



The Newscast



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Iris tenuis**Classification:**

Oregonae, Lophiris

Common Names:

Clackamas Iris

General Description:

Lt. green deciduous leaves 30-35cm long & 1-2cm wide, bearing white flowers 3-5cm across. Grows 12"-14" tall with flowers that are white, or marked in blue, with a yellowish crest-like ridge.

Distinguishing Features:

Very small wiry Rhizomes run close to the surface of the ground, D shaped seeds

Preferred Habitat:

Afternoon shade in moist leafy soil

Hardiness:

Cold hearty, but not heat or dry hardy. Grows successfully in eastern MA (Jan Sacks)



REF: <http://www.signa.org/index.pl?Display+Iris-tenuis+2>

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Notes from the Region 4 Vice President

Welcome to spring 2024! Although it is March, it has been a week of 55 to 60°F and the weeds are already up and spreading. It's time to begin weed prevention and treatment for fungus and the never-ending task of weeding. I am looking forward to the traveling I will be doing this year. After a winter of being laid up with a leg injury and forced away from my computer, I'll be glad to get back in my garden and to visit the gardens at the Region 4 Meeting in North Carolina hosted by the Charlotte Iris Society on April 26-27 in Charlotte. In May I will head west to visit gardens in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Sadly, I will make a stop in Southern California to attend a memorial service for my sister-in-law. Last winter's storms kept me and my family from gathering in California.

This year's AIS National Convention is in Portland, Oregon and concentrates on Japanese irises. You can get more information at <http://greaterportlandirissociety.org/national-convention-2024>. Most of the Affiliates in Region 4 also have local meetings with speakers, iris shows, and/or garden tours. Several local iris societies along the Eastern Seaboard from DC through North Carolina, including West Virginia, are officially part of the American Iris Society. See page 3 for the affiliates in our Region. For the best iris information and good fellowship get involved in an Affiliate.

Region 4, like many garden groups, has a core group of people who do more than 80% of the work needed for the Region to operate. Many jobs need to be completed to make sure you can get information. We are desperate for each member to get involved in some way. Please come to the Regional Meeting in Charlotte and volunteer for a place that is vacant and waiting for your interest and skill. There are many opportunities for learning and enjoying the iris world. I hope you have a wonderful year of growing, showing, and enjoying irises.

Anita Moran, AIS Region 4 Vice President



Bray Garden

Iris typhifolia

A Series Sibericae

24-30" Deep blue-violet, brown at the hafts .

Distinguishing Features:

Leaves narrowly linear, c. 2 mm wide; spathes membranous, no obvious parallel veins.

Preferred Habitat:

Damp areas near lakes.

Native to China

Zone: 4—9

Used often for Siberian Hybrids.



Iris typhifolia, photo by E. Kondratas, of Lithuania.



'Caitlin's Smile' (Waddick by Morley, 1993) SPEC (*typhifolia*)

From the Editor

It's getting to be that time of year when I will be hitting the road. First in March to West Virginia to hopefully spread the love of irises to a new group. Then I will be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina to the Charlotte Iris Society which is hosting the Spring Regional Meeting. Then the first two weeks in May I will be in Virginia for Iris Shows of the Central Virginia Iris Society and then the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society. From there I will be traveling with my little sister Ginny to see gardens in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Montana. I will also be visiting Devil's Tower, Yellowstone, seeing family, and sadly attending the memorial for my sister-in-law who passed in the middle of several severe storms last winter that prevented the family from gathering. Never fear my trusty cameras will be traveling with me as I go from place to place.

When I am back, I will be writing up my travels. Hopefully, during that time you will tour local and more distant and will write them up for me. **I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE UP THE GARDENS FOR THE SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS.** You can email me (pilmore22@gmail.com) before the meeting or contact me at the meeting. This will be a great year to attend the Spring Regional Meeting, since we will be able to tour **new** gardens! We are to visit Lewis Bozard's garden, Grey Drum's farm, Gabe Rivera's garden, Ingrid Bray's garden, and an optional Sunday tour of Sarah Sue Miller's garden.

A lot happens in our gardens, new beds made, new irises purchased, new garden art added. Maybe you moved to a new home? Please, tell us how you are doing. Again, as before if there is anything you would like to see in the *Newscast* let me know. I know almost everyone has a cell phone, so if you are not carrying a camera use your phone to take pictures. That way it will be easy to text me your photos. Be sure to send me the description of what is in the various photos.

Don't worry about editing photos, or text. I will have new photo software to take care of your needs and *Newscast* has two wonderful Assistant Editors, Susan Grigg and Alleah Haley. We have you covered.

I hope all have a wonderful Spring with lots of bloom and, hopefully, the itch to write something for the *Newscast*.



Great Falls, Montana

Fall RVP Report

Notes From AIS Board Meetings:

Image Coordinator Janis Shackelford – Transferred all images from Google Drive to the new program for storing iris photos collected during the Iris Registration process. The Google Drive is now empty. New Iris- es pictures uploaded during the Iris Registration process will now be directly sent to the new system. *Iris* editor Jane Milliman has access to transferred photos on the Wiki.

The Iris Encyclopedia wants PDFs of catalogs since many hybridizers are no longer printing catalogs.

From AIS 2022 Membership Drive: 8% renewed as of June 1, 2023.

The AIS editorial board was explained to those wanting to submit articles the reasons for the delay in the publication of articles.

Upcoming AIS National Conventions

2024 – Portland

2025 – Montana

2026 – New Jersey – replaces 2020 convention

2027 – Oklahoma

Many RVPs do not know their job. Howie Dash is thinking of having a class for new RVPs.

Webinars: 35 since 2020

Results of TB Symposium:

Of 451 members in Region 4, only 18 voted the Tall Bearded Iris Symposium. The average number of irises voted for was 18 and the lowest number of votes was 8 irises out of 25 which could be chosen. 134 irises were voted for out of 480 irises on the ballot, with 345 receiving no votes, telling me those who voted, voted for irises they knew did well in Region 4 or on garden tours they were part of.

Top Votes:

DAUGHTER OF STARS	11
DUSKY CHALLENGER	7
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	7
FLORENTINE SILK	6
PAUL BLACK	6
QUEEN'S CIRCLE	6
STARRING	6
BOTTLE ROCKET	5
CELEBRATION SONG	5
CLARENCE	5
GYPSY LORD	5
HAPPENSTANCE	5
KAW	5
MONTMARTRE	5
NOTTA LEMON	5
SHARP DRESSED MAN	5
SLOVAK PRINCE	5
SPLASHACATA	5
THORNBIRD	5

Total Ballots Received: 18 of almost 451 members of Region 4

Ballots Voting for 25 Irises: 5

Average Number of Irises Voted for: 18

Total Irises Receiving Votes = 134

345 Irises Received No Votes

Remembering Don Spoon by Anita Moran

On an unusually cold morning, I stepped off a bus to a happy man holding a pitchfork walking stick and guiding us to a wondrous sight of irises planted on the Blandy Experimental Farm. That was my introduction to Don Spoon. From the first time I visited Winterberry Gardens, at the 2003 AIS National convention with my mother, I was drawn to how simple Don Spoon made hybridizing irises



sound. I made my first crosses that year.

Don and Ginny welcomed me nearly every year after that first introduction to the iris world. As I made travel plans, if Winterberry Gardens was within 100 miles from my route it went on the destination list. Many times when I arrived, Don would be hybridizing and allowed me to ask many questions which he answered patiently. Questions like: Why make that cross? Why are close crosses important? To give Don a break from my questions or to give my brain a rest, not sure which, Ginny took me on a tour of the gardens and taught me how to choose the best seedlings. It took a while for me to be confident enough that 'Voldy's Mink' was indeed worthy of introduction. With



Don Spoon, Ray Jones, and Mac Shaw



Don Spoon, Bryan Spoon and Dan Laing

both Don's and Ginny's help, I was pleased with the standard dwarfs I was producing. I remember both Don and Ginny speculating on the best way to get a brown iris, for I loved the color. Don told me that crossing a yellow against a good purple was the key to getting the brown iris I so wanted. I took 'Voldy's Mink' sibling (a yellow and red spotted seedling) and crossed it with 'Panther' (Marky Smith, 2004, SDB) producing 'Ginny's Chocolate'.

Tall bearded crosses continued to escape me because I had so little space. I limited myself to crossing just a few tall bearded. Don said there was always a cross waiting to happen; I just had to find the right parents. One year, while I was unable to travel, I made tall bearded crosses, keeping in mind all Don taught me. I picked the best in my garden to make crosses, keeping in mind Don's advice that outcrosses were as crucial as close crosses. Now that I was in a more stable situation, I chose my favorite tall bearded irises in making crosses. These included 'Winterberry' (D. Spoon, 2007), 'Haunted Heart' (Keppel, 2010), 'Tobacco Chew' (Burseen, 2008), and 'Daughter of Stars' (D. Spoon, 2001).



Don Spoon during Winterberry Tour

Remembering Don Spoon

Every time I walked Winterberry Gardens with Don, I learned more and more. As if I had absorbed Don's wisdom by osmosis, I suddenly realized that I was beginning to understand what Don was saying. I was not the only one to whom Don gave his time, talents, and knowledge. Don's largess was not limited to Region 4 members. This generous, knowledgeable man invited

den and seedlings. I will miss his funny antics as he rushed from one place to the next. Mostly I will miss talking with my friend knowing there would never be enough time



Ginny Spoon, Don Spoon, John Rosini, and Don Rude

everyone to come to his garden. While they visited, he passed his vast knowledge to those willing to listen.

The loss of Don Spoon is a loss to the iris world and I understand this; but for me and many others, he was a father, a mentor, and a friend. There is a hole that can never be filled and though I know he is in a better place; I will forever dream about those walks through his gar-



Don and Bryan Spoon
at 2008 Spring Regional



Don Spoon and Jack Loving



Don's
walls

Remembering Donald Spoon. Ph.D. (1938 – 2023) - A History by Ginny Spoon

Don's father, K. B. Spoon, and his father's two brothers ran the Spoon Ice Cream Company, which had 500 freezers across the Carolinas. K. B. built a pigeon house across the end of his lot to house over 1000 auto sex pigeons (males white and females blue-barred). His mom, Lilla, planted a victory garden to feed their family that left little space for her few cherished ornamentals, like roses and irises from her own mother's home in Darlington, South Carolina. She ingeniously provided the neighborhood kids with a pile of sand that they mixed as they played with the clay-rich, red soil. To this mixture, she added willow oak leaves and pigeon manure into the trenches that the kids built over the cold months. This produced organically fertile soil that later became the raised beds for Lilla's large iris collection of nearly 400 varieties.

In 1950 when Don was 12, his dad traded an army surplus movie projector to a retiring South Carolina pigeon farm owner with lofts containing over 1,000 adult birds. He had a barn filled with silent movie films stored in cans. Also, the pigeon farmer had owned a traveling circus with the painted wagons encircling the farmhouse among his own wife's planting of irises. As Don helped his dad catch and coup the birds, the pigeon farmer's wife asked if she could throw in some irises, 140 named TBs! Don helped her label and bag them. Don's mom, Lilla, was overjoyed, as she only had a few TBs purchased from Charlotte Iris Society sales. Lilla Spoon had helped establish the Charlotte Iris Society in 1948 and was one of their early presidents.

Don grew up to earn a Master of Science degree and then taught at Drury College in Missouri where he later received his Ph.D. in Biology. He then taught in Washington, D.C., first at American University and then at Georgetown University. Don and I met after the 1991 AIS Convention in Washington, D.C. at the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society iris auction. There Don outbid me on every single iris I tried to buy. I later got them all back when we married in June, 1994.

In 1994 Don took early retirement from Georgetown University after 22 years of teaching undergraduate and graduate students in microbial ecology, field ecology, and evolution. He accepted a position as Senior Scientist and Manager of the Ocean Biome at a geodesic-domed enclosure, the 3 1/4 acre 250-million-dollar Biosphere II complex at 4500 feet above sea level near Oracle, Arizona. He published on his discovery of *Euhypersamoeba biospherica*, a giant amoeba with thousands of primitive nuclei and bacteria instead of mitochondria that may be the most primitive eukaryotic organism ever studied with the electron microscope.

The National Colonial Farm across the Potomac River from Washington's Mt. Vernon provided Don with a plowed one-acre plot to transplant his growing number of seedlings. After two years of growth, Joan Roberts and Lloyd Zurbrigg walked the planting with him and helped appraise them. In one cross using *plicata* 'Queen Dorothy' (Earl Hall, 1984, TB RE), there were 40 mostly off-white siblings and one extraordinary seedling with pink standards, lavender falls, and red-orange beards. Lloyd felt it must have come from a re-arrangement of the planting by a deer. Later, with more crosses, Don showed it was a rare but possible offspring. The next year, when we went back to appraise the seedling, there was a nice big clump. We hadn't brought any tools, so I (Ginny) used a pointed rock to dig up the largest plant. Later, after we saw it in bloom with 11 buds in our garden, Don told me to "get the shovel" and we went back to dig the rest of the clump that he later introduced as 'Little John' (D. Spoon, 1995, TB).

In 1996, we moved back to Cross Junction, Virginia to begin in earnest our Winterberry Gardens iris farm with Ginny as Business Manager. We started with typewritten lists, leading to over 20 years of informative printed catalogs with eight color pages of our recent introductions plus our garden wildlife and our poems about irises.

Remembering Donald Spoon. Ph.D. (1938 – 2023) - A History by Ginny Spoon (cont.)

A Current List of Don Spoon's Awards

Wister Medal Winners (TB)

2005 - 'Uncle Charlie' (D. Spoon, 1999)

2007 - 'Daughter of Stars' (D. Spoon, 2001)

Williamson-White Medal Winner (MTB iris)

2008 - 'Maslon' (D. Spoon, 2002)

Caparne-Welch Medal Winners (MDB)

2013 - 'Trimmed Velvet' (D. Spoon, 2006)

2018 - 'Kayla's Song' (D. Spoon, 2009)

Franklin Cook Cup Winner (best out-of-region iris at AIS National Convention)

1999 - 'Uncle Charlie' (D. Spoon, 1999)

President's Cup Winner (best in-region iris at AIS National Convention)

2003 - 'My Ginny' (D. Spoon 2000)

AIS Hybridizer Award Winner

2019 - Dr. Don Spoon

Median Iris Society Bennet C. Jones Award Winner (for outstanding median hybridizing)

2020 – Dr. Don Spoon



Winterberry Gardens

May 2023

Remembering Don Spoon



'Daughter Of Stars'
(D. Spoon, 2001)
Wister Medal 2007

'Uncle Charlie'
(D. Spoon, 1999)
Wister Medal 2005
Franklin Cook Cup 1999





'Maslon'
(D. Spoon, 2002)
Williamson-White Medal 2008



'Trimmed Velvet'
(D. Spoon, 2006)
Caparne-Welch Medal 2013



'Kayla's Song'
(D. Spoon, 2009)
Caparne-Welch Medal 2018



'My Ginny'
(D. Spoon, 2000)
President's Cup 2003,

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by Anita Moran



was unusual to see like colors together, but Chis made it work as she planted a beautiful neglecta with her pink azaleas. There were many historic irises, but names were not important to Chris as much as the color flooding her garden.



At the end of April 2023, I was invited to the Spring Garden Tours of the Bayshore Iris Gardens, including the gardens of Chris Eareckson, John and Chuckie Iwanski, Wicomico County Memorial Park, Pat Rhodes, Preston School Project, and Pat McNeal. This was the first time I was able to tour these gardens and I was excited. The rain was relentless the night before and the prediction was for more. As I was getting ready to leave my home, the forecast was for fog and the Eastern Shore is known to experience heavy fog, while the rest of Maryland would be fog-free. Thankfully, once I was over the Chesapeake Bay, I drove fog-free for the rest of the way. After a quick cup of coffee and with Pat McNeal as my guide we went to our first garden.

The Garden of Chris Eareckson

Chris Eareckson's garden is in Trappe, Maryland. In a shaded neighborhood, Chris uses her irises in her front yard as points of color within her various plantings. It



As we rounded the corner of the house and headed to the backyard, the croaking sound of a frog was loud as he called out. I knew that call well since I have a stream and pond on my property. Indeed, near the back of the house was a small pond. Although not blooming, a garden of Louisiana irises was looking very happy in the pond along with the many little koi. A Purple Martin apartment complex was at full capacity and they apparently could care less about our presence, until we got too close.



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Chris's garden art was wonderful and some were well-hidden. The blue metal iris matched well against the historic irises it was among. A hunting metal heron was really attractive, as were the back fence sunflowers. The metal art flowers were placed in areas to draw your eyes, not only to the garden art but to the plants and flowers around them. Soon it was time to go to the next garden.



Eareckson Yard Art and Purple Martin Condo

The Garden of John and Chuckie Iwanski

One of my favorite gardens was that of John and Chuckie Iwanski in Hebron, Maryland. On a small plot of land was a multitude of variable types of plantings from shade to raised beds. Chuckie was our host, since John was at the time cooking chicken for the barbecue lunch.



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The Garden of John and Chuckie Iwanski (cont.)

Among all the plantings were seats for visitors to take a moment to enjoy what they were seeing. Under the shade of some evergreens was hidden a large metal bench that could not be seen on film until I was within a few feet. As you walked the paths, some ended in a circular planting with something special to see. The mixed plantings edging the paths invited you to walk slowly so you would not miss anything, including Dutch irises. There was a historic planting along a split-rail fence with a beautiful large clump of 'Indian Chief' (Ayres, 1929) and the ever-lovely 'Loreley' (Goos and Koenemann, 1909). There were many little gardens and small gardens of mixed plantings, each with different plants; but all seemed to con-



▲ 'Loreley' (Goos and Koenemann, 1909).

◀ 'Indian Chief' (Ayres, 1929)

tain irises. I went around one corner and found a patch of strawberries. Unfortunately, there were no berries to pillage at the time.



Taking another path so as not to disturb the plantings, I happened onto a large clump of the MTB 'Dividing

Line' (Bunnell, 2005). A little further was a pond garden with *Iris pseudacorus* blooming in a stunning clump. A raised bed garden was filled with rebloomers purchased for the Bayshore hosting of the fall regional in 2024. 'Daughter of Stars' (D. Spoon, 2001)



'Dividing Line' (Bunnell, 2005).

Iris pseudacorus

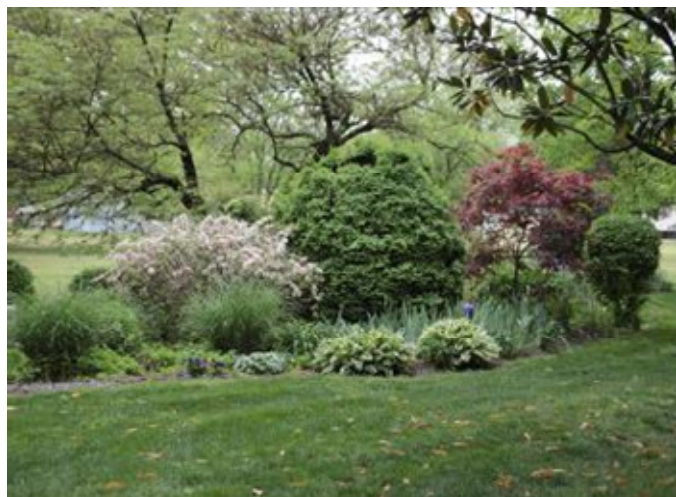
was blooming profusely and really putting on a show. Peonies, various roses, pansies, different hostas, *Pilea peperomioides* (known as coin plants), and various ground covers were among the companion plants in the plantings. Although there were few garden art pieces, it proved to be fun to find them. I discovered a lighthouse near a metal heron by the pond and a cement lady with a jar.



The Gardens of the Bayshore Iris Society (cont.)



ever, it was time to leave for lunch and I was looking forward to eating.



The shade garden complete with a wooden pergola was the last garden area we went through. It was difficult not to take a seat and enjoy this wonderful garden with all its twists and turns and variety of plants. How-



John Iwanski serving a wonderful barbeque chicken lunch.

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Wicomico County Memorial Park Garden



On the way to our lunch, we stopped at the Wicomico County War Memorial, where the Forty and Eight Veterans Organization planted a garden maintained by the Bayshore Iris Society. The area was centered with an obelisk and cannon and off to the side was a small 20 X 50-foot garden which was centered by a bird bath and surrounded by a variety of plants which included historic irises like 'Helen Collingwood' (K. D. Smith, 1949) and other unnamed historic irises. After a few minutes, we were off to lunch.



'Helen Collingwood'. (K.D. Smith, 1949)

John Iwanski and friends at the American Legion in Salisbury did a fabulous job preparing a meal for us. Although this was a regular event at the Legion, they made us feel as if it was all for our benefit. As soon as we were finished, it was time to continue our tour.



Enjoying lunch with members of Bayshore Iris Society

Preston Elementary School Project Garden

From Salisbury, we headed to Preston, Maryland, and the Preston Elementary School, where in 2016 the Bayshore Iris Society introduced irises to the elementary school children. There were two plantings. The parking lot island garden held mostly tall bearded irises in bloom, such as 'Champion Bloodlines' (P. McNeal, 2018) and 'Princesse Caroline De Monaco' (R. Cayeux, 1998).



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There was a second garden in a protected area between two wings of the school building with tall bearded irises like 'It's Magic' (W. Maryott, 1995) and also 'Champion Bloodlines'. Because of the protected area, medians were also blooming from the border bearded 'Batik' (A. Ensminger, 1986) to the standard dwarf bearded 'Bluebeard's Ghost' (P. Black, 2006). Also blooming were the intermediate bearded 'Pretty Princess' (R. Tasco, 2000) and two SDBs, Zooboomafoo (P. Black, 2007) and 'Ultimate' (T. Johnson, 2003).



SDBs 'Bluebeard's Ghost' (P. Black, 2006). and Zooboomafoo (P. Black, 2007)

The children did a nice job with the irises. Maybe in the future they will think about their time playing with irises and revisit the American Iris Society.

Garden of Pat McNeal

Located in Preston, Maryland, the garden of Pat McNeal is a commercial garden. Unlike the other gardens, Pat's irises are in rows and they are labeled. Unfortunately, many blooms were severely damaged by the previous evening's storms; and because of the rain, it was difficult to walk through some of the rows, except in certain areas leading to paths. I was surprised the horses paid us no attention, as they continued to eat and ignore the intrusion into their home. Like the school, Pat's Garden had standard dwarfs, like 'I Dreamed A Dream' (P. Black, 2020), blooming next to miniature tall bearded 'Plinko' (T. Johnson, 2018), 'Rayos Adentro' (C. Morgan, 2007) and 'Spin Out' (Lynda Miller, 2016).



'Champion Bloodlines' (McNeal, 2018), 'Pirate Ahoy' (B. Blyth, 2005/06), 'Princess Caroline De Monaco' (R. Cayeux, 1998), 'Sly Fox' (V. Wood, 1997),



BB 'Pink Puppy' (D. Spoon, 1997) and IB 'Pretty Princess' (R. Tasco, 2000)



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'Belle Fille' (M. Smith, 2015) and 'Duncan's Smiling Eyes' (L. Lauer, 2003),



McNeal Seedling 11-7



'SDB 'I Dreamed A Dream' (P. Black, 2020), MTBs 'Plinko' (T. Johnson, 2018), 'Rayos Adentro' (C. Morgan, 2007) and 'Spin Out' (Lynda Miller, 2016)

The tall bearded irises were filled with buds and I was hoping to see more of Pat's seedlings. Other than 'Belle Fille' (M. Smith, 2015) and 'Duncan's Smiling Eyes' (L. Lauer, 2003), there was a nice silver seedling 11-7 blooming. Of course, 'Champion Bloodlines' (P. McNeal, 2018), was blooming in a long line, showing off its reproductive prowess. With warm temperature on the way and their show only a week away, I was hoping Pat would have some bloom soon.



The Gardens of the Bayshore Iris Society

Chestnut Vale Farm and the Garden of Pat and Temple Rhodes

In Centerville, Maryland on a farm far, far, away, or at least on my way home, was a series of iris gardens planted around the main house with various barns and other structures nearby. Pat, busy with the Bayshore Iris Society Show, sent a message to her husband, Temple, to give me a tour. Arriving at the Chestnut Vale Farm, Mr. Rhodes was waiting for me with a golf cart to give me a tour. The gardens around the house and barns along with island gardens were a mix of companion plants, which did not interfere with each other and played nicely. A pond in the background gave a lovely backdrop. The irises were a mix of modern and historic irises in a pleasing blend. Many of Pat's irises were new, but two stood out. The iris 'Paul Black' (T. Johnson, 2003) is best when seen in Pacific Northwest gardens, but here in front of the Rhodes' home, the stand of 'Paul Black' was one of the best I have seen on the East Coast. I really loved the care it was given. Another shock was a mature clump of 'Victoria Falls' (Schreiners, 1977). We all know this iris lives up to its name, yet on the farm it was spectacular; even in the saturated ground, the stalks were upright and beautiful.



Victoria Falls' (Schreiners, 1977).

Zurbrigg, 1991) leading the way with large clumps and flowers everywhere.



'Paul Black' (T. Johnson, 2003) and 'Dracula's Kiss' (Schreiner, R. 2009)



'Aleppo Plain' (J. Sass, 1941)
in Rhodes Garden



Rhodes Garden

Many of the historic irises were well known like 'Helen Collingwood'. (K.D. Smith, 1950), but there was one I have never seen before: 'Aleppo Plain' (J. Sass, 1941) was growing in a huge clump in the shade of a tree, putting on quite a display. Rebloomers were also well represented with 'Autumn Circus' (B. Hager, 1990) and 'Clarence' (L.



The Gardens of the Bayshore Iris Society



'Faithful', and Keith Keppel's 'Social Graces' (2000). With large mature trees in the yard, there were many places where it would be wonderful just to sit and enjoy the beauty of the Rhodes' gardens. This was a garden well worth the trip to find.



'Faithful' (M. Sutton, 2022)



'Social Graces' (Keppel, 2000)



Rhodes Garden

More modern irises were also represented by irises like Mike Sutton's 2022 reblooming TB introduction



Assistant RVP Message

Report from the AIS National Convention in Texas

A little about myself: Once upon time my husband (John Huneycutt) and I went to an iris meeting in 1990 held by the Fredericksburg Iris Society of Virginia. We went to many of their meetings; then we were told of the Central Virginia Iris Society in Richmond. So we went to many of their meetings and joined their club. We still attend meetings of both societies. Also, we belong to the American Iris Society. This all started at the Central Virginia Iris Society. Many years went by and I was asked to be an officer, Vice President, then served as President for six years. Now I am very happy to be asked by Region 4 to be Assistant RVP. Many jobs need to be accomplished to keep Region 4 running smoothly. I would like to attend meetings on a local level and some national meetings, if possible.

This year on April 12 -16 2023 in Dallas, Texas the National Convention was hosted by the Iris Society of Dallas, Region 17. John and I were very honored to have the opportunity to go to this conference and take a Region 4 basket that I made for the silent action. This basket was made up of different things from each state in our Region 4: Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. Over 100 different items, such as T-shirts, Christmas ornaments, candies, peanuts, jelly, and many other things. We had some hybridizers to donate some certificates for iris: Ross Eagles from Diversity Acres Plants, Ginny Spoon from Winterberry Gardens, and Anita Moran of Aberdeen, Maryland. Our basket was the second largest basket for the silent action and sold for the second highest price among all other regions with baskets. Texas had the largest basket.

This was my first time going to a board meeting on the national level. It was a lot to experience, but I learned a lot from this opportunity.

On Friday we boarded buses to visit iris gardens. The first iris Garden was Schnieder Gardens, Whitesboro, Texas north of Dallas/Fort Worth. They had been in this area since 2008 and have a collection that features over 2,500 named varieties of iris. They have many old historic varieties, as well as the newest introductions.

The next garden visit was Reed Gardens in Farmers Branch, Texas. The Reeds have three beautiful gardens of iris, daylilies, and many varieties of annuals, perennials, and bulbs. They had several Dykes Medal winners spread throughout their garden. Gardens guests found all things in front, back and side yard, with raised beds that spread out to the Brookhaven Championship Golf Course. After these two gardens we went to Victoria's in Branch, Texas and had lunch.

Perry Gardens in Plaines, Texas is owned by Dell Perry SEAMDEL IRIS GARDEN on a corner city lot where she grows over 1600 different varieties of iris. She grows guest iris, miniature dwarfs, SDBs, IBs, MTBs, BBs, tall bearded, Louisians, and many others too.

On Saturday morning we loaded the bus to go to our two gardens. The first was Ford Garden, Gun Barrel City, Texas. Connie Ford is located on approximately 2/3 acre off Cedar Creek Lake. This is on a reservoir built in Tarrant County. It is easier to grow Louisiana and species iris there. She's also very fortunate to grow a few Japanese in container pots. Besides her own garden, she maintains two public gardens in her area. For lunch time we traveled to Texas Theater in Athens, Texas.

The last garden was Hillcrest Gardens in Terrell, Texas, owned by Bonnie and Hooker Nichols. Hooker and Bonnie grow a wide assortment of irises; Historic, newest tall bearded, Median, beardless, Louisiana, and Spuria. They both enjoyed hybridizing bearded and Louisiana irises, and daylilies, as well as maintaining commercial and home display gardens. The Nichols are also American Iris Society Judges and present programs locally and nationally. After a full day, we were glad to be back to the hotel for the night.

Sunday, we had an American Iris Society Awards Bunch. We want to thank all the guest speakers. They are Lynda Miller, Bob Skaggs, Delane H. Langton, Chad Harris, Steve Poole, Lee Walker, and Robert Treadway. After this was over we got to pack the car and get back on the road to come home, two days drive home.

So, we had a great time in Texas. We want to thank you all in Region 17. We hope we can go to the next convention in Montana, the National AIS Convention, June 2-7, 2025 called "Under The Big Sky." If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know. Thanks again.

Kathy Huneycutt, Region 4 Assistant RVP

*"Iris all hues, roses, and jessamine Reared high their
flourished heads between, and wrought Mosaic;
underfoot the violet, Crocus, and hyacinth with rich
inlay Broidered the ground, more coloured than
with stone Of costliest emblem: other creature here
Beast, bird, insect, or worm durst enter none; Such
was their awe of man."*

John Milton

Committee Reports

2023 Fall Regional Membership Report Ginny Spoon, Region 4 Membership Chair

Here are some current stats for Region 4:
255 total active members (not including 8 affiliates), 79 members in their grace period (up to 90 days after expiration)

36 e-members
105 full members (78 single, 27 dual)
34 life members (18 single, 16 dual)
75 print members (56 single, 19 dual)
5 youth members (3 print, 2 no bulletin)

Breakdown by state:

DC: 3
MD: 51
NC: 64
VA: 126
WV: 11

So, Region 14 has the most members, with Region 4 in second place, and Regions 17 and 18 tied for third.

Thanks to Jean Richter, AIS Membership Chair for the statistics

Website Report

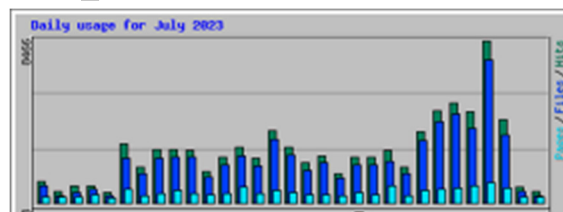
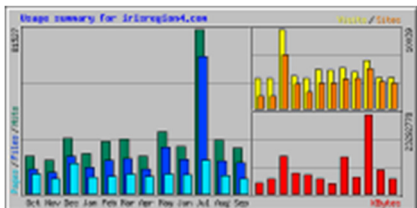
The most action on the website was during the month of July. FAIS and I did an experiment where the irises they would have for sale were posted online for future customers to see. To see live action, I went to the FAIS Rhizome sale and long before the sale opened there were more than 50 people waiting in line. I think the experiment was a success. Now that the format is made and working I am hoping that the time to get the online sale up and running will require much less work.

To help with Rebloom reporting, and Judges reports, the Rebloom reporting sheet and most Judges reporting sheets are now available in fillable PDF form.

Right now, the forms are on their pages but I will be adding a form page for all forms.

The 2023 Spring Regional Registration form is also available as a PDF form and fillable PDF form on the Happenings page.

Anita Moran



The Epperson Service Award

The Epperson Service Award was established in memory of Dr. E. Roy Epperson, who was a long-time member of the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society and who served that club and AIS Region 4 for many years in many roles. In 2010, after his death, Region 4 established the Epperson Service Award to recognize an AIS Region 4 member each year who has made a significant contribution over time to the Region. This award, an engraved pewter bowl, is presented at the Fall Regional meeting. The award process is made up of a call for nominations, a selection made by the Epperson Award Committee (EAC), which is made up of each Affiliate President and an annually appointed Chairperson, and the presentation is made at the AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting.

A call for nominations will be made to the AIS Region 4 membership at the AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting and posted to all AIS Region 4 members by the Affiliates. Nominations can be submitted by any AIS Region 4 member and must be accompanied with a brief description of the nominee's qualifications, using the criteria below as a guide, to the EAC Chairperson to be received no later than 31 July of the award year. Voting will conclude September 1 of the award year. The criteria for consideration of the Epperson Service Award are:

- 1) Unselfish use of time, talents and resources to further promote Region 4 activities
- 2) Regular attendance at Regional meetings
- 3) Active recruitment of new members for AIS
- 4) Election to office in the Region and locally
- 5) Commitment to Regional responsibilities, such as chairman of meetings or conventions, committee chairman or judges training presenter

The EAC Chairperson, appointed at the previous Fall Meeting, shall organize all of the nomination submittals and coordinate a review and selection process with all of the members of the EAC, the current Affiliate Presidents. The final selectee's name will be provided to Susan Grigg who will have the pewter bowl engraved. The final selection will be held secret until the presentation at the Fall Meeting. If a suitable recipient is not selected the award process will pass to the next year.

Past recipients as of September, 2023 are:
Clarence Mahan, Carol Warner, Lois Rose, Carrie Winter, Susan Grigg, Don and Ginny Spoon, Anita Moran, and Doug Chyz.

Committee Reports

Fall 2023 EPPERSON SERVICE AWARD

Each year we have the opportunity to give the Epperson Service Award to a worthy Region 4 member. The criteria for the Award are the unselfish use of time, talents, and resources to further promote Region 4 activities, regular attendance at Regional meetings, active recruitment of new members for AIS, election to office in the Region, and locally and commitment to Regional responsibilities, such as chairman of meetings or conventions, committee chairman and/or judges training presenter. The award has not been given since 2019. This year, we have two nominees who have served the Region well in very different ways. So, it was decided that we would award two Epperson Service Awards.

Both recipients are gracious and pleasant to work with. Each has served their respective clubs in many leadership roles. Each promotes AIS in many public activities. Each has jumped in whenever there was a need for help in their own clubs and at Regional activities. Each works with their family members to grow iris on their farm. Each has the philosophy of preserving, supporting, and sustaining our natural resources.

One works with the AIS webinars and is serving as an AIS Director as well as establishing her family iris farm and has earned her NC Farm School degree. The other has handled the planning, registration, and details of back-to-back Regional meetings and made it look easy. Both took behind-the-scenes roles only in their local club but in the Regional area as well. This year's Epperson Service Awards are presented to Heather Haley and Sheryl Campbell.



Sheryl and Rob Campbell



Heather Haley

A flower is an educated weed.

Luther Burbank,
from Wisdom Quotes



Committee Reports

Judges Training Report Fall Regional Meeting, Oct. 14, 2023

Currently we have two Emeritus Judges, eight Master Judges, ten Garden/Exhibition Judges, two Apprentice Judges and six Student Judges. New students are Sarah Sue Miller, Lewis Bozard and Ross Eagles. Please welcome them to the program and help them in any way you can. Sadly, we lost both Don Rude and Don Spoon this past year. Both were Master Judges. They will be missed and our condolences go out to their families.

The newest revision of the AIS Handbook can be viewed online (irises.org/Hist/Info2021AISHandbook). You can also buy your copy at the AIS store. There is a lot of new information and many clarifications in it.

The Judges Training forms are on the Region 4 website and will give all of the information that is needed. Please use these forms. If you keep the Judges Activity Record up to date, it is particularly useful when filling out your Annual Judges Activity report in August. Please remember that it is the Judges' responsibility to attend and successfully complete refresher courses during each three-year period. Five hours credit (two of which must be in-garden training) is required for Garden/Exhibition Judges and three hours credit (one of which must be in-garden training) is required for Master Judges. If you are unsure of where you stand with this requirement, please contact me and I will give you that information.

For information on upcoming AIS webinars, go to American Iris Society News & Notes or email AISwebinars@gmail.com.

Sue Shackelford, AIS Region 4 Judges Training Chairman

Fall 2023 Auction Report

The spring 2023 plant auction was our best ever: \$2,324.10! Donated irises brought higher prices than I have seen at national or local plant auctions. Thank you for your support and generosity to share the love of irises throughout Region 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haley

Fall 2023 Iris Program Resource Report

I continue to work on the online repository for recently created iris programs, which now include programs about: Antique garden tools, Aril and arilbred irises, Calendar for iris culture, Credit card processing, Delaying iris senescence (plant death), Dwarf irises, Ethics, Historic iris-

es, Hybridizing, Judges Activity Report, Median irises, Tall bearded irises, The "World of Irises" blog

If you would be willing and able to present future programs, please let me know what topics you are comfortable presenting.

If you are looking for help with programs, please contact me by e-mail or text message.

Heather.Haley@gmail.com or (707) 315-0866.

Heather Haley, Iris Program Resource Chairman

Beardless and Species Report - Carol Warner

I am looking forward to the AIS Convention next June in Portland, Oregon featuring Japanese irises. In my opinion the Japanese irises are the most beautiful of all the irises. They are fairly easy to grow and are great landscape plants with outstanding foliage.

This year growing beardless irises was a test to see how they performed in drought conditions. The Siberians were the first to show signs of drought stress by blooming short. As the season progressed and the drought became more severe the Japanese irises tried to bloom short and the buds were drying up on the stalk before they were able to open. Fortunately, my son was able to bring a hydro-seeder that carried 900 gallons of water to the top stock garden and that amount of water allowed the Japanese to open the flowers and the display was almost as good as in a normal season.

All the beardless irises survived and the foliage remained normal. The formation of new roots on the plants was very delayed because there was no moisture in the soil for them to find. They are just now starting to form the new roots after one nice rain.

Fall is my best time to divide and transplant the beardless irises so I am currently digging and relining out the Japanese and the pseudatas. The Siberians were done in the previous two years.

Fall 2023 Sunshine Report – Kathy Huneycutt

Sick Cards (4)

Thinking of You Cards (5)

Sympathy Cards (3)

Committee Reports

Region 4 Judges

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Master Judges

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M	Laing	Linda	14151 Puritan Rd.	Chesterfield, VA	23838	804-639-1207	centralvirginiairissociety@yahoo.com
M	Lokatell	Michael	500 Pantella Dr.	N Chesterfield, VA	23235	804-330-2916	cmarti8855@verizon.net
M	Moran	Anita	630 Third St.	Abereen MD	21001	410-937-3388	pilmore22@gmail.com
M	Rose	Lois	P.O.Box 30	Partlow VA	22534	540-582-5799	LOWY222@aol.com
M	Spoon	Ginny	1225 Reynolds Rd.	Cross Junction, VA	22625	540-888-4447	vspoon@aol.com
M	Thrash	Frances	2109 Cocoa Circle	Virginia Beach. VA	23454	757-481-3484	francesthresh@cox.net

Apprentice Judges

A	Fletcher	Amy	Haw River	NC
A	Orndoff	Beth	Amissville	VA
A	Richards	Dean	Creedmoor	NC

Student Judges

S	Beermann-Curtin	Sharon	Arlington	VA
S	Bozard	Lewis	Charlotte	NC
S	Broberg	Chris	Ramseur	NC
S	Eagles	Ross	Woodbridge	VA
S	Miller	Sarah Sue	Hickory	NC

"In a swamp, as in meditation, you begin to glimpse how elusive, how inherently insubstantial, how fleeting our thoughts are, our identities. There is magic in this moist world, in how the mind lets go, slips into sleepy water, circles and nuzzles the banks of palmetto and wild iris, how it seeps across dreams, smears them into the upright world, rots the wood of treasure chests, welcomes the body home." Barbara Hurd



Committee Reports

From the Secret Parliamentarian Robert's Rules of Order Motion Steps

Please Read, before you attend the Region 4 Meeting:

Robert's Rules of Order Motion Steps

Motion: A member rises or raises a hand to signal the chairperson.

Second: Another member seconds the motion.

Restate motion: The chairperson restates the motion.

Debate: The members debate the motion.

Vote: The chairperson restates the motion, and then first asks for affirmative votes, and then negative votes.

Announce the vote: The chairperson announces the result of the vote and any instructions.

You can read more about the motions and how to use them in this article, "Robert's Rules of Order: Types of Motions".

Meeting Effect

You notice that any discussion of a topic comes after a motion has been made. All those who report on committee work completed or in progress should have a motion ready and two copies: one for the RVP, one for the secretary, and one for the editor of Newscast. (Note: Since the editor and RVP are currently the same person, only two copies are required.)

Fall 2023 Rebloom Chair Report

I will be sending out requests for rebloom reports in a few weeks. Thank you to everyone who sends me their rebloom information. The Reblooming Iris Society is encouraging people to use their new fillable form for rebloom reports. I will be attaching this form with my request for rebloom reports, to help make the data collection more uniform. Thank you to Anita Moran for her work in this project.

This year is looking sparse for rebloom in certain parts of Virginia given the drought we had this summer. But hopefully the irises will surprise us with some rebloom before the first hard freeze sets in, and other areas of the Region will have excellent rebloom.

Colin Campbell,
Region 4 Rebloom Chair

Newscast Report

We had a little hiccup with the August 2023 *Newscast* that required me to travel from my home in Maryland to Assistant Editor Alleah Haley's home in North Carolina to reinstall her more recent version of Microsoft Office. I apparently did not remove older program files from her computer and her computer reverted to the 2010 version of Word. As I received articles and reports for the *Newscast*, I sent them to Alleah and Assistant Editor Susan Grigg for editing before I even left Maryland. This allowed me to put the *Newscast* together at home and only required a once over by the three of us when I arrived in North Carolina.

I need to receive the Board's reports electronically so I can transfer them to Susan and Alleah, again electronically; and then we can put the *Newscast* together without requiring all the travel. Working on the same program allows for rapid editing and speeds up getting the *Newscast* to the printer.

In September the older *Newscasts* were visited and downloaded by many. The most popular was the January, 1980 issue. If you are perusing older *Newscasts* and find an article that should be republished, please let me know.

We are always in need of articles of all sizes. Ginny Spoon has helped us fill small and medium empty spaces with her poetry. Please ask your membership to try to write articles; for example, perhaps they got a new iris they were wishing for. How did it grow in the Region 4 area? Maybe they added Siberians for the first time. How did they grow and what problems did they have? Suggestions for content of the *Newscast* are also welcome; is there something you want to know? Was there a garden you saw or an iris poem you wrote? Maybe you have a drawing or artwork you want to share? Every little bit helps.

Anita Moran, *Newscast* Editor

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

Albert Einstein



2023 Rebloom Report - updated to end 2023

Charlotte Iris Society, Charlotte area, NC 5 Gardens

Autumn Apricot (A. Thimsen 1989)
Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990) – 2 Gardens
Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993)
City Lights (M. Dunn 1991)
Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) – 4 Gardens
Echo of Spring (N. Price 2013)
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983)
Get Back (L. Lauer 2015) – 2 Gardens
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) – 2 G
Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) - 2 Gardens
Lemon Candy (D. Spoon 2022) BB
Pretty Girl (D. Spoon 2001) SDB
Reboot (R. Shadlow 2017) SDB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993)
Sunbeams Forever (C. Campbell 2022) SDB

Amy Fletcher, Haw River, NC

Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) – Nov

Robin Allen, Fredericksburg, VA

Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) – Aug, Oct
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB- Aug, Oct-Nov
September Buttercup (G. Brown 1962) BB – Sep-Oct

Colin Campbell, Middletown, VA

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) – Jul
Forever Blue (C. Chapman 1997) SDB – Jul, Oct-Nov
Pink Attraction (E. Hall 1988) – Jul
Autumn Jester (C. Chapman 2000) SDB – Jul, Oct-Nov
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) – Jul
Sdlg 11A14 (C. Campbell) – Oct

Ross Eagles, Woodbridge, VA

Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005) SDB – Nov

Abby Glasgow, Fredericksburg, VA

September Replay (F. Jones 1992)

Nicole Greenwood, Catlett, VA

Bonus Mama (B. Hager 1990) - Nov
Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) - Oct

Double Dare (M. Lockatell 2014) BB - Sep
Jack Loving (D. Spoon 2006) SDB – Oct
Maryland Ho (B. Hornstein R. 2003) - Oct
My Friend Jonathan (B. Miller 1996) – Sep-Oct

Lois Rose, Partlow, VA

Autumn Shower (M. Lockatell 2021) – Aug
Bountiful Harvest (B. Hager 1991) - Oct
Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) – Sep
Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) – Aug
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995) IB- Jul-Oct
Doubleday (G. Sutton 2001) – Oct
Echo Location (B. Wilkerson 2007) - Jul
Eric Simpson (D. Spoon 2011) SDB – Oct
Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) – Oct
Golden Encore (F. Jones 1973) – Jul-Oct
Hidden Sky (M. Lockatell 2021) – Sep-Oct
I Bless (L. Zurbrigg 1985) IB – Oct
I Do (L. Zurbrigg 1974) - Oct-Nov
Jack Loving (D. Spoon 2006) SDB – Jul
Lady Emma (F. Jones 1986) MTB – Oct
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB – Sep
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) - Oct
Midsummer Night's Dream (L. Baumunk 1999) IB – Aug
Ray Jones (D. Spoon 2011) SDB - Oct
Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon 2003) SDB - Oct
Sailboat Bay (L. Zurbrigg 2001) SDB -Oct
September Buttercup (G. Brown 1962) BB – Sep-Oct
September Replay (F. Jones 1992) – Aug, Oct
Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005) SDB – Oct
Smell the Roses (M. Byers 1988) SDB – Oct
Starring Encore (D. Spoon 2008) – Aug
Together Forever (A. Moran R. 2022) SDB – Sep
Zurich (M. Byers 1990) – Oct
Sdlg 20227A (M. Lockatell) – Oct
Sdlg 20556 (M. Lockatell) – Sep
Sdlg 21026-1RE (M. Lockatell) – Jul, Sep-Oct
Sdlg 21429-9 (M. Lockatell) – Oct



‘Clarence’ (L. Zurbrigg 1991)

Ginny Spoon, Cross Junction, VA

Autumn Twilight (G. Brown 1971) – Oct-Nov
 Baby Prince (L. Zurbrigg 1996) SDB – Oct
 Back Again (D. Spoon 2020) – Oct-Nov
 Barn Dance (M. Byers 1991) – Oct-Nov
 Dawn of Fall (C. Jensen 1976) – Aug
 Footlights (B. Hager 1980) MDB – Oct
 Hilda's Gift (D. Spoon 2002) MDB – Oct
 Lake Reprise (W. Moores 1990) – Oct-Nov
 Let's Dance Again (D. Spoon 2023) – Oct-Nov
 Love Continues (B. Spoon 2016) – Oct-Nov
 Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) – Aug-Nov
 Purple Joy (D. Spoon 2009) SDB – Oct
 Ray Jones (D. Spoon 2011) SDB – Oct-Nov
 Renown Lady (B. Spoon 2019) – Nov
 September Buttercup (G. Brown 1962) BB - Oct
 Summer Fantasy (G. Brown 1965) – Sep-Oct
 Summer Peach (D. Spoon 2018) – Jun
 Storm Compass (Chancellor/Rust 2014) MDB -Oct

Joni Truscott, Hanover, VA

Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB – Oct
 Blue Oasis (R. Tasco 2015) SDB – Jul
 Forever Blue (C. Chapman 1997) SDB – Jul
 Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) – Jul
 Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) – Jul
 Twilight Fancies (L. Zurbrigg 2001) – Jul

Carol Gitter, Pikesville, MD

Cantina (M. Byers 1990) – Sep
 Champagne Encore (T. Aitken 1997) IB – Oct
 Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) – Aug-Oct

Anita Moran, Aberdeen, MD

Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) – Oct-Nov
 Metro Blue (M. Lockatell 2015) - Sep-Nov
 Sdlg 11JLrl04 (A. Moran) SDB – Jul

Tony Playtis, Washington ,WV

Ann's Joy (A. Playtis R. 2013) IB
 Sugar Blues (L. Zurbrigg 1985)
 Total Recall (B. Hager 1992)

Pat McNeal, Preston, MD

Again and Again (S.Innerst 1999) – May-Jun, Aug, Oct-Nov
 Artistic Showoff (B. Wilkerson 2010) – Jul
 Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990) – Aug
 Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB – Aug-Oct
 Back Again (D. Spoon 2020) – Nov
 Billionaire (M. Byers 1987) – Oct
 Blessed Again (F. Jones 1976) IB – Oct
 Blue Chip Stock (P. Black 1998) MTB – Jun
 Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) – Jul-Sep, Nov
 Cantina (M. Byers 1990) – Jun
 Carry On (L. Lauer 2010) – Aug
 Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) – Nov
 Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995) IB – Oct
 Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) – Nov
 Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) – Sep-Oct
 Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) – Oct
 Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) – Aug-Sep, Nov
 Love Continues (B. Spoon 2016) – Aug
 Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) - Oct
 Mango Parfait (D. Spoon 2009) – Sep
 Masterwork (L. Zurbrigg 2001) – Jul
 Matrix (E. Hall/ Zurbrigg 1991) - Sep
 Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) – Jul, Nov
 Priscilla of Corinth (B. Miller 1996) - Oct
 Plum Wine (J. Weiler 1986) SDB – Nov
 Short Stitched (D. Spoon 2022) – Sep
 Sdlg 10-90 (R. Kinnard) – Jul
 Sdlg DOS.PCdM-A (P. McNeal) – Sep, Nov
 Sdlg 14-PoC.AR-A (P. McNeal) – Oct



'Back Again (D. Spoon 2020)

Affiliate Reports

Bayshore Iris Society, Fall 2023 Report

The highlight for the Bayshore Iris Club, for the first half of the 2023 calendar year was our “Beauty of Iris” themed flower show. The show was held on Saturday May 6th at the Talbot County Free Library in Easton, Maryland. We had outstanding participation with 123 entries on display. Best of show was taken by ‘Daffy Duck’ entered by Pat and Ed McNeal. Interest from non-show participants was very good which led to four new members joining and leads for possible additional sign-ups.

Members decided to move our meeting place from the Talbot County Extension Building to the Club House in Easton Village in Easton. The meeting time was changed as well. The move and time change have improved member meeting participation. The Club and Planning Committee for the next fall’s Regional meeting have been busy exploring options, site venues, and format for the meeting. This will be our first Regional and we are anxious for it to be successful. Member Pat Rhodes donated 5lb of fertilizer to each club member to encourage their grooming of the re-blooming rhizomes the club purchased for the Regional fall show in 2024. In preparation for the annual club sale, members were asked to dig and bring rhizomes and/or garden plants to the sale that was held on September 16 at the Easton Farmers Market. Members also dug gardens maintained by the club at Preston Middle School and the Wicomico County Veterans Memorial site and brought those irises to the sale. Training took place at the Preston location on digging and rhizome maintenance and cleaning. The sale was a financial success as well as a great team effort where all the members and friends involved had a lot of fun and showed club camaraderie. Chair “Chuckie” Bosch, Treasurer Pat Canute, Secretary Terry Holman, and Pat McNeal devoted time and energy to assure a successful sale. Investing in a credit card program allowed us to more than double last year’s sale proceeds. We had very good interest from the sale in membership with two new members joining and hopefully several more waiting in the wings.

The remainder of 2023 will be devoted to planning for the 2024 fall show with a “dress rehearsal reblooming show” slated for October 12 at the Easton Library. 2024 officer elections will take place at our club’s Christmas get-together. The date and place are yet to be determined. Our club did and is having fun and a great year.

John Iwanski

Central Virginia Iris Society - Fall 2023 Report

The Central Virginia Iris Society was stunned in August by the unexpected loss of our dear friend and club Secretary Rob Sanford. Rob was such a gentle, kind man, always ready to share both his knowledge and irises with everyone. He will truly be missed.

Member Susan Auman has worked diligently to update our CVIS Facebook page by adding interesting pictures and information about activities, speakers, and reference materials. This has resulted in increased awareness of our group.

CVIS had Shana Gammon from Stormy Weather Iris Gardens in Lynchburg, Virginia, speak with us about her experiences with her home garden and rhizome business at our July meeting.

We held our annual iris sale, September 14-16, 2023, at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. This is a part of Lewis Ginter’s Fall Plant Fest, and our sole fundraising event of the year. The sale went very well. We appreciate iris donations and efforts from our members and FAIS members, and their enthusiasm and willingness to share the joy of growing irises with the public.

CVIS has partnered with Hanover Master Gardeners Association to plant and maintain a raised-bed iris display in HMGA’s new Horticultural Learning Center, located at the Hanover County Extension Office in Ashland, Virginia. The bed has been planted with bearded irises including TB, BB, MTB, IB, SDB, and MDB varieties.

We are looking forward to our November 2023 Harvest Dinner meeting, where we can relax from the toils of the garden and get excited about what we will each do differently next year.

Wayne Bryant, President

**There are some that are
wise and others that are
otherwise.**

From Coffee News, Cotati, Penngrove & Rohnert Park Edition, 1(41), May 13, 2006.

Affiliate Reports

ENCIS's Fall 2023 Report

ENCIS's most exciting news is the success of our Guest Iris Chairperson, Alleah Haley, with soliciting iris seedlings and recent introductions for the 2025 Regional Spring Meeting host gardens. Over 100 varieties were provided by 17 hybridizers. We hope participants of the 2025 Spring Meeting will be excited to help evaluate these iris varieties!

ENCIS held both summer and fall sales for bearded and beardless irises, respectively. Both sales were profitable and were also successful in making newer varieties available to members.

ENCIS's monthly meetings included a flower arrangement workshop, a presentation on beardless irises, and a discussion on common weeds in North Carolina and various ways of dealing with these weeds. An in-garden discussion and demonstration of pollinating bearded irises was held during bloom season. A self-pollination of Burseen's 'Eyes Right' (Burseen, 1993) was successful and it will be interesting to see what the results yield. We also began preliminary planning for the 2025 Regional Spring Meeting.

Membership has fallen over the last few months, as many people who enrolled during the 2022 AIS membership campaign did not participate in our local affiliate's activities and allowed their memberships to expire. We hope to encourage more participation by existing members and mentor future leaders.

Thanks for all the work you do for the Region! I am sorry I won't be able to join you this weekend.

Susan Miller, ENCIS President

Fall 2023 Report from FAIS

FAIS had a successful iris sale in July. We had a wide variety of irises offered: TBs, MTBs, IBs, BBs, SDBs, Siberians, Louisianas, and Japanese. As always, customers enjoyed being able to get a wide variety of irises at bargain prices.

We were able to award two scholarships this year to worthy students from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Virginia Tech. J. Sargeant Reynolds' recipient was Katheryn Berheimer. Virginia Tech's recipient was Evan Stanfield.

In September Oscar and Maritza Gutierrez graciously hosted our annual picnic.

Beth Orndorff
FAIS President

Francis Scott Key Iris Society Report

Another successful year is coming to a close in the life of F.S.K. Iris Society. We will finish with our Fall Meeting scheduled for November 4th. The highlight of that meeting will be the vote to accept the Nominating Committee report and the beginning of a new group of officers. Carol Gitter, Bruce Hornstein's daughter-in-law, has been nominated to become our new president.

Our two regular rhizome sales brought in a new high level of sales.

The senseless and tragic murder of one of members, David Oktavec, rocked the group to the core. Nine of our members stepped up to weed almost all Dave's gardens. The Historical Iris Preservation Society is working to save the rare irises and some of our members will try to transplant the rest of Dave's iris collection. His iris collection was extensive and very diverse.

Carol Warner, FSK President

Gardens are not made by sitting
in the shade.

Rudyard Kipling



Affiliate Reports

Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society Report, Fall 2023

The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society (SPIS) has had a busy spring/summer 2024.

In April, SPIS members and Certified Judges, Colin Campbell and Patti Meagher, conducted a class on selecting and preparing iris for the show table. The class provided instructions and tips for selecting stalks in the garden, transporting to the show, and preparing the stalks prior to the show. The class culminated in a mock judging of the stalks brought as examples. The attendees expressed their appreciation and were excited to go back to their gardens to select stalks for the upcoming spring show.

The spring show was held on May 12, 2023 in conjunction with the Region 4 Spring Regional Convention, which SPIS was proud to host. We had 129 entries in the show, including arils which made the trip by plane from Montana with guests Delane Langton and Jane Tibbs. It was a wonderful show with beautifully grown and groomed irises. Best Specimen of the Show (Queen of Show) was the classic 'That's All Folks' (Maryott, 2005), entered by Carol Warner. First Runner-up was 'Hearty Burgundy' (Keppel, 2012), entered by David Piasecki and Second Runner-up was 'Blossom of Snow' (D. Spoon, 2018), entered by Carol Warner. We had a wonderful selection of Siberian irises, highlighted by Best in Section winner, 'Amethyst Frost' (Cole, 2021), entry by Carol Warner. SPIS member Sheryl Campbell won the Best in Section Median Iris with 'Molly Rouge' (Crump, 2010), a lovely border bearded. It was wonderful to see the large variety of irises from arils to medians to Siberians and Spec-X to tall bearded, the full spectrum at one location. The Regional Convention was a truly wonderful experience shared with iris friends, not only from our Region, but also with guests from New England and Montana. The attendees raved about the garden tours at Winterberry, Iris Hills and the Meagher family gardens.

SPIS held its annual sale on August 5, 2023 as part of the Peach Festival at West Oaks Farm Market in Winchester. This was the third year we've held the sale during the Peach Festival and we were pleased with having repeat customers from previous years. We raised \$1,659.00 at the sale this year from 79 varieties donated by many of our members. In addition, we signed on two new members during the sale.

SPIS currently has 33 members with five active Certified Judges and one Apprentice Judge. Marilyn Naylor has met all the judges training requirements and will be voted to become a Certified Judge at the upcoming fall AIS Meeting.

The SPIS fall board meeting brought us a new Secretary, Dawn Zartman. Our current Board includes:
Patti Meagher, President
Ginny Spoon, VP and Mentor
Colin Campbell, Treasurer
Dawn Zartman, Secretary

SPIS is delighted to host the Fall Regional meeting on October 14, 2023 at the State Arboretum of Virginia at Blandy Farm. We will have a reblooming show, judges training, garden tour and plant sale.

Finally, SPIS is mourning the loss of Don Spoon, co-founder of Winterberry Gardens and, with over 400 AIS registered irises during his long career, was the 2019 winner of the AIS Hybridizer Award. He will be deeply missed by the entire AIS community. A donation has been made in his name to the AIS Foundation.

Patti Meagher
President

Iris Laws

continued from August, 2023 Newscast Vol. 66(2), p. 6

Law Number 20: It is always easier to spend \$30.00 on a new iris to add to the garden than to discard an old cultivar which has essentially lost all commercial value.

Law Number 21: Almost everyone who shows irises has several Queens of the Show in his or her garden---the day following the show!

Law Number 22: A truly vibrant scarlet iris has been developed a number of times...in color catalogs.

Law Number 23: The Tenth Commandment does not make specific mention of irises; however, make sure the ones you decide to covet don't belong to a neighbor---just to be on the safe side.

(Excerpts from 1986 Newscast Vol 28(1))

2023 Fall Region 4 Board Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2023

Arboretum of Virginia at Blandy Farm, Boyce, Virginia

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Acting RVP Anita Moran who confirmed that a quorum was present with a minimum of 9 members.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that minutes of the Spring 2023 Region 4 Board Meeting be accepted as printed in the August 2023 *Newscast*.

Acting RVP Report: Anita Moran stated that the Iris Encyclopedia wants all iris catalogs for posting. She reported that 8% of the new members recruited during the 2022 AIS Membership Drive had renewed. Upcoming AIS National Conventions are: 2024 - Portland, 2025 - Montana, 2026 - New Jersey (replaces 2000 convention canceled due to Covid), and recently approved 2027 – Oklahoma. RVP Counselor Howie Dash will help new RVPs learn to do their jobs. There have been 35 webinars since 2020.

Acting Assistant RVP Report: Kathy Huneycutt had surgery, could not attend, and did not submit a report.

Membership Report: Ginny Spoon reported that Region 4 is in 2nd place in AIS in number of members. She also noted that a lot of email addresses are wrong on the membership reports.

Webmaster and Newscast Editor Reports: Anita stated that she needs to purchase Adobe Photoshop Express and to replace the 5-year-old 4 TB external hard drive to do her work. It was moved, seconded, and passed that she do this at a cost not to exceed \$700.

Judges Training (JT) Report: Sue Shackelford provided a written report. Region 4 currently has 20 judges – 2 Emeritus, 8 Master, and 10 Garden/Exhibition. We also have 2 Apprentices and 6 Student Judges. Two judges passed away in 2023: Don Rude and Don Spoon. The newest revision of the AIS Handbook can be viewed online or purchased at the AIS Store. JT forms are available on the Region 4 website. Judges need to print out the forms, sign them, and send them to Sue.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Warner reported that the Region 4 checking account balance was \$18,844.71 at the start of the period. Income included \$2,324.10 from the spring regional auction, and a donation of \$400 from the Francis Scott Key Iris Society. Various expenses including \$880.47 for the *Newscast* and 210.12 for tote bags left a checking account balance of \$20,076.56 as of October 14, 2023.

Iris Program Resource Report: Heather Haley reported she now has 13 topics relating to irises in an online repository available for use. Please let her know if you have a program to contribute: heather.haley@gmail.com. Programs can be PowerPoint, Zoom, or shared on Google Drive.

Auction Report: Auction Chairman Heather Haley reported that the spring 2023 plant auction was our best ever, bringing in \$2,324.10. Donated irises brought higher prices than she had seen at national or local plant auctions. She thanked members for their support and generosity.

Secret Parliamentary Report: A written report covered the six steps in making a motion per Robert's Rules of Order and noted that discussion of a topic comes after a motion has been made.

Beardless and Species Report: Carol Warner pointed out that the next AIS National Convention will be in Portland featuring Japanese irises, in her opinion the most beautiful of all irises, fairly easy to grow, good landscape plants with outstanding foliage. This last was a drought year with Siberians the first to show effects – they bloomed short. Japanese irises bloomed short and buds dried before opening fully. Carol got a hydroseeder that carried 900 gallons of water to part of her garden, enough to water the Japanese and for them to open flowers. All her beardless survived and foliage was normal, but new root formation was delayed until after the first rain.

2023 Fall Reg. 4 Board Mtg Minutes, October 14, 2023 (cont.)

Median Report: Acting Chairman Anita Moran reported that we need a Median Chair. Judy Durant had her house in the Florida Keys destroyed by Hurricane Ivan and she's dealing with that. She can be the Chairman later.

Reblooming Report: Colin Campbell will be sending requests for rebloom reports in a few weeks. The Reblooming Iris Society is encouraging people to use their new fillable form for rebloom reports. Colin thanked Anita Moran for her work on this project. It appears that this summer's drought has impeded rebloom in parts of Virginia, and even 'Total Recall' isn't reblooming now for Carol Warner in Maryland. Colin expressed hope for some rebloom before hard frost where he lives and better rebloom elsewhere.

Budget Committee report: Diana Dudley reported the 2023 budget was \$4610. \$2950.39 was spent leaving \$1659.61 unspent. The 2024 budget is \$4610 plus the cost of Adobe Photoshop Express and replacement hard drive authorized earlier in this meeting (together not to exceed \$700) plus cost of a Zoom Pro (see later).

Affiliate Reports: See submitted reports from Bayshore Iris Society, Central Virginia Iris Society, Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, Francis Scott Key Iris Society, Fredericksburg Area Iris Society, and Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society.

2024 Region 4 Spring Meeting: Louis Bozard invited everyone to attend the meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Unfinished Business:

Judges Training:

- *Apprentices in Region 4 must have two more hours of training on beardless irises, one of which must be in-garden. Diana Dudley moved and Ginny Spoon seconded that this requirement be implemented. Motion passed unanimously.

- *Lois Rose suggested that Apprentices be required to chair a show. Much discussion ensued w/o a motion. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

- *Carol Warner suggested that the Judges Activity Report ask "Have you chaired/co-chaired a show?" Anita Moran will bring this up with JT Chair Sue Shackelford and National JT Chair Bonnie Nichols.

Should Region 4 meetings have a hybrid format such that members could attend either in-person or by Zoom. A change in by-laws would be needed. A committee of five (Amy Fletcher (chair), Beth Orndorff, Ross Eagles, Nicole Greenwood, and Susan Grigg) will develop a proposal. Suggested by-laws changes will be written by a new Procedures Committee chaired by Susan Grigg.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Report: officers are elected every year. State members are: North Carolina - Heather Haley, Maryland - Carol Warner (Chair), Virginia – Lois Rose. Open members are Diana Dudley and Louis Bozart. They will contact Region 4 officer nominees to verify that they are willing to serve.

Purchase of a Zoom Pro account now – Zoom Pro allows several different meetings via Zoom. Topic tabled to next meeting.

Photography Committee: Anita Moran is FSK's photography person. She will email all affiliate presidents and ask them to name an affiliate photographer who is to submit photos to Region 4 with blanket permission for use.

The Past President, Historian, Public Relations Committee, Youth Committee (needs Chair), and the Sunshine Committee did not provide reports.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that we adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Fall 2023 Region 4 General Meeting, October 14, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Acting RVP Anita Moran at 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bayshore Iris Society – Anthony “John” Iwanski – 3
Charlotte Iris Society – Ingrid Bray – 2
Central Virginia Iris Society – Kathy Huneycutt – 1
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society – Susan Miller – 4
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society – Beth Orndorff - 3
Francis Scott Key Iris Society– Carol Warner – 3
Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society – Ginny Spoon – 7
Guest – 1

Awards from the 2023 Spring Regional:

Alice Bouldin Award (given to a seedling of a Region 4 hybridizer growing and blooming in a tour garden) - ‘Be Funny Daddy’ (TB). Award was presented to hybridizer Colin Campbell.
Nearpass Award (given to an introduced variety of a Region 4 hybridizer growing and blooming in a tour garden) - tie: ‘Mama’s Music (2022, TB) presented to hybridizer Colin Campbell and ‘Mosby’s Lady’ (2023, TB) presented to hybridizer Ginny Spoon.

The E. Roy Epperson Award (for promotion of AIS membership and Region 4 activities, given this year for the first time since 2019) was a tie – Heather Haley and Sheryl Campbell.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following officers for the next year: RVP – Anita Moran, Assistant RVP – Kathy Huneycutt, Secretary – Alleah Haley, Treasurer – Carol Warner. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

A video presentation “Remembering Don Spoon” that focused on his friends and his iris hybrids was given by Don’s wife Ginny Spoon. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Anita Moran then gave Judges Training on Iris Judging Ethics with test, for 1.5-hours JT credit.

Announcement: Patricia McNeal announced that the Bayshore Iris Society will be hosting the Fall 2024 Region 4 meeting, October 11-12, 2024 in St. Michael’s, Maryland. It will have three display gardens on tour, two judges trainings (one classroom and one garden), and feature barbecued chicken. You are encouraged to make reservations early.

This was followed by an active iris auction.

Alleah Haley, AIS Region 4 Secretary

Fall 2023 Region 4 Budget

AIS Region 4 2023 Budget

Expenditure	Contact	Description	Dollars	Actual	Sub Total
Printing and Mailing	Anita Moran	Two issues of <i>Newscast</i> per year	\$1,500.00		
		March 2023		\$696.00	\$1,729.05
		August 2023		\$880.47	
		Instant Ink		\$152.58	
RVP Travel Expenses	Anita Moran	\$800/yr for AIS Conventions stipend	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Membership Committee	Ginny Spoon		\$100.00	\$0.00	
Memorials	Board	In Memory donations	\$300.00	\$0.00	
Zurbrigg-Mahan Award	Susan Grigg	Engraved Cup (\$300)	\$300.00	\$205.86	\$231.47
	Awarded to:				
	Shipping:			\$25.61	
Judges	Sue Shackelford	Supplies postage, etc.	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Epperson Award	Sue Shackelford	Engraved Silver Bowl	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Awarded to:	Heather Haley, Sheryl Campbell			
Sunshine Fund	Kathy Huncycutt	Get well and sympathy cards	\$100.00	\$0.00	
		Flowers			
AIS Youth Program			\$100.00	\$0.00	
Region 4 Website	Anita Moran	Costs associated with website	\$100.00	\$71.40	\$71.40
		Web Hosting			
Zoom Account		Annual Pro Subscription	\$170.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		New Checks	\$300.00	\$91.42	\$668.52
	Board	Equipment and programs for <i>Newscast</i>	\$600.00	\$577.10	
Total			\$4,610.00	\$2,900.44	\$2,900.44
Difference		Budget Amount minus Expenses	\$1,709.56		
Submitted by	Anita Moran				



“I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia, but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.”

David Hobson

TREASURER'S REPORT A.I.S. REGION 4 May 12, 2023 to October 14, 2023

Checking Account Balance on May 12, 2023: **\$18,844.71**

Receipts:

Spring Region 4 Auction:	\$2,324.10
Donations:	
FSK IS:	\$400.00
Checking Account Interest:	\$0.87

Total Receipts:	\$2,724.97
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Expenditures:

Insta-Ink - Anita:	\$152.58
Computer Software - Anita:	\$49.95
August NEWSCAST:	\$880.47
S&P IS - Tote Bags:	\$210.12
Convention Attendance - Kathy Huneycutt:	\$200.00

Total Expenditures:	\$1,493.12
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Checking Account Balance on October 14, 2023: **\$20,076.56**

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer



Sign seen in passing:

**“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but
by the seeds you plant.”**

- had an author seen at Passanisi’s Nursery in Pennngrove

Spring 2024 Region Meeting Information

Dear Iris Lovers,

The members of the Charlotte Iris Society are excited to host the AIS Region 4 Spring meeting. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful city. We will show our never seen before gardens, meet old friends and make new ones, exchange knowledge, ideas and plants.

Friday Gardens:

Gabe Rivera's Gardens, Charlotte, NC
Grey Drum's Farm, Stanley, NC

Saturday Gardens:

Ingrid Bray's Gardens, Charlotte, NC
Lewis Bozard's Gardens, Charlotte, NC

Sunday Tour (Optional)

Sarah Sue Miller's Gardens, Hickory, NC

Come on down, our accent is on Southern hospitality!
Ingrid Bray, President of CIS

HOTEL FOR THE 2024 AIS REGION 4 SPRING CONFERENCE

Friday, April 26-Saturday, April 27
Hosted by the Charlotte Iris Society

HILTON CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE
(carpools will leave from here)
8629 J.M. Keynes Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28262
Telephone: 704-547-7444

GUEST ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS at discount rate are available Thursday 4/25 -
Saturday 4/27 (All guest rooms are non-smoking)

NEGOTIATED GROUP DISCOUNT RATE IS \$139.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT.
CUT-OFF DATE: The reservation cut-off date for the Group is 12:00 a.m. 04/04/2024.

After the cut-off date, your room rate may be subject to change.

CIS has reserved a limited amount of rooms, so book early! Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly at (704) 547-7444 or 1-800-HILTON and mentioning Charlotte Iris Society.

AIS Region 4 Spring 2024 Meeting
Friday April 26th and Saturday, April 27th
Charlotte, North Carolina

Tours of Five Gardens on Friday and Saturday
Including two hours of in-garden judges training
Optional Garden Tour on Sunday

Registration Form

Name (1): _____ Chapter or Region:

Name (2): _____ Chapter or Region:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Full Registration: \$95.00 x _____ person(s) = \$

Youth Registration: \$60.00 x _____ person(s) = \$

After April 4th, the Full Registration will be: \$115.00 x _____ person(s) = \$

(Registration includes dinner on Saturday and lunch on Friday and Saturday)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Dietary Restrictions:

CARPOOL DRIVER VOLUNTEERS

Willing to Be a Driver Spring 2024 Regional Meeting : Yes • No • (Must have seating of 3-5 available)

Type of Vehicle _____ # of passengers already riding with you _____

Number of available spaces. _____

Send completed Registration Form with a Check made payable to CIS (Charlotte Iris Society) and mail by April 4th to:

Charlotte Iris Society
P.O. Box 25864
Charlotte, NC 28229-5864
csimoncpa@carolina.rr.com

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AIS Region 4 Spring 2024 Meeting Charlotte, NC Schedule of Activities

Date	Activity	Location
Thursday, April 25	Early Arrivals	Hotel Lobby
Friday, April 26		
7:30 a.m.	Registration Table	Glenwaters Room
	Pick Up Welcome Kits	Glenwaters Room
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Show Entries & Staging	Glenwaters Room
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Final Staging Hotel -	Glenwaters Room
9:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Judging of Exhibits	Glenwaters Room
10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Mini-Session: Legacy Planning	Board Room
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Board Meeting	Board Room
11:30 A.M. - 2:30 p.m.	Show Open to Public	Glenwaters Room
11:30 A.M. - 2:30 p.m.	Viewing of Silent Auction	Glenwaters Room
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Lunch	
2 :15- 2:30 p.m.	Car Pool Check-In	Hilton Hotel
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Travel to Garden #1	Gabe Rivera's Gardens
2:45 - 3:45	Garden Tour #1	Gabe Rivera's Gardens
3:45 - 4:15	Travel to Garden #2	Grey Drum's Farm
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Garden Tour #2	Grey Drum's Farm
5:15 - 6 :15p.m.	Social Hour	
6 :15- 6:45 p.m.	Travel Back to Hotel	
6:30 p.m.	Dinner On Your Own	
Saturday, April 27		
8:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Bid Silent Auction	Hotel
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Floral Arrangement with Iris	Glenwaters Room
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Car Pool Check-In	Hilton Hotel
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Travel to Garden #3	Ingrid Bray's Gardens
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Garden Tour #3	Ingrid Bray's Gardens
	Judge's Training	
11:45 - 12 noon	Travel to Council House	1820 E. 7th Street, Charlotte
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Provided, including	Council House
1:00 - 1:15	Mini-Session on Pest Management	
1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Travel to Garden #4	Lewis Bozard Garden
1:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Garden Tour #4	Lewis Bozard Garden
	In-Garden Judges Training	Lewis Bozard Garden
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	T Travel Back to Hotel	
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Free Time	
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Closing & Awarding of	Glenwaters Room
	Silent Auction Bids	
6:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Dinner Hotel -	Glenwaters Room
	Speaker Bob Pries	Glenwaters Room
8:15- 10:00 p.m.	Live Plant Auction	Glenwaters Room
10:00 p.m.	Adjourn	
Sunday, April 28	Optional Self-Guided Garden Tour	Sarah Sue Miller's Gardens - 100 Edgewater Road Hickory, NC
	Includes a Section dedicated to Ruth Holbrook's Irises.	

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