best we have ever had and response to the open gardens on Mother's Day Sunday was overwhelming. Since my garden was the one featured in the newspaper article, I experienced the greatest crowd; the numbers were slightly less in the other four gardens. I estimate around 150 people visited my garden that day, a vast improvement over the 3-4 members of the general public that our car caravan tour of member's gardens had attracted in previous years.

For the first time ever, we took pre-sale orders, at our show and in our gardens on Open Garden Day, for irises to be delivered at our sale in July. Again, the public response was, literally, overwhelming. We charged a slightly higher price for each rhizome than we would sell it for at our sale in July. We warned customers that some varieties ordered might be unavailable due to insufficient stock, and that orders would be filled on a first come, first served basis. We took no money up front, since we didn't know how many of the ordered rhizomes we could provide, and we didn't want to get into the position of having to make refunds. When we totaled up all the special orders, we had received orders for \$4300 worth of rhizomes. We knew we wouldn't be able to collect quite that much, since some popular varieties ordered were sold out, but we stood to make more on pre-sale orders alone than we usually took in during our one-day sale in July.

At the spring meeting in Charlotte, when I announced our plan to take pre-sale orders, I was warned that if we did not take money up front, at least a deposit, we would be left "holding the bag", so to speak, for many orders on sale day. I am very pleased to report that these predictions simply did not come true. We contacted each customer by phone or e-mail prior to the sale to remind them to pick up their order, and to tell them how many rhizomes we had been able to provide and the total cost of their order. We made a few arrangements for pick up or delivery of orders before and after sale day, but except for a couple of orders that were canceled in plenty of time for us to use the rhizomes elsewhere, every special order was eventually claimed and paid for.

All of this had a very positive impact on our July rhizome sale. Totaling proceeds the day of the sale and proceeds from the special orders, we had the most successful sale in the history of FAIS. And the success wasn't all monetary. Between the show, the open gardens, and sale, we recruited 27 new single or dual memberships. We didn't just find new members; we found GREAT new members! One clipped and labeled irises all day in my garden; several worked all day at the sale; one is here at this fall meeting; and many attended our very successful picnic and plant exchange in September.

Other informative and successful programs over the summer included a June program on landscape design and an August program on ponds and water gardens. We again funded a scholarship for a horticulture student at Virginia Tech. We also look forward to our annual Harvest Dinner in November, the last meeting of the year since, like the irises, we go dormant until spring.

Submitted by Lois Rose President, Fredericksburg Area Iris Society October 2006

### **Youth Corner:**







# Youth Hybridizing Clinic at the Spoons

### WEB NEWS

Sorry about the delays in updating the web page I will work on it in during the winter. So much to do an so little time it seems like.

Please send your photos and anything else you would like to see on your section or in any other part of the web page. Send me pictures of your shows and winners.

Take photos of those rebloomers and if you have a rebloom that is not on the list please let us know.

The entire listing of the 2006 AIS winners will be listed on the Newscast page hopefully by the time you get this.

The seedlings not in this issue of the Newscast will be placed in a special section of the regional web page

Thank you all for you patience. Anita

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