

## 2021 – A SPRING WORTH WAITING FOR IN NORTH CAROLINA

April 29 – May 1

You are cordially invited to the Raleigh/Cary area the first weekend in May for the 2021 Region 4 Convention. Our special guest for this meeting will be our AIS President, Jody Nolin, who will be our guest speaker for the Saturday Awards Banquet.

On Thursday night, April 29, there will be a special session given by Anita Moran on photographing irises, so be sure to bring your camera, your phone and all your photographic equipment.

Friday there will be a Regional Iris Show, so bring your stalks and take home ribbons. Hopefully, there will be a wide spectrum of varieties to see in the show from dwarf irises to tall bearded ones. We invite all hybridizers, hoping for that Exhibition Certificate, to bring your seedlings to be judged. Also on Friday, the Region 4 Board will meet and all are invited to attend that meeting. There will be time for Judges' training and the Region 4 Auction, so let Anita Moran ([pilmore22@gmail.com](mailto:pilmore22@gmail.com)) know what plants you will be bringing, so she will have pictures ready. There will be two special items for a raffle and many have-to-have items in the silent auction, so bring lots of extra cash or checks. (We are parting with some of our iris treasures.)

On Saturday we will visit five gardens, all within 40 minutes or less of each other. Four of the gardens have not been on a regional tour, so you will see gardens you have not yet explored.

Our convention hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn-Raleigh/Cary, 131 Columbus Avenue, Cary, NC. This is a full service hotel next door to the DoubleTree Hotel, where the 2014 Fall Meeting was held. The hotel phone number is 919-377-0440. Use the group name Region 4 Iris Convention to get the reduced rate of \$114. That rate is also good for Thursday night, April 29. **Be sure to make your hotel reservation before April 15, the cutoff date for the discounted special room rate.**

Expect a warm welcome and the chance to see the **five** gardens being groomed especially for your visit!

### RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

Wait until you see the silent auction tables at the Spring Meeting! You just thought that you had all the iris items you wanted. We can't reveal to you yet all the one-of-a-kind items that will be on the sale tables, but I can say that the items come from several irisarians' treasures and that you will be interested in seeing some items that are rare.

The raffle items are outstanding: an iris quilted bedspread and a jacket covered with irises.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. So please come ready to purchase tickets for the raffle, bid on silent auction items, and it may be your lucky day.