



# The Newscast



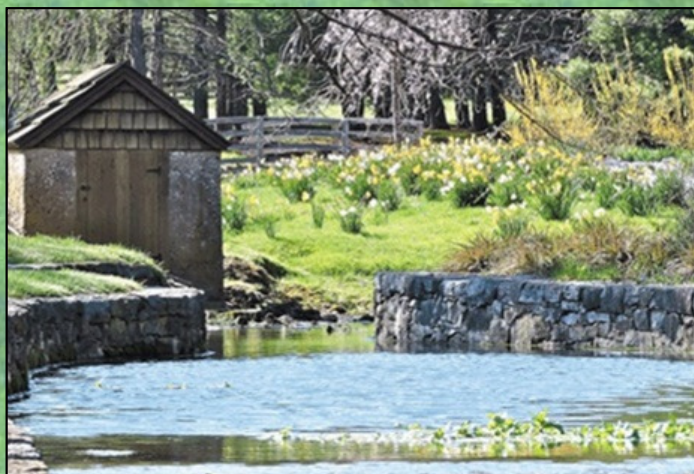
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**Region 4 Fall Show Report**

Exhibitors—6

Total Entries—37

Different Cultivars—31

**Best In Show:** 'Over and Over' exhibited by Phil Yowell**Best Seedling:** 20566-TB-SA-RE by Mike Lockett

1st Runner Up—'I Repeat' exhibited by Phil Yowell

Silver Medal Winner Phil Yowell

Bronze Medal Mike Lockett

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## Notes From The Region 4 Vice President

This might seem awkward, but until next October I will be **acting** Regional Vice President for Region 4.

We received great news at last fall's Region 4 meeting from our Membership Chair Ginny Spoon. Region 4 now has the highest number of members in AIS. The AIS membership drive giving free memberships was used effectively by all affiliates. This was not the only perk. At the regional meeting we have a roll call at the General Membership Meeting after the Regional Dinner. I asked our secretary to call for all the first-time attendees to the Regional Meeting. There were seven who stood. In order for any organization to thrive it needs new blood with new ideas and that is what these attendees gave to us. I am not an expert in Zoom meetings, how they work and what their advantages are for our Region. Several people volunteered to get me information to determine how we can best use this knowledge moving into the future.

We have two disadvantages here in Region 4: the same core people are doing so many jobs they are becoming burned out, and the various chairs lack the support they need. How many of you send your rebloom list to Colin Campbell? How many send articles for the *Newscast*? How many contact Kathy Huneycutt when members or their families are injured or ill? Perhaps they just need a note to say we are thinking of them. Our webpage is visited by hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. What if it did not exist? What if the *Newscast* ends? Other than the reports given that the regional meetings, I write 90% of the articles. For this past *Newscast* I had to demand, beg, and plead for articles on the gardens and went down to the wire to get them.

Do you like rebloom? What if that new rebloomer you bought does not rebloom in your area? What if there is an iris not listed as a rebloomer outside the West Coast or desert Southwest but is reblooming in your area? That information would be lost if no one reports it. Youth members are our future, yet our Youth Chair position is unfilled. The Median Iris and Budget Chairs are also open. None of these jobs are difficult. Currently I am the Acting RVP, Convention Chair, *Newscast* Editor, thankfully with two helpers, and Web Manager. Carol Warner is Chair of the Beardless and Species committee, FSK President, and Region 4 Treasurer. Heather Haley is ENCIS President, Auctioneer, and Iris Resource Chair. We need people who want to get involved to continue to provide the regional members and others outside our Region a peek into the fabulous knowledge and resources found in Region 4. We will be having our Spring Regional Meeting in Winchester, Virginia. Please make plans to attend and think about volunteering for your affiliate and the Region.

Our regional plant auction last fall provided so many plants that I was sure we would never finish. Thankfully, Heather Haley kept track of all the purchases. We had a wide variety of plants including Japanese irises from Chad Harris. The final total for the auction was \$1,527.00. This is our main source of income, so please pot some plants and/or irises and donate them to the spring meeting auction.

At our next regional meeting, we will be taking into account the recommendations from our Hidden Parliamentarian. This is so everyone who wishes gets a chance to discuss what is happening in our Region.

Respectfully,  
Anita Moran,  
Acting RVP Region 4



**Treasurer's Report**  
**A.I.S. Region 4**  
**May 21, 2022 to October 15, 2022**

**Checking Account Balance on May 21, 2022:** **\$17,743.58**

**Receipts:**

Fall Region 4 Auction: \$708.00

Donations:

FSK IS: \$350.00

Checks Not Cleared: \$260.57

Checking Account Interest: \$0.77

**Total Receipts:** **\$1,319.34**

**Expenditures:**

RVP Pin: Doug Chyz: \$35.00

August NEWSCAST: \$709.96

**Total Expenditures:** **\$744.96**

**Checking Account Balance on October 15, 2022** **\$18,317.96**

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

**Proposed 2023 Budget**

Expenditure	Contact	Description	Dollars	Actual
Printing and Mailing	Anita Moran	Two issues of <i>Newscast</i> per year	\$ 1,500.00	
		March 2023		
		Fall 2023		
RVP Travel Expenses	Dan Fetty	\$600/yr for AIS Conventions stipend	\$ 600.00	
Membership Committee	Ginny Spoon		\$ 100.00	
Memorials	Dan Fetty/Board	In Memory donations	\$ 300.00	
Zurbrigg-Mahan Award	Susan Grigg	Engraved Cup (\$300)	\$ 300.00	
	Awarded to:			
	Shipping:			
Epperson Award	Sue Shackelford	Engraved Silver Bowl	\$ 140.00	
	Awarded to:			
Sunshine Fund	Kathy Hunycutt	Get well and sympathy cards	\$ 100.00	
AIS Youth Program	Open		\$ 100.00	
Region 4 Website	Anita Moran	Costs associated with website	\$ 100.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	Dan Fetty/Board		\$ 300.00	
Judges Training	Sue Shackelford	Cost associated with mailing	\$ 100.00	
Total			\$ 3,640.00	\$ -
Submitted by Anita Moran				

## From The Editor

Welcome to Spring 2023!

Even though I am writing this on the cusp of winter, there is a hurricane with its sights on the east coast and warm weather is extending far past where we should have had our first hard frost in Maryland. Ah, but spring is coming. We all know it is coming. I am looking forward to the Spring Garden tours and I hope some of you volunteer to do a write up of you experiences. For those who are new to the iris world or only know about bearded or beardless irises I decided to put in a beginner set to try and overwhelm you with the choices you have of the various types of irises and species you can grow in Region 4. In the past and in the future, I will be giving information about the various species which can be grown in various areas of Region 4, if not in all the states in Region 4. This is not a complete list and bulbous irises are a whole other group, not listed here. This is just so you can see there are many ways to enhance your gardens. Happy Growing.

Bearded					
MDB Species		SDB Species		Median	Tall
<i>alexeenkoi</i> <i>lutescens</i> <i>reichenbachii</i> <i>suaveolens</i> <i>pseudopumila</i> <i>pumila</i> <i>attica</i>	<i>humilis</i> <i>flavissima</i> <i>glaucescens</i> <i>timofejewii</i> <i>potaninii</i> <i>scariosa</i> <i>schachtii</i>	<i>aphylla</i> <i>Furcate</i> <i>bicapitata</i> <i>croatica</i> <i>marsica</i> <i>subbiflora</i> <i>babadagica</i>	<i>taochia</i> <i>orjenii</i> <i>perrieri</i> <i>relicta</i> <i>sabina</i> <i>setina</i>	<i>junonia</i> <i>variegata</i> <i>purpureobracteata</i>	<i>albertii</i> <i>albicans</i> <i>germanica</i> <i>illyrica</i> <i>imbricata</i> <i>pallida</i> <i>sicula</i>
Arils					
Regelia	Oncocyclus (Species Grown in greenhouse only)				
<i>afghanica</i> <i>bloudowii</i> <i>darwasica</i> <i>hoogiana</i> <i>korolkowii</i> <i>stolonifera</i> <i>lineata</i>	<i>acutiloba</i> <i>antilibanotica</i> <i>assadiana</i> <i>atrofusca</i> <i>atropurpurea</i> <i>auranitica</i> <i>barnumae</i> <i>bismarckiana</i>	<i>bostrensis</i> <i>camillae</i> <i>cedreti</i> <i>damascene</i> <i>elegantissima</i> <i>gatesii</i> <i>grossheimii</i> <i>haynei</i>	<i>hermonaris</i> <i>heylandiana</i> <i>iberica</i> <i>jordana</i> <i>kirkwoodiae</i> <i>lortetii</i> <i>mariae</i> <i>meda</i>	<i>medwedewii</i> <i>nazarena</i> <i>nectarifera</i> subsp. <i>nectarifera</i> <i>nigricans</i> <i>paradoxa</i> <i>petrana</i>	<i>sprengeri</i> <i>susiana</i> <i>swensoniana</i> <i>urmiensis</i> <i>westii</i> <i>sari</i>
Crested					
<i>cristata</i> <i>confusa</i>	<i>gracilipes</i> <i>japonica</i>	<i>milesii</i>	<i>tectorum</i>	<i>wattii</i>	<i>lacustris</i>
Chinenses					
<i>henryi</i>	<i>koreana</i>	<i>minutoaurea</i>	<i>odaesanensis</i>	<i>speculatrix</i>	
Foetidissimae	Japanese		Siberian		
<i>foetidissima</i>	<i>ensata</i>	<i>kaempferi</i>	<i>sanguinea</i>	<i>typhifolia</i>	<i>sibirica</i>
Louisiana					
<i>brevicaulis</i>	<i>fulva</i>	<i>giganticaerulea</i>	<i>hexagona</i>	<i>nelsonii</i>	
Laevigatae					
<i>laevigata</i>	<i>maackii</i>	<i>mzchetica</i>	<i>pseudacorus</i>	<i>versicolor</i>	<i>virginica</i>
Spuria					
<i>graminea</i> <i>kerneriana</i>	<i>ludwigii</i>	<i>orientalis</i>	<i>sintenisii</i>	<i>spuria</i>	<i>xanthospuria</i> ,
Miscellaneous					
<i>domestica</i>	<i>lactea</i>	<i>missouriensis</i>	<i>neomarica</i>	<i>unguicularis</i>	<i>verna</i>

# Reblooming Report

## Maryland

### Carol Gitter, Pikesville, MD

English Cottage, TB – Aug-Sep

### Terry Holman for Bayshore Iris Society

Summer Waltz, TB  
Ultimate, SDB

### John Iwanski, Hebron, MD

Constant Companion, IB  
Daughter of Stars, TB  
Harvest of Memories, TB  
Immortality, TB  
North Ruler, TB

### Anita Moran, Aberdeen, MD

Dancing with the Dawn, SDB (A. Moran R. 2023)  
Silver Dividends, TB

### Pat McNeal, Preston MD

Again and Again, TB – Jun, Nov  
Baby Blessed, SDB – Oct  
Billionaire, TB – Nov  
By Golly, TB – Jun  
Constant Companion, IB – Sep  
Daughter of Stars, TB – Oct  
Forever Blue, SDB – May-Jun  
Gate of Heaven, TB – Oct  
Immortality, TB – Sep  
Mango Parfait, TB – Nov  
Mariposa Autumn, TB – Nov  
Matrix, TB – Nov  
Pause, SDB – Nov  
Plum Wine, SDB – Oct  
Priscilla of Corinth, TB – Oct  
Rosalie Figge, TB – Nov

### Carol Warner, Upperco, MD

Gate of Heaven, TB  
Silver Dividends, TB

## Virginia

### Colin Campbell, Middletown, VA

Ahwahnee Princess, SDB – Oct  
Amazing with Grace, TB – Oct  
Autumn Jester, SDB – Jun, Oct  
Baby Blessed, SDB – Sep-Oct  
Cara, SDB – Oct  
Feedback, TB – Sep-Oct

Forever Blue, SDB – Jul  
Gate of Heaven, TB – Oct  
I I Stutter, TB – Oct  
July Yellow, TB – Oct  
Mango Parfait, TB – Oct  
Margaret Wilson Thomas, TB – Oct  
Pink Attraction, TB – Sep-Oct  
Ray Jones, SDB – Sep  
Repetition, TB – Aug  
Royal Maroon, MDB – Sep-Oct  
Sunbeams Forever, SDB (C. Campbell 2022) – Aug-Oct  
Total Recall, TB – Oct

### Judy and Griff Durant, Mechanicsville, VA

Lady Emma, MTB – Oct  
Rosalie Figge, TB – Sep

### Kathy Huneycutt, Mechanicsville, VA

Autumn Circus, TB – Sep  
Champagne Elegance, TB – Sep  
Clarence, TB – Sep  
Harvest of Memories, TB – Oct  
Immortality, TB – Sep

### Patti Meagher, Middleburg, VA

Dinky Pinky, SDB – Oct  
Rosalie Figge, TB – Sep

### Lois Rose, Partlow, VA

Autumn Circus, TB – Oct  
Autumn Shower, TB – Sep  
Autumn Tryst, TB – Sep-Nov  
Baby Blessed, SDB – Sep-Oct  
Born Again, TB – Oct-Nov  
Brother Carl, TB – Aug  
Constant Companion, IB – Oct-Nov  
Coronation of David, TB – Sep-Nov  
Emma Louisa, TB – Nov  
Eric Simpson, SDB – Nov  
Gate of Heaven, TB – Oct  
Golden Encore, TB – Aug  
Hidden Sky, TB – Sep  
Iceland, TB – Oct  
Liquid Amber, TB – Oct  
Lunar Whitewash, TB – Oct  
Midsummer Night's Dream, IB – Jul  
My Friend Jonathan, TB – Nov  
Northern Spy, TB – Nov  
Northward Ho, TB – Jun



# Reblooming Report (Cont.)

## Virginia (Continued)

### Lois Rose (Cont.)

Over and Over, TB – Sep  
 Pink Attraction, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Rosalie Figge, TB – Nov  
 Senorita Frog, SDB – Jun  
 Sipping Chartreuse, IB – Nov  
 Summer Olympics, TB – Oct  
 Zurich, TB – Sep-Nov

### Don Rude, Blacksburg, VA

Autumn Circus, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Gate of Heaven, TB – Sep-Nov  
 Mango Parfait, TB – Oct  
 Rosalie Figge, TB – Oct-Nov

### Rob Sandford, Henrico County, VA

Just Call Me, TB – Oct

### Don and Ginny Spoon, Cross Junction, VA

Anne Lowe, SDB – Nov  
 Autumn Orangelite, BB – Nov  
 Baby Blessed, SDB – Oct-Nov  
 Baby Prince, SDB – Nov  
 Bountiful Harvest, TB – Nov  
 Constant Companion, IB – Oct-Nov  
 Corey Remembered, TB – Nov  
 Corn Dance, TB – Aug, Nov  
 Deborah Dances, TB – Nov  
 Gold Lantern, SDB – Nov  
 Hilda's Gift, MDB – Nov  
 I Bless, IB – Nov  
 I I Stutter, TB – Nov  
 July Sunshine, TB – Nov  
 Lemon Candy, BB – Nov  
 Let's Dance Again, TB (D. Spoon 2023) – Oct-Nov  
 Lichen, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Lime Pie, SDB – Nov  
 Low Ho Silver, IB – Nov  
 Mango Parfait, TB – Sep  
 Margaret Wilson Thomas, TB – Oct  
 Matrix, TB – Nov  
 Misty Twilight, TB – Nov  
 Over and Over, TB – Sep, Nov  
 Persimmon Pie, BB – Sep-Nov  
 Pink Reprise, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Polar King, TB – Nov

Precious Little Pink, IB – Aug  
 Purple Joy, SDB – Oct  
 Ray Jones, SDB – Nov  
 Redelta, TB – Nov  
 Renown Lady, TB – Nov  
 Rielle, BB – Nov  
 Rosalie Figge, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Rosalie Loving, SDB – Oct  
 Sapphire Jubilee, MDB – Nov  
 Second Coming, TB – Nov  
 Season of Mists, TB – Oct-Nov  
 September Buttercup, TB – Nov  
 Storm Compass, MDB – Oct-Nov  
 Summer Fantasy, TB – Nov  
 Summer Green Shadows, TB – Jun, Nov  
 Summer Peach, TB – Jun  
 Summer Whitewings, TB – Jun, Sep-Oct  
 Tenderly, TB – Oct  
 Theme Master, TB – Nov  
 Total Recall, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Twilight Fancies, TB – Nov  
 Winterland, TB – Nov

### Joni Truscott, Hanover, VA

Clarence, TB – Oct  
 Forever Blue, SDB – Nov  
 Gate of Heaven, TB – Oct  
 Harvest of Memories, TB – Oct-Nov  
 Immortality, TB – Sep  
 Metro Blue, TB – Oct  
 Queen Dorothy, TB – Oct  
 Twilight Fancies, TB – Sep  
 Sky Willow, SDB – Nov

## North Carolina

### Heather Haley, Ramseur, NC

Double Dare, BB  
 Double Shot, TB  
 Dressed in Black, TB  
 October Splendor, BB  
 Renown, TB  
 Rosalie Figge, TB  
 Rosalie Loving, SDB  
 Thrice Blessed, SDB  
 Traffic, TB

Compiled by Colin Campbell, Reblooming Chair



## THE STORY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

reprinted from the North Carolina Iris Society Bulletin No. 28 April 1965

In June 1917 I attended my second National Peony Show, which was held in Philadelphia. I spent a delightful half-hour selecting and arranging six of my best 'Jubilee' [(Pleas 1908) Peony] blooms to win the most coveted prize in all Peony shows—that for the best 6 blooms of any one variety.



'Jubilee' (Pleas 1908)  
Photo by American Peony Society

After 'Jubilee' had received all of the help I could give her I began examining other exhibits. In a prominent location I saw a display of Iris and was delighted to find that every variety shown was

growing in my own garden. While admiring them I was approached by a very personable young man who greeted me by saying that he was glad to see me enjoying the Iris from his garden. When I told him that I was trying to call each by name, for they were all growing in my garden, his response was so cordial that it was the beginning of a friendship which has continued for over twenty years. He informed me that he was John C. Wister, of Germantown, Pa., that he had been particularly interested in growing tree peonies but that he very recently became interested in Iris. He told me that he had enlisted for service for war overseas, and that within a couple of months he expected to be in France and voluntarily offered to write me of interesting things he might find in European gardens. He did not forget his promise and in one of his letters he told me that he had taken advantage of a furlough to visit two excellent gardens near Paris.

In the first one, known as the "Vilmorin Gardens", he found a larger, more brilliant Iris than he had ever seen before. Its color approached red and its name was 'Ambassadeur' (Vilmorin 1920). In the other garden, belonging to Mr. Millet, he found a rich blue-purple Iris of great size and excellent substance, bearing the name of 'Souv. de Mme Gaudichau' (Millet et

Fils, 1914) He suggested that I immediately make application to the National Government for permission to import these excellent Iris. This, of course, I was very glad to do. In my letter thanking him for this information I told him that upon his return we would form an Iris Society, and I would take it upon myself to see that he was made its first president.



'Ambassadeur'  
(Vilmorin 1920)  
Photo by Mike Lowe



'Souv. de Mme Gaudichau'  
(Millet et Fils 1914)  
Photo by Mike Lowe

Within 18 months Mr. Wister had returned to the United States and certain well known Iris lovers had been called together to form the new organization. As I happened to be chairman of the nominating committee, I was glad to have the opportunity to make good my promise that Mr. Wister should be made the first president of the new American Iris Society. It was perfectly natural that at this meeting Mr. Wister should tell of his visits to the French gardens, and of the two splendid Iris, 'Ambassadeur' and 'Souv. de Mme Gaudichau', which he had found in them. Consequently, they received a great deal of favorable publicity and, when the government released these varieties for sale, there was a very great demand for them. Even before the blooming period several enthusiastic Iris lovers came to my garden to see them. Although we all know that they should not have been moved until after the blooming period, they insisted upon immediately digging them for their own gardens, paying from twenty-five dollars each, according to the increase attached to each rhizome.

Two years later Mr. Wister and I attended the International Meeting in Paris where we visited these same gardens again, and where I procured for our American friends still some of the French varieties. We had before us, however, a most delightful visit to England where we were invited with Mr. Wallace, the noted English Iris grower, to visit Mr. Bliss' garden in Cornwall. Mr. Bliss had exhibited 'Dominion' (Bliss 1917) two years before, but its more famous descendants, 'Cardinal' (Bliss 1919), 'Bruno' (Bliss, 1920), and 'Duke Of Bedford' (Bliss, 1922) were then blooming in his wonderfully compact and most celebrated garden. Although the price was 12 guineas (\$63) [Ed.: in 1922 dollars] each, I bought two of each for my American garden. Two days later we attended, in Chelsea, the largest flower show in the world held outdoors and covered with several of the largest tents that I have ever seen. .



'Prospero' (Yeld 1920)  
Photo Mike Unser



'Dominion'  
(1917, Bliss)  
Photo Mike Unser



'Cardinal'  
(1919, Bliss)  
Photo Mike Unser



'Bruno'  
(Bliss, 1920)  
Photo Ann Milner



'Duke Of Bedford'  
(Bliss, 1922)  
Photo Ann Milner

The high point for us was the Iris exhibit and 'Prospero' (Yeld 1920), a grayish-blue Iris of unusual size, originated by Mr. Yeld, carried off the highest honors. We brought plants of this also with us on our homeward journey.

Why have I told you this bit of Iris Society history? Just because in those days our numbers were few, and so that the hundreds of members of the Iris Society who have come into it during the past dozen years may know something of the thrill which we older members enjoyed when we saw for the first time the very best Iris from England and France.

**\*\*Footnote:** The above was copied from a portion of the "Bonnewitz Peony and Iris Garden" catalog (Van Wert, Ohio) which has no date shown, but does state, "New Iris in the 1937 Catalog" and lists 25 varieties offered for sale, plus 75 other. The account was found in a book purchased through the Library Association of New York, and it is felt certain that the owner of the above gardens [Ed. Mr. Lee R. Bonnewitz] must have authored this article. Submitted by Jeanne W. Price of Blacksburg, Virginia.

[Ed. Anita Moran added all the photos to this article.]



## Committee Reports

### Parliamentarian Report, Fall 2022

We all have something to learn about having an efficient, productive meeting that is a pleasant experience. To that end the Hidden Parliamentarian has been reading *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition*. These hints remain in my memory:

Always ask the presiding officer for permission to speak.

Be courteous and wait your turn to voice your opinion.

Come to the meeting on time and prepared.

Remember that bylaws are the backbone that supports your organization; bylaws should not need to be changed often. Changes in procedure can be made more easily in rules of operation or in policies and procedures.

The Hidden Parliamentarian

### Historian's Report, Region 4 Fall Meeting,

Fredericksburg, Virginia, October 15, 2022

As Region 4 Historian, I store, among other things, a collection of the physical issues of *Newscast*; but it is a very incomplete collection. Many issues from the 1960s and 1970s are missing. Several years ago, prior to our Region 4 60th Anniversary celebration in 2019, Doug Chyz made an effort to scan all the issues in the Region 4 Historian's collection and upload them to the AIS Online Library, with links to the scanned issues from the Region 4 website. He located a few missing issues in the personal collections of various Region 4 members. The AIS Library was able to provide scanned copies of many of the missing issues to fill in the digital collection. However, gaps remained, both in the collection of physical issues and in the collection of digitized issues.

Fast forward to 2020. Heather and Alleah Haley received a donation to Region 4 of mostly iris publications from the collection of J. D. Stadler. Included in this collection were J.D.'s and his late mother's paper copies of *Newscast*. Alleah has been storing these publications and would like to dispose of them appropriately. She is offering the *Newscasts* to Region 4, and has already sent to Doug Chyz for scanning and uploading to the Region 4 website and AIS Online Encyclopedia any issues that weren't already there.

I have checked her inventory of *Newscasts*, including those issues she sent to Doug, with what I already hold in the Historian's collection. She has many issues that fill in most, but not quite all, of the gaps in the Historian's collec-

tion, especially from the 1960s and 1970s. Therefore, I asked Alleah to bring all the *Newscast* issues to me and I will use them to fill in the gaps in the Historian's collection of physical issues. I will ask Doug Chyz to send to me, when he is through scanning, the issues he has received so they can also be added to the physical collection. This will give us a collection of physical issues that is missing only about a dozen issues from 1959 to 2004. (Physical issues are hit-or-miss from 2005 on when *Newscast* became available upon publication through the Region 4 Website. Sometimes, as historian, I received a printed issue and sometimes I didn't. I have not been printing an issue to add to the Historian's collection.) Unless I have miscalculated someplace, I think that when Doug is through scanning these recent additions, we will have a complete collection of digitized issues available through the Region 4 Website and the AIS Online Library.

But what about all the duplicates? I have many, donated from various personal collections. There is a limit to how much I am willing to store, or need to store. With virtually all the issues available online, does the Historian really need to store more than one copy of each issue?

I have the same question about copies of the AIS Bulletin. Since these are now available online, do I need to store any? In all the time I have been Historian, I have not had one request to consult the collection of AIS Bulletins. At some time in the past, before I became Historian, AIS ceased sending a copy of the Bulletin to the Region, so the collection is very incomplete.

Shall we offer the duplicate issues of *Newscast* and the Bulletin to anyone who wants them and donate the rest to the local landfill?

Please give me some guidance.

Lois Rose, Historian  
Region 4, AIS

### ARVP REPORT, REGION 4 FALL MEETING 2022

#### The following are scheduled Regional Meetings

Fall 2022 - FAIS, Saturday, October 15, 2022 Fredericksburg Virginia

Spring 2023 - SPIS, May 12-13 2023 Winchester Virginia

**Fall 2023** open

Spring 2024 - CIS, Charlotte North Carolina

Fall 2024 - BIS, Easton MD

**Spring 2025** Open

**Fall 2025** open

## Committee Reports

### Website Report, Fall 2022

All *Newscast* pages were updated. Fifty-two pages were removed. More importantly, pages for the ESIS were no longer relevant or needed. We currently have 116 pages, all of which were updated and the menus corrected.

While I was making these corrections, I went through the website and found that during the winter I will need to update or correct 26 pages and need to add an additional 35 pages. These pages will be individual garden pages; nine for FSK gardens, eleven for ENCIS, eight for SPIS, and seven for CIS. I will need the 2023 schedules for the affiliates so I can place them on the schedule pages for the affiliates, but also add them to the Happenings pages. Region 4 Website is seen worldwide; all of the EU Nations (19) were represented including Ukraine in April and May. We are visited from Australia, five countries in Africa, seven in Asia, three in the Middle-East (including Israel, Iran and Pakistan), Canada and the US in North America, Brazil and Peru from South America and three island chains in the Pacific Rim. One country I had to look up and found out it was a small African nation. Four months had visitors from unknown locations. These are usually from government computers, universities, and Wi-Fi locations like Dunkin Donuts. The hosting providers protected the site from 2,348 bot attacks from 19 different sources. The majority came from Bing with 609 attacks and Duck Duck Go with 245 attacks. This is the reason I do not use either of these apps since they use computers to form the attacks.

The Region 4 Facebook account was hacked and I can get no help from Facebook to remove it and make it private for posting. Any help is appreciated.

### *Newscast*, Fall 2022 Report

I need to thank Alleah Haley for joining the *Newscast* editorial committee. She and Susan Grigg spent a grueling day of editing the latest *Newscast* so that it is as perfect as possible. As exhausting as it was, they continued to go over the publication individually to find more corrections over the next three days. I am hoping to again travel to North Carolina so that they do not have to work as hard and the editing can be completed quickly without changes to the format. I have always thought information should be free and one of the driving forces for the website is to host copies of the *Newscast*. Because of this access, Region 4 news and gardens are enjoyed around

the world. Within days of the newest version of the *Newscast* being posted on line, the daily average bandwidth went from 237.56 KB on August 16 to 4.53 MB on August 17. Nineteen countries on average visit the website in a month. The majority of the top six visit the *Newscast* pages. Those countries with smaller page counts and have high bandwidth use mean they are also visiting and downloading *Newscast* pages.

### Regional Membership Report, Fall 2023

After years of being second or third in the AIS membership count, Region 4 has outdone itself. Here are the statistics:

Reg 1	98	Reg 12	56
Reg 2	121	Reg 13	179
Reg 3	103	Reg 14	371
<b>Reg 4</b>	<b>460</b>	Reg 15	235
Reg 5	132	Reg 17	286
Reg 6	201	Reg 18	217
Reg 7	228	Reg 20	88
Reg 8	64	Reg 21	118
Reg 9	86	Reg 22	244
Reg 10	60	Reg 23	79
Reg 11	63	Reg 24	63
<b>Total</b>		<b>3552</b>	

All of our affiliates took advantage of the free one-year memberships and added members to their club.

It remains to be ascertained how many of these members will continue their memberships. If we involve them in our club activities and welcome them, then perhaps they will become active members.

Ginny Spoon  
Region 4, Membership Chair

*Irises are the glamour pussies in the world of floral loveliness. Time spent in an atmosphere of beauty is restorative. Emma Townsend, courtesy of Schreiner's Iris Gardens*



## Committee Reports

### Judges Training Report Fall Regional Meeting Oct. 15, 2022

Currently we have two Emeritus Judges, ten Master Judges, six Garden/Exhibition judges, four Apprentice Judges, three Student Judges, and five Retired Judges. Our newest Student Judge is Amy Fletcher from North Carolina. Don Rude became a retired as a judge this past year. Please welcome Beth Orndorff as a new Apprentice Judge and Patti Meagher as a new Garden/Exhibition judge. With the Handbook revision, Retired Judges can now serve on a judging panel when joined by an accredited judge. The newest revision of the AIS Handbook can be viewed online ([irises.org/Hist/Info2021AIS Handbook](https://irises.org/Hist/Info2021AISHandbook)). You can also buy your copy at the AIS Store Front. There is a lot of new information and many clarifications in it.

Our Region covers North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and DC. We have seven affiliates that have iris shows and most shows have at least two and often three Judges at each show. Spring is very busy for the judges. The Judges Training forms are on the Region 4 website and will give all of the information that is needed. Please use these forms. The Judges Activity Record is particularly useful when filling out the Annual Judges Activity report in August.

Please make use of the AIS training webinars. They are online presentations that make it possible for judges to receive in-classroom training from a wide variety of presenters and on many subjects. Not all of the webinars count as judges training credit but many do, and they are always interesting and informative. You must print out the test from the online invitation and send it to me for it to count. For more information go to American Iris Society News & Notes or email at [AISwebinars@gmail.com](mailto:AISwebinars@gmail.com).

In Iris Friendship,  
Sue Shackelford  
AIS Region 4 Judges Training Chair

*It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. - Charles Dickens*

### Epperson Committee Report Fall Regional Meeting Oct. 15, 2022

The Epperson Service Award is presented at the Region 4 fall meeting. It has not been given since the 2019 Fall meeting. Many iris shows and activities have not been held as usual because of COVID concerns, making it impossible for our members to gather and work together. Hopefully, we will get nominations, so that we can again present this prestigious award. Any member of Region 4 can make a nomination. Just prepare a summary of the contributions of the person you want to nominate and submit it to your affiliate president who will send it to me. I will present the nominees to the committee made up of a representative from each affiliate, usually the president. The next presentation could be at the Fall 2023 Regional meeting.

Sue Shackelford  
Epperson Service Award Committee Chair

### Fall 2022 Auction Report

At the 2022 spring meeting, Heather Haley assumed the role of auctioneer from Doug Chyz (now of Region 5). We are thankful for Doug's many years of service and for his continued support to AIS and our Region. The spring meeting had no silent auction, but had many donations for the regional plant auction.

Meeting attendees brought a delightful mix of potted bearded and beardless irises from their home gardens, as well as some house and landscape plants looking for good homes. These generous donations were supported by commentary and pictures provided by Anita Moran of each iris. At the end of the evening our combined efforts brought in \$708 dollars for the Region.

Heather Haley  
Auction Chair

## Minutes, Region 4 Board Meeting October 15, 2022

Call to order – Attending: Anita Moran (ARVP), Carol Warner (Treasurer), Diana Dudley, (Secretary), Dean Richards (ENCIS), Sue Shackelford (Judges), Alleah Haley (*Newscast*), Kathy Huneycutt (CVIS), Susan Grigg (*Newscast*) and Glenn Grigg (ENCIS), David Bollinger (Nominating), Beth Orndorff (FAIS), Ross Eagles (FAIS), Patricia Canute (BIS), Amy Fletcher (ENCIS), Robin Allen (FAIS), Nicole Greenwood (FAIS), Heather Mason (FAIS), Leisa Mullen (FAIS), Abby Glasgow (FAIS), Judy Durant (CVIS), and Chad Harris (Reg 13 Guest)

Minutes of the Spring 2022 Meeting as printed in the *Newscast* were approved unanimously.

Dan Fetty, RVP, was absent. No report

Anita Moran, ARVP, will now be acting RVP and will notify the AIS. Kathy Huneycutt has volunteered to be ARVP after her CVIS presidency is at an end. Our future convention plans are:

Spring 2023 Meeting – SPIS

Fall 2023 Meeting – CVIS proposed. Kathy will be verifying this at meeting this fall.

Spring 2024 Charlotte Iris Society

Fall 2024 Meeting Bay Shore Iris Society.

Nothing has been set for 2025.

Carol Warner presented the Treasurer's Report. Region 4 has a very healthy balance of \$18,317.96 at this time.

Anita Moran submitted a budget of which \$100.00 was approved for use by the Judges Training Chair.

Ginny Spoon reported Region 4 has the most members in AIS at 460 members.

Sue Shackelford reported Region 4 has two Emeritus Judges, ten Master Judges, six Garden/Exhibition judges, four Apprentice Judges and three Student Judges. Our newest student judge is Amy Fletcher from North Carolina. Don Rude retired as a judge this past year. Please welcome Beth Orndorff as a new Apprentice Judge and Patti Meagher as a new Garden/Exhibition Judge.

Anita announced that there will be a mandatory meeting for all levels of active judges from Students onward that will start 30 minutes prior to Chad Harris' talk on Japanese irises. This meeting is needed since many of us are having trouble filling out the Judges Activity Report.

The *Newscast* Editorial staff will need new MS Office programs for approximately \$600.00 for three licenses for Office 2020 Pro. A motion to approve the expense was made by Beth Orndorff, seconded by Kathy Huneycutt. Motion Passed.

Website reports we have visitors to the site from all over the world. The hosting providers protected the site from 2,348 bot attacks from 19 different sources. The majority came from Bing with 609 attacks and Duck Duck Go 245 attacks.

Heather Haley is gathering programs for Affiliates to give at their meetings. Please send programs to her on a thumb drive or CD. If you are willing to give a program please send her a list of topics.

Lois Rose reported that Alleah Haley received a donation to Region 4 of mostly iris publications, from the collection of J. D. Stadler with many of the missing *Newscasts*. Issues have been sent to Doug Chyz for digitizing. It was decided one copy of each issue is all that is needed and Region 4 does not need to keep AIS Bulletins.

Kathy Honeycutt is asking everyone to keep her informed about all members who need a card or call from the Sunshine Committee. Please email her or call her at 804-467-6761.

Heather Haley reported the last Spring Auction resulted in \$708.00

Sue Shackelford is asking for nominations for the 2023 Epperson award.

The Nominating Committee, Trisha Taylor, David Bollinger and Ingrid Bray, will be putting forth the following slate of officers: RVP Anita Moran, ARVP Kathy Huneycutt, Treasurer Carol Warner, Secretary Alleah Haley.

Carol Warner submitted the beardless and species report.

We need a new Median Iris member to report their activity. Ginny Spoon has resigned.

Affiliates reports submitted or received include BSI, CIS, CVIS, ENCIS, FAIS, FSK.



## Minutes (Cont.)

### Unfinished Business:

Hybrid spring and fall meetings were proposed. Anita has looked into the possibility and was surprised that at minimum, the cost could be approximately \$5,000. Anita is concerned that we may not have the manpower to do this. At least two people will need to be working in the background during the broadcast. She asked the attendees if there was any need to follow up on the need. COVID seems to be under control and from the number of attendees perhaps there wasn't a need to do any further investigation. At least one member felt strongly enough to ask that a committee be put together to investigate the possibility of having hybrid meetings, so that perhaps Region 4 could increase attendance. Kathy Huneycutt will chair the committee of five: Amy Fletcher, Beth Orndorff, Ross Eagles, and Nicole Greenwood.

Everyone had a chance to read the corrected language in the Bylaws. No one had any further corrections. Work needs to continue on hybrid meetings.

The RVP is looking for members for a Procedures Committee to determine what should be Region 4 procedures, which can be changes by the Board and what should remain in the Bylaws.

Meeting adjourned.

Diana Dudley  
Secretary Region 4

### Fall 2022 Region 4 General Meeting October 15, 2022 General Meeting

#### Roll Call

Bayshore Iris Society – Anthony 'John' Iwanski – 1  
Charlotte Iris Society – Ingrid Bray - 0  
Central Virginia Iris Society – Kathy Huneycutt - 2  
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society – Heather Haley - 7  
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society – Beth Orndorff - 10  
Francis Scott Key Iris Society – Carol Warner – 3  
Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society – Ginny Spoon – 1  
Guest – 1 Chad Harris Guest

The plant auction yielded \$1,485.00 from 192 plants

Best of Show Winner was 'Over and Over' exhibited by Phil Yowell. Best Seedling Winner was 20566-TB-SA-RE by Mike Lockatell. Anita Moran was awarded the Alice Bouldin Seedling Cup for her lovely MTB seedling 'Wings For Anna.'

Our guest was Chad Harris, who shared his love of Japanese iris.

Diana Dudley  
Secretary Region 4

### BOOK REVIEW

#### IRIS CULTURE AND HYBRIDIZING FOR EVERYONE

by Wilma Vallette. Published by Adams Press, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill. 1961.

Wilma Vallette says in the introduction to her book, that 300 others have helped to write the book. Some of it is culled from various Iris Robins that she has sponsored, directed or written for since the inception of the Robin program in 1956. The book therefore, as she points out, is not a regional treatise, as is so often the case, but has the knowledge and experience of professional and amateur iris growers and hybridizers from 47 of our continental states and the Dominion of Canada.

If you are interested in iris, and you are or you wouldn't be reading this, you should own this book. It is an excellent companion piece to the A.I.S. *Garden Irises*. Wilma Vallette's book is a live piece of writing about the Iris, it has certain typographic failings, but for original and useful information it is superior to *Garden Irises*.

The book begins with a general description of the iris family, next discusses chromosomes, then gives a very complete and original account of culture, that will open up new vistas in your thinking. The next chapter is a splendid scientific treatise on diseases and pests. This section alone is worth far more than the five dollar cost of the book. There are chapters on mutations, dominants and recessives, particularly good reading for the hybridizer, then a chapter on hybridizing and one on growing iris from seed. There are chapters on arils, dwarfs, beardless, and one on aims in breeding.

The second section of the book is on color, its nature and composition. This section, to the hybridizer, is indeed an informative one. The knowledge contained here will give the amateur and the professional a more exact conception of the limits and bounds, of the possibilities and the impossibilities of color.

R. L. Meagher



## Pursuing a Farming Passion With NC Farm School

### Written By Derek Washburn

Heather Haley is passionate about irises and wanted to help preserve her mother's lifetime collection when Heather moved and downsized. Unfortunately, her garden was too small to accommodate 350 additional irises. Heather's husband Chris was supportive; even he contemplated digging up their front lawn to make more space for a new potential business. He said, "You can grow all the irises you want to, if you can make money doing it."



"There's no textbook for what I'm trying to do, it [NC Farm School] gave me the confidence to be able to think I could go from a gardener to a farmer, and that I had support." -Heather Haley (left), pictured with husband and mom.

At that moment, Heather started to imagine ways to turn the flower she loves into a money-making venture. Heather devoted time every week looking for land and figuring out how she would bring her family and all their irises together. At the end of three years, she had not only found the right property, but Heather had also completed a program to help get an iris farm up and running. "I did not understand anything about farming. I was a gardener," admitted Heather. Through NC Farm School, Heather was introduced to basic farm vocabulary, as well as best-practices for agricultural businesses. "There's no textbook for what I'm trying to do," said Heather, "It [NC Farm School] gave me confidence to be able to think I could go from a gardener to a farmer, and that I had support." At NC Farm School Heather was able to meet other farmers and develop strong relationships with her peers. Once Heather and Chris moved onto their farm in Ramseur, one of her classmates provided a housewarming gift that changed their trajectory. He drove an hour and a half with a tractor in tow to clear weeds that had overtaken most of the 7-acre farm.

"You have a whole community that surrounds you, that supports and champions your success. You have these peo-

ple who have been in your class. I really wanted them to be successful. I had no idea they wanted me to be successful [too]. You tell them your idea and they get excited. You're chasing the dream and they want to be a part of it, and they want to see you successful. I haven't had anybody that was like, no, don't do that. You're crazy," Heather enthused. While attending NC Farm School, Heather decided to try selling potted irises at a local farmer's market. The market was housing an annual plant sale, and people were excited to discover a new iris vendor! By the end of the day, Heather made \$560. When challenged to see if she could do this again, Heather signed up for a second plant sale. She went to a new location and replicated the success of her first market day. For Heather, these sales indicated that she was surrounded by potential markets of iris lovers.



Heather Haley



## Pursuing a Farming Passion With NC Farm School (Cont.)

Heather relies on the guiding mantra “farm for profit instead of production” that she learned from Farm School. Heather confided, “What I learned from Farm School was, you really need to have a plan and to follow that plan, so you make your mistakes, but you make them small that way you can make the business grow.” It has grown with a lot of support from her family, what once only existed on paper is now the Broley Homestead. The business name came from combining letters from Heather and Chris’ last names: Haley and Broberg. Heather uses winter months to update the business webpage and online market. Throughout the growing season she posts farm updates on their Facebook page and creates an event for upcoming plant sales. Existing customers can request bare-root rhizomes for fall pickup, but it seems that most people like the flexibility of purchasing their irises in pots. “Everyone told me it was going to be a lot of work, but it’s made me a healthier and happier person, even though I’m working really hard. That’s my happy place. As hard as the work is, it’s where I’m happiest,” smiled Heather.

WRITTEN BY



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## Committee Reports (cont.)

### Iris Program Resource Report, Fall 2022

I am cultivating a collection of recent iris programs made by region members. Currently available presentations include: bearded irises for the home landscape, iris companion plants, and weeds we love to hate. If you would like to add programs you created to this collection, please send them to Heather.Haley@gmail.com.

I would also like to update the list of presenters willing to give programs for nearby affiliates. If you are willing and able, please let me know and provide a list of topics you are comfortable presenting.

In the coming months, I plan to create a shared Google Drive to house presentations and the presenter list. Few computers are built with CD-ROM drives these days, and the Google Drive can be accessed by anyone with an internet connection and the appropriate link. This method eliminates the need to create, maintain, and distribute CDs. When the drive is available, I will share with presidents of each affiliate in the region.

Heather Haley  
Program Resource Chair

(Continued from AUG 2022 *Newscast* pg. 3)

**Law number 12:** Spreading the Iris addiction is not a crime and should be attempted at every opportunity.

**Law number 13:** Hosting a guest iris is a privilege, begging for a guest iris posted on Facebook is an imperative.

**Law number 14:** Asking for an ID on Facebook for that white iris your neighbor gave you, will surely get you a proper Identification, of every white iris ever introduced but not necessarily yours.

(Excerpt from Jan. 1986, beginning Vol 28-1 Clarence Mahan)

### Fall 2022 Sunshine Report

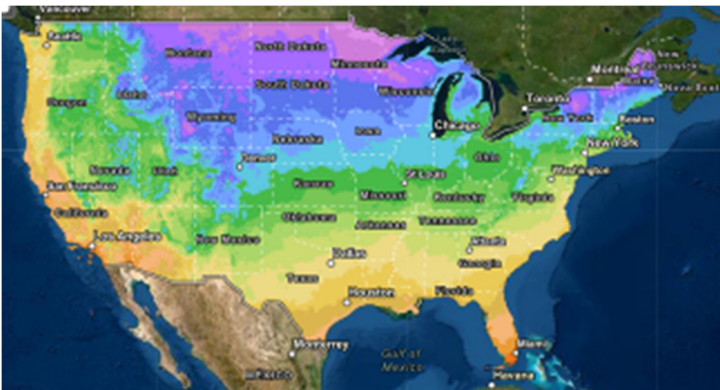
I sent out six cards: thinking of you and get well cards.

Please let me know if any members need a card. Email Kathyhuneycutt@yahoo.com or call 1-804-467-6761.

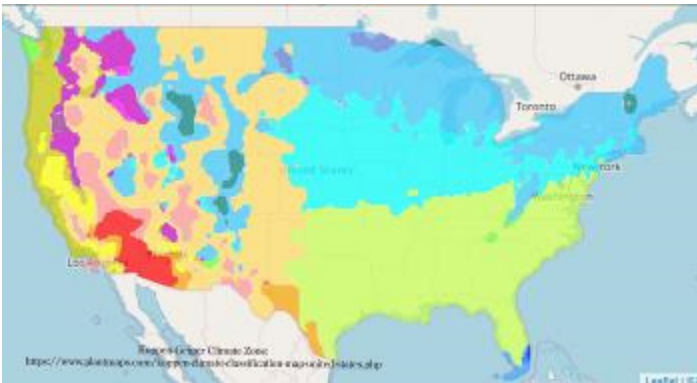
Kathy Huneycutt  
Sunshine Chair

# Extending The Zone: Part 2 Regional

## by Anita Moran



USDA Plant Hardiness Map  
<https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/><sup>4</sup>



Köppen-Geiger Climate Classification Map  
<https://www.plantmaps.com/koppen-climate-classification-map-united-states.php><sup>2</sup>

Region 4 of the American Iris Society (AIS), encompasses the Mid-Atlantic States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, and the District of Columbia. They exist in USDA Hardiness Zones ranging from 6 to 8 or -10 to 15 °F range of temperature. I am not including the ‘a’ and ‘b’ designation, since it only involves 5.0 °F, however they are included later for the change in zone designation between the thirty-year span of 1990 to 2020. This temperature shift is just a small portion of what occurs in the Mid-Atlantic. I chose twenty cities and towns that most represent the states from large cities like Baltimore and Washington D.C. to rural towns like Winchester, Virginia. The breakdown by USDA Zone for the 20 cities in given in Table 1.

Another way I separated the towns is by the Köppen-Geiger Climate Classification (KGCC). There were

USDA Hardiness Zone in Region 4 of the American Iris Society	
USDA Zone 6	7
USDA Zone 7	9
USDA Zone 8	4

Table 1: USDA hardiness zones for 20 cities used for comparisons in Region 4 of the AIS.

two main zones: C- Temperate (Mesothermal) Climates and all these fell into the subcategory of fa - Humid Subtropical Climate, with one month averaging above 32 °F, at least one month's average temperature above 71.6 °F, and at least four months averaging above 50 °F; and Zone D - Continental (Microthermal) Climates). This zone had two sub-zones fa - Humid Continental Hot Summers with year

KGCC Zones in Region 4 of the American Iris Society		
KGCC zone Cfa	19	Humid Subtropical Climate, with one month averaging above 32 °F, at least one month's average temperature above 71.6°F, and at least four months averaging above 50 °F
KGCC zone Dfa	5	Humid Continental Hot Summers with year around precipitation
KGCC zone Dfb	1	Humid Continental Mild Summer, wet all year

Table 2: Köppen-Geiger Climate Classifications in Region 4 of the American Iris Society

around precipitation and fb - Humid Continental Mild Summer, wet all year. Both of these subzones were similar in yearly temperature variations. I will explain the importance of the Dfa zone later.

# Extending The Zone: Part 2 Regional (cont.)

In 2022 all areas except one city were listed as currently in Exceptional Extreme Drought condition, which is the same condition currently being experienced in California and the desert Southwest. Huntington, West Virginia, however, is the only one of the cities chosen where the KGCC was Dfb and its drought condition was listed as Normal for 2022.

Differences in the number of Days >86 °F in Region 4 of the American Iris Society	
Days >86 °F	Number of Selected Towns
1-7	2
8-14	4
15-30	2
31-45	5

Table 3: Days with temperature greater than 86 °F compared with the number of selected towns matching those factors.

With that information I was still confused with why we get so many different outcomes with the hardiness of certain irises from outside the Region. The greatest variance I found was the difference in the number of days these cities experience greater than 86 °F

All of the four cities experiencing >86 °F for more than 61 days are located in North Carolina. While Durham is often twinned with Raleigh, in the 30 years from 1990 to 2021 Durham saw an increase of temperature enough to move it from Zone 7a to 7b. Raleigh remained 7b during those same 30 years. Charlotte was another city which increased in average temperature moving it from USDA Zone 7b to 8a for the same time frame. There were six other cities where the temperature increased enough to be labeled in a higher zone. They include Huntington, West Virginia, Norfolk, Virginia, Chincoteague Island, Virginia, Morgantown, West Virginia, Washington D.C., and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Cross Junction, Virginia actually reduced a Zone from 6b to 6a. Before you claim global warming or climate change, here are the facts. Charlotte and Durham both increased in population by 51.5% and 48.0% respectively, the largest growth among the cities chosen was for Spotsylvania, Virginia, which increased in population by 57.7%, the great-

est amount in Region 4. Of the other towns where the Zone increased, three decreased in population by an average of 32.9%, the other three cities increased by an average of only 8.9%. Three were near the ocean and three were landlocked. So not climate change.

What does all this mean for our irises and changing them from one area of the Region to another. Let’s again look at the KGCC data. Except for Huntington, West Virginia, all the cities are in an exceptional drought condition; but it was not always so here in Region 4. We have great spans of time without natural rainfall but very few gardeners water in these conditions. The reason for this is the decrease in rainfall in Region 4 states does not mean complete lack of rainfall as on the West Coast. The opposite condition where we have large rain events during the year make a greater impact on our gardens and results in failure of plants not used to wet conditions.

By creating microclimates in our gardens, we might achieve a greater diversity of success for irises that might not succeed in our Region. George Sutton, a guest speaker for a Region 4 meeting held in Richmond, made the comment during his talk that we don’t have to worry about arils and arilbreds in our Region because they don’t survive in the Mid-Atlantic region. You cannot fault him. Most members of AIS and the Aril Society International (ASI) believed the same thing when I investigated growing arils and arilbreds in Maryland. At that same meeting, I brought two arilbred seedlings to the regional show. At home I was growing pure arils, *Iris stolonifera*, the AR 'Turkish Topaz' (Regelia Hybrid RH Austin 1962), 'Persian Accent' (Regeliocyclus RC Rich 1991) and 'Vera' (Van Tubergen unregistered, Regelia Hybrid RH ) along with 65 half arils , and six three quarter arilbred iris. All these irises require desert conditions, yet did well here with our summers where we often experience afternoon thunderstorms.



*Iris stolonifera* (R) Photo: Anita Moran



## Extending The Zone: Part 2 Regional (cont.)



Size comparison of three types of grit used for chickens, which can be used for gardening,

Reprinted from CHICKEN WATERER blog

To increase moisture retention, add 50% compost to the beds. For bog conditions, before planting, dig a little deeper and place one to three plastic shopping bags in each plant hole, just enough to cover the bottom and two inches up. This will keep the rhizome dryer and allow the roots to seek out the greater moisture content at the bottom of the hole. Another way to increase available moisture is to add Miracle-Gro® Water Storing Crystals to the soil. This will extend the time moisture is available to the plants.

I hope this has helped. In my next article I will compare other parts of the US from which we in Region 4 often get our lovelies.

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## Sino-Siberian — Chrysographes

Sino-Siberian literally means Siberians from China. This group includes species like *bulleyana*, *chrysographes*, *delavayi*, *dykesii*, *forrestii*, and *wilsonii*. For this group of species most range from 6” – 18”, but *I. delavayi* can grow up to 48”, depending on temperatures and moisture availability. Most do well in USDA Hardiness Zones from 6 to 9, but most might need some mulch for winter. With broad ranges in color these species would be great additions to any garden. While some are branched, others have just a terminal with up to three buds.

This group has grass-like foliage that looks good until winter. They require more care since they need more water than other Siberians and are less tolerant of poor soils, drought, and cold weather.



*Iris bulleyana*, photo by Ken Walker



*Iris chrysographes*, photo by Anita Moran



*Iris dykesii*, photo by Will Plotner



*Iris forrestii*, photo by Ken Walker



## Extending The Zone: Part 2 Regional (cont.)

On the opposite side, I sent several of my *Iris versicolor*, often referred to as the Northern Blue Flag iris, to Virginia gardens. All the gardens where the plants were grown were the same USDA Zone and they had the same KGCC conditions, so they should have done well. All gardens except one lost the plants, yet one of my *versicolor* introductions did well in a Raleigh, North Carolina garden. Here in Maryland, I grow all of my *I. versicolor* seedlings in garden soil. Perhaps in the southern gardens, where the temperatures are greater, they needed additional water since they are considered moisture-loving. Louisiana irises are also moisture loving, but these hardy southern plants do very well in garden soil here in the Mid-Atlantic region even into Pennsylvania. I believe we can increase the hardiness of various irises by changing how we grow them and learning to develop microclimates within our gardens to best suit them.

To create some microclimates in Region 4, here are some tips:

To sharpen or increase drainage like the desert, add contractor sand (rough, not fine like play sand, which will clump) and add 10% by volume to the first eight inches of the soil and turn it into the soil of the bed. Then add

one 25-pound bag of Chic Grit (found at every feed store that caters to chickens) for every 4' x 4' bed, turn it in, and then top dress with Chick Grit. Do not get the fancy stuff. It is usually made of oyster shells which attract unwanted predators and animals, which can destroy a garden. Chick Grit should run about \$7 - \$8 a bag for insoluble grit. Get the larger Grower Grit for even sharper drainage. I find, as a general rule, adding sand to any soil in my garden enhances the growing potential by reducing the possibility of molds and moisture loving bacteria.



'Turkish Topaz' (Austin 1962, RH). Photo: Anita Moran



'Vera' (C. G. Van Tubergen not registered, RH).  
Photo: Anita Moran



'Cloud Of Dragons' (Moran 2009, SPEC).  
Photo: Anita Moran

## Affiliate Reports

### Bay Shore Iris Society Region 4 Fall Report October 9, 2022

The big news for our club was the change of meeting venue from the Talbot County Extension Service to the Easton Village Clubhouse in Easton. The Club will continue to hold our monthly meeting the third Wednesday starting at 1:00 p.m.

The Fall Club Sale was held on September 10 at the Easton Farmers Market. The sale was a financial success, but more importantly the member participation was nothing short of fantastic. Newly joined members of the AIS, as well as veteran club members made the sale an enjoyable, fun event. We are hoping that it set the stage for our show in May. Our September meeting was well attended with 11 members participating. Pat Rhodes shared with members the methods she uses to keep track of the names, cultivars, and types of iris she has in her garden. At the same meeting members decided to use video aids now available at the meeting site to aide in our training. The plan is to use material from AIS National and incorporate with "hands on" locally.

December election of officers is on the agenda, and we are hoping some of the new members will be willing to step up to some of the offices.

I am asking that the following be read into the minutes of the Region 4 2022 Fall Meeting: The Bay Shore Iris Society is requesting that the Fall Regional Meeting for 2024 be hosted by our club on Maryland's Eastern Shore. To back up that request our Club has done the following: added 11 new members to AIS, spent \$400.00 on rebloomer rhizomes to help assure a successful show and even a possible garden visit, developed a tracking roster of rhizomes given to members to help with managing them and their cultivation. We have in mind several venues where we could hold the meeting that would be "destination" locations and fun for members to enjoy while attending a meeting. Last but not least, it's finally our turn and time to host a meeting and we want too do so. I'm sorry I could not make the meeting, but my wife and I will be traveling for two weeks visiting family and friends in Michigan and Montana.

Anthony "John" Iwanski  
President Bay Shore Iris Society.

### Central Virginia Iris Society 2022 Fall Report

We had our plant sale at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden again this year. It was a big success. We made more money this year than in past years. We are working on having our Harvest meeting. At this time we have our new officers in place for next year.

Also, we are hoping to have a December meeting to celebrate the birthday of our club.

Thanks to Kathy Huneycutt for being our president for the past seven years. She has done a great job of being President and keeping our club together.

### Charlotte Iris Society Fall Report

After our Spring Iris Show members of CIS were invited by Ruth Holbrook's family to rescue her irises and other plants. It was a labor of love and everybody got a memento. Sarah Sue Miller has created a Ruth Hollbrook display garden at her home in Hickory, North Carolina at the entrance of her house, accessible to the public. The garden is approximately 20x5 feet, contains around 100 irises, some peonies and some daylilies. The list of tags we could read are almost 50, and if the irises are there we still have to identify the rest. 1933 is the oldest and 2018 - the newest, according to the tags. Truly a challenge.

Our HIPS people are very serious about protecting and preserving historic irises. They will use Landowner and Iris Owner agreement to secure the legal right to remove irises before the bulldozers move in. We are also looking for irises hybridized by Katherine Steele. If any of our Region 4 members have her irises, kindly let us know their names.

Another group of members is interested in recent iris introductions both domestic and international. This was reflected in the choice of available rhizomes at the sale.

During our September meeting we discussed the successes and improvements in past and future sales as well as conducted the ever popular plant exchange. After acquiring so many plants we needed to have yet another meeting in October on "Keeping Your Iris Records." Sarah Sue Miller and Charisse Miller conducted a very professional presentation that we are ready to share with other affiliates.

2023 CIS Iris Show space was secured even though the cost of the rent went up three fold. So we will have a potted and blooming iris sale at the market! This will allow the public to see irises in bloom, and us to introduce Louisianas, Siberians, Pseudatas, and other irises to our visitors. We are looking forward to having a sizable delegation in Winchester to be inspired by Virginia hybridizers and iris growers.

Ingrid Bray  
CIS President

**Correction:** The August 2022 *Newscast*, page 16, stated that 'Skating Party' (Gaulter 1983, TB) received the Dykes Medal in 1989. This is incorrect. No iris was awarded the Dykes Medal in 1989.

## Affiliate Reports

### FAIS Fall Report 2022 for Region 4

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society (FAIS) has had a busy year. We had a successful iris sale in August to help us raise funds for scholarships to horticulture students for both J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Virginia Tech. The week following the sale an Iris Basics program was given by Lois Rose.

Special Thanks to Tricia Taylor for being Chair of the iris sale, to Abby Glasgow and Lois Rose for assisting her as did many others. We also thank all the gardeners that contributed numerous irises from their gardens.

In September we enjoyed our annual picnic, graciously hosted by Oscar and Maritza Guterrez at their home.

We would be remiss not to thank Tricia Taylor for chairing the Fall Regional Meeting and her committee of volunteers for making all of this possible.

Beth Orndorff, President FAIS

### Fall 2022 FSK Iris Society Report

We enjoyed hosting the Spring Region 4 Meeting and Show in May.

This year we had a beardless iris exhibition featuring mostly Japanese irises on June 18 at Richardson Farms in White Marsh. We did not have a judged show and had only two exhibitors due to sickness and travel, but the exhibit was exceptionally beautiful and introduced the public to a whole new group of irises blooming at a different time.

Our two sales in July have been successful at reaching customers in two entirely different areas. It is always amazing to see how much work goes into the sale and how many irises find new loving homes. Since this is our only fundraiser, we rely on the generosity of many of our members.

Our summer picnic was held at Vickie Stewart and Dave Piasecki's home on a gorgeous cool summer Saturday. Two of our new members attended and everyone enjoyed a beautiful garden and great food and fellowship.

The fall meeting scheduled for October 29 is not firmly planned, but we always seem to come up with an interesting program.

Our good faithful members support our events, but it is still a challenge to attract and thoroughly engage new members. We are planning to hold a meeting with "Irises 101" as a program in the spring.

Carol Warner, FSK President

### Fall 2022 Eastern North Carolina Iris Society Report

Members of the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society (ENCIS) are currently enjoying cooler temperatures as summer turns into fall. The transition happened so quickly that I wonder if an early winter is upon us. I hope not. Several members dug their iris beds late in the season and it would be nice if rhizomes got settled in a bit more before going dormant for the winter.

In June of this year, we enjoyed a garden visit hosted by members Dean Richards and Diana Dudley at Bee Happy Farm in Creedmoor. Dean and Diana's farm has a large storage building which they have often called into service for iris events. During our garden visit, Bob Pries conducted judges' training for beardless irises and we enjoyed snacks and spending time with some of our new members. July brought another opportunity for us to come together – this time digging irises at Susan Miller's garden in Apex. Irises donated from this dig, as well as from several other members' gardens, were brought to our annual bearded rhizome sale at the Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. We were back to holding the sale indoors (YAY), and accepted credit card payments as a club for the first time. The public responded enthusiastically by purchasing more rhizomes when informed of the ability to pay by card.

In August members returned to Raleigh to listen to Susan Miller's program on weeds and potential control methods. Two members joined us over Zoom for this presentation and it was great to take advantage of a hybrid meeting format. Our most recent gathering was a beardless rhizome sale in September, also at the arboretum in Raleigh. After deducting costs to rent rooms at the arboretum, iris sales this year brought in a total of \$3,464.51, about \$1,000 less than our sales in 2021.

ENCIS currently has 50 members, and we have enjoyed meeting our newest members at club events. Our last meeting of the year is a potluck harvest dinner and planning session for events in 2023. Although details remain up in the air for most meetings, we reserved space at the Mebane Arts and Community Center for an iris show on May 7, 2023. We hope this centralized location will allow more members to bring their bloom stalks and participate. We will also be offering potted bearded and beardless irises at the sale.

We have enjoyed another great year sharing the love of irises in Eastern North Carolina and are looking enthusiastically forward to many more years of friendship and garden fun. Until next time....

Heather Haley, ENCIS President



## Affiliate Reports

### 2022 Fall Regional President's Letter for Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society

The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society held their fall board meeting on October 8th at the home of Don and Ginny Spoon. The new slate of officers for the 2023-2024 term were nominated as follows:

President: Patti Meagher  
 Vice President: Ginny Spoon  
 Treasurer: Colin Campbell  
 Secretary: Marilyn Naylor

### 2023 Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society Club Schedule

March	Board Meeting TBA
April 30	Show preparation demonstration, location TBA
April 12-16	AIS National Convention, Dallas, TX
May 12-13	SPIS will host the spring regional meeting in Winchester, VA
Friday, May 12	Iris Show MSV Reception Hall, Main Building Setup 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Show Judging 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Show open to public 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Judges Training Iris Hills Farm 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 13th	Garden Tours, Awards Banquet, Auction, etc.
May 20th	Open Garden Tour at Patti Meagher's with Garden Judges Training
August	Iris Sale at West Oaks Farm Market Peach Festival TBA Possibly the 2nd Saturday in August
October	Fall Regional Meeting TBA
October	SPIS Board Meeting TBA

Our iris sale at the West Oaks Farm Market in Winchester on Saturday, August 6 was very successful and we made \$1,659.

We also discussed the spring regional meeting next May 12 and 13 in Winchester which we are hosting. Everything is in place. There is nothing much to do now except weed the gardens on tour.

After this spring, when the iris show will be held at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, we are going to have our iris show at the West Oaks Farm Market where we also have our iris sale.

Ginny Spoon  
 President, SPIS



## Mary Russick Myers



December 21, 1951 ~ December 8, 2022 (age 70)

Mary Russick Myers, 70, of Wake Forest, North Carolina passed away Thursday morning, December 8, 2022 at her home.

Mary Myers was born on December 21, 1951 to Joan Young Russick and Robert Fred Russick. She was the first of 6 children. Preceded in death by her parents, Mary is survived by her husband of 42 years, Donald Foster Myers of Wake Forest, North Carolina, her sister Anne Pettit of Rolesville, North Carolina, her brother Bob Russick (Gail) of Williams, California, her sister Jane Russick of Westminster Colorado, her sister Meg Heath (Chuck) of Summerville South Carolina, and her sister Sue Fenwick (Jeff) of Springfield Missouri, her cousins Lynne Lawlor and David Luce of Englewood, Colorado and Richmond California respectively, and many more aunts, uncles, cousins and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Those who knew her will remember her for her creativity, and her skill at telling jokes and singing songs, from campfire songs to opera. One of her nieces remembers her for teaching her how to flip the bird properly. She was talented in music and theater and performed with the Davis Comic Opera Company, and multiple choirs and chorales wherever she lived.

Mary decorated cakes and excelled at painting and needlepoint and embroidery. She enjoyed sharing her husband's passion for roses and was a competition Judge for the American Rose Society. They loved growing roses and arranging them, and together with Don, they won many rose show competitions. Mary had a radiant smile and a captivating personality. She was a loving and dedicated wife, sister, and friend, and will be remembered by so many for her fabulous bohemian style, her many talents, her wit, and her sense of humor. She will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30000, Shreveport, LA 71130-0030([www.rose.org/donate](http://www.rose.org/donate)).



## Gardens in Transition

**2023 Region 4 Spring Iris Show, Meetings, and Five Garden Tours  
Friday May 12 and Saturday May 13 - Optional Sunday Garden Tour  
in the Winchester, Virginia area**

The prolific bloom of irises in the Shenandoah Valley is waiting for you to share in the joy! Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society is hosting the Region 4 Spring Regional Meetings and Garden Tours in and around Winchester, Virginia on May 12 and 13, 2023. Won't you join us?

Over the years our club has donated many historic and modern irises to the Glen Burnie Gardens at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV) in Winchester. We're celebrating our decade-long relationship with the MSV gardens by hosting our regional iris show and meetings there on May 12. Lunch on the patio before a guided tour of the gardens by the garden director will round out our time there.

The irises are spread throughout the garden plantings so that a walk along the paths bring you to beds of bearded irises, both new and historic. Older irises dot the landscape in plantings around the historic Glen Burnie House, which sits in the center of the gardens. Saunter down the lane past the old cistern and stream to see the Siberian irises. Wander into the Asian gardens to see the Japanese irises around the pagoda. Scattered among the hostas you'll find *Iris cristata*. A formal alleé and rose garden are countered with kitchen gardens and the casual profusion of various blooms around the water features. The seven-acre gardens are ever changing and the newest addition is a pleasantly shaded bamboo walk with secluded benches along the pathway.

Next, join Colin Campbell in his newly expanded seedling beds at Iris Hills Farm for training on how to judge seedlings in the garden. His collection of irises introduced by others has been downsized but still covers a large swath of the front slope and driveway. Walk the farm afterwards to visit the lambs, chickens, and guinea fowl. Roam the two large vegetable gardens and the multiple mixed plantings surrounding the house. Visit Colin's piano studio where he works wonders with students, young and old. We might even talk him into an impromptu piano concert!

Winterberry Gardens, hosted by Don and Ginny Spoon, will be open to us all morning on our second day. This is the last time that Ginny anticipates being able to open their gardens to tours. You won't want to miss this opportunity to visit the incredible plantings of thousands of irises, including many Dykes winners and all of Don, Ginny, and Bryan Spoon's introductions. Ginny will be on hand to show us seedlings that they are currently evaluating and answer any questions you may have. This is probably the most extensive planting of irises anywhere in Region 4. Don would delight in seeing each of you.

# Wiki Report

by Robert Pries

I am working on two wiki projects that overlap but are distinct. One is an illustrated checklist for the year 2022. The other is an illustrated history for each type of iris. The first can be found by looking in the index for Registrations, 2022. The second can be found as a link on the title page of each iris class (first page of web for the class). There is a grey area on each Web Title page that has a link called “Iris by Year”.

“Registrations for 2022” is fulfilling a dream of being able to see in one place all the irises registered in a given year. This was a huge task since there are roughly 1,400 registrations for 2022. Due to the help of many irisarians, but especially Terry Laurin, who have attached images to the cultivar pages on the wiki, this became a possibility. About 77% of all these registrations have images on the wiki. I am optimistic that these galleries may be more complete as my fellow iris lovers attach more images. But for now, the collection of images is

quite beautiful. My apologies to all hybridizers who are missing images of their iris. It does put them at a disadvantage. But as soon as they attach an image to their cultivar page, I will work to update the galleries.

“Iris By Year” galleries each contain the 2022 gallery for their specific group but ultimately will show galleries for each preceding year. For example, the MDB gallery has at least two decades of yearly galleries in place. Amazingly, the MDBs are complete for 2022 and for the twenty years prior are at least 85% complete. As 2023 registrations are completed, this year’s gallery will continue to be updated. Obviously, smaller groups are easier to complete and MTBs and SPEC-X are complete back to the beginning.

Everyone can help with this project by attaching images to the cultivar pages. All 2022 registrations are now on the wiki and 2023 registrations will be continually added as available. The stage is set. Now go out and take those pictures as the irises come into bloom.

While preparing this celebratory statement, I discovered it is a bit premature. The Registrar is working with a new system. The R & I was published for 2022 and uploaded to the Members’ Iris register. But

## (MDB) Miniature Dwarf Bearded


Miniature Dwarf Bearded are the tiniest of bearded irises, with height of up to 20 cm (8 inches). They are also the earliest to bloom. They are most effective in rock gardens or plant

Example: Fire Opal Orange

Select a letter to browse by variety name:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z


### Miniature Dwarfs




### Miniature Dwarf Iris Web Contents/Links

- [Iris by Date](#) (to be constructed)
- [Miniature Dwarf Irises by Color](#) (in the future)
- [Development of The Miniature Dwarf Irises](#) (coming soon)
- [Iris by Hybridizer](#) (also Web)
- [The Library](#)
  - [Miniature Dwarf Iris Literature](#) (to be developed)
- [Awarded Irises](#)
  - [Capehart/Watch Medal for best Miniature Dwarf Iris](#)
- [Cultivation](#)


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### Welcome to the Main/Mdb web

#### Available Information

- [Hybridizer biography and list of registered Iris see Web Topic List](#)
- [Scientist biography and list of authored species, see Web Topic List](#)

#### Main/Mdb Web Utilities

- - advanced search
- [Web Topics List](#) - all topics in alphabetical order
- [Web Changes](#) - recent topic changes in this web
- [Web Notify](#) - subscribe to an e-mail alert sent when topic change
- [Web Fees, Web Admin](#) - RSS and AICM news feeds of topic change
- [Web Statistics](#) - listing popular topics and top contributors
- [Web References](#) - preferences of this web

even though the cutoff for registrations is end of November, the new registration system used the calendar year and December registrations which were supposed to be 2023 were included in 2022 in the online registrars information. We are in the process of adding these registrations to the image galleries, but so we do not get people calling to tell us they should be 2022 or 2023 we are listing them separately as 2022/2023.



## Gardens in Transition

Join Ray Jones at the Memorial Scatter Garden at Opequon Presbyterian Church where he plants and cares for irises and other perennials. We'll be having lunch in the Fellowship Hall, and there will be time to visit the Roots and Shoots Vegetable Garden where church members grow produce for a local food pantry.

The Meagher Gardens will show us the most amazing transition of the entire weekend. Just a few short years ago this property was a simple suburban homestead. Then Patti Meagher caught the iris virus! Today her home is surrounded by irises. Over 550 varieties now live where grass once reigned supreme. Patti graciously stepped into the role of vice president of our club this year. She just completed her Apprentice judges' training this year and will be a full Garden Judge by the time we visit her gardens. Anita Moran will be giving tall bearded iris judges training in the Meagher Gardens, so it will be interesting to see where they agree or disagree on the amazing collection of mostly newer introductions that Patti has amassed.

Our time together will end with an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at the Hilton Garden Inn banquet rooms. Dinner will be followed by a special Hybridizers' Presentation where all of Region 4's active hybridizers will show you their recent introductions, talk about their hybridizing goals and how they hope to achieve them, and give you a peek at some of the seedlings they are currently evaluating for introduction. We'll close the evening with Award Presentations and a rousing plant auction.

Consider staying over until Sunday to visit one final garden: The Walter Flores Memorial Iris Gardens which our club helped to plant at The State Arboretum of Virginia at Blandy Farm in Boyce, Virginia. A grant was recently awarded to Blandy to renew the iris beds adding more reblooming irises, structural features, and additional perennial plantings along the back. Sunday, May 14 is Blandy's annual Mother's Day Garden Fair Sale with hundreds of vendors and a multitude of plants for sale. Fill up your car for the drive home!

We hope that you can join us in May! Please note that we will not be setting up a standard block of rooms. Room pricing has gone up at the Hilton so we are, instead, setting up a confirmed discount rate with the Marriott Courtyard Hotel near the MSV which will give you a guaranteed low room rate IF you make your reservation before April 10th. After that the discount goes away. You are free to stay at whatever hotel in Winchester meets your needs, but we wanted to make sure you had a reasonable and convenient option. Book a Discounted Room for \$104 . Click this link on the Region 4 website ([http://www.irisregion4.com/SPR\\_2023\\_HOT.pdf](http://www.irisregion4.com/SPR_2023_HOT.pdf)) to connect to the hotel for this discount.

The Registration Form and Schedule can be found in this issue of the *Newscast* and on the Regional website at [www.irisregion4.com](http://www.irisregion4.com). Feel free to contact Sheryl Campbell at [Campbells@IrisHillsFarm.com](mailto:Campbells@IrisHillsFarm.com) if you have any questions.

## **2023 Spring Iris Show Schedule**

**The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society,  
an affiliate of the American Iris Society,  
PRESENTS AN IRIS SHOW & EXHIBITION  
2023**

### **Spring Iris Show**

Friday, May 12th, 2023

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley



901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601

All iris growers are invited to exhibit

No entry fee or admission charge to the show

Horticultural Divisions

Entries accepted from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Judging from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Open to the public 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

The show will be held in the Reception Hall, Main Building

Admission is free to the show

## 2023 Spring Iris Show Schedule

### AWARDS

The following awards will be presented, if merited:

**RIBBONS** - Only one first, one second or one third place ribbon will be awarded to each cultivar. As many Honorable Mention ribbons as quality merits will be awarded to each cultivar. No entry may receive more than one first, one second, or one third place ribbon.

**BEST SPECIMEN - QUEEN OF SHOW** - will receive the AIS Purple Rosette imprinted "Best Specimen". Any Youth member who wins "Best of Show" will be awarded \$50 plus the AIS Purple Rosette/Certificate.

**SPECIAL MERIT** - AIS Purple Rosettes will be awarded to the two runners-up to the Best Specimen.

**BEST IN SECTION** - The Best Specimen of each section will receive an AIS Section Rosette.

**BEST SEEDLING** - AIS "Best Seedling" Rosette will be awarded to the best seedling, if merited. Any youth member who wins "Best Seedling" will be awarded \$100.

**MEDALS** - The AIS Silver Medal/Certificate will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the largest number of blue ribbons. In case of a tie, the second, then third place ribbons will be counted. The AIS Bronze Medal/Certificate will be awarded to the exhibitor winning the second largest number of blue ribbons.

**CERTIFICATES** - An Exhibition Certificate will be awarded to the best seedling. Additional EC's will be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from AIS Judges attending the show.

**AIS SECTION CERTIFICATES** - will be awarded providing AIS requirements are met.

**YOUTH** - Silver Medal/Certificate and Bronze Medal/Certificate will be awarded to the youth winning the first and second largest number of blue ribbons. Youths will be awarded as stated above, for Best Seedling and Best of Show.



## 2023 Spring Iris Show Schedule

### General Exhibition Rules

1. Anyone who grows irises may enter this show. There is no entry fee. All entries must have been grown and **ENTERED IN PERSON** by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. If judges are entered in the show then they should not judge their own entries.
2. Accredited judges of the American Iris Society will judge all entries in the Horticulture Divisions, according to the AIS rules and regulations. Judges' decisions will be final. Any award may be withheld at their discretion.
3. Entries will be received between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023. Exhibits and ribbons must remain in place until 2:30 p.m. Exhibitors are encouraged to remove their entries promptly. Any entries that remain after 2:30 p.m. will be disposed of, at the discretion of the show committee.
4. Entry tags and containers for entries will be furnished by the show committee. Both halves of the entry tag must be filled out with the correct name of the cultivar before it can be entered. Incorrectly named entries will **not** be judged.
5. The Classification Committee must pass each entry. The Show Committee will assist exhibitors in classifying irises. All seedlings must be named or numbered and entered in the name of the originator of the clone.
6. Sections will be divided into groups by cultivar. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry of each variety. The Show Committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide sections as the number of entries warrant.
7. The Show Committee will exercise all possible care in safeguarding exhibits, but cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage.
8. Judging will be held from (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). Show open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
9. This accredited show is being held and judged under the rules and regulations of the American Iris Society as set forth in the *"Handbook for Judges and Show Officials"*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, 2021, and subsequent rules and regulations approved by the American Iris Society Board of Directors.

## 2023 Spring Iris Show Schedule

### **DIVISION I ----- Horticulture**

Section A -- Tall Bearded

Section B -- Miniature Dwarf Bearded

Section C -- Standard Dwarf Bearded

Section D -- Intermediate Bearded

Section E -- Border Bearded

Section F -- Miniature Tall Bearded

Section G -- Beardless irises

Section H -- Dutch or bulbous irises (not eligible for Best Specimen of Show)

Section I -- Any other such as Arilbred, etc.

Section J -- Species or natural hybrids

Section K -- Historic cultivars introduced 30 or more years ago (these may also be placed in the above appropriate sections if preferred by the exhibitor)

Section L -- A single stalk of an iris that is unknown and cannot be identified or stalks that arrive too late to be properly entered for judging. No AIS awards given in this section. Should be labeled: FOR DISPLAY ONLY.

### **DIVISION II -----Seedlings**

Single stalks entered by or for originator under number or registered name.

Section A -- Bearded Iris Seedlings

Section B -- All Other Iris Seedlings

### **DIVISION III ----- Youth Entries**

Irises are displayed by cultivar type and subclasses, and alphabetically by cultivar. Eligibility in Youth Division is limited to persons under 19 years of age.

Sections or groups for bulbous irises, collections, and English boxes are eligible to receive award ribbons, special section awards and section rosettes, but these entries are not eligible to receive the Best Specimen of Show Award.

The S&P Iris Society is an affiliate of the American Iris Society

The official rules and regulations of the American Iris Society cannot be violated.

## 2023 Spring Iris Show Schedule

### SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Chairmen	Patti Meagher Sheryl Campbell	{703} 999-3169 (540) 868-2123
Schedule	Ginny Spoon	(540) 888-4447
Judges	Ingrid Bray Alleah Haley Sue Shakelford	(704) 367-1626 (703) 318-9988 (540) 379-1451
Apprentice Judge	Marilyn Naylor	(540) 668-6755
Clerks/Youth	Erin Meagher Mary Elko	(703) 405-1235
Classification and Placement	Campbell Campbells	(540) 868-2123 (540) 868-2123
Membership Properties/Staging	Ginny Spoon Campbells	(540) 888-4447 (540) 868-2123
Secretary/Awards	Patti Meagher	(703) 999-3169
Education	Colin Campbell	(540) 868-2123
Hospitality	Campbells	(540) 868-2123
Registration/Reception	Sheryl Campbell	(540) 868-2123

### Join the American Iris Society

#### Full Membership print and electronic

Annual, single \$45.00 per year

Dual: \$50.00 per year

E-membership \$15 per year

Print only \$30 single/\$35 dual

Youth \$12.00 with Bulletin

Free one year print membership for first time

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Quarterly illustrated Bulletins, local clubs,

Regional meetings, shows, garden tours, and more.

Send dues and membership information to :

AIS Membership Secretary P.O. Box 6, Huxley, IA 50124

or pay online at <[irises.org](http://irises.org)>



## **Preferred Hotel Information – Carpools Leave from Here**

Courtyard by Marriott  
Winchester Medical Center  
300 Marriott Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22603  
Phone: 540-678-8822 Fax: 540-678-1666  
Book a Discounted Room for \$104

Room rate: \$104.00 plus tax per night. (This discounted rate for 15 rooms is only good for reservations made before April 10th so book early!)

You must book at the link above or mention Region 4 Iris Society when registering by phone to get these rates and you must make your own reservations with the hotel before April 10th to receive this rate. Rates are good for any of the days May 11-14, 2023.

### **Facilities & Services**

Courtyard Café  
Lobby Bar  
The Market – a 24-hour self-service pantry  
24-hour Coffee and Tea in Lobby  
Indoor Pool and Whirlpool  
Fitness Center  
Business Center with Copy and Fax Services  
Guest Room Amenities  
Complimentary High-Speed Internet  
Two Telephones with Voice Mail and Data Port  
Remote-Controlled Cable TV  
AM/FM Alarm Clock Radio  
Large Well-Lit Work Desk with Executive Chair  
In-Room Coffee, Hair Dryer, Iron and Ironing Board

Saturday Evening Banquet Hotel Facility  
Hilton Garden Inn  
120 Wingate Dr. Winchester, VA 22601-4457  
(855) 618-4697

We meet here at 5 p.m. on Saturday evening for our banquet, presentations, and auction.

Tours of Five Gardens on Friday and Saturday  
Optional Garden Tour and Plant Sale on Sunday

**AIS Region 4 Spring 2023 Meeting**  
**Friday May 12th and Saturday, May 13th**  
**Winchester, Virginia**

**Tours of Five Gardens on Friday and Saturday**  
**Including two hours of in-garden judges training**  
**Optional Garden Tour and Plant Sale 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 10th, the Full Registration will be: **\$110.00** 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 2023 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 *S&P Iris Society* and mail by April 10th to:**

**Sheryl Campbell**  
**465 Chapel Road, Middletown, VA 22645**  
**540-868-2123**  
**Campbells@IrisHillsFarm.com**

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## 2023 Spring Regional Schedule of Events – Winchester Virginia Area

### Two Days – Five Gardens, Iris Show, Meetings, Banquet and Plant Auction

### Optional Third Day of Gardens and Plant Sale

#### Friday, May 12 (MSV and Iris Hills Farm)

Time	Event	Location
8:30 am	Car pool from Marriott Courtyard	Winchester (near MSV)
9:00 – 11:00 am	Show entries accepted	MSV Reception Hall
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Show judging	MSV Reception Hall
11:00 – 12:15 pm	Board Meeting	MSV Learning Center
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	MSV Patio and Learning Center
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Show open to public	MSV Reception Hall
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Guided tour of MSV gardens	Meet at Garden Gate entrance
4:00 pm	Drive to Iris Hills Farm (carpool)	
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Tour of Colin's gardens In garden seedling selection training	Iris Hills Farm
Evening	Dinner on your own	

#### Saturday, May 13 (3 gardens then banquet)

Time	Event	Location
8:30 am	Car pool from Marriott Courtyard (one van)	Winchester
9:00 – 11:00 am	Winterberry Gardens	Cross Junction
11:00 am	Drive to lunch and Ray Jones' gardens in the Memorial Scatter Garden	Opequon Presbyterian Church
11:30 – 12:45 pm	Lunch; Memorial Garden and Veggie Gardens at the church	Meet at the Fellowship Hall in back of the church
12:45 pm	Drive to Patti's	
1:15– 2:45 pm	Meagher Garden – In garden training	Middleburg
2:45 pm	Drive back to Marriott Courtyard	
3:45 – 4:45 pm	Free time	At hotel(s)
4:45 pm	Drive to Hilton Garden Inn	
5:00 – 10:00 pm	Banquet, Awards, Hybridizers' Presentation, Plant Auction	Hilton Garden Inn, Winchester

#### Sunday, May 14 (optional self-guided tour and massive plant sale)

The State Arboretum of Virginia, Blandy Farm, is holding their annual massive plant sale all day on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Cost is usually \$15 per car. While there, visit the newly renovated Walter Flores Memorial Iris Gardens planted in part by S&P Iris Society.

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