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The Region 4 Vice President Message

To the Members of Region 4,

I want to express my sincere respect for the job you would have me do for you. Region 4 is unusual for it is a collection of friends. Some are closer than others and like most families there are squabbles but they for the most part seem short and often forgotten when the parties finally get a chance to speak to each other. We have involved, busy youth members that give me hope for the future of Region 4 and the American Iris Society as a whole.

We have many of the Affiliates stepping up to the plate and volunteering to host regional meetings both Spring and Fall which allows us to see different parts of our region. We have hardiness zones from five to eight and some of the higher zones occur in small pockets. There is heavy clay soil to sandy loam to almost pure sand that makes up our soils. Weather plays a major factor for most of us especially with our freeze thaw cycles in the Fall and Spring. Contending with iris borers, leaf spot, crown rot and a variety of other diseases and conditions that test our patience as well as our knowledge and pocket books. With all that we contend with there is open discussion of treatments and cures, therapies and results.

We revere knowledge and pass it on freely when ever asked. You open your gardens and homes to the hoards of members visiting but mostly you open you hearts. This is a very special region and I am proud to be a part of such a group of people.

There is a lot happening in the region and once again Region 4 will be hosting a national meeting. This time it will be the Siberian/Species convention of 2018 and will be hosted by the Francis Scott Key Iris Society. Save your pennies now so that you can attend this meeting which will coincide with the Spring Region of that year. We met many wonderful iris people form out of the region and many more will be attending this meeting. Those outside the region met

and interacted with the heart of Region 4 and we thrilled by their welcome into our family.

What do you need from me? What do you need from the American Iris Society. When I head to the National Meeting in Portland Oregon this Spring, I will be attending many meeting including the Board of Directors meetings and the RVP meeting. I might be like a fish out of water but there are things I want addressed by both groups and I will see how things work. I will report about these meeting for I feel that it is important that the membership knows what those that are running the society are doing.

There are many jobs that need to be accomplished to keep Region 4 running as smoothly as possible. I would like to see you attend meetings with your local affiliates and then at the regional meetings. Those who can and do not are missing out on interacting with some of the best people in the iris world.

During my tenure I would like to visit more some of the gardens in affiliates where I have visited but have not seen. I am hoping to get more time to do that next year especially since the national will be in Pennsylvania.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time before 10:00 P.M. Beware I seldom listen to voice mail for if you do not get in touch with me texting and e-mail are a much better route.

Be well and I cannot wait to see a lot of you in Richmond.

Respectfully

Anita Moran

Winter Waiting Time By Sheryl Campbell

It is the winter waiting time.
Beneath the soil, another year's miracle
Stirs in restless sleep.
Covered by a warm blanket of
Glittering snow
The iris rhizomes doze.

Midwinter dreams will soon give way
To quiet awakenings
As they yawn and stretch
Pushing new leaves upward through the soil
Towards early rays of sun.

Then suddenly,
Stems race skyward
Bursting with vitality. Tight buds
Swell, color shows, and
Mornings bring ever more glorious
Blooms to welcome me to the garden.

Joyful strains of birdsong
Burst forth in vibrant skies,
While intoxicating scents rise from the ground.
Spring!
Soon it will arrive, abundant with life.

But for now, my garden sleeps.
It is the winter waiting time.



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to 2015, it is freezing at 16°F and -3°F wind chill. One of the things you will notice in this issue is that I put the entire rebloom report in this issue. I know many will tell me that it takes too much room. Maybe. What it does do it tell people in this region and around the world what irises rebloom in the unusual conditions that occur in Region 4.

From subzero temperatures to bone melting heat that is combined with breath stealing humidity. Then there are the freeze/thaw, you know the 20°F one day and the next three it is near 80°F then back into the single digits. Normal for Spring and Fall.

Torrential downpours in the Summer so you pull mud instead of weeds. And the WEEDS. Thistle, clover, neither which seems affected by the climate. It is a wonder that anything grows in our area, still it does well.



Iris foetidissima in Barbara Alexander garden



Iris reichenbachii growing in Virginia and Maryland

There is so much that can be shared. Did you know that *Tigridia pavonia* is an irid as are some *Gladiolus* species, of course most of those are from South Africa and tend not to do well in the northern states. Still they can be potted and brought into the house for the winter.

Well just think about it. As always, if you give me enough information I can help you write it.

See you in Richmond

Anita Moran
Editor

YOUTH VIEW

The Mental Anguish of a Beginning Hybridizer

by Colin Campbell

I have 800 seedlings that will bloom for the first time this spring. I have visions of myself wandering about from flower to flower, contemplating each one's unique beauty, unable to decide which one's to keep. Before I had ever seen any of my own seedlings bloom, I thought that selection would be fairly easy - after all it was basically the same thing as judging, and I already had had a good bit of training in that. How wrong I was! Last year I had a dozen seedlings bloom and still it was hard! Do I keep this one, or throw it away? If I keep all my seedlings, I will have no more room to plant new ones. But if I throw them away, a one-of-a-kind, unique plant that has never been seen before, and will never ever be seen again will be relegated to the compost heap! What do I do?

I was very happy that my first crop of seedlings was small. I had planted many more seeds, but our guinea hens decided that the seedlings patch was an excellent place to dust bathe. Obviously, only the most vigorous varieties survived. This natural selection made it so that I could keep all my first seedlings if I wanted to. But, with the number of new seeds I had planted, the future would not be so easy. I needed to learn how to select wisely, yet practically. I didn't like the thought of hundreds of inferior plants taking over my garden because I couldn't bear to throw them away, yet throwing seedlings away had been so hard! There was only one of the first 12 that I actually wanted to throw away. It was so ugly that I could not stand to look at it! I immediately fetched a trashbag, yanked it up and tossed the sickly looking plant inside. The flower was the most dismal shade of greyed-mauve imaginable. That plant had indeed been easy. But the other 11? Alas! They were all beautiful! While they certainly had some flaws, and I knew that most of them would never be introduceable, each one spoke to my heart, saying, "Don't throw me away?" How can one resist such appealing flowers? What do I do?

Mrs. Moran told me that the answer is to be ruthless. She has fun being ruthless with her seedlings. She gave fellow youth hybridizer Sarah Mercer and me a class on being ruthless in her garden at the 2014 spring Regional. Mrs. Moran would point to a seedling in bloom and tell us to yank it up. If we were tentative, she would get down on her knees and show us the proper gusto we should have. Sarah soon got into the spirit of the thing. I hesitated. The two of them were having a grand time throwing seedlings away. It looked really fun. I wished that I could throw a seedling away with as much zest as Mrs. Moran did. I would need to practice. However, Mr. Crump told me that he hardly ever throws away a seedling the first year it blooms. The reason why is that he has seen many seedlings greatly improve in subsequent years. Something that might look bad the first year, might become an exciting new introduction in a few more. I like both Mr. Crump and Mrs. Moran and would like both of them to approve of my selection methods, yet their philosophies contradict each other! Mrs. Moran says to be ruthless when I cull my first year seedlings, while Mr. Crump says to save most of them and evaluate them again in future years! What do I do?

I had a chance to have numerous judges evaluate some of my seedlings at the 2014 spring Regional show. I thought that this would surely make it easy to decide what to introduce. But no! Each judge had a different opinion! Two irises ended up being regarded as the best two out of my seedlings there. But there the consensus ended. Some liked the one, others liked the other one. And the seedlings that most of the judges didn't like as much kept appealing to me, saying, "Don't throw us away!" What do I do?

I still have 800 seedlings that I will need to evaluate this year. Think kindly of me this spring as I wander through my garden, trying to select, hoping that my compost pile does not become a home to future Dykes medal winners prematurely cut off before their time! I know I can't keep them all. What do I do?

The Region 4 Assistant Vice President

Fall 2014 Assistant RVP Report

Currently we have the following Regionals kind of locked in

Fall 2014

Eastern North Carolina Iris Society
Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina

Spring 2015

Central Virginia Iris Society
Richmond, Virginia

Fall 2015

Tentative
Charlotte Iris Society
Charlotte, NC

Spring 2016

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Spring 2018

Tentative
FSK in conjunction with Siberian Species Mini Convention.

Need Volunteers for :

Fall 2016
Spring 2017
Fall 2017
Fall 2018

With advance planning it is much easier to manage the tasks required to put on even a Fall Regions (Hotel, Speakers, Meetings). For the next two years our regional s are set. Affiliate presidents please consider tackling one of the Fall Regionals and if you are really ambitious there is still the Spring 2017 Regional that needs a home.

I want to thank all the affiliates that have already volunteered to host regional and I am excited to be able to see many of your gardens.

Anita Moran

Spring 2015 Assistant RVP Report

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The following is the current Regional Meetings schedule:

Spring 2015

Central Virginia Iris Society
Richmond, Virginia

Fall 2015

Bill Smoot & Frances Thrash
Norfolk, VA

Spring 2016

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Fall 2016

Volunteer needed

Location TBD

Spring 2017

Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society
Winchester, Virginia

Fall 2017

Volunteer needed

Location TBD

Spring 2018

Tentative
FSK in conjunction with Siberian Species Mini Convention.

Fall 2018

Volunteer needed

Location TBD

Spring 2019

Volunteer needed

Location TBD

Fall 2019

Volunteer needed

Location TBD

Note the Fall 2016 and Fall 2017 meetings are the current hot potatoes. I encourage the Affiliate presidents to step up to the plate and volunteer to host on of these meetings.

Doug Chyz

Rebloom Report (cont.)

I want to thank everyone so much for sending me your rebloom reports! One of the places that I send our Region's rebloom information to is the Reblooming Iris Society's (RIS) magazine, where Region 4's fall 2013 rebloom was published. However, I realized that many of the people who had sent me rebloom reports are not members of RIS, so the information is being published in the Newscast this year. I have Region's 4's fall 2013 rebloom in a word document that I would be happy to email to anyone who would like it. If you are interested, please email me at IrisHills-Farm@outlook.com.

The table below lists which irises rebloomed for the following people in 2014: Pat Cash, Kat Causey, Griff Crump, Jim Diggs, Shaub Dunkley, Ross Eagles, Carol Gitter, Glenn and Susan Grigg, Robert and Barbara Hartge, John and Chuckie Bosch Iwanski, Ray and Karen Jones, William Kuykendall, Janet Lejeune, Bonita Masteller, Pat and Edwin McNeal, Anita Moran, Tony and Ann Playtis, Diana Richards, Lois Rose, Don and Carolyn Rude, Greg and Nancy Schaffer, Jim and Gina Schroetter, Eileen Secrest, Tom Silvers, Don and Ginny Spoon, Ernie and Diane Szilagyi, Lynn Title, Carrie Winter, and Glenna Witter, plus my adopted Grandma Teresa Carter, myself and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.

Between all these gardens, 185 different varieties of iris rebloomed! 75 of the varieties were hybridized by region 4 rebloom hybridizers: Griff Crump, Mike Lockatell, Clarence Mahan, D.C. Nearpass, Tony Playtis, Jim Schroetter, Bryan Spoon, Don Spoon, Ginny Spoon, and Lloyd Zurbrigg. The variety that rebloomed in the most gardens was Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001). Daughter of Stars rebloomed in eight gardens, plus indoors in two more gardens after being brought in before the killing freeze. Close behind were Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) and Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1992) in seven gardens each and Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) and Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) in six gardens each. When an asterisk appears by the month that the iris rebloomed during on the chart, it means that the iris stalk was brought inside right before a hard freeze and that the iris rebloomed indoors.

Name of iris	Classes	Hybridizer and year	Gardens it rebloomed in	Months it rebloomed	States
Again and Again	TB	(S. Innerst 1999)	Dunkley, Masteller, Causey Rose, Crump Campbell Gitter	Oct-Nov Oct Oct-Nov Sep- Oct	NC VA MD
Alabanza	TB	(B. Spoon 2013)	Campbell	Sep-Oct	VA
Alberta Peach	SDB	(D. Spoon 2012)	Campbell	Oct	VA
Among Friends	MTB	(T. Varner 2002)	Dunkley		NC
Ann's Joy	IB	(A. Playtis R. 2013)	Playtis	Oct	WV
Anne Lowe	SDB	(D. Spoon 2011)	Jones, Campbell	Sep - Oct	VA
Another Bridge	TB	(B. Wilkerson 2005)	Rose	Oct-Nov	VA
Anxious	TB	(B. Hager 1992)	Dunkley, Causey	Oct-Nov	NC

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Apricot Drops	MTB	(J. T. Aitken 1995)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
At Dawning		(Kirkland 1935)	Dunkley		NC
Autumn Circus	TB	(B. Hager 1990)	Dunkley Diggs	Oct	NC VA
Autumn Bugler	TB	(F. Jones 1986)	Playtis Dunkley	Oct	WV NC
Autumn Jester	SDB	(C. Chapman 2000)	Campbell Richards	Jun-Oct Sep	VA NC
Autumn Joy	TB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Richards	Sep	NC
Autumn Sunset		(Lapham 1939)	Dunkley		NC
Autumn Thunder	TB	(G. Sutton 2000)	Dunkley		NC
Autumn Tryst	TB	(J. Weiler 1993)	Dunkley, Richards Causey Cash McNeal	Sep Sep-Nov Oct	NC VA MD
Autumn Wine	BB	(V. Christopherson 2003)	Dunkley		NC
Baby Blessed	SDB	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	Moran Dunkley, Richards Crump, Campbell Eagles	Sep Sep-Nov	MD NC VA
Baby Boom	SDB	(M. Byers 1990)	Witter	Oct	VA
Barn Dance	TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Dunkley		NC
Belvi Cloud	TB	(K. Jensen 1988)	Dunkley		NC
Belvi Queen	TB	(C. Jensen 1976)	Dunkley Gitter	Sep-Nov	NC MD
Bess Bergin		(C. Denman 1972)	Dunkley		NC
Bethany Claire	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Dunkley		NC
Billionaire	TB	(M. Byers 1987)	McNeal		MD
Blue Hues	SDB	(D. Spoon 2010)	Campbell	Sep-Oct	VA
Blue Moonlight	TB	(M. Byers 1989)	Dunkley		NC
Bold Sentry	AB	(L. Peterson 1983)	Jones	Sep +	VA
Bonus Mama	TB	(B. Hager 1990)	Dunkley		NC
Bouncing Blue	TB	(D. Spoon 2014)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Bridge in Time	TB	(B. Wilkerson 1995)	McNeal		MD
Brother Carl	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1983)	Dunkley		NC
Buckwheat	TB	(M. Byers 1989)	Rose, Carter Campbell	Oct-Nov July	VA
Cara	SDB	(D. Spoon 2011)	Moran Campbell	Oct	MD VA
Cayenne Capers	TB	(Gibson 1961)	Dunkley		NC
Champagne Elegance	TB	(O.D. Niswonger 1987)	Lejeune	July	VA
Chaste White	TB	(L. Zurbrigg R. 1997)	Causey	Oct-Nov	NC
City Lights	TB	(M. Dunn 1991)	Dunkley		NC

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Claire Doodle	MTB	(D. C. Nearpass 1999)	Dunkley		NC
Clarence	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	Dunkley, Winter Causey McNeal Campbell	Nov Oct-Nov Sep	NC MD VA
Colorwatch	TB	(S. Innerst 1987)	Dunkley		NC
Constant Companion	IB	(C. Marsh 1995)	Campbell Richards	Sep-Oct Sep	VA NC
Corn Dance	TB	(D. Spoon 2008)	Moran Rose, Rude Campbell	Oct-Nov July, Oct	MD VA
Corn Harvest	TB	(C. Wyatt 1977)	Dunkley		NC
Coronation of David	TB	(B. Miller 1999)	Rose	Oct-Nov	VA
Country Manor	TB	(E. Kegerise 1973)	Iwanski		MD
Cricket Song	MTB	(T. Silvers 2012)	Kuykendall Silvers		WV MD
Crimson King	IB	(Barr 1893)	Dunkley		NC
Curtain Up	TB	(M. Byers 1988)	Dunkley		NC
Dad Gum Nice	TB	(T. Burseen 2011)	Campbell	Nov	VA
Dashing	TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Dunkley		NC
Daughter of Stars	TB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Diggs Carter Campbell Playtis Dunkley Causey Richards McNeal Iwanski Title	Nov Oct Oct Sep-Nov * Oct Nov *	VA WV NC MD
Days of Summer	TB	(T. Stanek 2002)	Schroetter	Oct	VA
Disco Music	TB		Causey	Oct-Nov	NC
Double Shot	TB	(G. Sutton 2000)	Spoon Rude Dunkley	Oct	VA NC
Droll Troll	SDB	(J. G. Crump 2013)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
Duke of Earl	TB		Dunkley		NC
Earl of Essex	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1980)	Dunkley		NC
Earl of Leicester	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Dunkley		NC
Easy Smile	MTB	(T. Silvers R. 2009)	Silvers		MD
Eleanor Roosevelt	IB	(H.P. Sass 1933)	Dunkley		NC
Emma Louisa	TB	(E. Buckles 1969)	Dunkley		NC
English Cottage	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1976)	Dunkley Gitter Museum of the Shen- nandoah Valley	Sep-Oct Aug	NC MD VA

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Eric Simpson	SDB	(D. Spoon 2011)	Spoon Moran Grigg	Oct	VA MD NC
Eternal Bliss	TB	(M. Byers 1988)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
Fall Primrose	TB	(G. P. Brown 1956)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Fast Forward	IB	(J.T. Aitken 2002)	Dunkley		NC
Feedback	TB	(B. Hager 1983)	Spoon Campbell Dunkley Richards	Oct Sep-Oct Sep	VA NC
Flower Shower	SDB	(J. Weiler 1990_	Dunkley		NC
Forever Blue	SDB	(C. Chapman 1997)	Dunkley Campbell	Jun-Oct	NC VA
Forever Yours	TB	(B. Hager 1993)	Campbell	Oct-Nov	VA
Frost Echo	TB	(J.T. Aitken 1995)	Dunkley		NC
Fruit Stripe	BB	(M. Sutton 2009)	Causey	Nov	NC
Gate of Heaven	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 2004)	Rude Rose Crump Diggs Campbell	Sep-Oct Oct-Nov Sep Oct	VA
Giggler	SDB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Jones	Oct +	VA
Gladiatrix	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 2003)	Dunkley		NC
Glitter Repink	TB	(L&K Jedlicka 2007)	Dunkley		NC
Golden Immortal	TB	(G. Sutton 1997)	Causey	Oct-Nov	NC
Grand Baroque	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1969)	Dunkley		NC
Green Tree	SDB	(D. Spoon 2004)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Harvest of Memories	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Witter Eagles Dunkley Causey Schaffer	Oct Sep-Nov Oct-Nov	VA NC
Haunting	TB	(J. G. Crump 2006)	Richards	Oct	NC
High Ho Silver	TB	(M. Byers 1989)	Causey	Nov	NC
I Bless	IB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Dunkley		NC
I Do	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1974)	Dunkley Rose	Sep-Nov	NC VA
I I Stutter	TB	D. Kanarowski 2012)	Moran Spoon Campbell	Oct Nov	MD VA
Iceland	TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Rose	Oct-Nov	VA
Immortality	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1982)	Dunkley Winter Causey Hartge McNeal Gitter	Sep-Oct Sep-Nov Oct	NC MD

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Istanbul	TB	(M. Byers 1990)	Dunkley Rose	Oct-Nov	NC VA
Jennifer Rebecca	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Rose	Aug, Oct	VA
Jewel Baby	SDB	(E. Hall 1984)	Rose	May	VA
Joseph's Mantle	TB	(T. Craig 1948)	Dunkley		NC
July Sunshine	TB	(G.P. Brown 1965)	Cash	Nov	VA
Kind Candace	TB	(D Spoon 2012)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Lady Emma	MTB	(F. Jones 1986)	Rose	Oct	VA
Latest Style	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	Dunkley		NC
Leora Kate	TB	(E. Buckles 1963)	Dunkley		NC
Lest We Forget	TB	(G. Sutton 2008)	Causey Campbell	Sep-Nov Oct	NC VA
Lichen	TB	(M. Byers 1989)	Causey	Sep-Nov	NC
Lilac Stitchery	TB	(C. Jensen 1989)	Dunkley		NC
Lilla	TB	(D. Spoon 2000)	Title Richards	Oct Oct	MD NC
Liquid Amber	TB	(G. Spoon 2003)	Rose Jones	Oct-Nov Sep +	VA
Little Showoff	SDB	(E. Hall 1989)	McNeal		MD
Lovely Again	TB	(R. Smith 1966)	Dunkley		NC
Lunar Whitewash	TB	(S. Innerst 2003)	Crump Campbell Richards	Oct-Nov Oct Sep	VA NC
Mango Parfait	TB	(D. Spoon 2009)	Moran McNeal Rose Jones Campbell	Sep-Nov Sep + Sep	MD VA
Many Moons	TB	(H. Wright 1967)	Dunkley		NC
Margaret Wilson Thomas	TB	(D. Spoon 2009)	Grigg Jones Campbell	Sep + Sep	NC VA
Marita	SDB	(L. Zurbrigg 1989)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Mariposa Autumn	TB	(R. Tasco 1999)	Title Carter Campbell Dunkley	Oct Oct Sep-Oct	MD VA NC
Mariposa Skies	TB	(R. Tasco 1996)	Richards	Oct	NC
Martie Everest	TB	(Kirkland/McDade 1935)	Dunkley		NC
Maryland Ho	TB	(B. Hornstein R. 2003)	Rose	Sep-Oct	VA
Matrix	TB	(E. Hall 1991)	Rude Dunkley McNeal		VA NC MD
Maui Moonlight	IB	(J.T. Aitken 1987)	Winter	Oct-Nov	NC
Mesmerizer	TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Dunkley		NC

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Metro Blue	TB	(M. Lockatell r. 2013)	Moran		MD
Midnight Caller	TB	(M. Byers 1990)	Dunkley		NC
Midsummer Night's Dream	IB	(L. Baumunk 1999)	Dunkley		NC
Midsummer's Eve	BB	(D. Spoon 1999)	Dunkley		NC
Mishawaka	TB	(Wise 1949)	Dunkley		NC
Momma Rosemary	TB	(D. Spoon 2012)	Campbell	Nov	VA
Moss Spot	SDB	(D. Spoon 2007)	Moran	Nov	MD
My Friend Jonathan	TB	(B. Miller 1994)	Dunkley Rose Crump	Sep-Nov Oct-Nov	NC VA
Northward Ho	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	Dunkley Silvers Gitter	Sep	NC MD
Now and Later	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1970)	Dunkley Gitter	Sep	NC MD
Over and Over	TB	(S. Innerst 2001)	Crump Causey	Sep-Nov Sep	VA NC
Pearls of Autumn	TB	(B. Hager 1993)	Campbell	Sep-Oct	VA
Perfume Counter	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1972)	Dunkley		NC
Pink Attraction	TB	(E. Hall 1988)	Gitter Campbell	Oct Jul-Oct	MD VA
Plum Wine	SDB	(J. Weiler 1986)	Campbell	Oct-Nov	VA
Precious Little Pink	IB	(M. Byers 1995)	Spoon	Sep	VA
Pretty Girl	SDB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Jones	Sep +	VA
Prince of Burgundy	IB	(O.D. Niswonger 1993)	Dunkley		NC
Purple Joy	SDB	(D. Spoon 2009)	Moran Jones Campbell	Sep + Sep	MD VA
Purple Magic	TB	(D. Spoon 1995)	Spoon Jones Campbell	Oct Nov Oct	VA
Queen Dorothy	TB	(E. Hall 1984)	Dunkley Rose	Sep-Oct	NC VA
Radiant Bliss	TB	(B. Wilkerson 2005)	Jones	Nov	VA
Raspberry Frost	TB	(G. Sutton 2001)	Spoon Dunkley	Oct	VA NC
Ray Jones	SDB	(D. Spoon 2011)	Spoon Rose Crump Campbell	Oct Sep-Nov Sep-Oct Sep-Oct	VA
Redelta	TB	(R. Smith 1994)	Jones	Oct +	VA
Refined	SDB	(J. Weiler 1987)	Rose	May	VA

Rebloom Report

Colin Campbell

Renown	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1992)	Dunkley Crump	Oct-Nov	NC VA
Rhea Peerz	IB	(B. Kasperek 1999)	Spoon	Oct	VA
Rich Blanquet	SDB	(D. Spoon 2012)	Jones Campbell	Oct + Oct	VA
Rosalie Figge	TB	(J. McKnew 1992)	Rude Campbell Grigg Dunkley Causey Richards Szilagyi	Sep-Oct Sep-Nov Oct Nov	VA NC WV
Rosalie Loving	SDB	(D. Spoon 2003)	Rose Campbell	Oct Oct	VA
Royal Maroon	MDB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Title Campbell	Oct Sep-Oct	MD VA
Sailboat Bay	SDB	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	Witter Rose	Sep-Nov	VA
Season of Mists	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 2002)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
Senorita Frog	SDB	(D. Spoon 2002)	Rose Campbell	Sep Sep	VA
September Chereau	TB	(G. P. Brown 1966)	Dunkley		NC
Shakespeare's Sonnet	SDB	(D. Spoon 2002)	Campbell	Oct	VA
Sign of Leo	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1976)	Dunkley		NC
Sign of Virgo	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	Dunkley		NC
Silk and Velvet	SDB	(A & D Willott 1992)	Jones	Sep +	VA
Sky Willow	SDB	(D. Spoon 2005)	Campbell Eagles	Sep-Nov	VA
Smell the Roses	SDB	(M. Byers 1988)	Rose	Oct	VA
Snow Peas	SDB	(D. Spoon 2006)	Moran		MD
Spot On	TB	(M. Sutton 2008)	Campbell	Jun	VA
Spring Again	IB	(J.G. Crump R. 2009)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
Starring Encore	TB	(D. Spoon 2008)	Rose Spoon Schroetter Jones Campbell	Oct-Nov Oct Oct Nov Sep-Oct	VA
Sugar Blues	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Dunkley		NC
Suky	TB	(C. Mahan 1991)	Dunkley		NC
Summer Green Shadows	TB	(G.P. Brown 1964)	Secrest	Oct-Nov	VA

Rebloom Report

Colin Campbell

Summer Holidays	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	Dunkley		NC
Summer Olympics	TB	(R. Smith 1980)	Dunkley Crump	Nov	NC VA
Summer Waltz	TB	(G. Sutton 2002)	Richards	Oct	NC
Summer Whitewings	TB	(G. P. Brown 1961)	Dunkley		NC
Sunny Disposition	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	Campbell	Sep-Oct	VA
Sunshine Daydream	SDB	(J. Schroetter 2014)	Schroetter Campbell	Nov Sep-Oct	VA
Surf's Up	TB	(J. Weiler 1979)	Edison		MD
Sweethearts Again	SDB	(P. Hill 2004)	Rose	Oct-Nov	VA
Tenderly	TB	(D. C. Nearpass 2000)	Campbell	Oct	VA
Total Recall	TB	(B. Hager 1992)	Playtis Dunkley Causey Campbell	Oct Oct-Nov Aug, Oct	WV NC VA
Touch of Spring	TB	(C. Applegate 1972)	Eagles		VA
Trimmed Velvet	MDB	(D. Spoon 2006)	Campbell	Oct	VA
Twiggy	BB	(D. Spoon 2004)	Campbell	Oct	VA
Twilight Fancies	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	Rose	Nov	VA
Unchained Melody	TB	(C. Mahan 1999)	Dunkley		NC
Victoria Falls	TB	(Schreiner 1977)	Dunkley Edison		NC MD
Violet Miracle	TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	Dunkley		NC
Violet Music	TB	(C. Mahan 1991)	Crump	Oct-Nov	VA
Wedgwood Blue	SDB	(D. Spoon 2002)	Moran	Nov	MD
Western Hills	TB	(F. A. Brown 1951)	Dunkley		NC
Winesap	TB	(M. Byers 1990)	Dunkley		NC
Winter Embrace	SDB	(D Spoon 2005)	Moran Rose	Oct-Nov	MD VA
Winterland	TB	(M. Byers 1990)	Dunkley		NC
Zurich	TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Crump Campbell	Nov * Sep-Oct	VA

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance on May 23, 2014:	\$15,815.16
Receipts:	
Spring 2014 Regional Meeting Auction:	\$706.00
Donations:	
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society:	\$400.00
FSK Iris Society:	\$500.00
Checking Account Interest:	\$0.61
Total Receipts:	\$1,606.61
Expenditures:	
Memorials:	
\$150.00	Clarence Mahan (Library Fund):
\$150.00	Mike Lowe (Encyclopedia Fund):
August 2014 Newscast Printing & Mailing:	\$746.56
Shipping Zurbrigg/Mahan Award:	\$29.87
E. Roy Epperson Award (Bowl & Engraving):	\$97.64
IrisRegion4.com WEB Hosting:	\$95.40
Total Expenditures:	\$1,269.47
Checking Account Balance on October 10, 2014:	\$16,152.30
Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer	

2015 Region 4 Budget

Expenditures	Dollars
Printing & mailing two (2) issues of Newscast	\$2,000.00
RVP travel expenses	\$600.00
Membership Committee-Ginny Spoon	\$100.00
Memorials	\$300.00
Zurbrigg-Mahan Award	\$200.00
Epperson Service Award	\$100.00
Sunshine Fund	\$100.00
AIS Youth Program	\$100.00
Web Page	\$150.00
Misc. Expense	\$300.00
Total	\$3,950.00

Submitted by

Jack Loving

Request for Rhizomes



The Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society will be hosting the Spring Regional Meeting in 2017 in Winchester, Virginia. We are asking all **Region 4 hybridizers** who wish us to host a **few guest irises** to send them to our guest iris chairman, Don Spoon at 1225 Reynolds Rd, Cross Junction, VA 22625 from August 15 through September 15th, 2015. Please send no more than two of each cultivar, and no more than ten plants total per hybridizer. This includes seedlings, so please be selective. Perry Dyer will be giving garden training and we may use the guest planting as one of the judging areas. Plants should be clearly marked with names or seedling numbers and accompanied by the name and address of the hybridizer. If a seedling sent is introduced by 2017, please let our guest iris chairman know by March 1, 2017 so we can change the name tag before the Regional tours.

Please provide disposition instructions no later than March 1, 2017. Failure to reply by March 1st, 2017 will be interpreted as permission to destroy all seedlings, and distribute named varieties, one to each host garden and the rest as determined by the Regional Committee. Host gardens are not responsible for losses beyond their control. **No rhizomes will be offered for sale on the internet or other means which compete with sales by the contributors. Postage/freight for requested returned irises must be paid by the contributor.**

If you have any questions contact Don or Ginny Spoon at 540-888-4447 or <vspoon@aol.com>.



Newsfeed and Website Reports

Website Report Fall 2014

We had two spikes in activity since the last board meeting, May and August of 2014. The Newsfeed is still the number one pages viewed but of the top ten pages the Board, Happenings and Chesapeake and Potomac Iris society pages are in the top 10. For some reason people are also down loading the background textures. Why this is I do not know. For the first time the March 2008 Newsfeed did not make the top ten in views or downloads. After some investigation it is the size of the Newsfeed that causes it to maintain the tops spots for down loads and in this the Newsfeed URLs has March 2008 at the top spot even though it only had 139 hits compared with 291 hits received by the August 2014 Newsfeed. The main page is still the number one entry site into the website but CPIS, Happenings, FSK, Board, and ENCIS make of the top five after that.

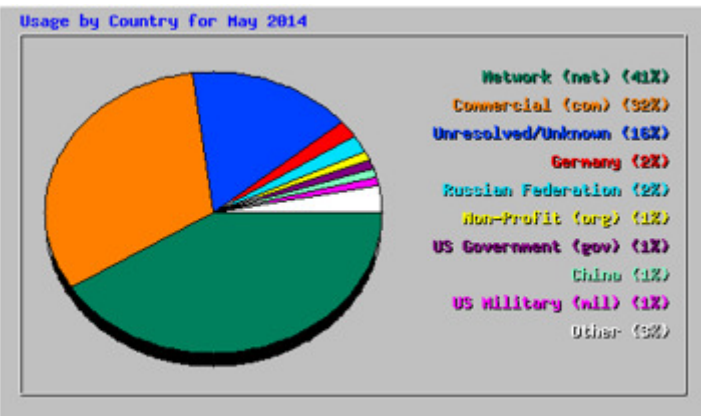
The website is still a robust tool to get information out to not only the region but to other AIS members and the world.

Respectfully
Anita Moran, Web manager



Two textures being down loaded

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Sep 2014	397	270	159	94	1315	4475432	2746	4617	7837	11515
Aug 2014	474	328	180	95	1344	4049252	2947	5593	10189	14699
Jul 2014	403	265	154	82	1389	4705933	2564	4804	8227	12523
Jun 2014	379	250	159	86	1406	4344991	2588	4785	7516	11384
May 2014	576	407	162	78	1752	5289027	2423	5038	12647	17886
Apr 2014	476	343	143	70	1562	4838362	2100	4301	10292	14303
Mar 2014	521	342	153	81	1517	4534921	2533	4771	10621	16177
Feb 2014	482	319	167	70	1099	3092940	1983	4694	8934	13505
Jan 2014	635	367	167	72	1186	3503113	2245	5188	11382	19702
Dec 2013	333	228	155	82	1319	2931791	2559	4816	7086	10341
Nov 2013	294	201	133	62	1114	3450853	1873	4016	6036	8849
Oct 2013	312	201	113	62	1054	2547769	1929	3528	6251	9697
Totals						47764384	28490	56151	107018	160581



Newsfeed Report Fall 2014

The Newsfeed continues to be our best source of sharing with other regions and other countries. The region needs all its members to be involved. Most of you have gardens and most of you have irises. Take a picture. Tell me about your garden, and I will put it in the Newsfeed and send it to the world.

I have decided that since the most downloaded Newsfeed are those that have species information I am going to try and put more of these types of issues out. Do you grow species iris? Bearded or beardless does not matter. Let us know. Did you know Iris tuberosa has a hardiness level to zone 8. Well guess what, plant it next to the house by a side walk and zone 5-6 looks more like it.



Very cool right. What do you have growing? I am so interested and I know many others are as well. Please share.

Anita Moran
Newsfeed Editor

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Bayshore Iris Society

Happy New Year from Bayshore Iris Society, the “new kid on the block!” We are a newly formed Society made up of wonderful, friendly, sharing and enthusiastic members. We just completed a very successful first full year of existence! Organized on October 11th, 2013, the first officers of the club were Cindy Outen, President; Pat McNeal, Vice President; and Mary Beth Webb, Secretary/Treasurer. The name “Bayshore Iris Society” (BIS) was suggested by Mary Beth Webb and adopted by club members.

BIS holds monthly meetings, usually at the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Office in Easton, Maryland. Currently, meetings are held at 6 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

In the process of organizing the club, founder Pat McNeal signed up 17 new AIS members and won the AIS Membership Campaign last year. As the winner, the AIS awarded her two new, 2014 introductions of her choice!.

Although BIS started with \$0.00 and zero ribbons and awards, it was able to pull off an AIS-sanctioned spring show, financed by creative fundraising (no small task in the dead of fall & winter), donations and “loans” from members. Although this was the first iris show held in Easton, Maryland in decades and the weather was horrible, our first show last May was very successful. The show featured 122 entries from 10 exhibitors—a very respectable showing for a brand new club! We had TB’s (of course), IB’s, BB’s, SDB’s, MTB’s and SIB’s! In spite of the weather, we had a steady flow of visitors throughout the afternoon, who were amazed at the variety and beauty of the irises exhibited. Thanks to Pat McNeal contributing so many exhibits from her huge garden, the quantity and assortment made a glorious display. The club was able to sign several new members and we expect to have many more visitors for our 2015 show as a result. Two of the judges, who had belonged to Diamond State Iris Society, were so impressed with the club that they sent BIS a sizeable donation from their club treasury; we were then able to pay off the loans and have a comfortable financial cushion for future projects and events.

Summer brought a successful first rhizome sale which added to the club treasury, thanks to many rhizomes being

donated from members. We hope to have pictures with all the rhizomes next year, as that clearly makes the customer more excited about purchasing. Youth member, Tabitha Bednar - who had sold irises at the farmers’ market with her grandmother, Pat McNeal - assumed a leadership role in the sale and impressed adult volunteers with her knowledge of irises and her salesmanship! We had a number of rhizomes left over which were distributed to members to grow for future sales.

Initially, frequent business meetings were required to get things organized and running smoothly. Now that the club is organized and settling into year two, we are scheduling business meetings every third month, with the other two months available for guest speakers, training, show setup and such. We have a few members who are taking judges training, which may be included as part of the guest speakers’ programs. A big “Thank You” to Anita Moran, who was a guest speaker at our November meeting! Many of us learned that we have a lot to learn about irises.

With the new year comes a new slate of officers: Pat McNeal, President; Chris Eareckson, Vice President; Chuckie Bosch, Secretary; and John Iwanski, Treasurer. Thanks to the officers for all they do, and also to Cindy Outen, Mary Beth Webb, Sarah Williamson, Mary Dunlavey, Marie Edison, Susan Slyter, Evelyn Novabilski, Nancy O’Connor, Ceci Nobel, Tabitha Bednar, and the Skirka family, for their help this past year, whether it be from donations, volunteering in various capacities or simply coming out regularly to meetings. Your help has been greatly appreciated and was an instrumental part of making our first year a successful one!

We do have one happy problem though! We need to find a meeting room with more space to accommodate our growing club!

Here's to your health!

Pat McNeal, Di p.C.N.; CNHP

AFFILIATE REPORTS

C&P President's Report, October 2014



The C&P Iris Society held its iris sale this year at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester on Saturday, August 23rd. We were delighted with the turnout and the loca-

tion. Even though it rained sporadically throughout the day, we were under a big tent and it was cool. There were lots of vendors and indoor presentations. The barbeque was excellent also. The turnout of both members and participants was wonderful and everyone had a great time. We also garnered several new members who were very enthusiastic about irises. We had over 200 potted historic irises left over after the sale and with the permission of David Potembski we donated them to the gardens at the museum. They were very excited to have them and they should be in bloom when we visit them for our Spring Regional meeting in 2017 in Winchester.

We held out picnic at Winterberry Gardens on September 27th where we also held our auction and we had a great time and lots of good food. The weather was perfect and Colin Campbell gave a presentation on hybridizing irises and genetics. New officers were elected and are as follows:

President: Don Spoon
Vice President: Ginny Spoon
Secretary: Sheryl Campbell
Treasurer: Ray Jones

We will have one more meeting before the year's end on Nov. 8, at the Bowman Library on November 8th from 10:30-12:30 in Stephens City near Winchester. Colin will be giving a presentation and there will be refreshments.

We have reserved the Hilton Garden Inn in Winchester for the 2017 Spring Regional, arranged the meals, including a catered barbeque at Blandy, and Perry Dyer has agreed to be our speaker and give garden training.

Charlotte Iris Society, May 23, 2014

January marked the beginning of a new year for the Charlotte Iris Society (CIS). The new slate of officers included a new president, first vice president and secretary with repeat terms for the second vice president and treasurer. Our first meeting included a discussion on cultural conditions, diseases and pests for the various types of irises. While still exploring options for meeting time to improve attendance at meetings, a decision was made to schedule 2 of our regular meetings for Saturday morning and 2 for Sunday afternoon with times for various events to be determined on an individual basis. There was strong commitment expressed that "We will have a SHOW this year". At our regular April meeting there was a session on "Preparing Irises for Exhibition" which was followed by our popular Spring Plant Exchange. Due to unusual weather conditions, our show which was held April 26 was quite small. We did, however, have more exhibitors than usual. We had a large collection of named irises not entered for competition, most of which were brought by one member that received the People's Choice Award. Our tradition of Crystal Awards for the winners of the various categories continues. Future plans include our Annual Rhizome Sale, regular September meeting, our Harvest Luncheon in November and some summer events – all of which will be reported at the Fall Board Meeting for Region 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Spoon, President C&P Iris Society
President, C&P Iris Society

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Central Virginia Iris Society An affiliate of the American Iris Society

CVIS AFFILIATE REPORT- Fall 2014

There are presently forty-six members of CVIS and sixteen are also members of AIS. We are holding our meetings at the same place, Strange's Nursery on West Broad Street in Richmond and we meet every other month as in previous years.

Our annual iris show was held in early May. Even though the date of the show was early for our area we had over eighty stalks of iris shown, representing several types of iris other than tall bearded. Again this year we feel that the show was well attended.

Our rhizome sale was held at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and was successful, we increased our treasury by more than one thousand dollars and added one new member to our group.

John and June Rosini presented a program on iris culture in August to a garden club in Chase City, Virginia. The club requested the program be given as some of the members of the garden club had heard John and June a few years ago and they wanted other members of their club to learn about iris.

We would like to start presenting more programs in the future as we feel this is a good way to increase interest in irises and also increase membership in CVIS.

Our annual Harvest Dinner is scheduled for November and is usually well attended and everyone seems to have a great time. We are looking forward to the same good time this year.

Respectfully submitted,

James O. Diggs Jr.
President

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA IRIS SOCIETY FALL 2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On July 6th, we met at the Richards Iris Farm for an iris dig. A few were worried we would not finish, but with the help of Susan and Glenn Grigg, Kat Causey, Diana and Dean Richards, Randall, Ruth Jean and Bonita Masteller, and Ruth Jean's role playing buddies Ben Cole and Juan Duane, we finished digging all the club's irises, which were sales leftovers from the year before. A decision was made to allow the Richards to keep a lot that were not needed to give to their friends that had helped weed and care for the club iris bed, with the blooms of benefit for their bees. With Ben and Juan, two strapping young men doing all the digging at break neck speed, and using a "drying table" designed and built by Ben as well as bee frames used as iris drying racks, all was completed by 3pm.

Our iris sale was on July 12th at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. Weather was heavy rain, and we had a small turnout. All active members showed up to help. Although we netted over \$1700, it was our smallest net in several years. Yet we still netted several new members. We donated leftover plants to J.C. Raulston Arboretum. They explained that any plants they could not use would be donated to their student group for their plant sale. About 10 days ago, their student group of future hybridizers and gardeners donated leftover plants from their sale back to ENCIS for our auction this weekend. August 1st new officers took over. Bonita Jones Masteller is our new president, Diana Dudley Richards is our new VP, with Glenn Grigg and Kat Causey remaining in their posts as secretary and treasurer respectively.

At our August meeting, which our new president managed to miss while attending her father's 94th birthday (oops!), we had our ENCIS iris auction and Bob Pries presented a talk on dwarf irises.

Our September meeting consisted planning session for this meeting this weekend, and putting together the bags you all have received today.

Submitted 10/10/2014 @ fall regional meeting

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society Report—Oct. 2014

We have had a busy summer. In June, we had a presentation by our local County Extension Agent on “Soils”, how to amend and improve, some problems and diseases that were bothering us and remedies to help. In July, our members dug hundreds of rhizomes for our annual sale. We raised \$4700 and enlisted 20 new members and renewed 2 existing memberships.

We took August off to work in our garden, plant new rhizomes and to begin to get in the guest irises for the 2016 Spring Regional.

In September, we had our annual picnic at the home of Lois Rose. It was well attended and everyone seemed to have fun with our always changing plant exchange and the food was plentiful and delicious.

The guest irises have been distributed to the host gardens and have been planted with care to begin their journey to the 2016 Spring Regional to be hosted by the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society. Garden owners have been busy working to revamp, replant and redesign their offerings to make it a truly inviting regional experience. We know that we have a hard act to follow coming after FSK but we are confident that you will want to come and visit us. Our group have been working on the plans and trying to come up with special things that you might not have seen before. Do plan to come to Fredericksburg in Spring of 2016.

Sue Shackelford
President

Francis Scott Key Iris Society Report

October 10, 2014

Carol Warner

Our F.S.K. Spring Regional Meeting was a great success!!! Perfect spring weather on Friday and Saturday for our tours, good bloom in the gardens and a great attendance made for one of the best regional meetings in a long time. The flower show had lots of entries, the artistic interpretive designs and the Ikebana display were fantastic.

The two rhizome sales in July were very successful and brought in the best profit ever and we were able to sell all of our irises. We also signed up nine great new members.

The summer picnic at Anita Moran's was well attended and we were able to plan many of our activities for next year. Our fall meeting will be November 8th at Friendly Farms and our speaker will be Mike Lockatell.

The FSK winter board meeting will be held on January 3rd at Carol Warner's home.

Due to the timing of the AIS National Convention in Portland, Oregon, we will not hold our Spring Show until May 30th. The Beardless Show will be held on June 20th and our regular rhizome sales will be on the second and third Saturdays in July as usual. At that time we will be digging and selling the beardless guest irises received for the regional meeting.

As of this time, we still do not have definite confirmation from AIS for our offer to host the 2018 Siberian/Species Convention.

Lockatell Bearded Reblooming Iris Display Beds

at

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Ornamental Horticulture Department Display Garden
Goochland, VA**



A hidden gem at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College's Goochland, VA campus is its Ornamental Horticulture Department. Besides five greenhouses,

the location (a forty minute drive from South Richmond) has display plantings with seasonal annuals, flower bulbs, specimen woody shrubs and trees plus a sustainable agricultural area. The display garden features an extensive ornamental conifer collection, a test plot for All American Selections (AAS) and former and former AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman, Mike Lockatell's reblooming bearded iris trial plantings,



Mike Lockatell reached an agreement in 2010 with Department director, David Seward to showcase reblooming irises and peonies in the main display garden.

Tall bearded named varieties and seedlings are flanked by herbaceous and ITOH peonies. Another bed contains median and more tall bearded selections accented by dwarf herbaceous peonies and a dwarf Korean Boxwood hedge. The overall presentation features 62 rebloom named and seedlings plus 27 herbaceous peonies and ITOH peonies. There is also a new bed installed last fall with new SDB & TB bearded rebloom seedlings.



The AL Gardner Conifer Garden is supported by contributions and plant donations from the American Conifer Society and area landscape industry nurseries and supplier. The col-

lection reveals the "best" varieties for Central Virginia in a well-coordinated design featuring dazzling foliage colors, and plant habits. The All American Selections display bed focuses on outstanding recent annual and perennial hybrid introductions. Plants are started from seed before being lined out in the display bed for evaluation. The AAS trial planting has uncovered some worthy additions to the local suburban landscape including Echinacea (Coneflower) "Pow Wow Wild Berry."



By identifying the best performing named varieties, the goal has been to establish "spring-like" bloom each fall. The trial plantings were one of the tour destina-

tions for the AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting held in South Richmond in 2013. Results to date have impressed JSRCC faculty, staff, students and visitors. Enjoy your spring visit to the garden.

Region 4 Judges Report

The region has again lost an emeritus judge with the loss of Mike Lowe. This leaves a conspicuous void since Mike had quite a history of teaching various JT topics, judging iris shows, producing beautiful iris photographs and serving generally as a resource for ID information.

Again I want to point out that there are forms on the Region 4 web site for all the various steps involved in becoming and remaining a judge in good standing. It would be helpful if each affiliate designated one person (and it could be the president) to serve as a JT Chair to encourage members to become a student and to assist them in their pursuit of training and maintenance of their status as a judge. Judges need to remember that it is time to complete their annual activity report (see the web site for the form). This applies to everyone in the program from student to master judges. The Emeritus Judges are not required to do so, but a number of them do.

Recommendations will be made in August to the AIS JT Chair for approval at the fall meeting of the AIS Board. It appears that we may lose some at the apprentice due to lack of compliance in completing the requirements for promotion to the next step, that of Garden/Exhibition Judge.

We need to encourage the development of more judges for the region. Reports indicate that it is often difficult to secure show judges due to the small numbers of judges available during the brief window that shows are scheduled. Having more judges would also increase our influence in voting the ballot. Recruit a student for your affiliate.

List of Judges:

<http://www.irisregion4.com/judges.htm>

Judges Training Forms:

<http://www.irisregion4.com/jtf.htm>

Fall 2014 Minutes

AIS Region 4 Fall 2014 Board Meeting DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh-Cary 500 Caitboo Avenue Cary, NC Oct. 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by RVP Don Rude at 4:00 PM with a welcome to everyone attending.

Secretary's Report- Sue Shackelford

The 2014 Spring Secretary's Report was published in the July-August 2014 issue of Newscast. RVP, Don Rude asked that we accept the Spring 2014 minutes as they were printed in the Newscast. There were no objections and Don Rude stated minutes stood approved as printed.

Treasure's Report – Carol Warner
Checkbook balance \$16,152.30

Assistant RVP's Report-Anita Moran- Report given by Doug Chyz

RVP, Don Rude, called for the following Committee Reports:

Historian- Lois Rose- No Report

Beardless & Species-Carol Warner- No Report

Budget- Jack Loving-Jack presented the 2015 budget.

Bill Smoot motioned to accept the budget as proposed.

Ray Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken. 2015

Budget accepted as proposed.

Judges Training Chair –Carrie Winter- Report given by Carrie Winter

Medium Iris Chair –Ginny Spoon- No Report Given

Membership Chair – Ginny Spoon- Report given by Ginny Spoon

Re-blooming Chair – Colin Campbell- No Report Given

Beardless Iris Chair –Carol Warner- No Report Given

Iris Program Resource- Bill Smoot- Report Given by Bill Smoot

Youth Chairman-Ray Jones- Report Given by Ray Jones- C& P has 6-7 youth members. Don commended Anita for showcasing youth in the recent Newscast. Newscast Editor & Webmaster- Anita Moran-Report given by Doug Chyz.

New officers take office at the end of the Fall Regional meeting.

Epperson Award Committee-Carrie Winter- Award to be presented at Saturday night banquet.

Public Relations-Bob Pries-Report given by Bob Pries

Affiliate Reports

Bayshore-No report given

Central Virginia-Report given by Glenna Witter

Charlotte –report given by Carrie Winter

Eastern North Carolina-report given by Bonita Masteller

Chesapeake & Potomac-report given by Ginny Spoon

Francis Scott Key – report given by Carol Warner

Fredericksburg Area – report given by Sue Shackelford

New Business

Don asked for volunteers for the Epperson Award Committee.

Announcements

Don Rude thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the RVP for the past two years. Carol Warner reminded us that Rick Tasco would be speaking in Region 3 on October 27. Bonnie Masteller asked for all the e-mail addresses of current affiliate presidents.

Susan Grigg welcomed all to the fall regional meeting and gave the Friday night dinner details.

Fall 2014 Minutes

AIS Region 4 Fall 2014 Membership Meeting

DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh-Cary

500 Caitboo Avenue Cary, NC

Oct. 11, 2014

Plant auction on Friday and Saturday evenings netted \$1015.00 for AIS, Region 4.

After dinner on Saturday evening, a roll call was taken before moving on to the plant auction. The affiliate roll count at that time was as follows:

Affiliate

Number Present

At Large	2
Bayshore	1
Central Virginia Iris Society	2
Charlotte Iris Society	2
Chesapeake & Potomac	4
Eastern North Carolina	12
Francis Scott Key	2
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society	8

Presentations at the banquet

Carrie Winter presented the Epperson Award for distinguished service to AIS Region 4 to Lois Rose of the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society.

Ginny Spoon presented the engraved Alice Bouldin Award to Mike Lockatell for having the Best Seedling in Region 4 growing and blooming in the spring tour gardens.

The engraved Nearpass Award was on display during the Iris show with Mike Lockatell's name for Courtney Rucker.

Carrie Winter also presented outgoing RVP, Don Rude with a tie-tac and a RVP pin and his wife,

Carolyn, a crystal vase from Region 4 for her kindness and support during Don's term.

I thank you all for the opportunity to have served as AIS Region 4 secretary for the past 2 ½ years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Shackelford, Secretary

Running a Fall Regional

Bonita Masteller

Personally, I literally did “not much of nothing” for the regional. I am smart: I took office AFTER the expert Susan Grigg did all the planning and assigning tasks.

Let's start with the biggie: Cost. Plan ahead, since some items will require deposits. But with proper planning cost can be reduced to a minimum for host and attendees alike. The beauty of hosting a fall regional is that it does not have to be big or fancy. It's a great way for a group to get practice hosting a regional. We lost just over \$100 total. Our members had so much fun they want to do it again! Money well spent.

Bags: Susan told everyone to be thinking of what we could do for bags. Walgreens bought out Kerr Drug and put all the Kerr Drug merchandise at deep discounts. Their logo bags, originally \$1.99 each, were at a final mark down to 10c. While running an errand for Mom, I was at the neighborhood Kerr Drug and noticed the bag design looked very plant-like. So, without asking anyone else, I bought 30. [If you buy anything without asking your fellow members first, you must be willing to for them to say no and not reimburse you! In this case, \$3= decided I'd risk it] After showing them to Susan, who OK'd the purchase and gave me a guestimate of how many were needed, next day while grocery shopping nearby I bought more. What we used came to a total cost of \$3.50. Once you know your group is hosting a regional, keep everyone's eyes open for items needed.

Hotel: We met in Cary because that's where Susan said we were meeting because that was closer to Tony Avent's garden. Having a conference hotel is not required if free meeting space can be found, as was done in Norfolk. But if meeting rooms must be hired, a hotel is a good choice. Often meeting rooms are free with a set number of booked overnight stays. When

looking for a hotel, chose one where you'd be willing to stay. Hotels compete for conference groups, so do dicker on price.

Food: I told everyone at the FSK regional that I was making cinnamon rolls for breakfast. That was nixed by the hotel not allowing food to come in. If you have a hotel with a kitchen, you'll probably be limited on food choices and prices. Food can be the most expensive item for your fall regional. Otherwise, hire a caterer. Personally, I think it would be fun if the host members did a potluck for us! For the host group, that would be a chance for a lot more members to interact with Region 4 members and encourage membership! Also, there will be folks with food allergies or restrictions which must be accommodated. Susan found the hotel and the food, and Glenn probably went with her so he could kibbitz. He's really good at that.



**THE BAG! behind Lois Rose
Receiving Epperson Award**

Events: Susan says the board meeting is required. A board meeting room needs to be comfortable, otherwise board members grumble A LOT during the meeting. Just saying. The auction is a must, so plan for: flower pots involve dirt, and dirt and carpet do NOT mix well. Everything else is optional. Well, everyone

does appreciate one last chance in the year for judges' training. Finding speakers and judges is the same as for any other meeting.

Running a Fall Regional (Cont.)

Booklet: Cary is where Raleighites get lost. Kinda like Durham. Having lived in Cary for 13 years, (and in Raleigh off and on since 1966), I don't get lost there. Susan assigned me the writing of the booklet in January. I worked on it sitting in my chair while watching Jeopardy with Randall. Susan lent some prior years' booklets as examples, which I promptly misplaced. Without iris gardens, there wasn't anything to write about guest plants or gardens. Thought I'd include public gardens, restaurants (I love finding local small restaurants when I travel) and local garden vendors, which all Region 4 members like to find wherever they visit. This took a total of about 5 hours, because I rewrite things to death. Susan proofed and approved the copy. I took it to Kinko's for printing, which took 2 hours because I'd done everything they needed wrong for printing. Luckily they asked the digital copy be on a thumb drive, so I could edit right there. We had to delete the maps, because those would not format on their software. I would recommend checking with a printer what software they use first. I don't recommend waiting as late as I did to print, but not printing too early allows for last minute changes to be made.

Bag contents: Susan told us all to ask around for donations of stuff to go in the bags. I approached one nursery I used to shop at in Cary, Fairview, for donations of freebies. They supplied a few items for the auction. That was just fun to do. More time was spent shopping than asking. After getting a few no's other places, I quit - I'm a wimp. Other ENCIS members performed better than I did, thank goodness. Two ENCIS members donated items.

Talking Head: Susan told me I was emceeing the conference about 1 week beforehand. WHAT?!!! Then she talked me down off the ledge. She told me later I



Bonita at the Registration Table.



Checking out the Iris Show



Bob Pries Giving Judges Training

Running a Fall Regional (Cont.)

was introducing Tony. Susan knows Tony. He met me the day of the tour. Since I had been one of his garden volunteers, I emailed him for his bio. His staff sent reams, no really reams, of info. I knew a bit about his set up, had weeded and mulched in that garden, dug culls from his test beds, taken one of his classes, etc. The write up and culling through the reams took about 30 minutes. Since I'd had experience introducing folks when I was in the computer game industry, I could do that. BUT for emceeing, mostly I pretended I knew what was going on - NOT! Every ten seconds I had to go ask Susan directions. Or she would appear at my elbow and tell me what came next. Susan had it so well organized, there was little left to do. At the end, others had cleaned everything up before I knew anyone was cleaning! (oh I liked that!) My advice: Emceeing requires a big smile, not brains or knowledge. Find your member with the big smile and you're good to go. Your group's "Svengali in the shadows" can be whoever is good at organization. Or should that be Cerano? More than one Cera/Sven is even better! Our group has several folks with awesome talent who shun the spotlight. They sure made me look good. But they refused to go "into that...spot...light." This actually works well as long as there's one knucklehead with a big mouth. Like me. Choral training – projection – helps.

What are My recommendations for running a fall regional? (1) Sue thinks and I agree it should be an evening and a day, so maybe a complete day. (2) Make sure if you are becoming president and there is a regional your affiliate is responsible for, make sure all the work is done by the expert before you take office, especially if you are taking office just two months before the meeting



Tony Giving Tour of Plant Delights Nursery

2014 AIS Awards for Region 4

The Williamson-White Medal (MTB)

Winner:

‘Petit Louvois’ Clarence Mahan

The Cook-Douglas Medal (SDB)

Runner-up:

‘Spiderman’ Donald Spoon

The Randolph Perry Medal (SPEC-X)

Runner-up:

‘Kinshik Ou’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

Award Of Merit (TB)

Runner-Up:

‘Winterberry’ Donald Spoon

‘Mango Parfait’ Donald Spoon

‘Orchid Dove’ Donald Spoon

Award Of Merit (MTB)

Winner:

‘Sari’s Dance’ Ginny Spoon

Award Of Merit (SDB)

Runner-Up:

‘June Bug’ Donald Spoon

‘Teagan’ Donald Spoon

Award of Merit (SPEC-X)

Winner:

‘Okagami’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

Runner-Up:

‘Shiryukyo’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

‘Tsukiyono’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

Honorable Mention (BB)

Runner-Up:

‘Pink Puppy’ Donald Spoon

Honorable Mention (SDB)

Runner-Up:

‘Granny Apple’ Donald Spoon

‘Ray Jones’ Donald Spoon

Honorable Mention (MDB)

Runner-Up:

‘Lotta Dotta’ Donald Spoon

‘Candy Dragon’ Anita Moran

‘India Ink’ Donald Spoon

Honorable Mention (SPEC)

Winner:

‘Cloud Of Dragons’ Anita Moran

Honorable Mention (SPEC-X)

Winner:

‘Yuki Yanagi’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

‘Yasha’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

Runner-Up:

‘Yarai’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

‘Takamagahara’ Hisoshi Shimizu by Carol Warner

Irises Growing in Shade: Part 1: Usual Suspects

Anita Moran

I just get upset it when people says we cannot grow things in certain situations. We ALL know that irises need at least six hours of sun to be heathy and bloom. Well maybe not. There are many irises that grow in region 4 that do well in partial to full shade. Perhaps many of you know those that grow in shade and some of those do well in sun as well. We will go over a few of those that are most known for growing in the shade.

Iris tectorum: The Japanese Roof Iris:



Iris Tectorum alba growing in Maryland

Native to China Iris tectorum was first discovered in the 1860's growing on the roofs of Japanese roofs. Blooming late April to early May, the leaves arch gracefully around the 18" to 24" stalks which can have several branches and two to three blooms per spaths.

Blooming with lilac flowers marked with darker veins and small blotches around a white crest or completely white. There is also a variegated version which may lose its variegation after blooming. Hardy from at least zone 6 to eleven. It is one of the few beardless that does well growing in limestone similar to junco irises but prefers moist (Not Wet) half shaded places in humus rich soil. Although prefers partial shade I have seen it grow and flourish in deep shade in North Carolina and in full sun in Maryland. Self-seeding can make it a pest but I have not yet see this problem arise in my Zone 6 garden. It seems to increase slower here than what I saw in North Carolina. Iris tectorum has a large flower compared with stalk at 8-10 cm in diameter making early spots of color in forested areas or shady garden area.

Iris koreana:

Also called Dwarf Woodland Korean Iris, this iris loves woodsy conditions from partial dappled shade to



Iris koreana growing in Dr. Bruce Hornstein's garden Maryland

lightly heavier shade but can also take some sun. From Korea, it was first identified in 1914 it took until 2003 for the USDA to verify it. This tiny iris has stalks 3" to 7" tall with leaves reaching 12" tall. Although it spreads it makes wonderful clumps as well. I first saw this iris in the garden of Dr. Bruce Hornstein and with quarter size flowers it immediately put it on my must have list. Hardy to at least zone 6 it can

probably do well in zones 4-5 if protected. The foliage is semi-evergreen so you could find it in the spring as you clean your beds. Use caution because the foliage can be confused as grass and you might pull it up. Propagation from seeds is easily done since damage to the rhizome can cause problems from transplanting unless great care is taken. Jim Murrin calls Iris koreana the "just right" iris.

Iris cristata:

I have seen this iris in many gardens in Region 4 both those that are larger like 'Powder Blue Giant' (Norris 1997) to 'Eco Little Bluebird' (Jacobs 1979). Known as the Dwarf Crested Iris it is generally 3" to 5" in height with flowers that are lavender, blue or white.

Irises Growing in Shade Part I:(Cont.)

Iris cristata: (cont.)



'Powder Blue Giant' vs. small seedling photo:C. Hensler

Some cool distinctions of *I. cristata* is that the seeds have a corkscrew filament and the rhizomes are a bit hairy. *I. cristata* loves to grow in a leaf littered forest floor but not in heavy shade but can also take some sun. Very hardy this iris can

grow in zones 3 to 9 and can be found in the wild from north eastern United States and Canada. It is also native in the Appalachians and Ozark mountains. This iris spreads rapidly and is great for naturalizing an area forming dense colonies in optimum growing conditions. The biggest problem to this iris are snails and slugs so be prepared for those.

Iris foetidissima:



***I. foetidissima* growing in Huntington Botanical Garden**

Forget it, I can never pronounce this one either. One of two native species in Great Britain, the other being *I. pseudocorus*, it is also natural in Western Europe and North Africa. Although most people grow this iris for the seed

display which can be from white to bright red and everything in between that persist through the winter months. I love the flower of this iris. While most people discount the flower for this iris thinking them dull with beige yellow to tan with lavender to blue veins on stalks from 12" to 35" tall depending on growing conditions. I saw this flower first in the garden of Barbara Alexander and it was love at first sight. With hardiness between zones 4 to 8 it is well within the possibility to grow in most gardens in Region 4.

Some people do not like this iris because for some the leaves have an unpleasant smell that some describe as "Beefy". Usually this occurs when the leaves are crushed or bruised. Shade loving *I. foetidissima* can take some sun but in optimum growing conditions this iris can be a bit weedy.

Iris fulva:



***I. fulva* 'Red Dazzler' growing in Maryland**

This Louisiana iris was never on my radar until I went to a show in North Carolina and saw an entry from Katherine Steele with 'Red Dazzler' (Hale 1969). Not only did she enter it, since I was so enamored with

the iris, she brought me a large piece to take back to Maryland. It was not happy with the transition, but it finally bloomed two years later. *Iris fulva*'s native habitat is the Mississippi River valley but it is hardy from zone 3 to 10. Preferring to grow in open wetlands and sunny stream banks, it does well in partial shade as well as swamps, streams, canals and ditches. Growing best in fertile rich soil in organic matter, it also does well in dryer situations here in Region 4 because of the summer thunder storms gives it plenty of moisture to flourish. The funny long rhizome often reaches to 4 to 5-inches long but seldom exceed 3/4" diameter. This is truly a red iris but it can also come in yellow, orange and even a pale yellow that is more linen than yellow, in fact a common name of *I. fulva* is "The Copper Iris". Growing 18" to 31" *I. fulva* is a great addition to a wetter than normal area of your garden.

Plant Delights Nursery

<http://www.plantdelights.com/>
Perennial Plants for Passionate Gardeners

How lucky can Region 4 be than to have a personal tour of Tony Avent's wonderful nursery and shops. Opened especially for the attendees of the 2014 Fall Regional in Cary North Carolina, Tony gave a personal tour and then allowed those on the tour access to the shops.



Tony giving personal tour of Plant Delights Nursery.

Although Plant Delight seems to be constructed and displayed in zones there are unusual plants no matter where you go.



Desert area of Plant Delights

Tony holds nothing back from his plants even providing ponds and wetland areas that I know is home to several Louisiana Iris such as Regal Ricochet (Prior 2000) and Geisha Eyes (Army 1987).



◀ Regal Ricochet



▼ Geisha Eyes

Although there is less to see on a fall tour of the nursery there is nothing left to chance and plenty to see.

Smells, sights and information abound and if you need more there is also the Juniper Level Botanic Garden to do a walk about. What is really cool is that if you do not want to travel or cannot travel with the plants you desire, or since it is the fall and they are not available, not a problem. Tony provides his customers with a robust website (See top of article) where you can put your order in and have it delivered. Me I am waiting to order some of the huge selection of Arisaema (Jack-in-the-Pulpit).

For all the website is great it is nothing compared with a walk through woodlands, wetlands, deserts, and other areas of the nursery and well worth the trip.



Plant Delight's woodland area

Hotel Information Directions

Directions to the Hotel
Marriott Richmond West
4240 Dominion Blvd.
Glen Allen, Va. 23060
Phone 804-965-9500

From the west:

Take I-64E At exit 178B, take ramp right for US-250 East toward Broad St 0.3 mi
Bear right onto US-250 / W Broad St 0.4 mi
Turn left onto Dominion Blvd 0.3 mi
Arrive at near 4329 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

From the North:

Take I-95 S.
At exit 84B, take ramp right for I-295 toward Charlottesville 1.1 mi
Keep straight onto I-295 N 6.8 mi
At exit 51B, take ramp right and follow signs for Nuckols Rd South 1.0 mi
Turn right onto Cox Rd 1.2 mi
Turn right onto Innslake Dr 0.2 mi
Turn right onto Dominion Blvd Marriott on the corner 164 ft
Arrive at near 4329 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

From the East:

Take I-64 West.
At exit 79, take ramp right for I-64 West toward Charlottesville / Powhite Pkwy 8.5 mi
At exit 178B, take ramp right for US-250 East toward Broad St / Richmond 0.2 mi
Bear right onto US-250 / W Broad St 0.2 mi
Turn left onto Dominion Blvd 0.3 mi
Arrive at near 4329 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

From the South:

Take I-95 North.
Keep straight onto I-64 W / I-95 N / Richmond-Petersburg Tpke 3.2 mi
At exit 79, take ramp right for I-64 West toward Charlottesville / Powhite Pkwy 8.5 mi
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Room registration may be made by calling Marriott Richmond West Phone: 804-965-9500
(You must mention you are attending the American Iris Society Spring meeting to get the lesser room rate.)

Registration Form

AIS Region 4 Spring Regional Meeting

Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd, 2015

Marriott Richmond West

4240 Dominion Blvd.

Glen Allen, Va. 23060

Phone 804-965-9500

Name (1): _____ Chapter or Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (1): _____

Name (2): _____ Chapter or Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (2): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ (optional) E-mail: _____

(optional)

Full Registration: \$85 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

After April 15th the Full Registration will be \$95 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Full registration includes all activities and Friday and Saturday evening dinner.

Registration for Judges Training only, is \$10.00 per session.

Total amount enclosed for registration(s): \$ _____. **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1st.**

Friday Night Dinner-Chef's Choice Buffet Dinner

Saturday Night Dinner-Chef's Choice of Plated Dinner

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

Send completed Registration form with check made payable to CVIS

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Schedule of Events

Friday, May 1st.

10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Registration
10:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M.	Flower Grooming and Placement.
12:30 P.M. -2:00 P.M.	Judging of Flower Show
1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.	Board Meeting
3:30 P.M. -5:30 P.M.	Judges Training
6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M.	Welcome Dinner
8:00 P.M. -	Auction
4:00 P.M. - 10: P.M.	Silent Auction

Saturday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon	Garden Tours and Judges Training
12:00 Noon -1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 P.M. -3:00 P.M.	Garden Tour
4:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M.	Judges Training
6:30 P.M. -8:30 P.M.	Farewell Dinner

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