



# Spuria News

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*The Spuria Iris Society is a section of the American Iris Society*

## 2015 Spuria Popularity Poll



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Niswonger - 1996 (Jurn photo)



**'Golden Ducat'**

A&D Cadd - 2004 (K. Smith photo)



**'Line Dancing'**

Jenkins by Comanche Acres - 2007  
(Hedgecock photo)



**'Some Say It's Pink'**

L. Walker - 2009 (Plotner photo)



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Jenkins - 1998 (T. Hudson photo)



**'Solar Fusion'**

L. Walker - 2005 (Jurn photo)



**'Zulu Chief'**

Jenkins - 1992 (T. Hudson photo)

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## Membership Renewals

For memberships that are expiring, the newsletter address label

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3. By US mail sending the appropriate funds (check made out to Spuria Iris Society) to the membership chairperson, include your name and address (required).

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**The Spuria Iris Society can be found online at:**  
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***[www.facebook.com/spuriairissociety](https://www.facebook.com/spuriairissociety)***

## President's Message

by Jim Hedgecock



Hello Spuria Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and getting ready for the bloom season. We are having a somewhat mild winter. Several of those large snow storms just missed us. We had plenty of freezing temperatures. But not much

snow.

I want to thank the Northern Oklahoma Iris Society and Anna Cadd for their donations to our Society. All of us are saddened by the loss of David Cadd.

I am recovering from prostate surgery in early February. The good news is all cancer was contained in the prostate. I don't see any problems doing spring chores.

There will not be a board meeting at the convention this spring. The board will set up a phone meeting prior to the convention.

Spuria Irises are no longer the unknown iris. I am honestly shocked that we have so many hybridizers and iris people trying Spuria Iris for the first time. If you want to help us grow and learn more about Spuria iris, suggest a membership to your local society.

Thank you, and God Bless you and your gardens.

Respectfully

Jim Hedgecock

President Spuria Iris Society

## Treasury Report

Profit & Loss

Feb 1, 2015 thru Feb 1 2016

Beginning balance:	\$6,616.99
Income:	
2015 Fund Raiser	350.00
Spuria DVD	10.00
Checklist	220.00
Advertising	20.00
Donations	600.00
Income total:	\$1,200.00

## Membership Dues:

Single Annual	168.00
Single Triennial	420.00
Overseas Single	0.00
Overseas Triennial	0.00
1 yr E-membership	36.00
3 yr E-membership	135.00
Total Membership	\$759.00

Total Income: \$1,959.00

## Expenses:

Newsletter	241.68
	264.27
Website Hosting	215.72
Membership forms	35.24
Shipping from Price	108.12
Staples/labels	54.48
Awards by C&L	76.55
Checklist printing	100.00
PayPal fees	15.13
Total expenses	\$1,111.19

Ending balance: \$7,464.80

## CD:

Beginning balance	\$1,203.58
Ending balance	\$1,204.14

## 2015 Spuria Popularity Poll

by Kate Brewitt

Award-winning irises seem to stand the test of time, and this showed in the results from last year's Spuria iris popularity poll. For the second year in a row 'Adriatic Blue', Dave Niswonger's 2006 Eric Nies Medal winner, was the most popular Spuria iris. The second most popular, 'Golden Ducat', is also an Eric Nies Medal winner from 2014. Cheryl Deaton of California (USDA zone 8) described this deep gold self as a late bloomer that is "big and bold in the garden". I would add that it is also a reliable bloomer, blooming every year in my USDA zone 5a garden since I acquired it eight years ago.

New to this year's list is the 2008 Eric Nies Medal winner, 'Elfin Sunshine', an attractive pale yellow self. In my garden, it signals the beginning of the Spuria season as it is always the first to bloom. Also new are 'Midnight Rival', which is a deep amethyst purple with a small yellow signal, and 'Blue-



berry Sundae', which has deep blue standards and a white fall trimmed in the same deep blue. In fact, about half of the cultivars are new to the top 10 which means Spuria lovers have additional choices to try in their gardens.

2013	2014	2015	Cultivar Name
12	1	1	'Adriatic Blue' (Niswonger, 1996)
8	6	2	'Golden Ducat' (Cadd, 2004)
8	2	3	'Line Dancing' (Jenkins by Comanche Acres, 2007)
11	12	3	'Some Say It's Pink' (Walker, 2009)
--	--	4	'Elfin Sunshine' (Jenkins, 1998)
12	16	5	'Solar Fusion' (Walker, 2005)
1	--	5	'Zulu Chief' (Jenkins, 1992)
10	3	6	'Countess Zeppelin' (Hager, 1987)
--	--	6	'Midnight Rival' (Johnsen, 1993)
12	4	7	'Remembering Vic' (Walker, 2005)
12	--	8	'Mahogany Lord' (Blyth, 1993/94)
16	18	9	'Dungeon' (Ghio by Comanche Acres, 2008)
--	--	10	'Blueberry Sundae' (Niswonger, 2000)
--	10	10	'Kaibab Trail' (Wickenkamp, 1985)
17	17	10	'Mahogany Ember' (Johnsen, 2013)
11	7	10	'Speeding Star' (Cadd, 2002)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2015 popularity poll. As always, submissions came from SIS members living in a wide range of USDA zones; from zone 10a (California) to zone 5a (Ontario, Canada).

If you are thinking of adding to your Spuria collection this year, you might want to consider one of these beauties! Pictures can be found in the Spuria section of the AIS TWIKI: <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view/Spu/WebHome>.

## Spuria News

The Spuria Iris Society thanks the following individuals for donations to the Spuria Iris Society in honor of David Cadd:

- Anna Cadd
- Southern California Iris Society

The Spuria Iris Society thanks the Northern Oklahoma Iris Society for their generous donation.

### Attention Spuria Hybridizers

We would like to showcase your new seedlings. Send two or three photos of you new seedlings with a brief description to Darol Jurn (contact information on page 2 of this newsletter), our newsletter, editor. We will accept photos until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please no introduced varieties.

### Annual Spuria Fund Raiser

We will have a number of newer, donated spuria introductions for sale at our booth in the upcoming New Jersey Convention. These will be sold on a strictly first come basis. Price will be \$40.00 each and shipping will be included.

Advertising rates for two editions of the Spuria News are as follows:

Full page: \$30  
Half page: \$20  
Quarter page: \$15

To submit advertising send the appropriate amount to:

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The next Spuria Mini-Convention is scheduled for May 5 & 6, 2017 in Los Angeles. Guest Spuria Gardens include the Huntington and Descanso Gardens.



## Spuria Iris Society 2013 Digital Program

The Spuria Iris Society is happy to bring you the 2013 Digital Presentation for your iris or garden club.

Please order the digital program via Paypal (below). Or send a check made to the Spuria Iris Society to our Treasurer:

Spuria Iris Society, Treasurer  
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The current price is \$10.00.

Once the payment is received, an email note will be sent to the buyer with information about downloading the program online via Google Drive. (If for some reason you do not have access to Google Drive, please let us know.)

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## Going East in 2016

### The American Iris Society Convention May 23-28, 2016

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[www.ais2016convention.com](http://www.ais2016convention.com)

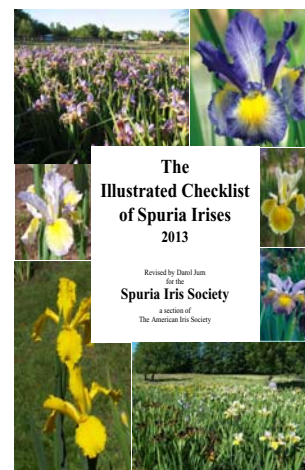
## Spuria Checklist

The Spuria Checklist has been revised for 2013 and is currently available. This checklist includes many *new* and *updated* photographs including registrations through 2013 for a total of 269 pages. The purchase price is (includes postage):

- \$55 for domestic orders,
- \$55 for Canada orders (US dollars),
- \$65 for International orders (US dollars)

Purchasing a checklist may be completed using ONE of the following methods:

- The Spuria website at <http://www.spuriairis-society.org/tools.html> using PayPal.
- Or a check made out to the "Spuria Iris Society" mailed to the Treasurer, Debbie James (the address is listed on page two of this newsletter).



Include the following information with your order: Name, Address, State, City (and country for international orders). Please include an e-mail address or phone number so that we may contact you if necessary.

## In Memoriam



On September 4, 2015 David Cadd passed away from multiple organ failure after a long illness with wife Anna and sister Pam by his side. Anna, other family members, and hospice volunteers had cared for him at his home, which his maternal grandparents built, in Healdsburg. David was 70.

One of six children, David Arthur Cadd was born in Santa Rosa on May 6, 1945 to Peggy (Nellie Myrtle) Beeman Cadd and David Emmett Cadd. The family moved to Healdsburg in 1958, and David graduated from Healdsburg High School in 1964. He immediately joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed on various ships during Vietnam. He was head printer aboard the helicopter landing pad USS Princeton, where he printed and edited the famous naval Bullhorn Bulletin. After discharge, David returned to Healdsburg and worked as a printer in a number of area print shops. A member of American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 for 47 years, he held various positions including Post Commander for one term.

David Cadd was a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation iris fancier, having acquired his passion for irises from his grandmother Helen Beeman and his uncle Lafayette, or Faye as he was called. Helen and Faye started Beehive Iris Garden (later Beeman's Iris Garden) at the family property on North Street in Healdsburg in 1945. David joined the Santa Rosa Iris Society (SRIS), founded by his mother Peggy Cadd and uncle Faye, in 1986 and was a member ever since (29 years).

In 1990 David married Aniela (Anna) Ludwiczak, a Polish botanist; and together they gardened and

began hybridizing irises. They established Cadd's Beehive Iris Garden at their home, with a separate production field; and their collection of irises grew to about 3,000 varieties. Between 2000 and 2011 they introduced 97 new iris hybrids in five classes of bearded irises from SDB 'Fairy Berry' to TB (49), one of the latest being 'Lady in Purple'. In recent years they specialized in spuria iris breeding, introducing 28 varieties and winning the top award for Spurias, the Eric Nies Medal for 'Speeding Star' in 2011 & 'Golden Ducat' in 2014.

David was a member of the American Iris Society (AIS), several of its sections, and of the Russian, Middle European, and British Iris Societies. He was an AIS Master Garden judge and judged innumerable iris shows and taught many judges training sessions. With Anna he was International News editor of *Irises*, the magazine of AIS.

Together David and Anna received many awards for exhibiting irises and the hybrids they developed - the Silver Medal for most blue ribbons at the SRIS show 14 years in a row, 33 Honorable Mention Awards from AIS, nine Awards of Merit from AIS, the William Mohr Medal for best aril-bred for 'Hakuna Matata' in 2007, the J. Arthur Nelson Award for most best of show awards in 2012 for 'Italian Ice', the John C. Wister Medal for top three Award of Merit vote getters among tall bearded irises by AIS judges in 2009 for 'Italian Ice', the Dean Linscott Achievement Award for contributions to SRIS, and the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Award from AIS Region 14. All together David and Anna's irises won 15 trophies and awards in international iris competitions in Italy; Germany, France, Russia; Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, including the highly coveted Premio Firenze in Florence, Italy in 2004 for TB 'Frosted Fantasy'.

David loved to travel and was a roving ambassador for irises. He was known as the "Iris Man" around the world, telling anyone who would listen about how to plant and grow irises, how to hybridize and exhibit them, about different kinds of irises and their cultural needs, and about his irises and the awards they had received. David was "one of a kind", a good man and an excellent friend who will be sorely missed. He was preceded in death by one brother, one sister, and a son Steven Cadd. He is survived by his wife of 25 years Anna, two sisters, one brother, son Willow Cadd of Ventura, Califor-



nia, six grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for David was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Healdsburg on September 12, 2015. American Legion Sotoyome Post 111 presented flags and performed a 21 gun salute.

## Missouri Rambling

By Jim Hedgecock

Okay, current Spuria hybridizers it's time to pick on you a little. Are your Spuria crosses random or controlled with a definite goal in mind? If you want to get some quick results, I have an idea. Pick a friend you trust, and trade seedlings and intros, and work on the results together.

Every time I have invited judges to my garden to help evaluate seedlings, I learned something. Several times irises that I did not plan on introducing were saved. Several of these reselects went on and won awards. Apparently I was not looking through the eyes of my guest.

We want to put photos of your best seedlings in the fall bulletin. Send us 2 or 3 of your world beater, best, Spuria seedlings that are still under consideration. Please no current intros. We already do that for you each year. You can see our bulletins are not on slick paper. If you send a good clear photo we should be able to show your seedling very nicely. Also write a little about your hybridizing efforts.

Respectfully,  
Jim and Lamoyne Hedgecock

## A Blast from the Past

By Darol Jurn

This column is only possible with the support of the members and clubs who have provided their historic newsletters to the Spuria Iris Society for electronic capture. With this being said here is the continuation of "A Blast from the Past."

*Fifty years ago (1966):* The January edition a funny quote deserves sharing: "A pessimist complains because the rose bushes have thorns, an optimist

rejoices because the thorn bushes have roses."

From the Presidents Message, a short passage was include from the First International Symposium on Iris held in Florence, Italy. One of the attendees Dr Rodionenko noted (believes) that it may be possible to obtain hybrids from Xiphiums (Dutch Iris) and Spuria.

From the Presidents Message of the April edition: Although many have become eligible by receiving an Honorable Mention, in the last twenty years no non-tall bearded iris has received an Award of Merit from the judges of the American Iris Society. Earlier a single spuria, 'Bronzspur'; a single Siberian, 'Helen Astor'; a single Evansia, 'Nada'; and three Pacific Coast native irises, 'Orchid Sprite', 'Oyez', and 'Some Love' received Awards of Merit. The Board of Directors of AIS, recognizing this trend of presenting Awards of Merit to tall bearded iris only, activated special awards for the other classes of iris such as the Eric Nies Award for spurias.

*Thirty years ago (1986):* Seven hybridizers introduced 20 Spuria in 1986. Ben Hager introduced nine this year.

*Twenty years ago (1996):* There were a total of 35 Spuria introductions listed in the newsletter for 1995. Charles Jenkins lead the pack with 19 introductions followed by Dave Niswonger with 6 introductions.

## 2016 Introductions

### 'Blue Fusion'

(L. Walker)  
SPU Sdlg 98-6-2 41½" Mid-season, Standards Blue with slight yellow at base center, Styles Sky Blue edged cream with medium blue center line and tip, Falls Med Yellow ground overlit violet with a sky blue edge, slight fragrance ('Highline Topaz' X 'Stella Irene') Available at Wildwood Gardens.



and is edged crème gold, Falls have gold center with dark red veining and dark red edge ('Highline Topaz' X 'Duerme'). Available at Wildwood Gardens.



### 'Steele Bridge'

(Nancy Price, R 2015) SPU 42-47", Mid-season. Yellow with red-rust veining and rimmed self; lightly ruffled. 07-160-B ('Rain Music' X Walker 98-7-3: ['Highline Topaz' x 'Duerme']). Avail-

able at Abbey Gardens.



'Columbia River' (Nancy Price, R 2015) SPU, 41-47", Early. Standards Blue-lavender; F. Blue-lavender rim, red-rust spot around yellow signal. 07-159-C ('Kiss of Caramel' X Walker 98-7-3: ['Highline

Topaz' x 'Duerme'])). Available at Abbey Gardens.

### 'Summer Break'

(Jim Hedgecock, 2016) Sdlg. JP-12-A, Spuria Iris-33" Mid-season. The ruffled standards are lavender blue. Falls are ruffled white with huge yellow signals that have



blue rays extending out over most of the falls surfaces. Very good stalks with a midwest bud count of 4 to 5. 'Perky Blue' X 'Highline Snowflake'. Available at Comanche Acres.

### 'Red Warlord'

(L. Walker) SPU Sdlg 98-7-3 40" Mid-season. Standards gold with dark red veining and dark red brown edge, Styles has dark red center and tip





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**'Columbia River'**

(Nancy Price, 2015) 41-47", E. S. Blue-lavender; F. Blue-lavender rim, red-rust spot around yellow signal. 07-159-C ('Kiss of Caramel' X Walker 98-7-3: ('Highline Topaz' x 'Duerme')



**'Steel Bridge'**

(Nancy Price, 2015) 42-47", M. Yellow with red-rust veining and rimmed self; lightly ruffled. 07-160-B ('Rain Music' X Walker 98-7-3: ('Highline Topaz' x 'Duerme')

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