



The Newscast

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Randolph-Perry Medal 2018

'Take-No-Sato'

SPEC-X (Pseudata)

(Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol Warner, 2008)

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BEYOND THE HILL

I'll never know what lay beyond the hill.
The road went on but I turned off before

the top was reached. It makes me wonder
still what undiscovered beauty lay in store
on which my waiting eyes will view no
more.

This mystery of nature stretches skyward
linking finite earth to heaven's azure.
No one can search the universe or guess
how God's prolific power could create
this.

I'll always wonder what lay beyond, un-
seen, a question to test imagination's keen
insight, obliterating further need

To search or know what lay beyond the
hill or in a seed.

Joan Wyrick Ellison 2001



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Notes From The Region 4 Vice President



Well, the need to write the “Notes From the Region 4 Vice President” for our Newscast has snuck up on me. Have no fear, I can talk the ears off of an elephant so I’m sure I can put together some possibly informative and maybe entertaining verbiage. Hold on, here we go.

Last Newscast I commented on the very wet summer. Well, the National Weather Service announced the DC area broke the annual rainfall record of 61.33 inches set in 1889 with a whopping 61.34 inches. Hey, one hundredth of an inch is one hundredth of an inch. Over two dozen cities in the East and Midwest had their wettest year on record, many of them in our Region that surely affected you and your gardens. Not sure how that is going to affect the spring bloom; let’s hope for an abundance of bloom.

We had a good turnout for the Fall meeting hosted by Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society in Winchester. We had an interesting visit to the Campbell’s garden at Iris Hills Farm and to the garden at Winterberry. A particular treat for me was getting to visit for a bit with Don Spoon. I have always enjoyed time spent with Don. We had Judge’s Training on Rebloom with Ginny Spoon and Aril-Bred Iris with Anita Moran. Aril-Bred is a whole new adventure and Anita spread it on heavy. Thanks to both of our trainers. We held our Board Meeting, had a wonderful dinner and a fun auction. Thanks to all at SPIS for making this Fall Meeting another memorable time.

We have our Spring Regional Meeting May 10 - 11 in Fredericksburg this year. The registration information is included in this issue of Newscast. Be sure to send it in promptly. I’ll look forward to seeing you there. The Regional Meeting is going to focus on garden tours and the Region’s 60th Anniversary. Region 4 rocks between the 3rd and 4th largest Region in the American Iris Society. Over the years we established a great history of service by having AIS Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs, Hybridizers, and award-winning iris come from Region 4. We are going to celebrate all of that we can capture. Susan Grigg and I are leading the charge on researching and preparing 60th Anniversary information. Additionally, after our celebration we are going to write a 60th Anniversary feature article with pictures from our celebration for the next Iris Bulletin. You will find a little note on page 9 in the latest AIS Bulletin about our 60th Anniversary. I would ask that you please reach out to past members that you still have contact information for and let them know about the Anniversary Celebration to encourage them to come and share stories of the past.

As part of supporting AIS and providing representation from our Region, I will be submitting my name to be considered for the next group of AIS Board of Directors.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting.

Doug

Frisky Squirrels

**Trees have their bark scratched
By frisky squirrels
Playing “barber pole” tag**

Joan Wyrick Ellison 2001



 Anita Moran

FRDM THE EDITDR

GIVE THANKS

You will notice that there is now an Editorial Committee instead of one editor. This is to reflect the true nature of what has occurred with *Newscast* over the past few issues. I frankly don't have all the computer skills necessary to be the editor and fulfill all the responsibilities that position demands. For the last two issues of *Newscast* our friend and editor extraordinaire, Anita Moran, has made the journey from her home in Maryland to North Carolina to share her expertise with me. She has unselfishly given up a week of her time to put *Newscast* together for me – and for you.

But wait, there's more! My local friend, Bonita Masteller, has also been with us to help with the content and the editing of each *Newscast*. It has helped immensely to have her here to spot those errors that I miss and to provide guidance with layout and additional material. Please thank these faithful friends for their time and commitment to Region 4 and to *Newscast*.

BYLAWS CHANGE

In our ever changing society it's hard to keep current with every update in technology and communication. The American Iris Society Board of Directors realized that the current Bylaws were not as clear or timely as they

should be, so an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to study the Bylaws and make recommendations for changes. I was one of the members of this committee.

In the current *IRISES* you will receive a copy of the proposed bylaw changes and a ballot to submit to AIS.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ AND CONSIDER THE CHANGES AND PLEASE VOTE.

As a member of the committee I can attest that we took our mandate very seriously. It took not only months, but years to discuss changes, compose new wording, submit our findings to the Board, and receive the approval to send the proposed changes to the AIS membership. Much thought and discussion went into every word change. I can also assure you that I believe every change is for the best purposes of the AIS. If this organization is to thrive and survive, we must be nimble enough to change as time dictates. So I urge you to look closely at the changes and promptly vote on the AIS Bylaws as amended. **BALLOTS MUST** be post marked no later than March 15, 2019.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's CONFIDENCE

Anonymous

Blandy Arboretum

By Anita Moran



Blandy Arboretum

It's always difficult to plan and execute a fall meeting, weather being the biggest question.



Standing on the portico at Blandy Arboretum looking out into the rain, we all knew that each drop was doing damage to the flowers we were waiting to see. Thinking I needed something from my car, I made a run for it and was half way there when the rain stopped for a moment. Making a 90 degree turn as I headed for the iris beds, I saw a tree that I had never seen before. The Chinese Fir (*cunninghamia lanceolata*) was a beautiful ever-green, tall, with boughs weeping to the ground and cones from one to four inches as the tree molted in the cold fall weather.



▲ 'Daughter of Stars' (Spoon 2001)

When I got to the garden the iris bloom at the Arboretum was the best I saw that day. 'Daughter of Stars' (Spoon 2001) was beautiful despite the weather, as was 'Mango Parfait' (Spoon 2009), and 'Purple Magic' (Spoon 1997). 'Harvest of



▲ 'Mango Parfait' (Spoon 2009)



▲ Purple Magic (Spoon 1997).

Memories' (Zurbrigg 1985) was trying to make an appearance for us but was still in bud when we arrived. The dwarfs 'Baby Blessed' (Zurbrigg 1979) and 'Purple Joy' (Spoon 2007) were both in bloom but it was getting late for 'Baby Blessed' and 'Purple Joy' was just getting started.

Thankfully, Ginny Spoon rescued us as the rain was beginning and just as we reached the portico, the deluge began.



▲ The Chinese Fir (*cunninghamia lanceolata*)



▲ 'Purple Joy' (Spoon 2007)

✉ Anita Moran

AIS Judges Training Introduction and Timeline

By Sheryl Campbell

The judges training program is one of the most vital parts of The American Iris Society. It is the judges' votes that determine which irises receive awards and are recommended to the public. Serving as a judge is a privilege that comes with duties and responsibilities to fulfill. The training process to become accredited as an AIS Judge takes several years and includes an apprenticeship period. Judges fill out the annual Official Ballot of the AIS to vote for irises to receive awards. Judges also serve their Region and Regional Affiliate Clubs by periodically being Show Exhibition Judges (this is usually done as a team of 2-3 judges). Travel expenses are typically paid by the affiliate clubs or region unless you were already planning to attend.

Initial Training

Any member of the American Iris Society may aspire to be a judge. However you must be an AIS member for at least three continuous years before applying as an apprentice judge. The following steps are involved PRIOR to applying for apprenticeship:

- ✿ Tell your club's Judges Training Mentor that you wish to start training.
- ✿ Fill out the [Application for Persons Wishing to Begin Judges Training](#) and mail it to the Regional Judges Training (JT) Chair. Give a copy to the club's Training Mentor and keep one yourself.
- ✿ You can start even as a new member but must be a member for at least three years before applying for apprenticeship.
- ✿ Receive 10 hours of approved judges training followed by an open-book written exam (given at various local club, Regional, and National meetings)
- ✿ Purchase the latest copy of the *AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* and read pages 1-8 on AIS judges. Study the rest of the book on how to judge.
- ✿ Be recommended by 5 judges (when apprenticeship is applied for)
- ✿ Before August 10 of each year, complete and send the [American Iris Society Region 4 Activity Report for Judges](#) to the Regional Judges Training Chair and your club's Training Mentor
- ✿ Keep a personal record of iris gardens you visit each year (August through July)
- ✿ Fill out and keep for yourself the form [Permanent](#)

[Record for Judges Training](#) so that you have easy access to your training history.

To continue as a judge you must:

- ✿ Complete at least five (5) hours of judges training every three-year period (at least two of these hours must be in-garden training).
- ✿ Vote the Official AIS Ballot in a timely manner (sent to you by the AIS Chairman of Awards). Submit the Annual Activity Report to the Regional JT Chair.
- ✿ Your club's Judges Training Mentor can assist you with all steps in this process, help to ensure that you turn in reports on time, answer questions for you regarding the training process, and help you to arrange for Tutoring as an Apprentice Judge.



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By Sheryl Campbell

Apprenticeship

At the end of the training period above, you will need to:

- ✿ Fill out the [Application for Candidate to Become an Apprentice Judge](#). Keep a copy, give a copy to your Training Mentor, and mail the original to the Regional JT Chair. On the form you list 5 accredited judges whom you have asked to write recommendations for you. Your Training Mentor will help ensure that those judges write and mail the recommendations.

- ✿ You now have three (3) years in which to complete the following apprenticeship requirements (although it often doesn't take that long):

- ✿ Use the Voided Official Ballot of the AIS which the Chairman of Awards will send you each year to help you during your tutoring sessions (this is for private use)

- ✿ Attend a training session on AIS Awards and Balloting (put on by the Region)

- ✿ Complete two 2-hour in-garden tutoring sessions with accredited judges

- ✿ Receive Apprenticeship exhibition training at two different accredited iris shows under the tutorship of different fully accredited AIS judges (not as a clerk).

The in-garden tutors and the exhibition tutors submit a tutoring form to the Regional JT Chair – give them a copy of the form along with a SASE to ensure that they submit the form in a timely fashion. Each tutoring session counts as two hours of training (for a total of 4 hours in the garden and 4 hours at exhibitions), and the Awards and Ballots training session is a two hour class.

Your Training Mentor will help you every step of the way. If you start now, go to any local training sessions, and attend at least one Regional Meeting per year (either spring or fall) taking the training sessions there, you'll easily have the 10 hours of training time needed by time you've been a member for three years. Although you can take as many years as you want to get those 10 hours completed. The only time clock is the three years after you apply to be an Apprentice Judge. And again, your local club members can quickly help you get your in-garden tutoring done, while you can ask to be a Show Apprentice at any Regional Meeting.

Becoming a Garden Judge

Now ask your club's Judges Training Mentor to request the Regional JT Chair to submit your name to AIS for approval as Garden/Exhibition Judge. The JT Chair will inform you when you are approved (typically after the Fall AIS Board Meeting).



 Anita Moran

Why The Alice Bouldin Cup? By Susan Grigg



 Susan Grigg

Every year at the spring Region 4 convention each participant may vote on the best seedling growing and blooming in the display gardens, and bred by a Region 4 hybridizer. At the Awards dinner the winner is announced and the Alice Bouldin Cup, given by ENCIS, is then presented to the hybridizer at the fall meeting.

Who is Alice Bouldin? I was introduced to Alice at the first iris meeting Glenn and I attended in 1971. She was a woman of small stature who had a ready smile and a steady, determined gaze. She was not soft spoken, but ready to share her opinion about any iris in the garden. With her farming background she planted her beloved irises in long rows near the small house she shared with her husband Johnny. She wore long handmade dresses with matching bonnet that protected her from the sun. Her grandson, who was a special needs child, was the love of her life and her constant companion in the garden.

Our meetings at Alice's home were highly anticipated by our members in ENCIS. She always had her famous chicken and dumplings as part of our pot luck lunch; those dumplings and perfectly seasoned chicken would melt in your mouth. We learned about friendship and generosity from being with Alice. We also learned about

iris from Alice. She grew not only tall bearded irises, but dwarfs, medians, Siberians, and some Louisianas. She especially liked to plant the new iris she acquired next to those that were older to see which variety she thought was better. If the newest ones didn't seem better than the older varieties, the new ones were brought to our auction or given away to a friend.

Alice decided, as some of us do after growing irises for a while, to create her own iris by hybridizing. Among her introductions were a Siberian to honor her grandson:

BOBBY LEE EVANS (Alice Bouldin, R. 1990) Sdlg. 81-1. SIB, 28" (71 cm), M
Deep violet blue self. Swank X unknown.

One of her tall bearded introductions was: 'INSTRATING' (Alice Bouldin, 1983). Seedling# 2-7-A. TB, 31", M Standards beige with lavender infusion up midrib; Falls deep red violet; bronze beard. 'Wine And Roses' X 'Licorice Stick'. Bouldin 1983.

In memory of Alice's grandson, ENCIS began to present a cup at Regional meetings for the best seedling, the Bobby Lee Evans Cup. After Alice's death, ENCIS changed the name of the award to the Alice Bouldin Cup in memory of our friend who meant so much to our local society.



 Anita Moran

FROM THE DECEMBER 1992 *NEWSCAST*:**TWIN WHEELS: THE GARDEN OF ALICE BOULDIN**by **Mary A. Brown, FSK**

As the bus stopped in front of this large country garden, I decided to head for the food table first and then look at the plants. (On these tours I have noticed that Irisarians seem to have difficulty choosing which is their first priority, Food or Flowers. Fortunately, it is usually a 50:50 split.) I was immediately struck with regret that I had not brought a camera; of all the gardens that we saw, this one may have most needed pictures to truly capture its essence. If I were to try to capture it in one word, that word would have to be picturesque. I was headed for the food table, when I was side tracked by a bed of beautiful columbine. I wanted to try and see everything at once. There were Louisianas growing on the roadside ditch bank, Iris graminea growing like weeds in a clump the size of a large platter, multicolored columbine everywhere, and bed after bed of interesting surprises.

Unfortunately, the cool weather had delayed much of the tall bearded bloom. But fortunately, the driving spirit of TWIN WHEELS GARDEN, ALICE BOULDIN, in her polk-bonnet, was physically, as well as metaphysically, the center of this oasis. Two of Alice's own hybrids; 'Bobby Lee Evans,' a siberian, and 'Katie Beth,' a Louisiana, were present in the garden. Those bearded that were blooming (including from Region 4 hybridizers: Dick Sparling's 'Allendale' and 'Slate N Gold,' J.D. Stadler's 'Pink Celebrity,' and Katherine Steele's 'Petite Monet') were beautiful and there were so many other plants to see.

After finally sampling the delicious food, including scrumptious fried apple pies that Alice had prepared for us, I moved around to the other side of the house - more beds both of irises and of other plants. The number and variety of plants was mind boggling. Alice said that there has not been a day in the last eight years when she couldn't find something in bloom, even if she had to brush away the snow to find them. I would like to be able to visit this garden throughout the year to see the changes each season brings.

Continuing my wanderings through the beds, I found myself in a long corridor of hosta beds that had been planted between two rows of tall pine trees. They had created a perfect growing area for hosta, complete with high shade and pine-straw mulch. I wish I could have spent more time in this garden talking to Alice. As it was, I only caught snatches of her conversation as she imparted the wisdom gained from years of experience about hybridizing irises, growing roses, and all manner of other garden residents. This was an unusual and interesting garden planted and maintained by a most unusual and interesting lady.



Glenn Grigg



'INSTRATING' (Alice Bouldin, 1983).

HIPPS

Alice Bouldin's Pumpkin or Potato Raisin Nut Bread

FROM THE DECEMBER 1992 *NEWSCAST*:

Editor's Note: ALICE sent this letter and enclosed receipt just a month before her death. I knew you would all want to share the letter as well as the receipt. I was only privileged to meet Alice once, during the Spring Meeting at High Point, but I feel as if I have lost an old and dear friend.

Phil Ogilvie Sept 14 - 92

Hello Phil

I had lots of people that were in my Twin Wheels Farm Garden May 9 - 92 asked for this bread receipt to be included in a future Newscast. So here it is, when you have a place for it - "The Potato is best" I will not see you Oct 2nd 3rd hope to in spring.

Any time you are in my part of NC come by to visit a spell. Now [blank] blooming as small plants that stay year after year with me. A few D lilies that keep on blooming. Take Care God Bless,

Alice W. Bouldin

Alice Bouldin Pumpkin or Potato Raisin Nut Bread

Preheat oven to 350

Grease and flour 3 loaf pans (8 ½" x 4½" x ½")

1 cup vegetable oil
4 eggs
2/3 cup water

[I don't know if Alice meant 2 to 3 cups or ¾cup, I am going to try ⅔ cup]

2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin or sweet potato
3½ cups sifted flour (Plain)
1 ½ tsp salt
2 tsp soda
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon
3 cups sugar
½ cup raisins }
½ cup pecans more if you like

Combine oil - eggs - water - and pumpkin or sweet potato Sift together flour, salt, soda, nutmeg, [cinnamon] and Make a well in center [of dry ingredients] Add pumpkin or sweet potato and blend well until moist. Stir in raisins and pecans

Turn into loaf pans and bake one hour.

FROM THE DECEMBER 1992 *NEWSCAST*:
IRIS AND GOOD FRIENDS

By E. Roy Epperson, ENC

In *The Story of a Patriot*, the film that is shown to visitors to Colonial Williamsburg, the actor portraying George Wythe is showing some visitors his garden bed of newly imported deep blue-purple Dutch iris. He turns to one of them and says: "Iris, like good friends, never stay long enough."

You and I have lost a good friend! Alice W. Bouldin died on Saturday, October 17, 1992. She stayed with us for 86 years, but not long enough. What a friend! There is not a single member of the local iris chapter whose garden (and maybe yours) does not contain several plants given to them by Alice. Through the years we have been blessed by the beauty of her lily collection, her clematis, her columbines, her iris (she particularly loved the 'little ones'), and her hostas.

If you wanted to see something grown from seed, or from cuttings, and grown well, all you had to do was to tell Alice "You can't grow that." That was a challenge that she always accepted and met! She loved variegation in foliage; growing variegated Solomon's seal, variegated lily-of-the-valley, and a beautiful golden-berried variegated holly. Alice introduced several iris: 'Renata,' 'Instrating', 'Genisee,' 'Alicia,' all bearded; 'Bobbie Lee Evans', a deep blue siberian, named for her beloved grandson; a Louisiana; and 'Shelly Bydr', a very nice hemerocallis. Some of us grow her

very good red hem seedlings (she would not introduce them). I have the double labeled 'Red Alice' and the miniature labeled 'Alice B.' She had a beautiful golden hosta seedling that is very interesting. In these plants and in our memories, Alice will still be with us for many years to come. There are two sayings that Alice loved and these were read at her grave-side service: "Lord, help me love others enough to accept them as they are," and "there's nothing worth the wear of winning but laughter and the love of friends." Alice was buried holding one long-stem red rose for she had often said that she had had all the flowers she ever wanted while she was living. "Iris and good friends never stay long enough!"

Perks of the Job, Baby

By Anita Moran

“Why on earth would I want to be an AIS judge?” Oh man, let me tell you why you want to be a judge.

Did you know that once you become a judge that you get the same credit for teaching a judges’ training class in the garden or in class room? Yep, so you can help make others judges by helping yourself in maintaining your certification as a garden/exhibition judge.

There’s more.

As you get a reputation for giving judges training or presentations on irises, you get invited. Invited for what? Well invited for travel of course. Those wanting you to give presentation/judges training pay for you to travel to them. There are people to meet, gardens to see, irises to share, friends to make and beautiful pictures waiting for your camera. How about a herd of deer coming out of the woods to see you? Or you might see an Owl recuperating in an aviary, waiting until he is healthy enough to go free, or the spontaneous waterfall you pass driving on the goat trail your GPS sent you on.

There is so much pleasure in sharing your enthusiasm for irises, and in making sure the next generation of iris judges know what is not in the Judges Handbook, but learned by experience and through the same interactions with the wonderful people you meet. You learn how your favorite iris performs in other areas of the country or which iris may grow well for you, when you thought it would never do well.

Here is how to become a judge: (Remember, during that first three years you can still take classes that count toward being an apprentice.)

Step One – decide you want to be an AIS judge.

On the Region 4 website, in the Judges’ section, print and fill out the application for [Persons Wishing to begin Judge’s Training](#).

At the same time print out “[Judges Training Record](#)” so that you can keep a record of your Judges training you take over the next three years.

Step Two – Start Taking classes.

You know you want to know more about irises anyway. So that’s a good thing.

You will need in garden and class room training.

The best way to get garden and classroom training is to attend the Regional and National Conventions.

PERKS OF ATTENDING A REGIONAL MEETING:

Meet People,

See gardens

Learn how to develop your own garden

Learn which irises will do well in your garden

Get a chance to obtain new irises and other plants for your garden

Judges training with the Greats like Perry Dyer, Roy Epperson and Kathy Chilton and so many more.

PERKS ATTENDING A NATIONAL MEETING:

Travel

Seeing some of the best gardens in the United States

More friends

Meet hybridizers

Learn about other irises

LOTS of Food, new food choices, local food - YUM!

Sitting in a shady area and looking out over acres of irises

SPECIAL TRIPS, Mount St. Helen, Yosemite,

Ladew Gardens, Keppel’s Garden, Ghio’s garden ...

Judges training with the Greats like Perry Dyer, Roy Epperson and Kathy Chilton and so many more.

Step three-Apply for Apprenticeship.

Our Future Iris Hybridizers By Ginny Spoon

Who will carry our iris hybridizing program into the future? One way we can insure new varieties of irises in the years ahead is to nurture our young members of the American Iris Society and teach them how to hybridize. As a retired professor, Don still enjoys teaching, and he finds time to teach anyone who wants to learn to hybridize an iris along with a genetics lesson as well.

As you can see, that lesson was well taken. Teaching them to make careful records of their crosses, how to mark the cross and how and when to plant the seeds is also important. Kristen Laing, who is now 19 years old, became our youngest garden judge in Region 4 at age 12. She also does some hybridizing.

Ross Eagles came with his family to visit us one day and caught the iris virus. Don taught him a few things about



2012-05-20 Colin Campbell first learning to hybridize in 2012

Ginny Spoon

Colin's first introduction, 'My Mistress Carter' 2018



Ginny Spoon



Don Spoon (left) teaching Ray Jones to hybridize in May of 2007.

Ginny Spoon

hybridizing and now Ross has his first seedlings. One of them garnered an EC and Best Seedling at the spring show in Fredericksburg, VA. No matter what your skill, be sure to teach our young people what you know. They can't learn everything on the internet and our world will be all the poorer without the skills being passed along.



'Kaw' (Ray Jones 2014)

Ginny Spoon



Ross (left) and Don enjoying the irises in the rain

Ginny Spoon

From the left: Don Spoon, Ramon Jones and Mac Shawe



Ginny Spoon

Here is the iris that was Ross' Best seedling and EC winner

Ross Eagles



Kristen Lang (right) with her mother.

Ginny Spoon

Colin became an AIS judge at age 15 and he has been teaching other youth members how to hybridize. He has also registered and introduced his first irises at age 19. Anyone who has met Colin knows how enthusiastic he is about irises.



Our youth members at work.

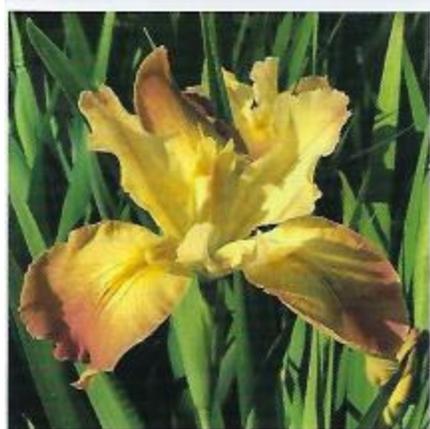
Ginny Spoon

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT A.I.S. REGION 4 October 28,2017 to October 27,2018

Checking Account Balance on October 28, 2017:		\$16,900.22
Receipts:		
Fall 2017 Regional Auction:	\$643.00	
Donations:		
Eastern North Carolina IS:	\$200.00	
Shenandoah & Potomac IS:	\$300.00	
Checking Account Interest:	\$1.55	
Total Receipts:	\$1,144.55	
Expenditures:		
Spring 2017 Newscast Printing and Mailing:	\$457.02	
RVP AIS Board Meeting Travel Stipend:	\$299.58	
Region 4 WEB Hosting - Acorn Host:	\$95.40	
Cheryl Campbell - Computer Software:	\$73.70	
AIS Triannual Renewal for Anita Moran:	\$70.00	
Sue Sawyer, Epperson Award:	\$134.18	
Total Expenditures:	\$1,129.88	
Checking Account Balance on October 27,2018:		\$16,914.89

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer



Seedling 4-22-14 (Cindy Dufrene, LA)
JOE MUSACCHIA

Winner Lloyd Zurbrigg—Clarence Mahan Seedling Cup

Cindy Dufrene LA Seedling 4-22-14

Congratulations from Region 4

Judges Training Report for Region 4

The 2017 Fall Regional and 2018 Spring Region Meetings provided a number of opportunities for Judges Training (JT) and each of the classes was based on Beardless Irises. Members also had some local training opportunities as well as AIS or other iris society meetings.

Currently there are 26 persons listed as judges for Region 4 : Emeritus 3; Master 8; G/E 9; Retired 5; Apprentice 1. The reports have been made to the AIS Chair with recommendations to be made at the Fall AIS Board Meeting for 4 G/E Judges to be elevated to Master status and 1 Apprentice to G/E status. Congratulations to Dan Laing, Linda Laing, Kristen Laing and Mike Lockett on becoming Master Judges and to Bonita Masteller on becoming a G/E Judge. The reporting process for the Activity Reports for 2017-2018 was a distinct improvement over previous years as to both accuracy and timeliness. One issue remains and that is the failure of Students who wish to become judges completing the application for the process. The appropriate form can be located on the Region 4 website. It outlines the procedure for the training process which will be helpful to the student plus it lets the JT Chair know whether someone took the test just because they were there or whether they intend to pursue the process for becoming a judge. It also gives the JT Chair a correct address and other info useful for the process. Also we continue to need to increase the number of judges for the region. It would be great to have at least one student in each affiliate. Presidents, judges, members, please encourage members in developing an interest in becoming a judge. Designating someone as a mentor for anyone interested would be very helpful. Some affiliates do not have a mem-

ber that is a judge, but we could assist in securing support from a nearby affiliate. Remember only G/E, Master or Emeritus Judges vote the ballot and the results of the ballot go a long way in determining which irises become the "Stars". Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Carrie Winter

2018 REGION 4 AWARD WINNERS

THE RANDOLPH PERRY MEDAL

Inter-species hybrid (SPEC-X)

TAKE NO SATO (Hiroshi Shimizu
by Carol Warner)

 Ensata Gardens



INTERSPECIES AWARD OF MERIT

YARAI (Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol
Warner)

 Draycott Gardens



TALL BEARDED
HONORABLE
MENTION
KAW (Ramon Jones)

 Anita Moran



Newscast Editor’s Report, Fall 2018

Thank you again to Anita Moran, Bonita Masteller, and all who contributed items to the Summer issue of Newscast. This is your publication and I want to know what you want to read in it. I am also asking each affiliate president to send me the dates and places of your iris shows and sales for 2019 for publication. If you are planning a special program that would interest many in the Region, please send me that date, time and place and a brief description of the presentation. We can feel more connected as a Region with this sharing of information and the opportunities that it presents for visiting other affiliates.

In addition to the revenue from the two auctions that the Region holds, the only other source of funds for Newscast or any other Regional project is donations from each affiliate. Please put into your yearly affiliate budget, if you have not already done so, a generous donation to the Region.

Susan Grigg

Website Report, Fall 2018

I’m taking over the website again.

Anita Moran

Fall 2018 Rebloom Report

Visitors to the State Arboretum of Virginia continue to marvel at seeing beautiful iris flowers blooming in the autumn in the iris garden planted by Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society a couple years ago. We will get to see the rebloom at this garden as one of our tours for this fall Regional meeting.

Rebloom reports from Region 4 gardens have already started streaming in, and I will be sending out a formal request for rebloom information in the next few weeks. I hope that all of you have a wonderful rebloom season this year!

Colin Campbell, October 21, 2018

The November snow is gone,
Then cold winds have blown
And laid the forest bare,
But not the Bradford pear,
Whose greenery is still there.

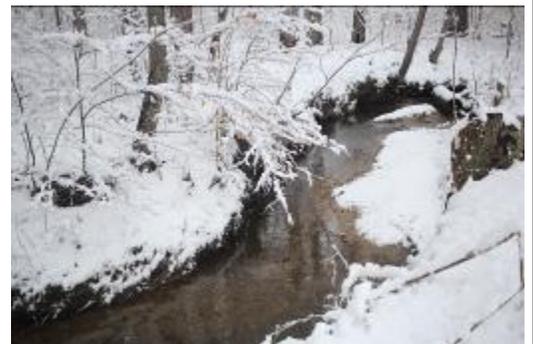
Something inside the tree is rustling,
Robins and Waxwings are bustling,
Quickly snatching the tiny treats,
It’s the bird’s Thanksgiving feast.

Ginny Spoon
Nov. 2018



 Pixabay PD

 Anita
Moran



Moon Shadows
Fall over the silver path,
And Frost Flowers
Grow over the garden stones.

Tracks in the snow tell stories
Of where the Creatures go.
Night calls from the Forest,
Only the animals know.

Ginny Spoon
Nov. 2018

Median Report October 27,2018

Ginny Spoon

The Median Convention, 2020 Vision(s). will be held in Oklahoma City, OK from 4/16/2020, through Saturday, 4/18/2020 Five (5) gardens will be on tour on Friday and Saturday. There will also be a median show at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center in Oklahoma City on Saturday afternoon.

Most of you may be aware that their chairman, Perry Dyer, passed away recently. He was our speaker at several of our regional meetings and will be greatly missed. I believe Nick Stewart is their new chairman, Louise Carson is the guest iris chairman. I am not aware, officially, of the status of the Miniature Dwarf Iris Society at present, however; many of the members were not happy about the merging of the DIS with the Median Society and several people have come forward to be officers. There should be more news after the next AIS convention.

Beardless and Species Report Fall 2018

Carol Warner

It was a great year for beardless and species irises. FSK pulled off a fabulous convention, sent a lot of guest irises to the winning auction bidders and also sold a lot of them to new customers at our Fall Siberian Sale. Hopefully, there will be many new converts to the joy of growing beardless irises.

It was a great year for growing beardless irises with all the extra rainfall throughout the summer. Even some of the Japanese that had started to sulk because they had not been transplanted perked up and look pretty good going into fall.

There will not be guest beardless irises at the next three AIS Conventions, so we need to keep them in front of the iris society members and the public as much as possible.

The next joint Siberian and SIGNA Convention will be in 2021 in the Seattle area. I am looking forward to attending the convention for the Japanese irises in Nova Scotia in 2020.

Epperson Award Committee

Sue Shackelford

The Epperson Service Award is given to a worthy AIS Region 4 member each year at the Fall Regional Meeting. It is a real honor to receive this award that is given by your peers. The selection committee is made up of a representative from each affiliate (usually the President) and a chairman who guides the process. 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 by a brief description of the nominee's qualifications and must be received by the Epperson Service Award Committee Chairman no later than July 31 of the award year. The Epperson Service Award Committee Chairman shall organize the nomination submittals and coordinate a review and selection process with all of the Affiliate Presidents. The final selectee's name will be sent to Susan Grigg who will purchase the silver bowl and have it engraved for presentation at the Fall Regional meeting. The final selection will be held secret until presentation at the Fall meeting. The award does not have to be given every year though it has been awarded every year except one since it was established in 2010.

Sunshine Committee

Sue Shackelford

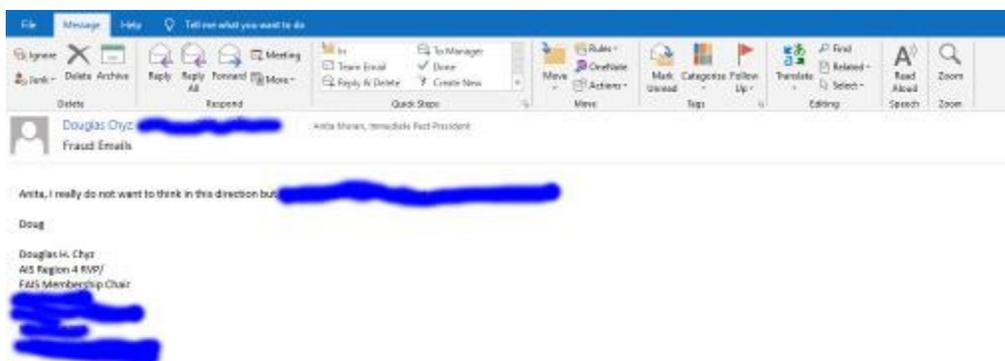
Thank all of you who contacted me about those in our Region 4 family who needed "Get Well Wishes" or "Sympathy" cards. I have sent out several cards since the Spring Regional. Anita called and gave me 6 card requests at one time. I am often unaware of the need until one of you passes on the information. So thank you for helping me.

Email Fraud Reporting

By Anita Moran

Our illustrious RVP has been hit with email fraud and most of us have received some of those e-mails. The FBI says “When compared with the numbers from the previous year, 2016 saw nearly 11,000 more crimes reported and a loss of \$380 million more. According to the report, the “hottest” Internet crimes of 2016 were business email compromise (BEC), ransomware, tech support fraud, and extortion.”

This is a serious problem if you receive a fraudulent email open I, DO NOT SAVE, SEND. Copy the email and put it in a word document. In the email, right click and a little box will popup at the bottom that says View Source. Click on that. In the window copy the content, this will tell all those you sent this information to who originated the email and how it was routed. This will help block the routes and capture the persons in this country. Most are foreign and require the carrier and FBI to handle protecting your emails.



Remember if it is too good to be true, it isn't true. If an email comes from a friend asking for money, don't believe it. Phishing, Whaling, scam and other motives are out to take your money, id and your internet passwords, and control your on-line stamp. BE CAREFUL.

FBI - <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/on-the-internet>

AOL - <https://postmaster.aol.com/faq>

Earthlink - <https://support.earthlink.net/articles/policy-procedures/how-to-report-fraud-junk-and-spam-emails.php>

Xfinity - <https://internetsecurity.xfinity.com/help/report-abuse/>

In google type search xfinity email fraud reporting replacing xfinity with your carrier.



Affiliate Reports

Charlotte Iris Society Report

The Charlotte Iris Society (CIS) will conclude the organizational year November 17 with the Traditional Harvest Luncheon featuring Roast Turkey with Dressing, Giblet Gravy and Cranberry Sauce. Delightful sides and desserts will be provided by the members. The year has been a busy one, beginning with our February meeting and followed by an April meeting. The show also in April had several new exhibitors, including a first time entrant winning First Runner Up for Best Specimen. For several years the Show Chair has done much to encourage increased number of persons entering the show and the efforts are beginning to pay off.

The calendar developed specifically for the Charlotte area for the culture of bearded irises was printed and made available to our members as well as a copy included with each purchase at our July Rhizome Sale. We are pleased that our members are providing more rhizomes than previously for the sale, thus increasing our income from the sale.

August was marked by our Encore Visit to the lovely cottage garden of Charles Simon for our annual picnic. This year 48 members and guests experienced good food, talked irises with old friends while making new friends as well as a stroll in the garden. In addition there were several horticulture games with the answers based on earlier observations while viewing the garden. The host presented neat garden related prizes to each of the winners. Grey Drum, a recent member, presented CIS with a very attractive banner which we can use at our events such as the sale or show.

In September Ingrid Bray presented an interesting program on “The Gardens of Singapore”. In addition to showing us beautiful photographs from her recent visit to Singapore she provided much background information about the economic and political status of Singapore as a City State. We also had our ever popular plant exchange.

As we look to 2019 our officers will be continuing with their second year of their term. In May 2019 CIS will have completed 70 years in Charlotte. A survey of our numerous scrapbooks from the years reflects the many changes and accommodations that have oc-

curred that have enabled CIS to be an energetic 70 year old.

Fall 2018, ENCIS PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Greetings from ENCIS,

Our club has been very busy since the Spring meeting. In June, we held a hands-on program on how to properly divide rhizomes to enhance optimal growth, bloom and vigor. Our members used their new-found skills to come to the Richards farm and dig the club beds. Many of our new members also dug copious new varieties to make our July iris sale one of the most successful in years. Our profit was almost \$2,000. Equally important, we were lucky enough to pick up some new members.

August brought beastly dry and hot weather. In late August, we held a social and plant swap. All attendees enjoyed the tasty meals, sharing the passion of iris and getting new plants. In September, we held our beardless iris sale. Once again, we profited well. We made almost \$700. Our club is blessed with great members who enjoy sharing their beauties not only with fellow members but also for our sales.

Sadly, the NC State Fair changed the rules shortly before the fair began this October. Therefore, our club was unable to participate. The rest of this year we will concentrate our energies in organizing and preparing to host the 2020 Spring Meeting for our region.

We hope to attract not only Region 4 members but also their families to attend our meeting. Besides sharing several iris gardens that have not been on a tour before, we will have blacksmiths, metal artists, a glassblower and other craft artists giving demonstrations that will also allow attendees to participate. How wonderful will it be to make a metal key or blow your own glass ornament! Please tell any ENCIS member this weekend if you are as excited about this event as we are. We need to gauge the interest in these crafts.

Diana Dudley DVM
Doggievet@aol.com

The Heralds of Spring

By Ginny Spoon

After a long cold winter, nothing invigorates my spirit like going out to the garden and seeing the spring bloom of the irises. The tiny miniature dwarfs are the earliest of the bearded irises to bloom. I love the early bulbous irises that bloom even earlier such as danfordiae and reticulata, however, the tiny bearded dwarfs are my favorites.

We have a large collection of miniature dwarfs and it



Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises blooming in early April.
📷 Ginny Spoon

is sometimes hard to find a place to put them so they won't get over shadowed by the larger irises. We put one large planting on a bank. When they are blooming in March and April, they cover it with a carpet of color. Shorter than the standard dwarf bearded irises (8-16 inches), the miniatures top out at 8" tall. They are tiny and, to be enjoyed to the fullest, they should be planted either in a rock garden setting or a raised area. They bloom early too, so you may want to plant them close to your house so you won't miss any of the bloom.



Miniature dwarf bearded iris planting at Winterberry Gardens.
📷 Ginny Spoon

'Pixie Flirt' is a vigorous grower and it can grow into a marvelous clump in just a few years. Winter Aconite, Snowdrops, and small narcissus such as 'Tete-a-Tete' make good companion plants for the miniature dwarfs.



Miniature dwarf iris 'African Wine'. 📷 Ginny Spoon



'Pixie Flirt' 📷 Ginny Spoon



Winter Aconite 📷 Ginny Spoon

Affiliate Reports

Fall, 2018 President's Report S&P Iris Society

October 27, 2018

What started off as a lovely spring, with garden visits to our member's gardens, turned into a deluge of almost nonstop rain with hardly time to mow the grass and weed the garden. We then found we had lost our date and place for our iris sale at the Octoberfest at Blandy and would no longer be able to have our spring show there after next spring.

Sheryl Campbell scouted several replacement locations and together we visited them and talked to the representatives there. We found a wonderful location for our sale next fall at the West Oaks Farm Market on Middle Road. They will have other vendors, a corn maze, fall activities and the view of the orchards is worth going there just to see it.

In 2020 our spring show will be held at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester in the greenhouse area.

SPIS 2019 Schedule

April 23-27 2019	AIS 2019 National Convention
May 5, Sunday	Iris Show Blandy Arboretum Set up 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Judging 1-2 p.m., Open to public 4:30 p.m.
May 10-11	Spring Region 4 Meeting FAIS Fredericksburg VA
May 18	Garden Tour Meagher Gardens and In-Garden Judges training
September 28	Saturday Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society Annual club Sale
TBD	Fall Region 4 Meeting CVIS Richmond

SPIS 2020 Schedule

April 16-18 th	Median Iris Society Convention OKC Oklahoma
May 17	Sunday Spring Iris Show Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester. Set up 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Judging 1-2 p.m., Open to public 4:30 p.m.
TBD	Spring Meeting Region 4, ENCIS hosting Raleigh NC

Ginny Spoon

President, S&P Iris Society

Affiliate Reports

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society Affiliate Report

2018 Region 4 Fall Meeting, October 27, 2018

It was another busy summer for FAIS.

In June Pete Burt, co-owner of Cardinal Apiaries, a Certified Naturally Grown apiary in Stafford County, treated us to a program about bees, their importance in our world, and how we can help maintain our back yards as havens for bees and other wildlife.

Our annual rhizome sale on July 28th was another success. We netted \$3,166, which was incredibly good since we had fewer rhizomes than usual. For the first time ever, we completely sold out, packed up, and went home early at 1:30. We also took in 11 new memberships, two of them dual, for a total of 13 new members.

We gained another new member at the “Iris Basics” program Doug Chyz presented in August primarily for the benefit of the new members, but many of our long-time members attended as well. You can always learn something new.

The annual picnic was held at my house in September. This is always a well-attended event, with old and new members getting acquainted. It was also our plant exchange with an interesting twist this year. Participants could protect their chosen plant from being “stolen” by successfully answering an iris trivia question. Amazing what some new members knew, and what older members didn’t know. We also conducted a small silent auction with the Siberian plants provided by FSK (at \$6/each) from their sale of guest plants from the Siberian Convention in May. We netted a small \$23 profit.

Our Harvest Dinner and final meeting of the year, will be held Nov. 10th. In the meantime, we are busily preparing for the Region 4 Spring Meeting, which we will host next spring. Things are coming together nicely.

Lois Rose
FAIS President

FSK Fall Meeting Report

FSK had a very full year. We held a very successful National Convention of the Society for Siberian Irises and the Species Iris Society of North America at the end of May. A show was held at the Convention Hotel and displayed, Bearded, Siberian, and Louisiana Irises, with a Louisiana Iris taking Best of Show and a double Siberian Iris as runner up. We had 4 tour gardens of club members and a tour of the famous Ladew Gardens. Judges training was held in Carol Warner’s Garden and conducted by some very well-known and experienced judges. The weather was beautiful, if a little humid, and the gardens were at their best. The banquet and auction were also very successful.

In July we had two very successful Tall Bearded sales. Our well attended picnic in August was hosted by Dave Piasecki and Vicki Stewart, whose garden was also on the Convention tour.

The Labor Day Weekend was spent digging Guest Siberian Iris and preparing them for a special September sale. This sale was also very successful. Then in early October, we had a Fall Meeting with a presentation on hostas by Dave Piasecki along with a plant exchange.

Joan Miller, FSK President

Iris Haven

By Anita Moran



'July Yellow' (Chadwick/Werner 2010)

Colin worked very hard even to the last minute to prepare his garden for the influx of visitors. To take our minds off bloom there were the calls of the Guinea Hens who I believe are never quiet. It could also be that they were upset that the vegetable garden was cleaned and readied for the winter. The sheep were a little more stand offish not quite trusting the large number of visitors that were suddenly staring at their every move.

Iris Haven was like most of the gardens; they were between blooms. Many stalks were past bloom or nearly so, like 'Lest We Forget' (Sutton2008) which was on the way out but still valiantly fighting the elements. Then there were the irises like 'July Yellow' (Chadwick/Werner 2010) which was at peak bloom for the stalks that were up, while 'Mariposa Autumn' (Tasco 1999) was just beginning to bloom. You never know what will occur during an iris garden visit so it's always good to expect the unusual and surprising. That is what occurred on our visit to Iris Haven. As the rain poured outside driving us all indoors, Colin surprised us with a personal piano recital. All the cares and stress of drives, traffic, blooms, and rain washed away in beautiful melodies. It was a special treat I know that many who attended were blessed and those that missed this output of song regret the loss.



'Mariposa Autumn' (Tasco 1999)



Winterberry

By Anita Moran

I spend an inordinate amount of time at Winterberry Gardens. It seems every time I walk the gardens there is an iris in bloom that I have never seen before. How can that be???



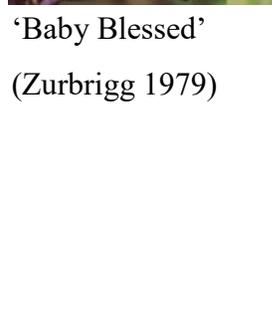
‘Another Bridge’
Wilkerson 2005)



‘Love Returns’
(Spoon 2015)



‘Eric
Simson’
(Spoon 2011)



‘Baby Blessed’
(Zurbrigg 1979)



It is possible for I saw ‘Another Bridge’ (Wilkerson 2005) and ‘Love Returns’ (Spoon 2015) [How did I miss this one???!]!!!!

There were the standbys as well. The dwarfs like ‘Eric Simson’ (Spoon 2011), ‘Baby Blessed’ (Zurbrigg 1979), ‘Plum Wine’ (Weiler 1986) and ‘Anne Lowe’ (Spoon 2011) were all putting up a great show for the visitors. ‘Mango Parfait’ (Spoon 2009) and ‘Over and Over’ (Innerst 2001) were in the middle of a great display as the rain and wind tried to get us out of the garden. It was obvious we were a little strange as we ignored the rain until the thunder sounded, then Ginny demanded we get in the house. It was a good thing too, for the torrential downpour made rivers in the garden while we were comfortable and doing what we love to do best, talking irises.



‘Mango
Parfait’
(Spoon 2009)

‘Over and Over’
(Innerset 2001)



Minutes

REGION 4 SPRING 2018 MEETING ON MAY 25, 2018

- 1) Call to order-quorum confirmed. In attendance were Doug Chyz, Dean Richards, Diana Dudley, Glenn and Susan Grigg, Ginny Spoon, Rob and Sheryl Campbell, Don Rude, David Bollinger, Lois Rose
- 2) Introduction of new members or visitors-none
- 3) Approval of Fall 2017 minutes. Lois Rose made a motion to accept them as written and Sheryl Campbell seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 4) RVP Report-President Chyz read his report. See copy.
- 5) ARVP Dean Richards verbally gave his report. He is getting comfortable with his duties. Stay tuned for more.
- 6) Secretary Diana Dudley announced that she needs to tape these sessions since she can't write legibly fast enough
- 7) Treasurer Carol Warner could not attend so David Bollinger read her report. The balance is \$17,517.10 with a whopping 13 cents in interest. The largest expense is the printing of the Newsletter. She is requesting that it only be printed in black and white (already doing this) and that as many members as possible receive it electronically. New news came up requesting that RVP Doug get reimbursed for travel. Apparently, RVP Chyz has recently turned in his paperwork for reimbursement.
- 8) Budget Report-With the passing of Jack Loving, this position is open. David Bollinger proposed that we use last year's budget figures. Rob Campbell seconded. Everyone approved. We all wanted to acknowledge that Jack held this position for years and he will be very missed.
- 9) Past President Report - see Report.
- 10) Legal counsel report-open
- 11) Membership - see report by Ginny Spoon. Hi lites are that we have 295 members. We lost 36 members most of whom were youths. Region 4 has the 4th highest number of members in AIS.
- 12) Judges Training-Carrie Winter just got out of the hospital. Sheryl Campbell has stepped in while she continues to recover.
- 13) Convention Report-Dean Richards. Fall 2018 will be hosted by Shenandoah. Spring 2019 -FAIS. Fall2019-CVIS. Spring 2020-ENCIS. Fall2020-any volunteers?
- 14) Youth Report was read by Sheryl Campbell since Colin was not in attendance. See Report.
- 15) Webmaster Report-given by Ginny Spoon. See Report. Ginny did acknowledge that Anita has been a huge help.
- 16) Newscast Editor Report- Susan Grigg says it has been quite a challenge! Anita Moran has been a God send. Thank you, Anita! Susan is requesting that everyone send her the dates for the sales and shows right away. Also, please let her know if you'd like a Q and A section and/or a puzzle. Don Rude says he has not been receiving the newsletter at all.
- 17) Iris Program Resource-Sheryl Campbell purchased a couple of digital programs that, so far, only one club has been able to use them.
- 18) Historic Report-Lois Rose regrets that there is no report.
- 19) Public Relations-Bob Pries did not send a report.
- 20) Sunshine-Sue Shackelford has no report.
- 21) Auction-open
- 22) Parliamentarian-open
- 23) Beardless and Species-Carol Warner is in the Siberian iris board meeting in the next room.

Minutes

- 24) Median Iris _Ginny Spoon announced that the dwarf Iris Society has merged with the Median Society. See Report for more information.
- 25) Reblooming-Colin Campbell could not attend so RVP Chyz read it. See Report.
- 26) Epperson Award Report-none
- 27) Nominating Committee-Rob Campbell-no Report
- 28) BIS-Christine Eareckson-no Report
- 29) CIS-Carrie Winter-no Report due to illness
- 30) CVIS-Kathy Honeycutt-see Report
- 31) ENCIS-Diana Dudley-see Report
- 32) ESIS-Debbie Campbell-no Report
- 33) FAIS-Lois Rose-see Report
- 34) FSK-Joan Miller-no Report
- 35) SPIS-Ginny Spoon-see Report
- 36) Old business-none
- 37) New business-none
- 38) Adjourned at 10 am



Region 4 and FAIS Presents The Quilt Raffle

Drawing to take place
Saturday May 11th

\$5.00 each

Or

\$5 for \$20.00

What's in a Name?

By Sheryl Campbell

Memories are in a name. Memories of people, memories of song, memories of lore, and memories of love.

Most hybridizers seem to agree that part of the delight in hybridizing iris comes in hearing someone say what joy a particular iris gives them. And when this said over a seedling, the name of the joyful viewer often attaches to the flower. Out of almost 500 irises registered by Don and Ginny Spoon, you'll find many names of irisarians, particularly their friends in AIS Region 4.

Don gave the names of two very special people in his life to his irises. 'Uncle Charlie' (D. Spoon 1999 TB) was seen by Don's mentor Charlie Nearpass who commented laconically, "it leans". Ginny quipped right back, "so do you, Charlie, but the flower leans yet doesn't fall over." Don named it Uncle Charlie on the spot. "My Ginny, My Ginny!" screamed Don repeatedly over a gorgeous pink bi-color with purple-pink border and poppy red beards. He'd carried the seeds with him for two years in two different states before planting out the cross. It took another two years before he was home from the Biosphere at the right time to see it bloom. 'My Ginny' (D. Spoon 2000 TB) just named itself in his excitement over its beauty.

The ruffled violet-blue iris, sporting a white signal, 'Richard's Joyous Love' (Steele 2009 SIB) was named in memory of Katharine Steele's beloved husband with whom she spent so many wonderful years. 'My Missus Carter' (C. Campbell 2018 TB), a cranberry purple self with chocolate shoulders and orange beards commemorates Colin Campbell's love for his adopted grandma. When he was five he took his dear neighbor to a show-and-tell introducing her with "this is my Missus Carter, she loves me!" Anita Moran blessed her mother, born in Anaheim, with 'Anaheim Daughter' (Moran 2008 Ab) whose pale whitish lavender standards rise above tan falls with a red signal. A scarf worn for 20 years by a co-worker was the inspiration for 'Gladys Kelly' (D. Spoon 2003 TB). This reddish-maroon iris has bubble lace that sparkles like the star-sparkles on Ms. Kelly's scarf for all those years.



◀ 'Uncle Charlie' (D. Spoon 1999 TB)



▲ 'Richard's Joyous Love' (Steele 2009 SIB)



'My Ginny' (D. Spoon 2000 TB)



'My Missus Carter' (C. Campbell 2018 TB) ▶



◀ 'Anaheim Daughter' (Moran 2008 Ab)

'Gladys Kelly' (D. Spoon 2003 TB).



What's in a Name? (cont.)

'Emma Doodle' (C. Nearpass 1999 MTB) was named after Charlie Nearpass' granddaughter by his daughter, Katie. Don then honored his mentor posthumously with the other Doodles: 'Claire Doodle' (Nearpass and Spoon 2000 MTB) and 'Lucy Doodle' (Nearpass and Spoon 2003 MTB) are rebloomers named after Charlie's twin granddaughters born shortly after his death. Anita Moran liked the iris 'Rosalie Loving' so much that one year she crossed it on every iris blooming in her garden. 'Rosalie's Choice' (Moran Unregistered Seedling SDB) is a cross from the irises 'Jack Loving' (D. Spoon 2006 SDB) and 'Rosalie Loving' (D. Spoon 2003 SDB).



◀ 'Emma Doodle' (C. Nearpass 1999 MTB)

'Claire Doodle' ▲ (Nearpass and Spoon 2000 MTB)

'Lucy Doodle' (Nearpass and Spoon 2003)



'Rosalie's Choice' (Moran Unregistered Seedling SDB)

Along with the joy of hybridizing comes many frustrations, most frequently the difficulty of where to plant all those hundreds of seedlings. Katharine Steele overcame this dilemma by surreptitiously building a garden bed behind the honeysuckle in her neighbor's yard. There she secretly grew her many seedlings. Griff Crump, after replacing all his lawn with iris beds, rents space at a community garden putting all those vegetable growers to shame. Colin Campbell's revelation, "oh no, where am I going to plant 800 seedlings?" caused his parents' front lawn to disappear. Ginny Spoon's most frustrating moment was opening the refrigerator to discover that all of Don's seeds left no room for food.



◀ 'Lady Sings the Blues' (Schroetter 2009 TB)

'Into the Mystic' (Schroetter 2009 JI) ▼



▲ 'Sunshine Daydream' (J. Schroetter 2014 SDB).



'Daughter of Stars' (D. Spoon 2001 TB)

Jim Schroetter likes to name his irises after songs he likes such as 'Lady Sings the Blues' (Schroetter 2009 TB) which is a beautiful blue space-ager. His Japanese iris 'Into the Mystic' (Schroetter 2009 JI) is a grape purple drizzled over a lavender ground. Almost makes you hungry! Jim invites you to take a moment to listen to some of the songs he chose for iris names: "Wild World" (Cat Stevens), "Dreams to Remember" (Buddy Guy), and "Soulshine" (Warren Haynes/Gov't Mule/Allman Brothers). And for you Grateful Dead fans, he's got 'Sunshine Daydream' (J. Schroetter 2014 SDB). Musical names also dominate the creations of Griff Crump. He recommends planting one of his favorites, 'Lili Marlene' (JG Crump 2010 TB), by a lamplight in the garden.



What's in a Name? (cont.)

Fantasy and myth often find their way into iris names as well. 'Bradán Eolais' (JG Crump 2007 SDB) with its salmon coloring washed in gold recalls the Irish legend of Fionn MacCool who gained magical powers by tasting the Salmon of Knowledge which he was broiling for his druid master. 'Daughter of Stars' (D. Spoon 2001 TB) is the translation of the Native American word Shenandoah – they had named the Shenandoah River for its deep and dark reflection of the night stars. Anita Moran finds names in Harry Potter movies and elfin lore, giving 'Lakeside Elf' (Moran 2006 AB) its name from the changes of color brought on by ripples in the water by which it grew.

Names just come to Ginny Spoon oftentimes as she gazes at her seedlings. "See it blooming for a couple of years and it will tell you (its name)", she advises. Characteristics often go into iris naming. Don Spoon recommends short names for SDB's because of their limited height. Clarence Mahon of Region 4 named a friend's small-iris-on-a-tall-stalk 'Shaker's Prayer' (C. Warner 1990 SIB) because of its tendency to shake in the wind. Carol named another of her irises for its position (12th) in a particular cross, 'Twelfth Knight' (C. Warner 2002 SIB). 'Petite Monet' (K. Steele R. 1989 MTB) looks "just like a little painting".

Griff Crump found himself naming his first registration after the uphill battle he predicted for it because part of its parentage was so maligned for dying out. This lovely border bearded 'Against the Tide' (JG Crump R. 2001 BB) is also aptly named for its white standards set in deep blue-violet ruffled falls. The Spoons try to put something in the name to indicate fall rebloom or the colors. 'Autumn Ivory' (Ginny Spoon 2001 BB) is a perfect example with ivory colored sheen dependably blooming each August. This lovely iris is result of Don's and Ginny's first cross together.



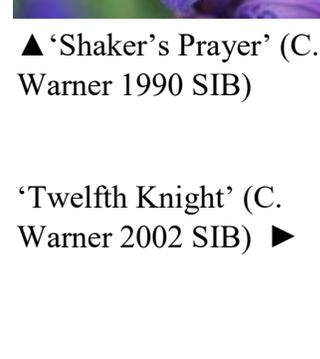
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▲ 'Shaker's Prayer' (C. Warner 1990 SIB)



'Lakeside Elf' (Moran 2006 AB) ▼



'Twelfth Knight' (C. Warner 2002 SIB) ▶



◀ 'Petite Monet' (K. Steele R. 1989 MTB)



'Autumn Ivory' (Ginny Spoon 2001 BB) ▼



What's in a Name? (cont.)

I often wonder if hybridizers ever regret a name they've given one of their own creations. Jim Schroetter was the only one I found to admit to this. 'Sweet Jano Girl' (Schroetter R. 2013 SDB), "a bit sappy" according to Jim, was given the name of a friend's girlfriend at the friend's request. Since the relationship broke up Jim thinks he would have done better to have named it "Love Train" since that love train left the station.



◀ 'Sweet Jano Girl' (Schroetter R. 2013 SDB)

'Okie Hokie' (Spoon 2018) ▼

There are many beautiful new irises coming soon from Region 4 hybridizers. Watch their web sites and iris news sources. Colin Campbell's 'My Missus Carter' will debut in 2018 in all its glory. He plans to follow up in 2019 with 'Debra's Melody', a cream and peach blended TB with yellow highlights named for his first piano and voice teacher. Don Spoon is bringing us a delightful summer rebloomer, 'Summer Peach' that even smells like peaches. He is introducing a distilata patterned iris 'Butterflies', along with the maroon and gold hued 'Okie Hokie' which is "the best clump in the whole yard!" Anita Moran is busily growing stock of 'Don's Advice' (named after you-know-who) in the hopes of releasing it in 2019. 'Mosby's Ghost' has Ginny Spoon really excited with its silvery grey color and gold shoulders. This 2018 introduction is her way of honoring the colorful and grand hero of the Virginia hill country.



Registered Seedling
'Don's Advice'
(Moran R 2014)

'Against The Tide'
(Crump 2001) ▼



So what's in a name? Memories are in a name. Memories of people, memories of song, memories of lore, and memories of love. What will you name your next iris?

2019 REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Listing iris shows, iris plant sales, guest speaker events, and Judges' training sessions in the Region.

REGIONAL IRIS SHOWS

Saturday, April 27, 2019	Charlotte Iris Society's	Blacklion, 10635 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210, 9:30 -10:30 for entries, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC noon to 5 pm	Contact: Greg Shafer
Saturday, May 4, 2019	Central Virginia Iris Society	Strange's Florist, 12111 West Broad Street, Richmond VA, 10am-12:30pm for Entries, OPEN TO PUBLIC 2pm-5pm	Contact: Kathy Huneycutt
Saturday, May 4, 2019	Eastern North Carolina Iris Society	Lost Venue- TO BE ANNOUNCED	Contact: Susan Grigg
Saturday May 25, 2019	Francis Scott Key Iris Society Spring Show	White Marsh Mall 8200 Perry Hall Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236	Contact Carol Warner
Saturday June 22, 2019	Francis Scott Key Iris Society Beardless Show	Silva Deck Church	Contact Sylvia Deck
Sunday, May 5, 2019	Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society	Blandy State Arboretum, 400 Blandy Farms Lane, Boyce VA, Entries 11am to 1pm, Judging 1-2pm, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC until 4:30	Contact: Pat McNeal or Christine Eareckson
Friday, May 10, 2019	Bayshore Iris Society, show.	Talbot County Free Library 100 West Dover Street, Easton MD, Entries 9 to 10am, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC after judging	Contact: Pat McNeal or Christine Eareckson

REGIONAL IRIS SALES

Saturday, July 13, 2019, 8am to 2pm	Charlotte Iris Society's Annual Sale	Charlotte Regional Farmers Market, 1801 Yorkmont Road, Charlotte, NC	Contact: Carrie Winter locally grown irises plus some direct from hybridizers
Saturday, July 20, 2019 9 am. to 4 p.m.	Eastern North Carolina Iris Society Annual Sale	Ruby C. McSwain Center at J. C. Raulston Arboretum, 4415 Beryl Road, Raleigh NC	Contact: Bonita Masteller locally grown irises plus some direct from hybridizers
END OF JULY DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED	Fredericksburg Iris Society Iris Sale	LOST VENUE - LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED	Contact: Trisha Taylor acclaimshelites@gmail.com

Regional Events By Affiliates

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Iris Sales

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 12-14, 2019 September 14, Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon	Central Virginia Iris Society Plant Sale of Iris Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, Beardless Iris Sale	Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond VA Ruby C. McSwain Center at J. C. Raulston Arboretum, 4415 Beryl Road, Raleigh NC	Kathy Huneycutt
Saturday July 13, 2019	Francis Scott Key Iris Society	Richardson's Farm, 5900 EBENEZER ROAD, WHITE MARSH, MD 21162 • 410-335-5900	
Saturday July 20, 2019	Francis Scott Key Iris Society	The Dutch Plant Farm, 151 Baughman's Lane Frederick, MD 21702 ph: 301-694-7012	
Saturday, September 28, 2019, 9am-6pm	Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society Annual Club Iris Sale	West Oaks Farm Market, 4305 Middle Road, Winchester VA	Virginia Spoon
JUDGES' TRAINING			
May 10, 2019 1pm-2:30pm	JT during Region 4 Spring Conference	Conference hotel Fredericksburg VA	Bonnie Nichols of Hillcrest Iris Garden, Texas, classroom training
May 11, 2019 9am	JT during Region 4 Spring Conference	Lois Rose's Garden,	Bonnie Nichols of Hillcrest Iris Garden, Texas, in garden training
Sunday, August 25, 2019 2 – 4 p.m.	Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, Meeting, Guest Speaker and Judges' Training	Ruby C. McSwain Center at J. C. Raulston Arboretum, 4415 Beryl Road, Raleigh NC 27606	Judges' Training Topic and Speaker To Be Announced Contact: Susan Grigg
OTHER EVENTS			
Saturday, September 14, 2019, 10am	Annual Plant Exchange, and monthly meeting, Charlotte Iris Society	Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs, 1820 E 7th Street, Charlotte, NC	Contact: Carrie Winter

2018 Epperson Service Award

Fall is a beautiful time of the year and a great time to stop and give thanks for those in our Region who are pillars of our Society. Each year at the Fall Regional Meeting, we award the Epperson Service Award to a worthy member in Region 4.

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 Region 4 for many years in many different roles. In 2010, after his death, Region 4 established the Epperson Service Award to recognize an AIS Region 4 member each year that has made a significant contribution over time to the Region. This award, an engraved silver bowl, is presented at the Fall Regional meeting.

The Nominating Committee is made up of one member from each affiliate (usually the President) and a chairman who guides the process. The criteria for choosing the Epperson Service Award recipient are:

- 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
- Commitment to Regional responsibilities-such as serving as chairman of meetings or conventions, committee chairman or Judges Training presenter

Past recipients of this award are Clarence Mahan, Carol Warner, Lois Rose, Carrie Winter, Susan Grigg and Ginnie & Don Spoon.

We usually like to keep you guessing as we list the accomplishments but you will guess this person right off the bat. The 2018 Epperson Service Award recipient grew up in California. Learned to cook early in her life, has veterinary training, likes fishing and doesn't need much sleep. She became an AIS member in July 2002 and jumped in right away handling a raffle to raise funds. She has served her local club –FSK-in numerous positions including Vice President and President. She is an accomplished hybridizer registering 40 new irises in almost all classes and introducing 30 of those--- winning her several awards along the way. She has served Region 4 as Assistant Regional Vice President 2013 - 2015 and Regional Vice President 2015-2017. She has served in various capacities for several AIS Sections like the Dwarf Iris Society, Aril Society and the Median Iris Society and is currently on the AIS Board of Directors. She attends most Regional and National Conventions. I am told she was asked personally by Dr. Epperson to be the editor of the Newscast publication. From 2005 through 2017, she has been Region 4 Webmaster and served as the Newscast Editor where she has written countless articles. She is an AIS accredited Judge and has given many Judges Training sessions. She has taken care of the Region 4 Plant auctions for many years by providing pictures and keeping track of the bids. She is very friendly and generous with her time and knowledge and more importantly, she is very considerate and respectful of our mature members and is quick to recognize their wealth of experience and knowledge. She can be spotted anytime going around open gardens with her trusty camera finding THE most beautiful Iris specimen. She loves to drive and once went on a 10,000 mile garden tour. She can find a garden anywhere – open or not. This year, hers was the only name nominated. It is truly my pleasure to introduce the 2018 Epperson Service Award recipient-----Anita Moran.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING “60 YEARS OF AIS REGION 4”!

The Fredericksburg Area Iris Society (FAIS) warmly invites you to attend the 2019 Region 4 Annual Spring Meeting in “Historic” Fredericksburg, VA! Our theme this year, “60 Years of AIS Region 4”, is a celebration of 60 years of contributions by members of Region 4 to the iris world.

All the fun things you look forward to are here—the garden tours, the dinners, in-garden judge’s training, the live plant auction, the silent auction, even an iris quilt raffle, and a 60 Year Celebration—not to mention the side iris chats and sharing of information with iris friends, new and old, from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. Bonnie J. Nichols, Second Vice-President of AIS, President of the Novelty Iris Society and iris hybridizer from Hillcrest Iris Gardens will be our special guest speaker. Bonnie will be providing judge’s training and doing a really great presentation on novelty iris.

Meeting headquarters are once again at the Hospitality House in Fredericksburg, VA. The venue is perfect for our meeting, with spacious meeting rooms and newly upgraded sleeping rooms in a most convenient location. The Hospitality House is right off of I-95 at Virginia Route 3 exit within the Central Park shopping complex. It is within walking distance of dozens of restaurants and shops.

Four spectacular gardens will showcase the best of what FAIS and the iris world has to offer! Two of the gardens are well worth repeating, and the other two are on tour for the first time. Our members take their gardens very seriously, and you will see a vast array of irises, and other flowers and plants, in a variety of settings. Although we didn’t have time to solicit guest irises for this meeting, Region 4 has many hybridizers within its membership, and some of their best work will be on display, along with many new and historic irises from around the country and the world. Transportation to the gardens in 15-passenger vans is included in your registration.

Fredericksburg has a very rich history, having experienced both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, as well as being the residence of many famous people in U.S. history—including George Washington, Patrick Henry, James Mason and James Monroe—and a frequent destination of dignitaries such as Abraham Lincoln and the Marquis de Lafayette. The town is full of reminders of its storied past, with a 40 block historic Old Town section, and tours ranging from 1700’s-era taverns and apothecary shops, to great Civil War battlefields and ghost walks featuring Civil War soldiers still seen crouched for battle in upstairs windows. If you can, schedule an extra day or two for some sightseeing.

So, get your reservations in early! Our hotel rooms are sure to sell out quickly. We are striving to make this another great Region 4 Annual Spring Meeting providing memories for you that last for years to come. Please join us in kicking off the next 60 years!

Gardens on the AIS Region 4 2019 Spring Tour

Taylor Garden

Paul and Tricia moved from Fawn Lake closer into town a few years ago. After major renovations to the home and yard, Tricia was finally able to begin executing her landscape plan. This will be second-year bloom on a fully replanted garden that is still a work in progress. They have every kind of iris except Spuria.

Backus Garden

Lansdowne, the home of Barbara and Curtis Backus, has a collection of over 250 iris, including median, tall bearded and beardless iris. Lansdowne was built circa 1755 by James Mercer, a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1779. Abutting the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Battlefields National Military Park and consisting of 12 acres, Lansdowne was witness to the Civil War battles of Fredericksburg I and II, and used by Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood in 1863 to host a court martial proceeding. Lansdowne is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/VLR_to_transfer/PDFNoms/088-5375_Lansdowne_2012_NRHP_FINAL.pdf

The Backus' began restoration of the house and gardens in 2010, establishing the iris gardens in 2013. Lansdowne is also a working farm, home to a free-ranging flock of 80 heritage-breed chickens, peafowl, ducks and guinea fowl. The gardens and iris collections can be viewed on PlantsMap at the following link: <https://www.plantsmap.com/lansdowne-farm>

Shackelford Garden

This iris country garden is a rambling old country farm that recalls a time when life was more simple and less hurried. Rolling lawns give way to flower beds that accent the house, outbuildings and trees. A rain garden and pond are nestled in the back of the house. There are irises, of course, with an almost complete Dykes Medal winners bed but there are also lots of peonies, hydrangeas, day lilies and crepe myrtles. There are unusual objects in unexpected places that add visual interest and whimsy. The garden is ever changing and evolving. Current projects include enhancing the butterfly garden and working on a night garden. Even if you have been here before, you will feel like you are visiting for the first time.

Chyz Garden

A suburban lot with an interesting blend of many different types of irises and other flowers, bushes, herbs, fruits, and vegetables. Doug is an old fossil and as such has a few antique items scattered about the informal and rustic landscape. The gardens include a pool, raised beds, retaining walls, paver patios and stone walks that also add interest. You will find some state of the art name tags on many Iris that use QR codes to link you to information on each iris via Plants Map. Doug's iris includes a significant collection Historic Iris from the 1600s-1800s and many from the early 1900s. He also has many MDBs, and SDBs which will probably be gone by, of course IBs, BBs, MTBs and TBs, a number of REs, a few Louisianas, Siberians, Japanese, a couple varieties of *I. tectorum*, *I. japonica*, and he even gets some Spurias to grow one of which is a Historic. He can talk the ears off of an elephant so be prepared.

AIS Region 4 Annual Spring 2019 Meeting Schedule

Friday, May 10, 2019

8:00 am: Registration Opens, Conference Center Lobby

9:00 am - 10:15: Continental Breakfast, included with room

10:30 am - 12:00: Board Meeting, Jefferson Rm

12 noon - 1:00 pm: Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Classroom Judges' Training: Bonnie Nichols of Hillcrest Gardens, Jefferson Rm

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Plant Auction, Madison Rm

5:00 pm: Silent Auction begins, Washington Rm

5:00 pm: Cocktails/cash bar, Washington Rm (refresh for dinner)

6:00 pm: Dinner, Washington Rm

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Region 4 60th Anniversary Jam, Washington Rm

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:00 am: Continental Breakfast included with room

8:00 am: Vans leave from Fredericksburg Hospitality House

8:00 am-5:00 pm: Garden tours

Includes lunch in Shackelford garden and in-garden judge's training

5:00 pm: Vans arrive back at the Hospitality House

5:00 pm: Cocktails/cash bar, Washington Rm, (refresh for dinner)

6:00 pm: Silent Auction Ends, Washington Rm

6:00: pm - 7:30 pm: Dinner/Awards/Quilt Drawing, Washington Rm

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Program: Guest Speaker: Bonnie Nichols, Novelty Iris, Washington Rm

The Fredericksburg Area Iris Society Presents

“60 Years of AIS Region 4”

2019 Region 4 Annual Spring Meeting
 Friday May 10, 2019 and Saturday May 11, 2019
 Fredericksburg Hospitality House
 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 Phone 540-786-8321

Name (1): _____ Chapter or Region: _____
 Name Preferred on Nametag (1): _____
 Name (2): _____ Chapter or Region: _____
 Name Preferred on Nametag (2): _____
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Full Registration:

Before April 15th: Full Registration: \$120 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____
 (Full registration includes all activities, garden tours and lunch, and Friday and Saturday evening dinners.

After April 15th: Full Registration will be \$130 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____

All full registrants should indicate dinner choices below.

Partial Registration:

Friday, May 10th Only (includes all sessions plus dinner) \$50.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____

Saturday, May 11th Only (includes all sessions, tours, lunch and dinner) \$90.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____

Judges Training Only: \$10.00 per session. Two sessions are available, please indicate which sessions you wish to attend. Session 1 will be held on Friday, May 10, at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House at @1:00 pm (after lunch). Session 2 will be held in a garden on Saturday, May 11.

Session 1: (no. of guests) _____ + Session 2 (no. of guests) _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Garden Tour Only: (includes lunch, transportation*, and judge’s training.) \$50 each x _____ persons = \$ _____
 *transportation by 15-passenger vans

Dinner Only (please indicate meat preference below)

Friday: No. guests x \$40.00 _____ Saturday: No. guests x \$40.00 _____ \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for registration(s), tours, dinner and/or judges training: \$ _____

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Friday Night Dinner-(choose one)

- Chicken (Boneless Breast with Lemon-Butter Artichoke Sauce)
- Fish (Crab Stuffed Tilapia with Lemon Caper Cream Sauce)
- Vegetarian (Pasta Primavera)

Do you have a special dietary need? If so, please describe and indicate which person below:

Saturday Night Dinner-(choose one)

- Beef (Marinated Flank Steak with Mushroom Madeira Sauce)
- Fish (Spiced-Rubbed Salmon with Roast Shallot and Grape Tomato Relish)
- Vegetarian (Fresh Seasonal Vegetables roasted and layered and bound with herb infused olive oil)

Do you have a special dietary need? If so, please describe and indicate which person below:

Last Day to Cancel with Refund: April 30.

Send completed Registration Form with check made payable to FAIS, to the following address:

FAIS, c/o Jim Schroetter, 9614 Flint Hill Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22407-1926

For additional information contact: Doug Chyz, dougchyz50@verizon.net, 540-659-6202; or Sue Shackelford, smsgca@gmail.com, 540-379-1451.

ROOMS

Room registration may be made by calling the Fredericksburg Hospitality House at 540-786-8321. FAIS has reserved a small block of rooms for the meeting at the special rate of \$99 per night. To get the discounted rate you must **reserve by May 1** and mention that you are attending the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society Spring Meeting. Thursday night is also available at the special rate for those desiring to arrive early.

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