



# The Newscast

## SPECIAL EDITION

### Inside this issue:

Region 4 Board	3
Affiliates	4
RVP Message	5
From The Editor	6
Obituary	7
Dr. Epperson	8
Rebloom Enjoys Extended Season	9
OCT09 President's Message	13
Pictoria Review	14
From Around the World	18
Web News	23
Corrected Judges Report	24
Region 4 Spring Regional Information	25



**DR. E. ROY EPPERSON**

**1932—2010**



⇐ Ruth Barker and Dr. E. Roy Epperson

Ruth Barker Presents Dr. Epperson ⇒  
with "THE CAKE"



⇐ Dr. Roy Epperson and Judy Keesling

**Regional Vice President**

Carrie Winter CIS  
5801 Masters Court  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
(704) 542-3812

**Assistant RVP**

Donald Rude  
1051 Nik Ryan Dr.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-0373

**Immediate Past RVP**

R. Jerry Coates FSK  
111 Council Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
(301) 662-1664

**Secretary**

Tricia Taylor  
11406 Stonewall Jackson Dr  
Spotsylvania, VA 22551

**Treasurer**

Carol Warner FSK  
16815 Falls Road  
Upperco, MD 21155  
(410) 374-4788  
draycott@qis.net

**Historian**

Lois Rose

**Parliamentarian**

OPEN

**Beardless and Species**

Carol Warner FSK  
16815 Falls Road  
Upperco, MD 21155  
(410) 374-4788  
draycott@qis.net

**Budget**

Jack Loving FAIS  
10483 Edgehill Lane  
King George, VA 22485  
(540) 775-4043  
jrloving@juno.com

**Judges' Training**

Dr. E. Roy Epperson ENC  
1115 Delk Drive  
High Point, NC 27262  
(336) 883-9677

**Median Irises**

Ginny Spoon C&P  
1225 Reynolds Road  
Cross Junction, VA 22625  
(540) 888-4447

**Membership**

Mac Shawe C&P  
6405 Fairborn Terrace  
New Carrollton, MD 20784  
urysh\_we@verizon.net

**Iris Program Resource**

William Smoot

**Reblooming Irises**

Mike Lockatell  
500 Pantela Drive  
Richmond, VA 23235  
804-330-2916  
CMarti8855@aol.com

**Conventions**

Don Rude

**Youth**

Ray Jones  
2004 Rosemoor Lane  
Fairfax, VA 22031-2129.  
703 573 7675

**Legal Counsel**

Bill Kuykendall  
Rte 2, Box 232  
Keyser, WV 26726

**Webmaster**

Anita Moran FSK  
www.irisesregion4.com

**Auction**

Dr. Don Spoon C&P  
1225 Reynolds Road  
Cross Junction, VA 22625  
(540) 888-4447

**Editor NEWSCAST**

Anita Moran FSK  
5351 Rocks Rd  
Pylesville, MD 21132  
(410) 937-3388  
avmoran1@earthlink.net

**Public Relations**

Robert Pries  
107 Brothers Drive,  
Roxboro, NC 27574-9091  
336-597 8805

**Questions**

# AFFILIATES

**CAROLINA MOUNTAINS IRIS SOCIETY** - DANEE A. HOOVER  
133 Horizon View Drive, Horse Shoe, NC 28742 (828) 891-2847

**CENTRAL VIRGINIA IRIS SOCIETY** - JOHN ROSINI, 2979 Pineview  
Dr, Powhatan VA 23131, 804 598 8497 [jrmaestro@comcast.net](mailto:jrmaestro@comcast.net)

**CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY** - NANCY AND JAY MOORE,  
23 Turtle Lane, Lake Wylie SC 29716, 803 831 7346  
[nem223@comporium.net](mailto:nem223@comporium.net)

**CHESAPEAKE & POTOMAC IRIS SOCIETY** - GINNY SPOON  
1225 Reynolds Road, Cross Junction, VA 22625 (540) 888-4447

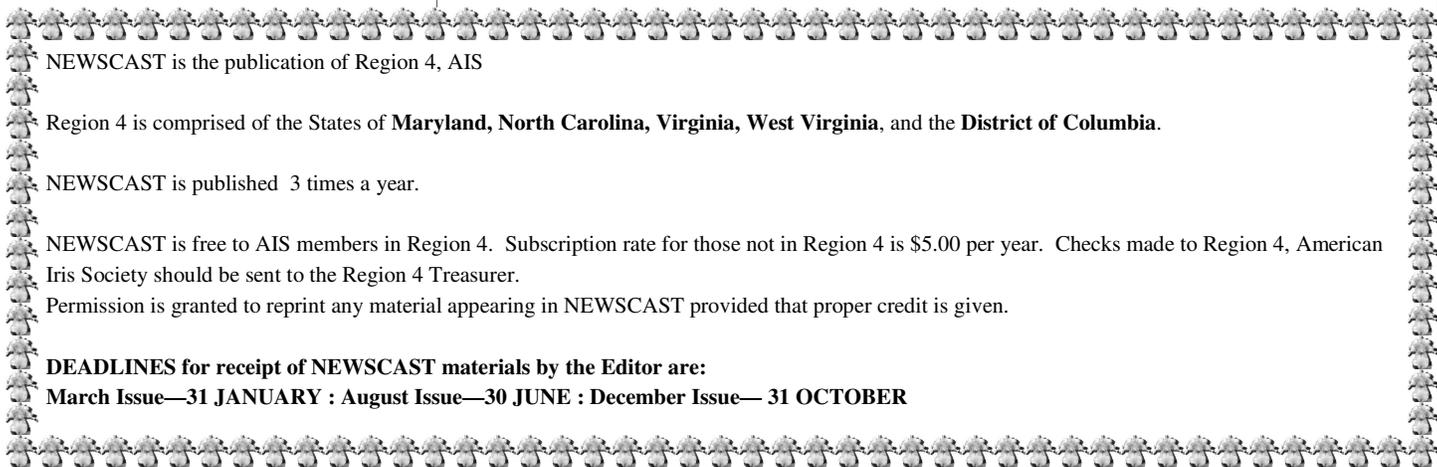
**EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA IRIS SOCIETY** - SUSAN GRIGG  
105Trotters Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614-0620

**EASTERN SHORE IRIS SOCIETY** - JOHN IWANSKI , 7344 Levin  
Dashiell Rd, Hebron MD 21830

**FRANCIS SCOTT KEY IRIS SOCIETY** - CAROL WARNER  
16815 Falls Road, Upperco, MD 21155 (410) 374-4788

**FREDERICKSBURG AREA IRIS SOCIETY** - DOUG CHYZ, 6 Biscoe  
Ct, Stafford VA 22554, 540 659 6202 [dougchyz250@verizon.net](mailto:dougchyz250@verizon.net)

**HAMPTON ROADS IRIS SOCIETY** - JAN BRYANT, 318 Kay Rd,  
Portsmouth VA 23701, 757 405 3387 the [pinkcraftylady@yahoo.com](mailto:pinkcraftylady@yahoo.com)



NEWSCAST is the publication of Region 4, AIS

Region 4 is comprised of the States of **Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia**, and the **District of Columbia**.

NEWSCAST is published 3 times a year.

NEWSCAST is free to AIS members in Region 4. Subscription rate for those not in Region 4 is \$5.00 per year. Checks made to Region 4, American Iris Society should be sent to the Region 4 Treasurer.

Permission is granted to reprint any material appearing in NEWSCAST provided that proper credit is given.

**DEADLINES for receipt of NEWSCAST materials by the Editor are:**

**March Issue—31 JANUARY : August Issue—30 JUNE : December Issue— 31 OCTOBER**



## The Region 4 Vice President

the AIS web site to make it more user friendly and attract new members; develop a photo Wiki for all iris cultivars; pro bono design of software for judges to vote the ballot electronically; changed format for AIS Bulletin to 8 1/2 x 11 beginning January 2010; increase fee for registration of a new cultivar to \$15 and discussion of plans for a "e-membership".

Dear Iris Friends,

Anything that I had planned to write earlier is now completely overshadowed by the loss of Roy. Losing Roy so suddenly is like an incomplete conversation ---- so much that we wanted to learn from him, but alas no more time. Obviously he leaves a big loss to AIS, but especially a loss to Region 4.. After all he was one of us. One cannot identify any part of AIS that he had not left a strong positive mark. Certainly for me he was my "go to" Person" and he never failed to be generous and gracious with his advice. Roy will be missed as an iris friend, but more importantly as a personal friend.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Roy has suggested contributions to the General Fund of AIS. What better way for the region, affiliates and individuals to show their appreciation for the life of our leader than a gift to AIS. Earlier in December AIS had requested contributions for the general fund to deal with a 2010 budget deficit so why not designate any such gifts as a memorial to Roy.

As to the budget deficit, the board is working to attract new members. add new services and membership types (electronic and other) and streamline operations to cut costs. Some things being done are: redesign of

Today is gray and cold, but we know that spring will come and that means iris will be growing and sending up bloom stalks just in time for spring shows and garden tours. The regional meeting described elsewhere in NEWSCAST will be dedicated to the memory of Roy. The meeting gives us a last opportunity to visit Kirklee Garden. It would be wonderful if each affiliate could be represented at this meeting.

Each affiliate seems to be getting off to an enthusiastic start for 2010. Remember good programs in a warm and friendly setting are good tools for growth and retention of members.

Best wishes for a great 2010.

Carrie

## FROM THE EDITOR



Angels in heaven  
So much work to do  
Collecting the good  
And the bad a shoo

Wishing on wishes  
For loved one lost  
Sitting on benches  
And watching the moss

Pain the time eases  
With certainty relived  
Only good memories  
Continue to live

A place in heaven's garden  
Assigned just for you  
Iris and hostas given  
That always bloom true

Missing the voice  
that taught and guide  
new iris to rejoice  
taught showing with pride

Loss of a leader  
Loss of a friend  
Loss of a teacher  
Our hearts may never  
mend.

AMF Jan 2010



Last Sunday I received devastating news. I could not believe what I was reading. How could this be true? How can we possibly function without him? You all know I am talking about Dr. E. Roy Epperson. Even writing his name is still painful. I did not know who to call and truly did not even think to get out the last list given to me by Mac Shaw, my brain just did not function. Being ex-military and having worked for the military for 30 years I called my president first. No answer. Thankfully I have Ginny Spoons number and called her next I was at a loss as to who to contact. I called the Griggs and Ruth Barker and found I was lost again and did not know what to do. Finally I e-mailed as many in the region as I had e-mails to and even then many did not receive my message.

For all those that have passed I miss them terribly, even the ones I had only met once or twice. There are those in the region that have known Dr. Epperson for a very long time, yet I had known him such a short time and he had a profound effect on me and my progress into the Region. There are those among us that have never met him and to those the lost is doubly worse for they will never know that precise and special why the Dr. Epperson looked at each and every Iris. They will never know his giving nature as he helped those new to iris showing, all within the rules governing the shows of course, to make that first entry easier and joyful. They will not know the joy of attending garden training with him as the instructor nor will they have the pleasure of seeing him in their garden enjoying all there is to see, and that my friends, is an astounding loss.

In the spring of 2007 I had that wonderful experience of having Roy come to my garden. I was literally ill prior to the buses arriving for I have never had more than a few in my garden and now the Region 4 was coming. Every last minute fading bud was removed except from seedlings but when the buses off loaded, all the nervous tension was gone. After stopping to look at the convention irises that were so generously sent, Dr. Roy went to see my pride and joy, my aril beds. It pleased me that he was stunned that I was growing so many. His next questions brought the nerves to the surface again when he asked to see my

seedlings. What was I thinking? That he enjoyed my versicolor seedlings made it all worth it.

One of the best things I have ever done was to take a picture of those from Region 4 that were attending the 2008 National Convention to all pose for me. As we are probably all doing I regret that I had not thought to do this from all the conventions that I attended.

As we work through our grief in the next months I hope we all think of the devastation to the entire Iris community and support all those that are working so hard to try and fill the closet full of shoes that are left empty by Dr. Roy's passing. Also I hope that you all remember all the fond memories we have collectively and individually for that is truly Roy's gift to us. I have so many in the very short time that I have known him and they are precious. I also know that those little whispers in my ear when I am thinking of doing something just got a little louder with Roy's voice added to those that have passed but who's knowledge was kindly and generously given to me freely and with warmth.

Dr. Roy, you have my undying gratitude and affection that will last my lifetime. I will pray that we all that that little bit of you with us as we go through our days ahead. Good by my friend.

Anita

## Dr. E. Roy Epperson

Provided By Jack and Rosalie Loving

Dr. E. Roy Epperson died at his home on Thursday, January 21st, 2010.

Edward Roy Epperson was born on October 14th, 1932 in Burnsville, MS. He received his doctorate in Chemistry from the University of the Pacific in 1965. Dr. Epperson was married to Virginia Albert Epperson on August 19th, 1960. His wife preceded him in death in 1996. They were both on the faculty at Elon College from 1957-1966, where Dr. Epperson was an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Epperson was a respected faculty member and director of administrative affairs at High Point College for over 40 years.

Dr. Epperson demonstrated his commitment to his community through his dedicated volunteer service to many agencies. He was a devoted member of Christ United Methodist Church. Dr. Epperson's avocation was his garden, with a particular love of iris and hostas. He was President of the American Iris Society and of the Society of Siberian Irises.

Dr. Epperson greatly enjoyed the art of cooking, which he learned at the age of 14 from his mother on a wood-burning stove. He was known locally for his wedding cakes, Yorkshire pudding, for hosting Christmas open houses for friends and University personnel, and for feeding his family really well!

Dr. Epperson is survived by two daughters, Sandra Epperson of Southern Pines and Melanie Cramer and her husband Scott of Norfolk, Va.; four grandchildren, Epperson Lebeck-Jobe and his wife Sarah of Mountain View,

Calif., LT Patton Epperson and his wife Rebecca of Alexandria, Va., and Virginia Alice Parsons and Annie Cramer of Norfolk, Va.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 28th, at High Point University's Plato S. Wilson School of Commerce Ballroom at 1030 A. O. Kirkman Way. The visitation will begin at 5 p.m. for the High Point University family and from 5:30 PM to 7:30 p.m. for the greater community. Please enter from Montlieu Ave.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, January 29th, at 11 a.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the following organizations:

The Roy Epperson Endowed Scholarship at High Point University, Christ United Methodist Church, The Hospice of Guilford County, United Services for Older Adults, High Point Area Arts Council, Colonial Williamsburg.

## Dr. E. Roy Epperson

By Ginny Spoon

On Saturday, January 23, 2010 the American Iris Society and Region 4 lost our President, past RVP, Judge's Training Chair, member of the Eastern Shore Iris Society and good friend, **Dr. E. Roy Epperson**. Roy's passing will leave a void that will never be filled, either in the AIS or in our hearts. At our Region 4 auctions Roy shared his plants and encyclopedic knowledge of iris species and cultivars as well as all manner of garden ornamentals. He loved and grew our cultivar 'My Ginny' because it was his late wife's name. Roy also made the time to tally all manner of AIS votes and gave exceptional judge's training on Awards and Ballots and garden training. For many years Roy edited the Region 4 publication *Newscast*. He was also invited and judged at the "Premio Firenze" International Competition in Italy. Roy certainly was a busy person, but he also knew how to get things done.

Dr. Epperson received his BS in Chemistry from Millsaps College in 1954, his MA in Inorganic Chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1957, and his PhD degree in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of the Pacific in 1965. Dr. Epperson's professional background and service record on college commissions reads like a "*Who's Who in the World of American University's Elite Graduates!*" But anyone who knows Roy as a personal friend is not surprised.

Roy has served as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Elon College and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Professor of Chemistry, Dean for Administrative Affairs and Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at High Point University. He last served as the Director of Special Projects (SACS Accreditation Liaison, In-House Construction Manager for all new construction) for the High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.

From 1970, until his passing, he served as a SACS Accreditation Liaison, Coordinator of the 2006 Reaffirmation Project, Director and Co-Editor of the 1995 Self-Study, Director of the 1974 Self-Study, Forum Moderator for the 1994 and 2008 Annual Meetings, Seminar Presenter for the 1998 Annual Meeting, Resource person on study committees and training, Reader on Criteria and Reports Committee and made fifty-eight accreditation committee visits, fifty-five of those as the Chairman.

Other professional and community activities included past membership of the Westchester Academy Board of Trustees, High Point Advisory Council of United Services for Older Adults, Community Advisor for the Junior League and Theatre Advisory Commission for the High Point University, as well as the North Carolina Association of Institutional Research. Roy was also serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Senior Resources of Guilford (Secretary), High Point Community Concert Association (President), Institutional Review Board for High Point Regional Hospital, Christ United Methodist Church (church school teacher and Administrative Board, Finance Committee, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, and Council on Ministries), Board of Directors of Hospice of the Piedmont (past-President and was currently serving as the Finance Committee Chairman), Trustee of the Endowment Committee for the Hospice of Piedmont, Inc., Board of Directors for the High Point Area Arts Council (past-Chairman and was currently serving as the Secretary), and served as the Chairman of the United Arts Fund Drive for 2009.

Roy was a driving force in our Region 4. He kept us in line, gave us valuable advice along with Judge's Training and was our oldest (not in age, but in 50 membership years) member of Region 4. When asked, Don remembered most about Roy was that Roy was the consummate gentleman. One time he told Roy that he was the only one he knew that had no vices and Roy replied: "Well, I do like to drink wine." He also remembers the friendly banter that Roy and he had when each of them did a talk. They did like to go back and forth a lot. Roy was like a father to us in Region 4. He was also active at the national level since 1994. A few weeks ago, I sent him a question via e-mail about our show schedule. I had to chuckle when he efficiently answered my question with a "yes". After typing his Bio, thanks to the information Roy supplied to the Santa Fe Iris Society, before being their guest speaker at their 2009 Region 23 Fall Convention, I know why he gave me a one word answer. We know that the busiest people get things done efficiently. Roy, we miss you. Please take a nice vacation before reorganizing things at your Heavenly residence.

Ginny Spoon

President, C&P Iris Society and past RVP Region 4

## Rebloom Enjoys Extended Season

By Mike Locketell

A lasting influence on my desire to pursue reblooming bearded iris breeding was summer and fall bloom in my former Flatrock garden in Powhatan County, VA in 2004. As a student of the late Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg, results were memorable. Plantings saw iris flowering from late July until early November. Valuable data was obtained on named varieties and seedlings to drive future breeding and promotion. It however proved to be the final act for one of rebloom's greatest advocates.

History repeats itself. Like 2004, weather conditions this past year set the stage for decent summer rebloom and an extended fall season. As reported in the December 2009 issue of the Newscast, fall flowering began in my Powhatan County garden in August. Besides bloom on early season named remontants, offspring from a cross of 'Northward Ho' (Zurbrigg '91) and 'Double Vision' (Ghio '99) began producing exciting flowers at the same time. Region 4 member reports soon confirmed results in my garden.

June and John Rosini from CVIS reported bloomstalk initiation or bloom on tall bearded 'Iceland' (Byers '99), 'July Sunshine' (G.P.Brown '86), 'Immortality' (Zurbrigg '82) and 'Perfume Counter' (Zurbrigg '72) in September. Fellow member Mike Kendrick found similar flowers on 'Iceland' and 'Immortality'. Judy Durant also experienced the same results for the long time Monty Byers remontant. Coupled with previously published reports, Iceland was easily one of the best performing rebloomers in Region 4 for 2009. It also figured in the parentage of Lloyd's 'Twilight Fancies' released in 2001. This Zurbrigg bicolor has 'Iceland's' rebloom reliability too!!

The Kendrick, Durant and Jim Diggs gardens mentioned rebloom on 'Clarence' (Zurbrigg '91). Other notable reblooming tall bearded in CVIS gardens were 'Starring Encore' (Spoon '08), 'Liquid Amber' (G. Spoon '03), 'Daughter of Stars' (Spoon '00), 'Born Again' (Bernice Miller '78), 'Billionaire' (Byers '87), 'Lunar Au-

tumn' (Thimsen '85) 'Summer Olympics' (R.Smith '80) and 'High Ho Silver' (Byers '89). 'Rosalie Figge' (McKnew '91) was outstanding in the Durant garden. A rich purple, it was in continuous bloom in her Mechanicsville, VA location from October through November.



'Iceland' Byers 1999



'Immortality' Zurbrigg 1992

## Rebloom Enjoys Extended Season Cont.

CVIS members had a wealth of fall flower on many recognizable median remontants. Region 4 derived rebloomers mentioned were Zurbrigg SDBs 'Sailboat Bay' ('01) and 'Baby Blessed' ('79). Intermediates finding favor were 'Twiggy' (Spoon '04) and 'I Bless' (Zurbrigg '85) along with Border Bearded 'Peach Parasol' (Spoon '97). Reports also stated Out of Region Intermediates 'Double Your Fun' (Aitken '00), Tawny (Pray '74) and 'Lady Emma' (F.Jones '86). SDBs making the grade were 'Plum Wine' (Weiler '86) and 'Bright Eyes' (Darby '58).

A November report was received from Carolina Mountains Iris Society's Danee Hoover. The Horse Shoe, NC resident found August and October bloom on SDB 'Baby Blessed' and August flower on IB 'Low Ho Silver' (Byers '89). October flower was seen on TB 'Mariposa Autumn' (Tasco '99) and TB 'Buckwheat' (Byers '89). TB 'Corn Harvest' (Wyatt '74) bloomed in November. Fellow member Flossie Nelson experienced rebloom on 'Immortality' in August and 'Clarence' in October.

C&P's Karen and Ramon Jones, Fairfax, VA, sent December rebloom results. A number of Ginny & Don Spoon releases created a nice show. Tall bearded 'Liquid Amber' ('03), 'Starring Encore' ('08), 'Corn Dance' ('08) and 'Purple Magic' ('95) found favor. Spoon medians adding to the color parade were MTB 'Trimmed Velvet' ('06), SDBs 'Senorita Frogg' ('02) and 'Purple Joy' ('09). Besides Spoon introductions, Karen and Ramon saw rebloom on tall bearded 'Immortality', 'Queen Dorothy' (Hall '84), 'Zurich' (Byers '90), 'Autumn Circus' (Hager '90), 'Summer Olympics' and 'Radiant Bliss' (Wilkerson '02). Medians showing the way were IB 'Rhea Peerz' (Kasperek '98), IB 'Concertina' (Sutton '02), IB 'Double Your Fun' and SDB 'Jewel Baby' (Hall '84).



'Baby Blessed' Zurbrigg 1979



'Daughter of Stars' Spoon 2000



'Clarence' Zurbrigg 1991

## Rebloom Enjoys Extended Season Cont.

November rebloom data was gratefully received from FAIS members. Eileen Seacrest had bloom on 'City Lights' (Dunn '91). Shirley Hardesty had flowers on TB 'Harvest of Memories' (Zurbrigg '84) and TB 'English Cottage' (Zurbrigg '76). Jim Schroetter related rebloom on a number of tall bearded selections. 'Immortality', 'Amain' (Zurbrigg '83), 'Autumn Tryst' (Weiler '93), 'Banana Dream' (Byers'89), 'Corn Harvest', 'Harvest of Memories', 'Matrix' (Hall '91), 'Misty Twilight' (Byers '88) were mentioned. John Weiler's SDB 'Plum Wine' rounded out Jim's list.



'Liquid Amber' G. Spoon 2003



'Senorita Frog' Spoon 2002

Consistent November is still a luxury for most of Region 4. It takes warm daytime temperatures in October to counter night temperatures in the low forties to drive bloomstalk development and eventual flower. Nature usually dashes late rebloom hopes with a hard freeze. If milder weather follows the freeze, bonus flowering in November can happen on late maturing flower buds. 'Sailboat Bay' contributed a number of unaffected blooms around Thanksgiving due to this affect. Two heavy blooming clumps of 'Matrix' lasted into the beginning of December before finally bowing to days of crushing cold.

Rebloom breeders look for reselect seedlings from spring bloom to initiate fall bloomstalks. Whether October stalks develop to flower or not, this information helps pollen daubers take the guesswork out of choices for future remontant cross pollinations. The trick is using a combination of early and late blooming parents to get a reliable reblooming seedling. Recent results will aid this effort. Breeders may indeed be the biggest winners of rebloom blessings received for the 2009 Extended Fall Season.

**By Anita Moran and Ginny Spoon**

.He stood straight with a brilliance of gold that was a delight to all. With a multitude of branches in perfect candelabra formation, each reaching and stretching to what is needed in many directions, producing flowers of giving to each concern. He gave to family, church, irises, the arts, hospice, teaching and learning, research and treatment, each with a branch, as part of the whole, as the branches come to the stalk.

Honorable Mention as jobs are taken and minds expanded in teaching and judging, more are brought to know those things important. Award of Merit is given for meticulous records and friendly advice, for new knowledge to another generation as the knowledge and influence spreads throughout the country as the Wister is given.

Just gathering steam in helping others as sturdy stalks grow and more show their esteem. The runner up is given for more work worldwide, and close to home, and more work just adds to those known. Finally, the Dykes Medal was more than deserved as leadership is given and regional pride is extended as hope for a future is bright.

Then, a sudden bloom out hits across the country and caused a gap that left the world a dimmer place. But a celebration reminds us of what is lost and what is gained for a new generation taught by the master remains. For those in AIS, Roy will always be number one on our Popularity Poll.



## President's Message October 2009

### President's Message

E. Roy Epperson, North Carolina

“1959: It was a very good year!!”

1959 was the year that a friend gave me a membership in AIS. The cost was \$5.00 for a single annual membership. 1959 was the year that Claude O'Brien was RVP of Region 4 and was working to organize North Carolina into areas, specifically Eastern NC and Western NC. One Sunday, he and his wife Naomi invited me to their home for dinner to discuss AIS and North Carolina. And my life within AIS began. I had been growing irises for many years, but had not been involved in the local or Regional or national AIS activities. That was 50 years ago, and now I, like many others, am celebrating my 50th continuous year as an AIS member!

- The 1959 Annual Meeting of AIS was headquartered at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. The Registration fee was \$25.00. Hotel rates were \$4.50 to \$16.00, 827 people attended this convention.
- Marion B. Walker was President of AIS.
- On March 1, 1959, *Garden Irises*, edited by L.F. Randolph was published by AIS. The pre-publication price was \$6.50.
- Effective January 1, 1959, Alabama and Mississippi was separated from Region 7 and became a new Region 24.
- The C.G. White Memorial Award for aril-  
arilbreds was established.
- The Cook-Douglas Award for standard dwarf  
bearded iris was established.
- ‘Swan Ballet’ was awarded the Dykes Medal, having received 110 votes of the 470 cast. There were 536 accredited garden judges in the 24 regions, 462 cast timely votes. Three of the seven judges in foreign countries cast votes as did 14 honorary judges for a total of 476.

- The top four on the TB Symposium were ‘Blue Sapphire’, ‘Violet Harmony’, ‘Mary Randall’, and ‘Truly Yours’. Do you still grow any of these?

- The top three on the Judge's Choice were: ‘Whole Cloth’, ‘Amethyst Flame’, and ‘Allegiance’. Do you still grow any of these?

Paul Cook introduced ‘Emma Cook’ into commerce.

2009 is a ‘Jubilee’ year for many local and affiliate societies and regions in their current geographical configuration. Congratulations to all of these!

There are many persons within AIS at all levels who maintain that the strength and the heart-blood of the society is at the local club/affiliate level. I was struck again with this as I was writing this message and suddenly realized that my relationship and continuous commitment to AIS is rooted in our local affiliate, the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, and in Region 4. I have been involved in those levels for 50 years and did not become involved at the national level until 1994. Several new affiliates are being organized each year. Keep up this good work and the AIS will prosper in the years to come!

Yes, 1959 was a very good year! So is 2009 and the years to come for AIS!



←Relaxing in Dave Hull’s Garden

Left to right: Ginny Spoon, Bea Rogers, Roy Epperson, Francis Thrash, Lois Rose, Carol Warner, and Ruth Barker

AIS Board Meeting hosted by ENCIS  
Dr. E. Roy Epperson and Jean Plank



← Judges Training With Dr. E. Roy Epperson



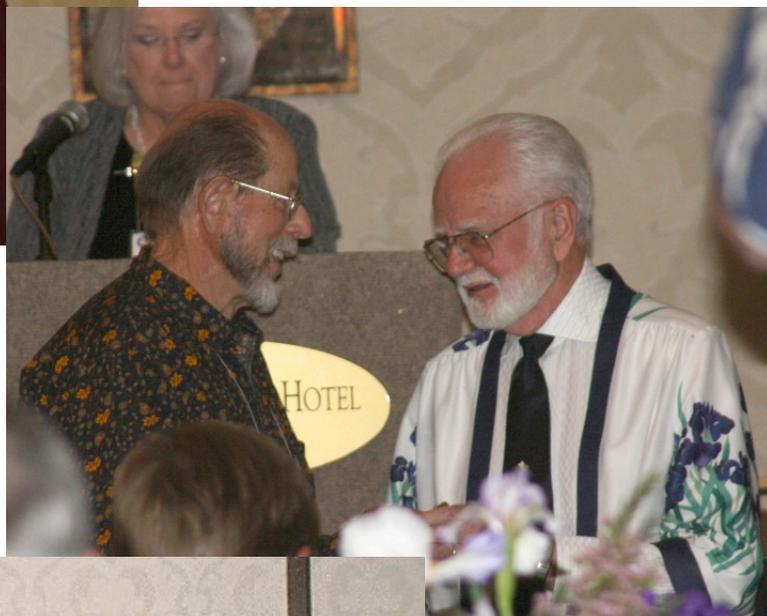
Dr. E. Roy Epperson in Reid Garden





Keith Keppel with Dr. E. Roy Epperson ⇒

⇐ Dr. E. Roy Epperson awarding  
Nearpass Award to J. Griffin  
Crump



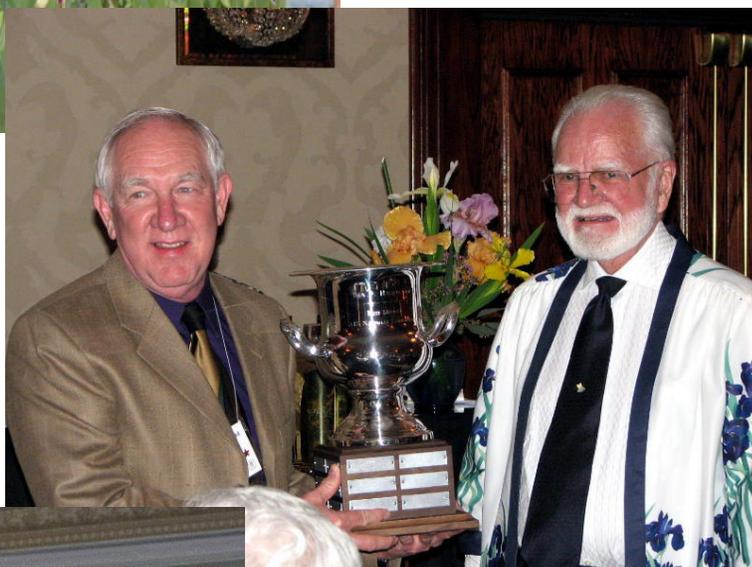
⇐ Left to right:  
Jim Schroetter  
Glenn Griggs  
Tricia Taylor  
Dr. Roy Epperson  
Pat Otterness  
Ray Jones  
Ann Lowe  
Rosalie Loving  
Karen Jones  
Susan Griggs  
Lois Rose  
Don Rude  
Jack Loving  
Mike Lowe  
Theresa Hardisty  
Shirley Hardisty

Not pictures:  
Awards Chair (Busy)  
Ruth Barker



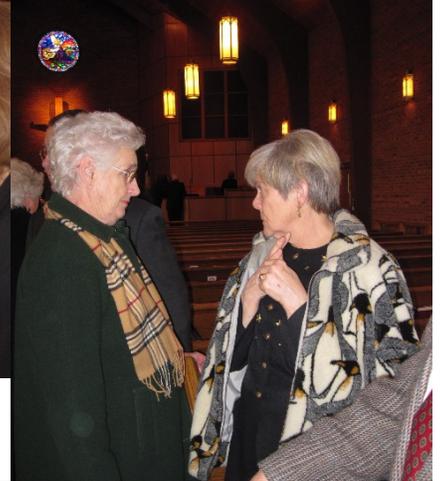
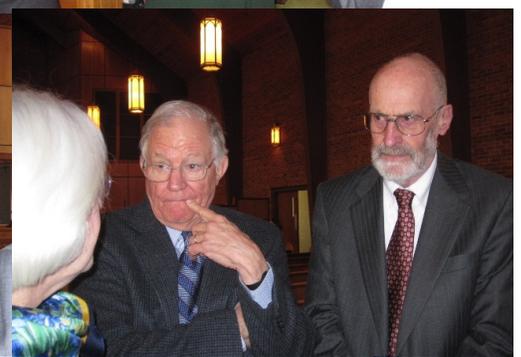
⇐ Dr. E. Roy Epperson Taling about 'Grape Harvest' in Moran Garden 2007 Spring regional "Makes the entire bed smell like grapes."

Dr. E. Roy Epperson and Paul Black



⇐ Dr. Epperson as Region 4 auctioneer .

In Celebration Of  
**Dr. E. Roy Epperson**



Representing Region 4 were 18 people who braved the storms to pay tribute . They included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loving, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lowe, Mr. And Mrs. Robert Pries, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Griggs, Lois Rose, Katharine Steele, Carrie Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Jim Schroeder, Bonita Mastreller, Don Rude, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Barker.

## From Around the World

Have just returned from the "Service of Hope and Celebration." It was lovely. You could tell he loved music, for the music uplifted the heart. AIS sent a lovely altar bouquet, the only flowers there, with Dutch irises and white "football" mums. Perfect colors for this lover of all things iris.

Dr. Epperson wanted to be called "Gran Pere" by his grandchildren, ended up with the first grandson's infant version of the same, "Gamper". Three of them spoke, and the love they all felt for him was deep and strong. His grandson's read a poem they had written for him for father's day. His oldest granddaughter, in tears, explained how he had helped raise her after her mother became a single mom, and of how special her time with him was. A fourth grandchild asked that this song be played. It brought many of us to tears.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW\\_eVzA0Y8E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW_eVzA0Y8E)

His church's pastor referred many times to how much he had helped the church and the university. Last to speak was his daughter. I don't know her name, but you could tell she was his daughter, with a quiet dignity, not thinking of herself, but getting his message out to the world one last time. There was a lengthy list of the organizations he served in on the back of our programs. She admonished us to reach out and be of service to mankind as he had done. She pointed to that list and said, "you are needed. Every one of these organizations has an empty leadership position today. Step up, lend your hand or your leadership. Volunteer your time." It was like listening him speak.

The AIS presidency is now in the hands of Judy Keisling, of Liberty, MO. I know he is already there at her shoulder helping from above. But she's going to need a lot more of us volunteering to do the work that needs done.

My fellow ENCIS members stepped in already earlier this week to help his "co-hort in crime" Ruth Barker with the transfer of AIS related items. His daughters welcomed their help and are eager to help with an orderly transfer of materials. I understand there's a lot there. Ruth is going to need help from more folks to sort things out. ENCIS members have already taken over his duties as chairperson for the Region 4 Spring

Conference. We have a temporary volunteer to take over his duties as treasurer of ENCIS, too.

The AIS presidency is now in the hands of Judy Keisling, of Liberty, MO. I know he is already there at her shoulder helping from above. But she's going to need a lot more of us volunteering to do the work that needs done.

My fellow ENCIS members stepped in already earlier this week to help his "co-hort in crime" Ruth Barker with the transfer of AIS related items. His daughters welcomed their help and are eager to help with an orderly transfer of materials. I understand there's a lot there. Ruth is going to need help from more folks to sort things out. ENCIS members have already taken over his duties as chairperson for the Region 4 Spring Conference. We have a temporary volunteer to take over his duties as treasurer of ENCIS, too.

Somewhere up in heaven, I do believe he is smiling down at us all. He's probably thinking, "they can work together." That's his legacy.

Bonita Masteller  
ENCIS Region 4

Hi All,

I am very sorry to hear about Roy Epperson's death, He cared so much about the success of the American Iris Society and devoted so much time and energy to it. He was a friend and we were so happy to have him grow some of our introductions,

Dorothy Willott

How Dr. Roy affected me. Only working with him a short time (since 2007) I found him to be a Southern Gentle Man. Charming, articulate and his professional demeanor left you wanting to make sure you did everything you could to earn an 'A' from him. I am sure he will be missed by a lot of people.

Janet Smith (Region 14)  
AIS Slides and Digital Programs Chair

## From Around the World

Dr. Roy Epperson was a generous man with his time, energy, knowledge and passion for life with all that met him. I learned a lot about writing show schedules from Roy. He was a very fair man with boundless energy and enthusiasm for his family and friends. He was always kind, courteous and outgoing. We will all miss him and the joy of having him in our lives. He will leave behind a massive void in our society's organization.

Sylvia Deck  
Region 4 FSK

I note how sad I was to learn today that American Iris Society President Roy Epperson died very suddenly this past weekend. While I didn't know Roy personally having never met him, I enjoyed reading his article in the October Bulletin where he described his initiation into the AIS in 1959. I am quite sure by the tone of his writing and the thoughtful expression in his picture that he must have been a kind gentlemen with a big heart along with a big love for iris.

As a fairly recent member of the AIS, let me express my deepest sympathy to those of you who have lost a friend and mentor.

Debra Scott  
Timnath CO

This one from the AIS Convention and Spring Tour in May 2009 in Kansas City, Roy told it on himself at the Awards Banquet. While touring through the Overland Park Arboretum, Roy visited the Monet Garden, a mature sheltered garden of mixed plantings of alliums, cosmos, roses and some classic irises growing in large clumps. In spite of the signs saying to keep on the paths Roy decided he needed a closer view and tried to step over the chain and into the garden. But he slipped, fell and hit his head on the pavement. A trip to the hospital emergency room followed. Upon arrival, the doctor asked him the normal questions. Question: Do you know your name? Answer: E. Roy Epperson; Question: What year is it? Answer: 2009; Question: Who's the President? Answer: ME. Well, the doctor became really concerned until told by an accompanying iris member that Roy was President of the American Iris Society! The 350 or so folks at the Iris Convention got a charge out of the story and those of us who knew him

well were not at all surprised by his answer. That was just Roy being Roy.

Jim Morris  
AIS Director  
St. Louis, Missouri

February 3, 2010 **With Sincere Sympathy to all the family of Dr. Epperson.**

I met Roy many years ago as we attended Region 4 meeting and American Iris Society Conventions. We shared a love of irises that channeled our interests to learn about and grow these garden beauties. My husband, Richard and I grew mostly Siberian irises in our creek-side garden, but Roy was enthralled by the gorgeous tall bearded irises that he grew so well and lovingly among companion plants.

My current status as a Master Judge reflects Roy's many dedicated judges training sessions, some at his and Virginia's home. He also dissected and rewrote the AIS Judges Handbook. No detail was overlooked and the book now includes guidelines (that I had harped about) for AIS sponsored horticulture shows. This encompasses and assists all the many sections of the organization.

Dr. Epperson practiced what he taught. He responded to The Charlotte Iris Society when asked to judge past shows. A lasting and meaningful relationship developed with our members. No regional or national iris meeting was complete without him and his committed leadership. As he stepped into the role of AIS president, all who knew him realized The American Iris Society was in very capable hands.

Having visited his High Point garden over the years and contemplating the 2010 garden tour, we acknowledge his passion to grow the latest and best that hybridizers had to offer.

Roy's death leaves a big void in the lives of those of us that called him friend and leaves a legacy of his service to the world of irises.

Katharine Steele  
CIS, NC

## From Around the World

TO Judy Keisling  
1st Vice President, AIS

Dear Judy,

The board and the members of the French Iris Society feel deeply sad by the sudden loss of your President Roy Epperson. Roy was our principal judge at the 2005 FRANCIRIS event. His personality, his competence and his outstanding communication skills will remain unforgettable. We spent a wonderful week together. I had the honor to translate his speech for the price rewarding ceremony. Since then he was always very helpful for highly technical questions, contact requests etc. With a lot of interest we follow regularly the publications in the AIS bulletins.

Last Saturday, during our board meeting, we admired the photographs featuring Roy at a ceremony with a beautiful iris painted jacket. May I express our deepest sympathy to the AIS board, members, his family and friends on behalf of the French Iris Society

.Elisabeth Hemme  
SFIB Vice-President

That is so sad and so hard to believe, since he was just active and exuberant at the Fall Regional.

**My prayers are with all of his family and friends.**

Regards,  
Vicki Scheffler  
Region 4 CVIS

My fondest memory was with starting Judges' training and the Spring Iris Show in Winchester VA in May 2002. He was so gracious and patient with all of us.

I sort of remember him the way I do Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg. He was an institution, no one else like him. A wealth of knowledge regarding any kind of iris culture and was always gracious to anyone who talked with him. He always had time for everyone, no matter how busy he was.

I have been so wrapped up in family issues myself, I did not realize this happened.

Thanks, Anita, if it is Dr. Epperson, I have found memories of him as does Barbara.

Robert Hartge  
Region 4 AIS

"I met Roy at the first Regional Meeting I attended. We toured his garden, and I thought the Iris were the most beautiful things I had ever seen. Roy was an inspiration to all of us. I feel blessed that I got to know him." he was the heart of AIS, and it will be next to impossible to replace him

Ruth Holbrook  
CIS Region 4

## From Around the World

I'll always remember Dr. Epperson as the gifted and dignified scholar he was. I marveled at the talent, and the savoir faire of this very highly-regarded gentleman, whenever he calmly and confidently shared his knowledge with us. I attended numerous events where he spoke to us in a group setting: judges training sessions, plant auctions, regional meetings -- and even a national convention, where he addressed the assembly of irisarians with aplomb and wit. I've also witnessed the grace and diligence with which he performed the role of show judging. In all of these situations, it was evident that he possessed a mastery of the subject matter, and that he knew just the right way to present this information to us.

Speaking of grace, I recall where Dr. Epperson perhaps shined the brightest of all - during those magic moments when he would lead us in prayer before a banquet. Every one I heard was absolutely eloquent.

Dr. E. Roy Epperson was indeed an extraordinary person who we will all fondly remember.

\*\*\*\*\*

Jim Schroetter

### Memories of E. Roy Epperson

In 2003, my wife Carolyn and I moved to Southwest Virginia where I began retirement as she took up a new post at VT. One of the first things I did was seek out Irisarians and Roy was one of the very first Irisarians I met when Ginny Spoon asked me to join Roy on a judging panel for the flower show held at the fall meeting in Winchester. Roy was amazing. A cheery man with a winning smile, he displayed his appreciation for iris as we judged the show and his courage in singling out an

MTB as Best of Show—I concurred.

I knew Roy primarily through the regional meetings which I have attended twice annually since our move. Roy was always there to teach us, and in the garden, he was especially thoughtful in pointing out the need for more buds, new colors, other features that would make a flower a plant that gardeners would cherish. I learned much from Roy in the gardens we visited every year. He was daring too. At the Austin convention, he went to the head table wearing a floral print jacket that had belonged to Rosalie Figge.

He was a remarkable man who enriched our lives and taught us all. We will miss him very much.

Donald Rude  
Assistant RVP  
Region 4

## From Around the World

Dr. E. Roy Epperson was a true inspiration to me. A more dignified, honest, intellectual man could not be found. He knew and understood much about irises, but even more about people. Roy referred to myself and Bill Smoot as his "kids" because he viewed the two of us as his offspring (next generation) in the iris world - an honor that I never felt truly belonged to me, even though he was a "father" figure to me.

Roy would always listen with great attention to problems within the iris world, whether club problems or problems growing iris, consider them carefully, and give wonderful pearls of wisdom for you to consider. Roy was also a man of good humor - quick to laugh when told a joke, and rarely if ever so serious as to not be able to give a quick smile and leaving one with the feeling that all would be OK no matter the problem.

I have always been in awe of how he kept meticulous records, year after year after year, of all the judges, apprentices, etc. within our region. For this knowledge and hard work alone he will be greatly missed. No one could run a meeting or a training session like Roy - you knew it would begin on time, the material covered well, and the meeting ended on time.

His knowledge of iris types and varieties was unbelievable and no one could run an auction like Roy with finesse, knowledge, and humor!

The entire organization will greatly miss him at the helm of AIS - I know that much was accomplished because Roy would carefully consider all issues. Whether creating a library, recruiting new members, or changing the criteria for the artistic division, he would see that all options were carefully studied and that well worded changes were adopted. All angles were considered and input was obtained from the best sources available.

I will truly miss him - the iris world will not be the same without him.

Frances Thrash  
HRIS, Region 4

I first met Roy Epperson in 1997 the year before Roy and I became Directors on the AIS Board of Directors in 1998.

Besides irises, Roy and I had a couple of things in common. We both like to collect Santa's and we both were active in our churches.

I sometimes would take a walk early of a morning outside and around the hotel property at AIS conventions and fall board meetings, one time Roy saw me walking and he ask if he could join me on my walk, we had a pleasant walk and talked about different things. After that time, we would sometimes take a walk together early of a morning at the AIS conventions and/or board meetings to just discuss things that were on our minds.

Roy and I also would sometimes have breakfast together at the AIS conventions or board meetings early when the hotel restaurant opened for business. We were many times the restaurants first customers. This last convention in Kansas City was the first time in a while, we did not get the opportunity to have our morning breakfast together and I missed it.

If you ever had the opportunity or need to telephone Roy, you would soon find out, Roy was not really a telephone person, so when you called him you needed to state what you needed to talk with him about and then our telephone conversation would be over, no small talk or chit chat. It was easier to talk with Roy at conventions or board meetings then it was to call and talk with him on the telephone.

I truly will miss Roy, my Friend, our conversations and walks that we used to take. I know now Roy is walking with God. God Bless Him.

Paul W. Gossett  
AIS Convention Liaison

**IRIS WIKI - From Bob Pries —**

AIS Bulletin Announcement

This is your chance to be a Founding Father or Mother. We are laying the foundations of an Iris Encyclopedia for the AIS website. It will make the Iris Society THE place to go for Iris information on the internet. It will contain an illustrated checklist and more. But it will take the efforts of our members to make it all it can be. If you would like to be a founder of this monumental project, contact [robertpries@embarqmail.com](mailto:robertpries@embarqmail.com).

What would you be doing? We have 65,000 cultivars and need to create a page for each with its registration information. Each cultivar page can accommodate 20 pictures but just having one or two for each would be great for the release to the world on the AIS website. If you can type, paste, or upload pictures, you can help.

At present our team of 15 active docents has uploaded 4,000 pages in 2 months. If we had a hundred docents and each could put up 50 or more entries we would be well on our way. Hybridizers this is your chance to make sure your Irises will be seen when the wiki opens.

Many of you are familiar with the wiki format. The famous Wikipedia is an online reference used by young and old alike. The AIS Iris Encyclopedia is the same type of format. It will always be growing and improving. But if you would like to be a founder now is your chance before it appears on the AIS website. Everyone says winter is the time they have to work on such projects. Do it now!! To view progress click on: <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view>

**Help Support The American Iris Society —**

This note comes from AIS Treasurer Jill Bonino:

I received notification from Jay Hutchins at Brent & Becky's Bulbs that their fundraising program "Bloomin' Bucks" is up and running for 2010.

The link is [www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com). One there you just click on American Iris Society from their list of organizations and you will land right into their ordering site... I just did it and they have so much to offer...not just bulbs but gardening accessories and tools etc.

Please check it out now and pass this link along to your affiliates

**WEB NEWS**

and regions for their newsletters as soon as possible. Every little bit helps. For every order completed thru the [www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com) link, the American Iris Society will receive 25% of the total order.

I have previously sent mock up promotional materials to John Jones for our website. It is now open for business.

Jill Bonino

**On Line American Iris Society Table of Contents —**

Jack Finney has scanned the Table Of Contents of the AIS Bulletins from June 1920 thru October 2009. The file is available either as a MS Word doc or a PDF. Both are searchable. Go to <http://kciris.org/> then NEWS. A note from Jack is there along with links to download the files. Have fun.

**On Line Botanical Dictionary —**

On-line Botanical Dictionary —

# REGION 4 JT REPORT

## Corrected: REGION 4, AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY JUDGES AND JUDGES TRAINING REPORT

E. Roy Epperson, Chairman

October 9, 2009

\*\*\*\*\*

For 2010, the following changes occurred in the Roster of Region 4 Accredited Judges:

- Two removed for insufficient required training hours: June Hood, Jim Schroetter
- One advanced from G/E to M: Frances Thrash
- Four advanced from A to G/E: Karen Jones, Ray Jones, Anita Moran, John Rosini

For 2010 Region 4 will have the following Roster summary of Accredited Judges:

- 19 Garden/ Exhibition [formerly Garden]
- 4 Master
- 4 Retired [formerly Master/Retired]
- 5 Emeritus
- 1 Apprentice

Of these 33 judges, 28 are fully accredited (Garden/Exhibition, Master, Emeritua); 4 are Retired

### 2010 Roster of Judges, Region 4

<p><b><u>Garden/Exhibition</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Ruth Barker                  Ms. Pat Bowen                  Mr. Randell Bowen                  Ms. Glenna De Quoy                  Ms. Karen Jones                  Mr. Ramon (Ray) Jones                  Mr. Daniel Laing                  Ms. Kristen Laing                  Ms. Linda Laing                  Mr. Michael Lockatell                  Ms. Anita Moran                  Mr. Bob Pries                  Ms. Marian “Bea” Rogers                  Mr. John Rosini                  Mr. Don Rude                  Mr. Merrick “Mac” Shaw                  Dr. Donald Spoon                  Ms. Ginny Spoon                  Ms. Carrie Winter</p> <p><b><u>Master</u></b></p> <p>Dr. L. Bruce Hornstein                  Ms. Frances Thrash                  Mr. William C. Smoot                  Ms. Katharine Steele</p>	<p><b><u>Emeritus</u></b></p> <p>Dr. E. Roy Epperson                  Ms. Anne Lowe                  Mr. Mike Lowe                  Mr. Clarence E. Mahan                  Ms. Carol Warner</p> <p><b><u>Apprentice</u></b></p> <p>Ms. Lois Rose</p> <p><b><u>Retired</u></b></p> <p>Mrs. Glenn Grigg, Jr. (Susan)                  Mrs. Paul D. Kabler                  Mrs. Nancy Karriker                  Mr. Dennis A Wilkie</p>
--	---

## **SPRING IN CAROLINA 2010 REMEMBERING E. ROY EPPERSON AIS REGION 4 MEETING**

The Eastern North Carolina Iris Society will be welcoming you May 7 and 8 to the Triad region of our state. Our hotel is the Embassy Suites Greensboro – Airport, 204 Centreport Drive, in Greensboro and we'll be touring three diverse gardens.

You'll have the pleasure of visiting the fairly new garden of Ruth and Hudson Barker near Greensboro to see a large collection of median irises, including many Chuck Bunnell seedlings, as well as recent TBs, Siberians, and species. The lovely garden of Wyatt LeFever, who is best known as a breeder of koi, hybridizer of daylilies, azaleas, and rhododendrons, is near Kernersville, a short distance from Greensboro.

Wyatt Lefever's garden is a three acre shaded hillside garden filled with many rare and wonderful plantings will greet us when we visit the garden of Wyatt Lefever in May. More than a hundred rhododendrons and azaleas provide structure and color beneath a canopy of tall forest trees. Hostas and other perennials abound throughout the garden which can be seen from golf cart accessible paths.. Many plants we will see have been hybridized by Wyatt. In addition to the shade garden there is a LARGE Koi filtered Koi pond in a landscaped setting which includes a developing collection of Pseudatas. No matter what the season the garden is a jewel to behold.

This garden features the renovated Koi pond and trails for walking or riding in a golf cart.

This will be your last visit to the established garden of our dear friend, Roy Epperson in High Point. Roy's daughters are pleased that ENCIS will prepare the garden for one more year of spectacular bloom, featuring many of the newest iris cultivars.

You may want to arrive on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to visit some nearby attractions of interest, such as the Guilford Courthouse Battlefield, the furniture outlets of High Point, and Replacements Limited, a fascinating collection, museum, and outlet for china, silver, glassware, and the place to find that missing piece of your china. Be sure to take the free tour of their facility, offered every half hour.

Registration forms, schedule, and more details about the weekend are in this *Newscast*. Please bring items for a special silent auction and your best bloom stalks for the Show on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll be waiting for your registration. See you in Greensboro in the warmth of May!

Susan Grigg  
ENCIS President

## AIS Region 4 Spring 2010 Meeting

Friday, May 7th & Saturday, May 8th

### Schedule of Events

#### Region 4 Spring Meeting, May 7-8, 2010

##### Friday, May 7, 2010

10 a.m. – noon	Show entries accepted Lunch on your own
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Judging of show
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Region 4 Board Meeting
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Show open to public (open to attendees until 9 or 10)
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Judge's training/program
5:00 – 10 p.m.	Silent Auction open
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Social hour with cash bar
6:30 p.m.	Welcome dinner
7:30 p.m. -	Plant auction

##### Saturday, May 8, 2009

7:45 a.m.	Board bus
8:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Garden tours with lunch provided
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Social hour with cash bar
7:00 p.m.	Awards banquet
8:00	Silent auction closes
8:00 p.m.	Awards presentation/Guest speaker

#### Embassy Suites Greensboro – Airport

204 Centreport Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
Phone: (336) 668-4535

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

**Room rate:** for all suites is **\$99.00 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 **April 15, 2010**. **Please remember to mention Eastern North Carolina Iris Society** 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 noon on the departure day.

#### DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:

##### From North:

Take I-85 at Petersburg, VA to I-40 West. Turn at Exit 210 (PTI Airport Exit) onto Hwy 68 North. Go to first light. Turn left onto Triad Center Drive, then turn left immediately onto Centreport Dr.; the hotel driveway is on the right.

##### From West:

Take I-40 East to Exit 210 (PTI Airport Exit) onto Hwy 68 North. Turn left at the light onto Hwy 68 North. Go to 2<sup>nd</sup> light. Turn left onto Triad Center Drive, then turn left immediately onto Centreport Dr.; the hotel driveway is on the right.

##### From East:

Take I-40 West Turn at Exit 210(PTI Airport Exit) onto Hwy 68 North. Go to first light. Turn left onto Triad Center Drive, then turn left immediately onto Centreport Dr.; the hotel driveway is on the right.

##### From Charlotte, NC:

Take I-85 North to I-40 West. Turn at Exit 210 (PTI Airport Exit) onto Hwy 68 North. Go to first light. Turn left onto Triad Center Drive, then turn left immediately onto Centreport Dr.; the hotel driveway is on the right.

#### HOTEL SERVICES:

Newly renovated two room suites, February 2010  
Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast daily  
Complimentary managers' reception every evening  
Full service restaurant and lounge

Complimentary 24-Hour Fitness Facility

24-Hour Front Desk

Concierge Desk

24-Hour Business Center

Free Parking Facilities

Indoor Pool & Whirlpool

High-speed internet access

Microwave, mini-refrigerator, coffee maker in each suite

Two TVs, two telephones with data ports in each suite

Disability Accessible Facilities

Wake-up Service Available

Room Service

Shuttle Service to Piedmont Triad International Airport

Gift/Sundry Shop

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

Hotel is near shopping, restaurants, and recreation.

### AIS Region 4 Spring 2010 Meeting

Friday, May 7th & Saturday, May 8th

**Registration Form:**

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

Name Preferred on Nametag (1): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name Preferred on Nametag (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (3): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Nametag (3): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Registration is limited to the first 55 received. Please send your registration early to be sure you're included.**

**Full Registration: \$110.00** x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Full Registration: \$80.00** x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After **April 23rd**, the Full Registration will be **\$120.00** x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full registration includes all activities Friday night Welcome dinner buffet, charter bus transportation to the gardens on Saturday with lunch, and Saturday night Awards Banquet.

Total amount enclosed for registration(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **NO REFUNDS AFTER May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fillet of Salmon with a light maple flavor and Bourbon cream sauce**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Marinated Pork Loin served with roasted garlic and mushrooms**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian**

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

Send completed Registration form with check payable to **ENCIS** to:

Glenn Grigg, Registrar  
105 Trotters Ridge Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27614-9620

For additional information contact:  
Susan Grigg  
Phone: (919) 870-8345 or (919) 971-4012  
Email: irismom@nc.rr.com

**PAGE LEFT BLANK INTENTIONALLY**



Dr. Epperson conducting Judges training in the Rebert Garden during the 2007



Dr. Roy Epperson at the 2008 National Convention Austin Texas with his Rosalie Figge jacket.



Goodbye to:  
Our Mentor  
Our Teacher  
Our Source of  
Information  
Our Colleague  
But Mostly  
Our Friend



Anita Moran  
Newscast Editor  
5351 Rocks Rd  
Pylesville, MD 21132

**BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 21  
Joppa, MD 21085**