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Words From Our Regional Vice President



As the RVP for Region IV, it has been a very pleasant surprise to learn that most all of the Regions send me a copy of their Regional Newsletters. Some have titles: Bulletin, Newsletter, Newscast, etc.; but all are quite wonderful! The amount of helpful information and news about the world of Irises is impressive. The total number of hours and total amount of work represented in producing all these publications is truly amazing. This leads me to say, "Thanks," to our own editor, Anita Moran, for her continued production of our own Newscast, the quality of which each of us are privileged to enjoy. So, "Thanks, Anita."

While I am on "Thanks," I would like to thank here, publicly, all of our Region IV Affiliate Societies. This is that time of year, when each society must renew their affiliation with The American Iris Society. The process is cumbersome and time consuming, but the officers in each Society are doing their parts. Several Affiliation Applications are already in my hands, as of January 31st. Thanks to each of you for making my part of the process possible.

We currently have 11 Affiliate Societies in Region IV. Some of the Affiliates have members which are not members of The American Iris Society, but rather, are only members of their respective local organizations. Therefore each Affiliate Organization must meet various minimum criteria in order to be recognized as an official Affiliate of A I S. Our total membership in the American Iris Society in Region IV is currently 463, according to the January report from the AIS Membership Secretary. This places us as the Second Largest Region in number of members; unfortunately, reflecting our Region being replaced by Region XIV as the largest Region in number of members. They only beat us by 9 members. So there's our challenge: more new members.

This Spring will bring a great opportunity for those of you who have yet to attend one of the National AIS Conventions. Too often the Regional Spring Meeting and Show are very close to the dates for the National. This year the National is in Oklahoma City, beginning May 1st., and the Regional is in Maryland, beginning May 25. Both sound great. The Francis Scott Key Society, hosting our Spring Regional, have really gone "all out" for you, and details appear elsewhere in this Newscast. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Jerry Coates

From The Editor



I don't know why I waited so long to write my piece for the Newscast as it is usually the first thing I do. This time I waited too long. I got a call today that my mother was placed in the hospital and is not expected to survive. Most of you have met mom as she has been a travel companion since I first joined the American Iris Society and started attending conventions including my first here in Region 4. She had a fondness for all of you she has met over the years for the welcome you showed no matter where we were. I thank you for that from the bottom of my heart. It is very hard for me to write now but I wanted this opportunity to thank all of you. The first Iris she bought after attending our convention was MY GINNY followed by SPA-SHACATA. May be that's a hint Don. I am so glad I named ANE-

HIEM DAUGHTER after her, it was the name she chose.

In these last years mom and I have spent a lot of time at the various conventions and have had a ball. She has enjoyed every minute of it. You can not ask much more than that. She has survived Cancer three times, septicemia twice before and she has had a heart condition for years. That I had these extra years with her was a blessing, and that I could share each of her birthdays with her among the flowers and people that mean so much to us is a special bonus.

I am working hard to get this Newscast out and hope I can get it out in time to be safe I have forwarded the information for the regional to as many of the presidents as I had e-mail addresses to and I will put the information on the web site.

Thanks again to all
Anita

PS
This is the third format for The Newscast. Please let me know at the Regional Meeting which format you prefer.

What Burning Question would you like to know about Iris?

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. :)

REBLOOM REPORT

WINTERBERRY GARDENS, ZONE 6, VIRGINIA

Ginny Spoon

The weather in the eastern section of the country was very dry in the summer of 2007 and as a result the rebloom came later than usual this past fall. Some of the irises that rebloomed in our garden included: AGAIN AND AGAIN, OVER AND OVER, DOUBLEDAY, CONSTANT COMPANION, I BLESS, PLUM WINE, PELE, SENORITA FROG, PRETTY GIRL, HILDA'S GIFT, CHAMPAGNE ENCORE, LICHEN, IMMORTALITY, LATE LILAC, DAYS OF SUMMER, ROYAL MAROON, DOUBLE YOUR FUN, TOTAL RECALL, FROST ECHO, LIQUID AMBER, LOVE GOES ON, FAITHFUL AND TRUE, SANGRIAL, MATRIX, MIDNIGHT CALLER, DARK CRYSTAL, FRANKENCENSE, MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, RHEA PEERZ, PRINCE LOLLIPOP, GIGGLER, SKY WILLOW and LADY EMMA. Several newcomers to our garden rebloomed: THEME MASTER (Wilkerson 2004) and RASPBERRY FROST (Sutton 2002) and our new introduction for 2007, UFO and CORN DANCE (2008). We also had an additional ten SDB seedlings rebloom and two MDBs.



At our Regional show, on the first weekend of October, LADY EMMA, LIQUID AMBER, and UNCHAINED MELODY were some of the irises that were shown. We also toured the garden of Ken and Joan Roberts in Gettysburg, Maryland. The standout reblooming iris in their garden was SEASON OF MISTS (Zurbrigg 2002) and a seedling by Joan Roberts out of DOUBLESHOT.

C&P Iris Society had their show on the third weekend of October. I BLESS won best specimen and FRANKENCENCE and DOUBLEDAY were best in section. Don Spoon won best seedling with a lovely ruffled pink SDB 2004-18A. In November, we held our board meeting at the home of Ray and Karen Jones where DAUGHTER OF STARS, LIQUID AMBER, and CHRISTIANE ELIZABETH were in bloom.

Right after our club show we had a cold spell for ten days with a low of 12 degrees, and that ended the rebloom in our garden. However, we had unusually warm weather afterwards, and at our December holiday club party in Alexandria, Virginia we went to Griffin Crump's garden and about ten of his seedlings were in bloom. HAUNTING (2005) and STEALTH FIGHTER (2008) were especially lovely.

As I write this report the first week of January, of 2007, the *Prunus autumnalis*, *Prunus mume*, winter jasmine, scented viburnum, and snowdrops are in full bloom and today (January 4th) the temperatures are in the 60's.

What Iris Expenses Can You Deduct?

Contributions to “Qualified Organizations”

By Robert Plank, AIS Attorney for Tax Exempt Matters

The AIS, most of the AIS sections, cooperating societies, regions, the TBIS, and a growing number of the affiliates are recognized by the IRS as a “qualified organization.” This means that contributions by individuals who itemize tax deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040) are tax deductible on the donor’s state and federal income tax returns.

Deductible contributions include donations of cash, things of value, and out-of-pocket expenses incidental to voluntary services in furtherance of the region’s purposes. Up to established limits, deductible expenses may also include the costs of transportation, lodging, and meals while away from home.

For irisarians these deductions may be important. For example, the reasonable and necessary expenses of office, including attendance at board meetings by board members, officers, editors, committee members, affiliate delegates, and all others necessary to conducting the business of a qualified organization are deductible.

Similarly, judges, apprentices, clerks, and show entrants may deduct expenses incident to required activities at regional shows.

Judges are particularly well positioned to claim deductions because of the many requirements imposed to maintain their official status, including growing representative newer irises, traveling to shows and gardens, and attending continuing education classes.

Likewise, the expenses of behind the scenes tenders of plant material for auction at fundraisers are deductible, as are the expenses of guest garden hosts and planners putting on regional treks.

The monetary value of time for personal services is, alas, not deductible. Nor is the cost of raffle tickets.

Guidelines for deductions are covered in IRS Publication 526, “Charitable Contributions.” Generally, a donor can deduct contributions to a qualified organization of money or property and out-of-pocket expenses when s/he serves as a volunteer. If a donor receives a “benefit,” s/he can deduct only the amount that is more than the value of the benefit. For the excess amount to qualify, s/he must pay it with a “donative intent.”

Membership fees are deductible for amounts that are more than the value of the benefits received. The rule is disregarded if the annual fee is less than \$75.

The basic rules for claiming expenses incidental to giving services as a volunteer are that they must be (1) unreimbursed, (2) directly connected with the services, (3) expenses the donor had only because of the services, and (4) not personal, living, or family expenses.

What Iris Expenses Can You Deduct? (cont)

Donors can not deduct expenses in attending a convention if they go only as members of an iris-related organization rather than a “chosen representative.” They can, however, deduct unreimbursed expenses when performing services during the convention. A chosen representative, however, can deduct unreimbursed expenses for travel and transportation, including a reasonable amount for meals and lodging while away from home overnight in connection with the convention. They can not deduct personal expenses for sightseeing, but can deduct expenses for attending events directly related to their duties as judges, apprentices, editors, garden writers, photographers, etc.

Special record keeping rules may apply. See IRS publications 526 and 1771 for details. For example, an organization generally must give a written statement if it receives a payment that is more than \$75 and is partly a contribution and partly for goods or services.

Special record keeping rules also apply when claiming single deductions of \$250 or more in the form of unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for transportation, lodging, and meals away from home. Under such circumstances, IRS Publication 1771, “Charitable Contributions – Substantiation and Disclosure Requirements,” provides that the donor must obtain a contemporaneous written acknowledgement from the organization containing a description of the services provided by the donor, a statement of whether or not the organization provided goods or services in return for the contribution, and a description and good faith estimate of the value of goods and services, if any, that an organization provided in return for the contribution. To be “contemporaneous,” the acknowledgement must be dated prior to filing the tax return.

An organization can assist a donor by providing a timely, written statement. Better yet, the donor can provide a letter for the signature of an officer of the organization, together with a stamped self-addressed envelope, essentially as follows:

To the Examiner:

This is to certify that ___ served ___ of the American Iris Society (EIN 94-2641312 for AIS, or whatever EIN applies) in the capacity of ___ and ___ and ___ for the tax year ___.

To perform these duties, s/he was required to attend and participate in the activities listed below at a convention held in ___ during the period ___ to __. Expenses were not reimbursed. Signed ___, Title __

Dated ___ .

What Iris Expenses Can You Deduct? (cont)

Donors should not attach the acknowledgement to their individual income tax return, but must retain it to substantiate the contribution in the event of audit. Separate contributions of less than \$250 are not aggregated by the IRS for purposes of requiring the acknowledgement. An example of when an acknowledgement is not required could be separate donations to an exempt organization of less than \$250 each, even though the donor's annual total contributions may be \$250 or more.

The two cited IRS publications, 526 and 1771, can be obtained on the internet at www.irs.gov. These official IRS publications and rulings govern.

These guidelines can be elusive. For example, travel away from home expenses can be deducted "only if there is no significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation in the travel." Then they go on to say, "The deduction for travel expenses will not be denied simply because you enjoy providing services to the charitable organization. Even if you enjoy the trip, you can take a charitable contribution deduction for your travel expenses if you are on duty in a genuine and substantial sense throughout the trip. However, if you have only nominal duties, or if for significant parts of the trip you do not have any duties, you cannot deduct your travel expenses."

But if you are on duty in a genuine and substantial sense during only part of a day, and in the evening you go to the theater, you can claim your travel expenses, but you cannot claim the cost of your evening at the theater.

The lessons to the AIS volunteer and conventioneer are clear: Actively participate "in a genuine and substantial sense." Vie for positions affording "chosen representative" status. Attend board meetings as a director, officer, committee chair, or affiliate delegate. Participate in section meetings. Volunteer for behind the scenes support duties. Attend judges' training. Take the tests for credit. Mentor youth during garden tours. Write up gardens for newsletters. Take photos. Use the photos to illustrate presentations. Eschew non-deductible raffles. Instead, contribute with a generous "donative intent" at fundraising auctions and boutiques.

P.S.: And don't forget to keep required records.

Bob Plank

CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS OF FSK

Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, 2007

The Francis Scott Key Iris Society invites everyone to the Region 4 Spring 2007 Meeting dedicated to J. Owings Rebert. Our headquarters hotel will be the Embassy Suites Hotel, Baltimore North in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Their address is 213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD 21030 and their phone number is 410-584-1400. Their rates will be \$119 for King Suites and \$129.00 for Double Suites. The "Suite Life" offers all the comforts of home in a tropical setting, full Cooked-To-Order Breakfasts and also a complimentary Cocktail Reception each evening.

There will be five gardens on tour for the meeting, growing a total of 230 different guest bearded and beardless irises from 43 different hybridizers. Guest garden hosts include Bruce Hornstein, Joan Miller, Anita Moran, Doris Rebert and Carol Warner. Each of these well landscaped gardens also has their own private extensive plant collections.

On Friday an AIS accredited show with a horticulture division will be held at the hotel headquarters. Entries will be received from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and containers will be provided for horticulture.

The Rebert Garden will be on tour on Friday afternoon from 2:15 to 5:00 and there will be two hours of garden judges training available there. Our Friday evening dinner will be a very special home cooked meal prepared and served by the ladies of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Leister's Church Road near the Rebert's home.

On Friday evening we will have a silent auction as well as a live auction at the Hotel beginning at 7:30 p.m. Rosalie Figge's daughters have donated lots of her beautiful things. How special it will be to go home with some of Rosalie's prized possessions collected over many years of her fascination with all things iris. We will also be offering some of the guest irises for the auction and the rhizomes will be shipped at the proper planting time in July.

The Saturday garden tour includes the Miller, Moran, Hornstein and Warner gardens. Lunch will be served in the Hornstein Garden.

The Saturday evening Awards Banquet will be held at the hotel. Our guest speaker will be Rick Tasco from Superstition Gardens in Cathey's Valley, California. Some of us had the pleasure of visiting his beautiful garden during the 2004 AIS National Convention. Rick will talk about how he and his partner Roger Duncan grow their medal winning irises.

Please note that we will be using school buses for our garden tours. Access to our gardens requires that we use smaller and higher riding buses. No bus ride will be over 30 minutes between gardens. Portable toilets will be available in all of our guest gardens.

This meeting will take place during the Memorial Day weekend and travel will hopefully be light on Sunday since Monday is the official holiday. This might also allow additional time for those traveling from a distance to visit some other nearby points of interest.

We look forward to seeing you in May!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Embassy Suites Hotel
Baltimore North – Hunt Valley
213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD 21030
Phone: 410-584-1400

Room rate for King Suite with sleeper sofa: \$119.00 plus tax per night.

Room rate for Doubles with sleeper sofa: \$129.00 plus tax per night.

You must mention AIS Region 4 when registering to get these rates and you must make your own reservations with the hotel at least by April 24th.

Some additional rooms have been set aside at our special rate for Thursday, May 24th for those who desire to arrive early.

The “Suite Life” offers all the comforts of home in a beautiful tropical setting with special amenities including:

A Two Room Suite with a spacious bedroom and comfortable living area complete with wet bar, refrigerator, microwave oven, two color television sets, in room coffee service and Voicemail in every suite.

Complimentary Hi-Speed Internet is available in every suite. Complimentary Wireless Hi-Speed Internet is also available in all of the common areas.

Complimentary, Full Cooked-to-Order Breakfast served daily in the Garden Atrium from 6:00 - 9:30 a.m. Monday – Friday and 7:00 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday

Complimentary Manager’s Cocktail Reception each evening in the Garden Atrium from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. featuring alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and light snacks.

Indoor swimming pool, steam room, Jacuzzi, and exercise facility on site; complimentary parking on premise; complimentary van service within a five (5) mile radius of the hotel; located very close to Baltimore’s light rail to downtown and the new Hunt Valley Town Center for incredible shopping.

The Super Shuttle is available between the Baltimore Washington International Airport and the Embassy Suites Hotel.

**AIS Region 4 Spring 2007 Meeting
Friday May 25th and Saturday, May 26
Hunt Valley, Maryland**

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: _____ E-mail: _____ (optional)

Full Registration: \$99.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Youth Full Registration: \$79.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

After May 11, the Full Registration will be \$110.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

(Full registration includes Dinner on Friday evening, School Bus Transportation to the Gardens on Friday and Saturday, Lunch and Awards Banquet on Saturday)

Saturday Garden Tour only (including Lunch) \$40.00 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Send completed Registration Form with a Check made payable to *FSK Iris Society* and mail by May 10th to:

Barry Friedman,
17 Latimore Way
Owings Mills, MD 21117-6000

For additional information contact:

Carol Warner
410-374-4788
Email: draycott@qis.net

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 25th

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Show entries
10:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Region 4 Board Meeting & Show Judging
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on own and show viewing
1:30 p.m.	Buses leave for Rebert Garden
2:15 p.m.	Buses Arrive at Rebert Garden
2:45 - 4:45 p.m.	Garden Judges Training
5:00 p.m.	Buses leave Rebert Garden for trip to St. John's Church
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Welcome Dinner at St John's Church
6:15 p.m.	Buses leave St. John's Church for trip back to hotel
7:00 p.m.	Arrive back at hotel (catch the last of the open bar at the hotel)
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Regional Auctions

Saturday, May 26th

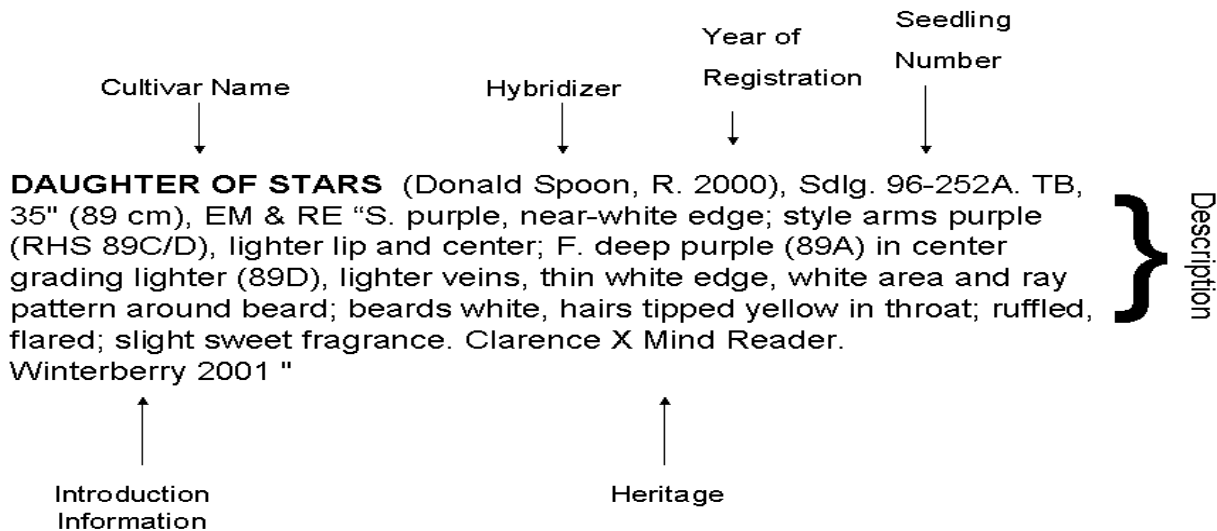
8:00 a.m.	Buses leaves for garden tours
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Joan Miller Garden
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Anita Moran Garden
12:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Bruce Hornstein Garden and Lunch
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Carol Warner Garden
4:45 p.m.	Buses arrive back at the hotel
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Hotel complimentary open bar
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet
7:45 - 8:45 p.m.	Awards presentation and guest speaker – Rick Tasco

New Members Area

Understanding the Registration and Introduction Entries

By Anita Moran and Rita Gormley

Many are confused by the entries and the different parts and abbreviations that are seen in the sometimes detailed descriptions of iris. We hope that the description included here will help clarify some of these iris descriptions.



Above is a typical entry in the R&I (Registration and Introduction):

The first portion is the cultivar's name. Naming should follow the rules by the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (<http://www.irises.org/registration.htm>). After the cultivar's name in parenthesis is the hybridizer and the year the cultivar was registered. This is followed by a seedling number. Seedling numbers are numbers developed by the hybridizer and in not special form. After that is the cultivar's classification, in this case TB (Tall Bearded), followed by height in inches and centimeters, bloom time including if it is a rebloomer. The reblooming portion can occasionally be followed by the time and location or rebloom (e.g. VA JUN-JUL). After the bloom time is the physical description of the flower. In parenthesis you will note (RHS) and some numbers and letters. These denote the Royal Horticultural Society's color chart (See abbreviations Below) (http://www.rhs.org.uk/publications/pubs_library_colourchart.asp). This is the industry standard for determining color of a plant, the numbers and letters following are the tile identifier. At the end of the description is the heritage, or what crosses created this flower. Sometimes this is not present or it is noted that parentage unknown. Finally is the entity who introduced the flower for public purchase. This can be an individual, commercial garden or a society. At the very end of a description you may also see awards a particular cultivar has been awarded.

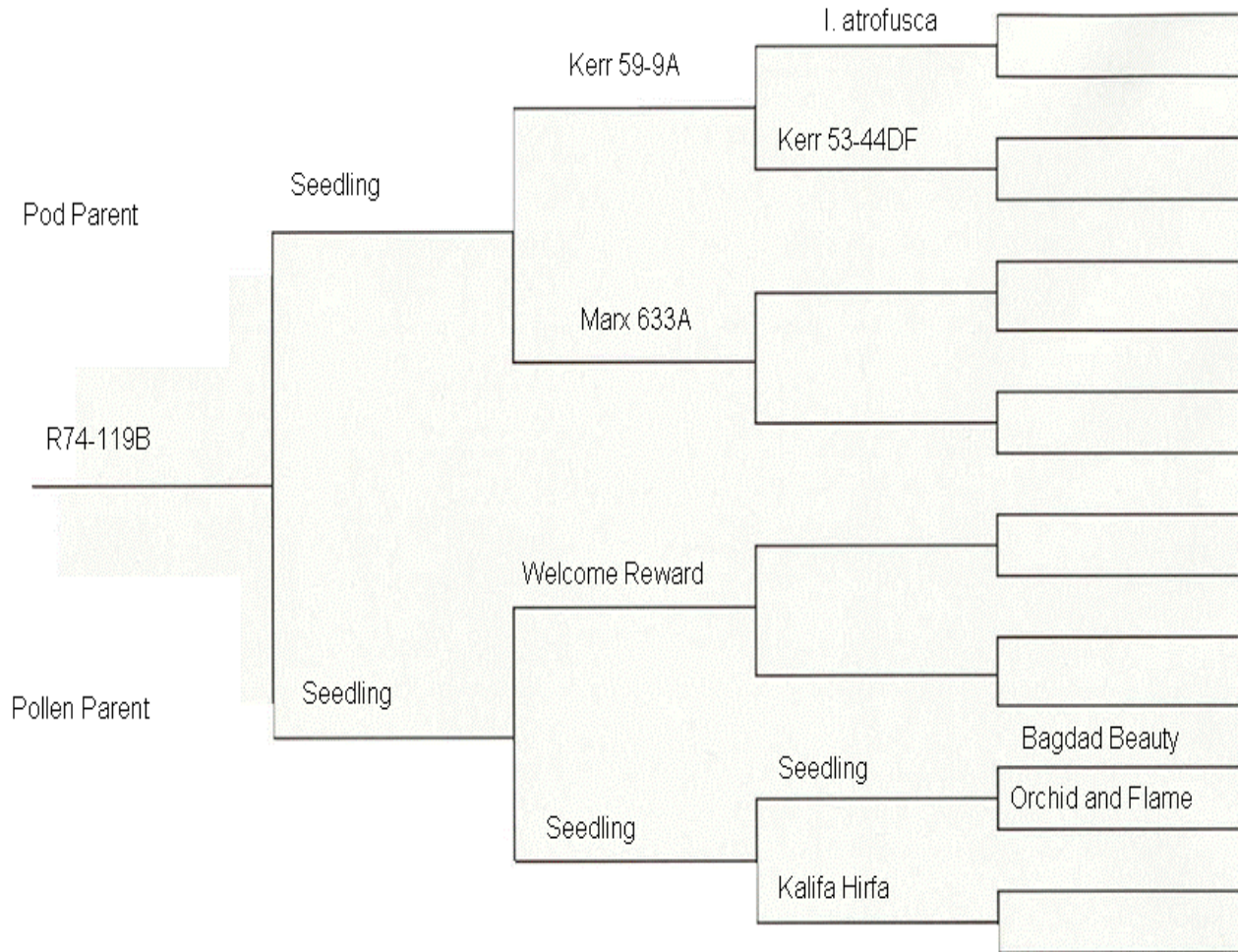
New Members Area

The Following Are Some Abbreviations You Would Typically See In The R&I	
R	Registered
Sdlg	Seedling
AB	Arilbred
AR	Aril
BB	Border Bearded
CA	Californicae
IB	Intermediate Bearded
JI	Japanese Iris
LA	Lousiana
MDB	Miniature Dwarf Bearded
MTB	Miniature Tall Bearded
OGB (can have +,- after to denote the amount of purity)	Oncogeliabred (oncocyclus, regelia and bearded hybrid)
OH	Oncocyclus Hybrid
RB	Regeliabred (regelia - bearded hybrid)
RH	Regelia Hybred
VE	Blooms very early in season
E	Early Season blooming
M	Midseason Blooming
M-L	Mid to late blooming
L	Late Blooming
VL	Very Late Blooming
RE	Remontant (reblooming)
EML	Can bloom early to late
S	Standards
F	Falls
B	Beard
N	Not Introduced
Pantone	Pantone Color chart
RHS	Royal Horticultural Society's color chart
AM	Award of Merit
DM	Dykes Medal
HM	Honorable Mention
The rest of the awards are specific to the class of iris and I will put those awards and their backgrounds in other issues.	

New Members Area

Many descriptions include difficult to read pedigrees. The following is the pedigree for Bagdad's Folly. The inner most pairing in parentheses are the furthest from the seedling or cultivar. I hope this has helped with any confusion you may have had. If you have more questions please e-mail them to me and I will see if I can get the answers to you. avmoran1@earthlink.net

Ancient Scrolls X R74-119B: (((Kerr 59-9A x (I. atrofusca x Kerr 53-44DF)) x Marx 633A) x (Welcome Reward x ((Bagdad Beauty x Orchid and Flame) x Kalifa Hirfa))).HM 1995"



Region 4 Affiliates

CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY

President June Hood

At the annual Harvest Luncheon on November 11th, the Charlotte Iris Society not only celebrated the harvest, but in a beforehand hush, hush manner schemed to honor one of its most esteemed members, Carrie Winters.

For **Ten Dedicated** years Carrie led the group to new heights in its objectives. Through her initiative and endowed scholarship was established at Central Piedmont Community College for horticulture students. She influenced greater involvement in Region 4 activity, Iris culture and plant sales. With her guidance, membership activity and society meetings were enhanced.

With a gift and special tributes, we said, “Thank You, Thank You, Thanks You”, but we could never do or say enough to match her contribution to us.

We are looking forward to the February 10th meeting. Katherine Steele, Ruth Holbrook and Dave hull will present the program based on their experiences at the AIS Convention in Portland. The April 7th meeting will also be exciting. After a business meeting and a tasty luncheon, the group will tour the Stowe Botanical Gardens hosted by our own Robin Glover. Dan McDonough, 1st Vice President and Program Chairman arranged these events.

Under the direction of Barbara Blackwelder and her committee, this year’s Iris show will be held May 5th at the Black Lion Community Room. The Mother’s Day theme she has chosen will be timely and provide a stage for beauty and creativity.

Region 4 Affiliates

CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC IRIS SOCIETY

President: Dave Stoll

Report of the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society's 2006 activities: Our first meeting of the year was a luncheon where we honored Margaret Thomas, one of our clubs most tenured members, for her many contributions to both our club and the community. I think that it was one of our most attended meetings; Margaret was also written up by a national newspaper for her garden. Our spring show was one of the best attended by both exhibitors and admirers. Our second annual tour of members' gardens was capped by a picnic at the Naylor's and was a lot of fun. The tour consisted of brief visits to several members' gardens where we gleaned ideas for our gardens. Additionally, we were also granted the opportunity to evaluate some recently hybridized plants. It spurred creative the juices or should I say pollen. Our bee imitation/genetic mutation project (hybridizing clinic) at the Spoon's garden was quite successful. It was taught by one of our youth members. Members of all ages attended (approximately 10 years old to...well lets say...old enough to know better but doesn't always) and we all played bee, with Don enthusiastically answering questions and reluctantly providing recommendations for crossing. (He wanted to see the individual choices, not limit creativity, teach some genetics—what a way to teach and learn! After all some of the 'break through' flowers were from should not have happened crosses. He also commented no "bad" crosses were made while many great crosses were made.) We're grateful to the Spoons for giving us the use of their garden, time, expertise, care and distribution of the subsequent seeds. Don also reported that everyone in attendance was successful in his or her quest for the perfect iris. Our sale was successful and we recruited 17 new members to the club. Our fall show turned out exceptionally well considering the weather conspired against our plants in the days just preceding the show. At our fall picnic and plant exchange we enjoyed great company and nominated a new club vice-president (Elizabeth Harp). We look forward to the enthusiasm she'll bring to our leadership. We'll vote on her appointment at our spring meeting. In December we're going to have a dessert get-together and look at slides from our activities, favorite flowers and newest creations. Finally, I must thank Alan Moore for his time as the club vice-president. Life offered him and his family the opportunity to relocate to Missouri. His help and enthusiasm will be greatly missed, and we wish him and his family Godspeed in this new phase of his life

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C&P has offered to host the spring, 2008 Region 4 meeting in Winchester, Virginia on the third Friday and Saturday of May 2008 (May 16 and 17th). Perry Dyer has agreed to be our speaker and will do a garden judge's training on seedlings on Saturday and will give a surprise slide show on Saturday night of his choice. Attention hybridizers: Please send any seedlings you want to be seen at the garden of Don and Ginny Spoon for the 2008 Regional. We already have established introductions and seedlings of Griff Crump, Clarence Mahan, D.C. Nearpass, Libby Cross, Pat Otterness and the Spoons so if there are any other hybridizers who want to show off their seedlings please contact Ginny Spoon at the e-mail above for instructions.

2007 Schedule C&P Iris Society

3 March, Saturday	Spring Luncheon, general meeting, McLean Governmental Center, Balls Hill Rd., Mc Lean - noon-4 p.m. RSVP to Ginny Spoon 540-8988-4447 or vspoon@aol.com
April 30-May 5	National Convention, Oklahoma City, OK
19 May, Saturday	C&P Spring Iris Show, Meadowlark, Vienna 10-12 setup, 12-1 judging, 1-4 open to public
20 May, Sunday	Garden tours 9-4, lunch at Frank and Marilyn Naylor's RSVP Ginny Spoon 540-888-4447
25-26 May, Fri.-Sat.	Region 4 Meeting, Hunt Valley, MD
21 July, Saturday	Plant Sale, Meadowlark, Vienna 11-3, setup 10-11 a.m. auction 1 p.m.
15 September, Saturday	Picnic/Plant Exchange/Club meeting – The Jones', Fairfax, VA 12-5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and something to grill RSVP 703-573-7675 club iris plants will be distributed
12-13 (?) October, Friday-Saturday	Fall Regional Meeting –?
20 October, Saturday	Reblooming Iris show – Meadowlark Park Botanical Gardens, Vienna, VA 10 -12. Setup, 12-1 p.m. Judging, 1-3 p.m. open to public
10 November, Saturday	Board Meeting – The Jones', Fairfax, VA 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
8 December, Saturday	Holiday get-together/ Slide Show TBA.

Note: This schedule is subject to change so please check your next newsletter for any changes in times, places or dates or email the editor at: vspoon@aol.com

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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY IRIS SOCIETY CHAPTER REPORT

President: DORIS REBERT

FSK Scheduled Events

April 14th Spring Luncheon Charred Rib Rest. , Timonium, MD
April 30th -- May 5th -- National Iris Convention Oklahoma
May 25 -26 Regional Meeting Hunt Valley. MD
June 16th Beardless Iris Show Kenilworth Mall., Baltimore, MD
July 14th Rhizome Sale Watsons Garden Center., Timonium, MD
July 21st Rhizome Sale Dutch Plant Farm Ftrderick, MD
August 4th Picnic & Board Meeting Bruce Hornstein & Lee Dorman
October 20th Luncheon -- TBA

WEB NEWS

All the judges listed for Region 4 in the AIS bulletin are up on the web with the new categories. If your name is missing please tell me. Also I need all the judges to contact me and let me know what contact information they would like put on the web site.

The Spring regional information will be up on the website prior to you receiving this including the registration form. Please feel free to use it

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