

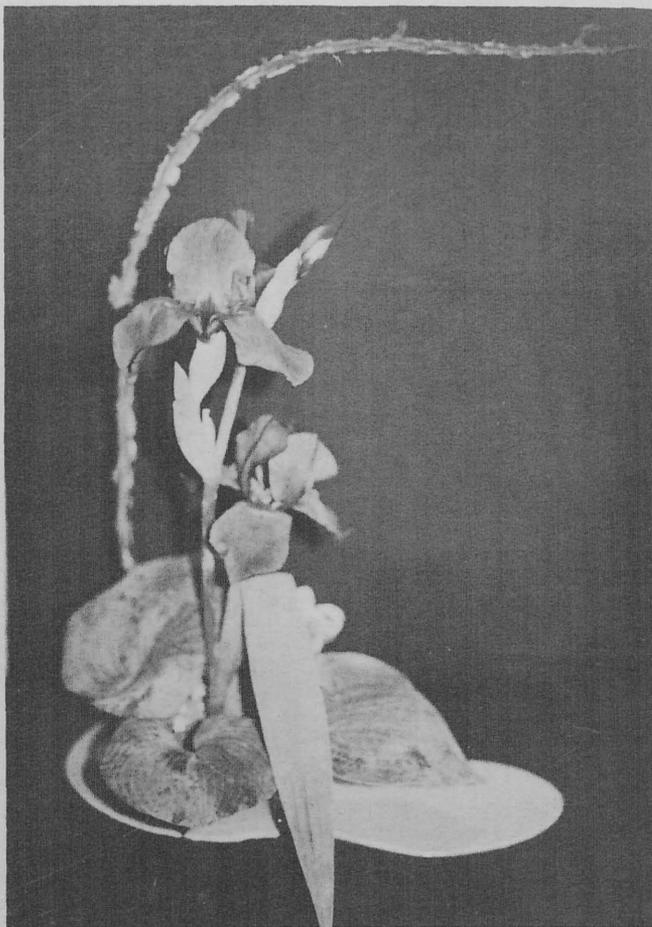
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Tri-color Winner, 1981 Charlotte Show, Design Div.,
Theme: Our Spectacular Galaxy
Class: Mars - The Red Planet
Backdrop - dark blue fabric
Base - Green oval
Container: Brick red bookend
Materials: Hosta leaves - Red Iris
(Tillamook)

OUR SECRETARY

Carol Seabrease Warner (Mrs. Andrew C. Warner) is a young woman who is full of vitality and who carefully balances her time between her garden and her family. Her husband, Andy, is an engineering test technician for Black and Decker. The Warners live in upper Baltimore County where they built their home in 1970 on four and a half acres of her parents' farm - luckily on a hill facing South and West where she has literally carved her iris gardens out of rock. You will see her garden at the Regional Meetings and the description is elsewhere in this NEWSCAST. They have two sons, Andrew, Jr., and Jeffrey (ages 10 and 7) who have their own irises.

So, in addition to her iris gardening and her loyal support of the Francis Scott Key Iris Society, (besides being its President, she is Chairman for the Guest Irises for the Regional Meeting), Carol uses her time in activities ranging from umpiring Little League games, singing in the church choir, exercising with aerobic dancing, boating (weekending on their 25' Starcraft on the Susquehanna Flats), collecting antique silver (THE Andrew E. Warner was a Baltimore silversmith in 1805), and researching for the family genealogy. As a winter activity, she works with stain glass and has been and is a parent-volunteer in the enrichment programs at the boys' school. Carol was also President of the Prettyboy Garden Club for two years.

Carol joined AIS in October, 1976 after buying a Siberian iris from the Harps. She became Vice-President of FSK in 1978 and President in 1979. She is an accredited AIS Judge. Carol has won many blue ribbons, not only in our iris shows, but also in local daffodil shows.

Carol attended Hereford High School and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1966 with a B.S. in Home Economics Education and taught Home Ec for five years at the Franklin Junior High School in Reisters-town.

Carol is an intelligent, thinking, enthusiastic and positive leader. In everything she does, Carol has a "can-do" spirit. We are very lucky to have her as a member of FSK, and the Region is lucky to have her as our Secretary.

Rosalie Figge

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RVP MESSAGE - FOR JANUARY, 1982

When this issue reaches you the New Year will have begun, but at this moment 1981 is still with us. During this year we have seen two good Region 4 meetings, at Williamsburg and at Radford; some of us were fortunate in being able to attend the National Convention at St. Louis; there are quite a number of new members here in the region and many around the country, and we have been saddened to lose iris friends here and elsewhere.

January 1st always brings to mind new hope, new plans for the future, resolutions for general improvement. We are happily looking forward to bloom season in 1982 and the May meeting in Maryland and the national get-together in Denver in June, but I should like to look back a moment and remember 1981. Each year I learn many new things about our lovely iris flower, and this year has been no exception, especially for me in the field of the Japanese Iris. Each bit of new knowledge seems to be a step forward in enjoyment. The best thing about 1981, however, was that I made so many new friends in Region 4, some who had become friends already through Robin correspondence, some whose names were already familiar, and some who were completely new. There were others whom I had hoped to meet face to face and did not, but perhaps this year..... At any rate, the best dividends of A.I.S. membership have been the friendships - the wonderful people brought together by their love of and interest in the irises.

And so, for 1982, I look forward to additional dividends, to meeting more of you face to face and getting to know you.

CLAIRE BARR

EDITORS PAGE

Frances and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and for your help. We were gratified that so much materials came in last Summer that we had to hold over a couple of articles for this issue. This was a big help to us, as we already had a nucleus to start this issue. We solicit your cooperation as time goes by. We would welcome suggestions and subjects for articles.

The Robin Section has been especially beneficial to us. I am amazed at the knowledge some of these people have of irises other than TBs. The Beardless and Species folks have kept me guessing. Some of the names of these species keep me running to "The World Of Irises" for help. I must confess that these names look like a cross between a dread-disease and a foreign exchange student. However, Ruby Buchanan, Wyatt LeFever, Doris Simpson, Virginia Rowland and John Wood, etc. seem to have them under control. The iris which they have battered about a great deal - COLCHESTERENSIS - is pictured on the cover of the October 1976 AIS Bulletin No. 223. Photograph by Sidney P. Dubose, makes one want to give this one a try. If you keep back issues of the Bulletin, you might want to look this up. It will be worth your while.

The reblooming Robin keeps us informed of the new things in remontants. In reading their letters and materials, it was pointed out that one of the secrets to getting good rebloom is not to let your potential rebloomers go dormant. I guess we have had as little rebloom as anyone who has grown irises for as long as we have, but this gives hope that we may yet have rebloom IF we get some tried and true varieties that have a tendency to bloom again, give them a little extra TLC, along with a good drink of water from time to time, and see what happens.

In the General Interest Robin, Claire Barr and Doris Simpson have some comments on "rot" that might be of interest and benefit to help combat that disease.

Claire had mentioned to us an article from another publication on the subject which we might like to reprint. However, in getting down to the "bottom line", I think she has it covered pretty well, and her suggestions should help us should we have this problem.

While writing these comments, we do owe an apology to Glenn Grigg for misspelling his name under the picture on the inside cover of the September issue of Newscast. We know its Grigg, but any of you who don't, please make two "g's" where we have two "f's".....

We want to remind potential advertisers in Newscast that we always run our rates for advertising, but thus far no one has seen fit to send us your ad and the money therefor. Our finance committee would probably appreciate the added income, and you just might get some business from your ad.

One of the suggestions we had at the Board Meeting for raising additional funds was holding an Auction-By-Mail. Should you have rhizomes of irises that you would like to donate for auction, send your editors your list. We can publish the list and ask for bids. Give suggested price as low bid you would accept as your gift to the Region. Bids would come to us and the winning bidders and donors notified so that you would receive your iris in due time as the donor ships in his regular shipping season.

We note that the Carolina Mountains group has sent Memorial Donations to our Treasurer. Quite often a Memorial Gift is sent to an organization rather than sending flowers when we lose a loved one. This can be a source of added income and a memorial that will last long after flowers have faded.

We also want to extend our best wishes for the best iris season ever in 1982..

B.J. & Frances Brown

MINUTE OF FALL BOARD MEETING

The executive board meeting of Region 4, A.I.S. was called into formal session by the Regional Vice President, Claire Barr, at the Tyler Hotel-Motel in Radford, Virginia on October 3, 1981. Claire welcomed everyone to the board meeting, especially 5 new members in attendance. Thanks were offered to the Zurbriggs for their work on arranging for the meeting and our speaker on Japanese Irises, Mr. Adolph Vogt.

Symposium results for Region 4 were: 1. VANITY, 2. BRIDE'S HALO, 3. STEPPING OUT, 4. PINK TAFFETA, 5. NAVY STRUT. Five ballots were not able to be counted because they had too many votes. Claire urged everyone to read the directions carefully and vote for only 25 irises in total.

Results of the judging for National Awards were announced and will be printed in the next Bulletin.

Region 4 has a current membership of 328 members, of which 15% , or 49, may be quota judges. We now have 22 quota judges.

Mr. Richard Sparling has been appointed as the new committee chairman for Median Irises.

The assistant R.V.P., Blanche Rice, reported on the good attendance at this meeting and reviewed plans for the rest of the meeting.

The Secretary's report was accepted and approved as corrected, striking paragraph 7 under "Reports on Future Meetings". Substitute the following: There has been some misunderstanding in the past, among those not wishing to become judges, about Judges Training at Regional Meetings. In planning these judges training classes it should be emphasized to all members that judges training classes and programs are open to everyone, whether or not credit is desired, and that these classes and programs are interesting and beneficial to all. New members

should feel welcome to come and learn more about irises.

Treasurer: Norman Clouser gave the treasurer's report which will be filed and printed in NEWSCAST.

Historian-Librarian: Polly Price had the Region 4 books on display Friday and Saturday evenings. She requested that interesting articles be sent to her for these books.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Editors of NEWSCAST: B.J. Brown thanked everyone for sending articles and requested that we keep writing and sending articles.

Conventions: Roy Epperson reported that Francis Scott Key will host the Spring Regional Meeting in 1982. Western North Carolina has extended the invitation for 1983. He hopes to have C. & P. host in 1984, Blue Ridge in 1985 and Eastern North Carolina in 1986.

Finance: Dr. Al Rice noted that we spent quite a bit more money in 1981, especially on NEWSCAST. The last issue was considerably larger, 50 more copies were run, the cost of paper increased and pictures were included.

Rosalie Figge made a motion to keep NEWSCAST similar to the last issue with possible curtailment of number of pages. Considerable discussion followed on ways to increase receipts including:

1. Include advertising.
2. Have Chapters support NEWSCAST.
3. Memorial gifts.
4. An Auction by Mail.
5. A sale or auction at a mall to increase the number of people bidding.
6. Sell stationery, etc.
7. Extend the iris auction to include iris artifacts and other plants.
8. Sell permanent name tags to wear to meetings (Roy Epperson will investigate a price).

9. Sell postal cards.
10. Increase the amount of suggested Chapter contributions.

Blanche Rice made a motion to increase the suggested contribution per person from \$3.00 to \$4.00 from each of the active chapters. Frances Brown seconded and the motion was passed. An appeal will be made to individual members in inactive chapters to contribute on their own or join an active Chapter.

Norman Clouser seconded Rosalie Figge's earlier motion which was further discussed and passed.

Dr. Rice summarized the situation noting that we do have about the same amount of money as last year at this time and it will be a matter of keeping receipts up.

MEMBERSHIP: Helen Rucker is doing a tremendous job as membership chairman. We now have 328 members.

AUCTIONS: J.D. Stadler corrected his report from last time to read that the Claude and Naomi O'Brien Award is not limited to regional hybridizers. We made a profit of \$239.00 on the spring auction. J.D. thanked all the donors of irises.

MEDIAN IRISES: Dick Sparling announced that this year's Dykes winner, BROWN LASSO, is a median! Judges should look for beauties in all classes and not start and end their judging with tall bearded. He hopes to have at least 4 Median Display Gardens in the Region and would like to have 1 or 2 in each Chapter. The simple requirements are to show an interest in Medians, have sufficient quantity, allow visitors and write a simple report. There are 5 classes of Medians, so there are many possibilities.

YOUTH: Flossie Nelson's report was included in NEWSCAST. She has done quite a lot including a contest with Japanese Iris seed germination and organizing pen pals. She would like to be relieved of the position, and we are in need of a volunteer.

REBLOOMING IRISES: Lloyd Zurbrigg had quite a few nice rebloomers in his gardens which were on tour in the morning. It has been a good year for rebloom.

EXHIBITIONS: There were 5 shows and 1 exhibition in the Region.

ROBINS: Excerpts were published in NEWSCAST.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Slides are available in the Region from Dr. Nearpass, Photography Chairman.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Rena Crumpler did not receive as many reports as she would have liked, but did have two articles from newspapers. Rena, herself, is doing several things to promote irises and iris culture, including trying to get a set of slides for a garden center. There was some comment and discussion that we may not be giving proper support to our regional hybridizers. The hybridizers and garden owners should call the judges to have all seedlings and introductions seen.

CHAPTER CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Roy Epperson moved that we dispense with the reading of these reports, and the motion was seconded. Claire Barr presented the feeling of one member that these reports are a way of finding out what other Chapters are doing and they should be heard. The motion was defeated.

Claire declared a recess at this point with the meeting to reconvene at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order again at 8:30. Lloyd Zurbrigg welcomed everyone as president of the Blue Ridge Chapter and gave a brief report. Carol Warner reported for F.S.K. Chapter emphasizing plans for the

meeting in that area next Spring.

There was no old business.

New Business: The American Horticulturist Magazine had an article on the plantings at River Farm.

Claire Barr expressed interest in reviving the Retional Test Garden. Most are set up permanently and we may need more than one; possibly one in Maryland, one in Virginia and one in North Carolina.

A Nominating Committee was elected consisting of J.D.Stadler, Chairman, from N.C.; Bill Kelly, West Virginia; Mildred Trent, Virginia; and Rosalie Figge, Maryland.

There being no further business, Roy Epperson moved by acclamation that the meeting be adjourned for the auction at 9:00 p.m.

CAROL WARNER - - SECRETARY

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FALL REGIONAL MEETING

(Host: Blue Ridge Chapter)

We arrived and checked in at the Tyler Hotel on October 2, 1981, a blustery day for October, in time for the "Dutch Treat Dinner" in one of the dining rooms of the hotel. It was nice to greet old friends and meet many new ones, and we were happy to see such a large turnout.

On Saturday morning, we all met in the lobby where car pools were formed to visit the gardens of Lloyd Zurbrigg.

As one of those who has moderate success in growing rebloomers, we enjoyed both of Dr. Zurbrigg's gardens immensely. We have not seen such an abundance of bloom in October. Some of the blooms that impressed us were: ORCHID CLOUD, a white self with a yellow

beard, by Applegate; Lightly Seasoned, a white with delicate lavender shading; PERFUME COUNTER, purple standards with violet falls; RED GRAPES, a fragrant, shaded violet; and GO POP, a deep purple. Many excellent seedlings were seen as well: N-95, a mauve lavender; P-17, a bi-tone purple; P-33, a white self; P-12-B, a white with lavender style arms; 060 Pod, a lovely lavender. While visiting the garden at Dr. Zurbrigg's home, his lovely wife, Nita, provided us with a delicious and hard-to-resist brunch.

Upon returning to the hotel, the Blue Ridge Chapter held their Fall Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

After lunch we all gathered in the meeting room for a very interesting and informative talk on Japanese Irises given by Adolph Vogt of Kentucky. Mr. Vogt had an excellent program of slides which was followed by a further presentation of slides on Japanese Iris by Dr. William L. Ackerman, Research Horticulturist, National Arboretum, U.S.D.A., Washington, D.C.

Mr. Vogt mentioned that he became interested in Japanese Iris when he was told that they could not be grown in Kentucky - an assertion that was certainly disproved by the excellent slides of his garden.

Those wishing to take Judges Training credit for the presentation could do. At the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served.

MR AND MRS D. G. WALSH

SPRING 1982 REGIONAL - BALTIMORE AREA

Six gardens will be included in the tour as a part of the Spring Regional Meeting on May 28 & 29th, hosted by the Francis Scott Key Iris Society. As a pre-view, the owners of these gardens have written an introduction to their gardens and invite you to make plans to attend.

THE GARDEN OF ALICE MILLER

Alice Miller says: "It will be nice to have you in my garden to enjoy, hopefully, the guest irises I am growing and a number of my own. My garden is an all-year project, as I like a variety of flowers growing each season of the year. See you in '82".

THE GARDEN OF ROSALIE FIGGE

The Figge Garden is back of the house, completely hidden from the street, so approaching it along the side, ducking under a flowering quince, it becomes a floriferous surprise that can be breath-taking. This garden's patchwork design grew like Topsy, but people have said it is a real gardener's garden. The first square plot, built up with garden ties and under a dogwood (which grew from a seed planted there many years ago) has a few Louisianas outlined with primulas and red impatiens with columbine here and there.

There is a very slight rise to the 100' x 100' "back-back" as it is called. here we find an almost complete Dykes Collection (72 out of a possible 90 or so), including both the English and French. They are planted in a row chronologically by the year, beginning with SAN FRANCISCO, so that the development of the iris over the past 50 plus years is obvious. The long plot on the right is the original iris garden and is divided by a curving stone walk, with two boxwood on each side of the entrance. These were grown from cuttings taken from gardens from historical places. In this is a mixture of older irises, the antiques, Japanese (another new venture which is enthusiastically anticipated), Siberian, and I. pumila.

A half-moon plot on the left has most of the 1979-1981 irises grown here, bordered with dwarfs. Out of over 700 varieties, there are about 180-plus introduced since 1979, when the whole garden was completely dug up and re-organized. Irises in this garden are arranged more or less alphabetically by name, so your favorite should be easy to track down! In addition to this, each plot was originally arranged by groups of years: 1975-1978, 1970-1974, and previous to 1970. Interspersing last year's introductions strained this relationship since it was not practical to replant the whole garden again, with the Regional coming in the Spring of 1982.

The oval plot with the marten house (uninhabited by martens!) is inhabited by about 100 rebloomers. The next plot, also crescent-shaped, has 20-plus spurias, perennials, with boxwood accenting the curves, and liriope alternating with poppies around the edge. The wide oblong plot divided into triangles with walkways, has TBs and dwarfs separated from the Siberians and day-lilies by asparagus. The guest irises are in the triangle facing the rebloomer bed.

There is a little red barn that shelters all the garden mess. Along the three sides of the fence are azaleas, lilacs, daylilies, raspberries, bluberries, vegetables, and *I. danfordiae* and *I. reticulata* on the very edge. In the far southwest corner is a tall slim evergreen that was sent in a business envelope about 20 years ago in answer to an ad! Identification would be appreciated! It guards the compost pile. In the far northwest corner is a *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* or Dawn Redwood. This is especially interesting because it is a deciduous conifer. A native of China, it was thought to have been retired with the rest of the fossil world millions of years ago -- until about 1945 when some trees were found in China. One was over 100 feet tall and 11 feet in diameter! In the fall it turns a beautiful russet or pinkish-brown -- and suddenly all the needles drop.

About a fourth of the area is in grass for the

occasional croquet games of the grandchildren. Be SURE to come to the Regional and see us!

THE GARDEN OF BILL AND CLAIRE BARR

The Barr home is situated on 1½ Acres in the Greenspring Valley. The iris beds are dominated by TBs, but there are generous plantings of the Medians and Miniature Dwarfs. Also, there are Siberians, Louisianas, Spurias, and Japanese, the latter planted for the first time this year. Some of the newer TBs are Roderick's COPPER CLASSIC and Pleated Gown; Corlew's ACCLAMATION; Hager's LEDA'S LOVER and BEVERLY SILLS; Burch's BLUE TEMPEST, MULBERRY MIST, FROSTY JEWELS and SOUTHLAND GRAPE; Cleo Palmer's TWIST OF FATE; Dorothy Palmer's SHEER POETRY; Zurbrigg's EARL OF ESSEX; and INNEREST's TED SHINER. There are seedlings by Alice Bouldin, J.D.Stadler, Dick Sparling, John Moffitt, B.J.Brown, and Lloyd Zurbrigg, and guests by Lolata Powell and Gene Burger.

Daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs and perennials are planted in abundance, everything in an informal setting. Decorative trees and shrubs include a weeping cherry, a Japanese Cutleaf Maple, a Crab Apple, Japanese Plums, Japanese Red Maples, Azaleas, and many English boxwoods. At one end of the house there is a 13' x 10' greenhouse which gives its owners much pleasure the year round.

MAYWOOD - THE GARDEN OF MAYNARD & RETTA HARP

Maywood is an isolated place in the forest from which one can look down at the mad turmoil of ten thousand vehicles rushing between Baltimore and Harrisburg each day on I-83 dual highway. It is also the designated lunch stop for the Region 4 garden tour on May 29, 1982.

By that date Iris Cristata will have finished blooming in the wild flower section, but the spread of its foliage will show. Versicolor, Tectorum, Water iris, and some of the Siberian Iris will be in bloom.

Among the many old and new TBs bloom is hoped for on such as DUNE, BEVERLY SILLS, LEDA'S LOVER, SHAMAN, I DO I DO, SILVER YEARS, SCENARIO, and numerous others. The Japanese Iris will not yet be in flower, but the Japanese plantings will be doing well at that time. The Golden Chain tree is normally in bloom then. The Golden Arborvitae is always shining. The colorful Japanese Maples will be in their glory; and the Hanoki Cypress will be listening for your comments on its interesting foliage and shapes. You will find the American Elm, White Ash, Tulip Tree in bloom, Ginko, Sugar Maple and many other kinds of trees, shrubs and ferns.

A hearty welcome awaits you at MAYWOOD by Retta and Maynard Harp.

"DRAYCOTT" - Carol Warner

The Warner Garden is one of three "Country" gardens which will be on tour. Our 4½-acre hillside lays southwest and is surrounded by woods on three sides and open farmland to the back.

My gardens are planted for landscape purposes and all ~~exc~~cept one contain many other perennials mixed with the irises. The rock garden in front of the house has a few medians and very large clumps of the white dwarf Siberian "Nana" and "Flight of Butterflies", as well as dwarf evergreens and rockery plants. One bed in front contains 7 rows of TB irises. The other 4 beds to the side and rear of the house are planted with TBs, medians, Siberians, Japanese, Spurias, Louisianas and numerous other perennials. Many Region 4 guests are located in the new extension to one of these beds.

A very large vegetable garden, strawberry patch, fruit trees, evergreens, fish pond and wild flower garden complete the landscape.

The name of our place, "Draycott", which means "secluded spot" is based on the Warner home in England but fits our home very well.

REBERT'S IRIS HAVEN

Words cannot describe Owings and Doris Rebert's garden outside of Westminster. During iris season the entire hillside is a mass of bloom. Owings has an enormous collection of both old and new varieties. Many of the older ones are planted in rectangular beds of approx. 2' x 8', with each containing two or three varieties. This allows for a great display. These beds cover the hillside beside the house.

His Dykes Collection contain^s not only all of the U.S. varieties, but an almost complete collection of the foreign Dykes, even including the original "W.R. Dykes" of 1926. (Maybe some of you can help us find those few missing ones.)

Many new irises are planted in well landscaped beds behind the house. Guest irises from many Region 4 hybridizers have been planted as you walk from the hillside to his display beds. Landscape plantings of trees, evergreens, shrubs, and a variety of other perennials add interest to the garden.

Here is an opportunity to see probably more iris than you have ever seen in one spot in our area.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 16, 1981

Balance 5/8/81 \$1,621.01

RECEIPTS:

5/11/81 - Auction Spring Meeting	239.75	
5/21/81 - Car. Mt. Iris Society	30.00	
7/7/81 - Western N.C. Chapter	100.00	
7/10/81 - Interest	17.62	
7/21/81 - Blue Ridge Chapter	200.00	
10/1/81 - Interest	20.50	
10/2/81 - Regr. for fall meeting	117.00	
10/2/81 - Auction - fall meeting	502.00	
10/2/81 - Eastern N.C. Chapter	50.00	
10/2/81 - Marydel Chapter	150.00	
Total receipts		<u>1,426.87</u>
Total		<u>3,047.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

5/11/81 - B.J. Brown - postage	50.00	
8/28/81 - Epperson - Spring Mtg Exp	26.30	
8/28/81 - Tranquil Lake Nursery		
JI for fall auction	50.00	
9/8/81 - September Newscast	558.82	
9/8/81 - Postage, mailing Sept.		
Newscast	37.86	
9/18/81 - Postage to return guest		
irises - Spring Mtg.	10.76	
10/2/81 - Tyler Inn - Mtg room	46.02	
10/2/81 - Reimburse Speaker, Fall Mtg	40.00	
10/2/81 - Epperson - cloth for auction	12.00	
Mrs. Rice - Expense for Fall Mtg	68.83	
Tyler Inn - Refreshments for Fall mtg.	29.75	
Disbursed		<u>930.34</u>

Balance, as of 10/16/81 : Updated from 10/2/ \$2,117.54

NOTE: \$45.58 of above balance reserved for a Memorial Fund.

NORMAN CLOUSER - Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

12/31/81

New Members added since September Report.

MaryDel:

Dr. J. Thomas Craighead, (M.D.) P.O.Box 240, Easton
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Mr. Tony Alton Sigmon, Rt 6,Box 400, Statesville,
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Mr. Curtis E. Sutton, Rt 2, Box 355, Ayden, NC 28513

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Blue Ridge:

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Mrs. Tamara S. McBride, Rt 2, Box 143,
Buchanan, VA 24066

Richmond:

Ms. Gail Mills Gillian, Rt 1,Box 649, North Garden
VA, 22959

Mr. William A. Shear, Rt 4, Box 450, Farmville,
Va., 23901.

Changes:

Dr. Steven D. Bell, Norfolk Chapter, Moved to GA.

Lost by Death:

Mrs. E.V.Garraux, Asheville, N.C.

By Helen Rucker

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FSK CHAPTER REPORT

Francis Scott Key Society began the fall season with a fine picnic at the home of Claire and Bill Barr on September 20th. A few rebloomers were beginning to make their appearance with SEPTEMBER SAILOR putting on an outstanding show of bloom that day. Great hospitality and friendliness dominated the meeting as plans were made for future meetings.

Six F.S.K. members were able to attend the Fall Regional Meeting in Radford, Va. The regional program convinced us to share our enthusiasm for Japanese Irises with all members of F.S.K.

Our Chapter Fall Meeting was a luncheon on Nov 14 in the Orangery at the Hampton Mansion in Towson. This is the historic home of the Ridgelys, a well known Maryland family, built between 1783-1790 and now owned by the National Park Service. A guided tour of the mansion was given by the docents prior to the luncheon.

Several new members and guests heard our guest speaker, Dr. William Ackerman, Research Horticulturist for the National Arboretum, speak on his work with JI. Dr. Ackerman has been doing research on increasing bloom life and number of blooms, and now has a JI in which individual blooms last five days.

Plans are coming along well for the Spring Regional Meeting on May 28-29, 1982. Please mark your new calendar and plan to attend. If you would like to stay in a home

of one of our members instead of the Motel Headquarters, please advise us of your plans in advance. The April NEWSCAST will have all the details of the meeting.

Carol Warner

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ON JI REPLANTING

September with its cooler temperatures is a good time to divide and transplant your larger groups of JI. The ones that have formed a large circle with a dead area in the center need dividing. Three rhizomes are a natural division - the old bloomstalk with a new fan on either side. If you have a good supply, it is better to leave two or three of these divisions together. That will give you a nice blooming group the following year. If you just want to remove a natural division, loosen the dirt around the roots with a narrow ditching spade; remove some of the dirt around both sides of the division and with the spade prize up only the division wanted. It will usually break off at the smallest area of the rhizome where it was attached to the old rhizome. A section may be removed by placing the spade on the old bloomstalk and cutting the rhizome in half. That way you do the least damage to the new growth and leave it attached to each half of the bloomstalk rhizome.

When replanting, remember that they like plenty of moisture. If you have a wet area or can plant around a pond or lake, you have the ideal place. Most of us do not have such a place. However, they will grow well when planted in your yard or garden, if you will do little things to conserve moisture. So do not plant in raised beds. Plant in a valley or a depression. By planting in a 3 or 4 inch depression you place the roots deep in the ground so they will receive maximum moisture between rains. This saucer-shaped depression will collect water during a rain and makes an ideal place to hold water, when supplemental water is added when it does not rain for two or three weeks. If you plant near the house, you may be able to direct the water from the roof to a small sunken bed in the yard. Plenty of water does make a difference.

Japanese Iris require an acid soil, so never put lime or calcium on the JI bed. Bonemeal contains calcium, so don't use it.

Ninety percent of time when a Japanese Iris plant is growing poorly, it is due to poor root growth. Don't let it die! Dig it up - take a good look at the roots. If the root system is poor and that is the problem, then pot it with one-half cow manure and one-half garden soil. Place it in a shallow pool in one or two inches of water. (I use an inexpensive plastic children's play pool, which can be found at a store like K-Mart on sale at a reasonable price.) After two months I will bet that new white roots will be growing around the bottom of the pot. The JI can then be removed from the pot without disturbing the roots and replanted in the ground. If you plant it in a depression and water it for several days, it will think that it is still in the pot and keep right on growing.

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Note: The above was lifted from Robin writing of Adolph Vogt - August 1981. Ruby Buchanan is largely responsible for this. She wrote for Mr. Vogt's permission to use it in Newscast. He wrote back that anything that he writes that will promote irises, and especially Japanese Irises, is for publication Your editors were fortunate to hear Mr. Vogt at the Japanese Iris meeting sponsored by the people in Summerville, South Carolina. We heard him again at the Region 4 meeting in Radford, Virginia. He is bubbling over with information on JI, and I'm sure he has kindled interest in growing them in a number of members of our Region. We want to express our sincere thanks to him again for his efforts to spread the JI information that he has gained through years of experience.

SIBERIAN TISSUE CULTURE

The Tissue Culture work done by Dr. Martin Meyer of the University of Illinois has shown clonal reproduction by this method varies widely in its success. Some species and some individual plants of the different species respond better than others. Very simplistically, a minute slice of the tissue of the plant is placed on a complicated growing medium and held under precise conditions of light, temperature, shaking and turning. First, a callous forms on the tissue and later a little plant develops. As growth progresses, the plant is moved to different growing mediums and finally into the open soil.

I am not aware of any previous success with Siberians, but Dr. Meyer experimented with budded stalks of PIRATE PRINCE. I believe he will publish, so I will not go further except to describe the growth of the little PIRATE Prince plants in 1"x1"x2.5" square thin plastic pots, similar to the ones bedding plants are offered at garden centers. Some I grew on in their pots as received. A few I potted in 3"x3" round plastic pots. All of the above were placed in 1" of water in cake pans, outdoors in full sun. A third group were planted in open garden. Plants were about 7" high as I remember, and root systems were well developed in the pots. Those planted in open ground looked like two or three year seedlings by late fall. Those in the small pots remained one or two divisions of near normal height with root systems going out into the cake pans. The 3x3" potted plants developed about twice as much as those in the small pots.

Several persons received plastic potted plants and are to report their success in growing them on in the garden. These were taken in June, July, August, September and October. So far, indications are that such plants can be moved long distances any time of the gardening year.

I think the most important facet of my experiment is that we could pot small divisions of scarce Siberians

and grow them in a shallow water base until the root system is thriving. They could be shipped pot and all in a plastic bag, or hand carried by garden visitors. It might open a new garden center market for Siberians.

I prefer to move and line out my Siberians in the Fall after we have had good Fall rains. It must be early enough for some root development to take place before freezes, or heaving results. Early Spring shipment of plants with less than 2" high of new growth may be better if the new garden is in the same latitude or is further North.

I have learned that I can move clumps of Siberians any time the ground is not frozen. In hot weather, if I must move them, I take a large pail half full of water to the digging site. The clump is dug and dirt left on the roots. The plant is placed in the pail and carried to the new site, or new garden. If it can't be planted promptly, keep it in the shade of a tree in the pail, maintaining an inch of water in the pail. When planting, tramp dirt on and around the clump, water well and repeatedly if rains are sparse. A mulch to conserve moisture is helpful.

STEVE VARNER

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Ed's Note: D. Steve Varner is President of The Society For Siberian Irises, a Section of the American Iris Society. He is an avid gardener and hybridizer. He has introduced a number of Siberian Irises; his work as a hybridizer of tall bearded irises is well known; he is working with tetraploid daylilies; and I believe one of his latest fields is in hybridizing peonies.

We appreciate his taking time from a busy schedule to do an article for us on Siberian Irises, and you can see from this article that he is willing to experiment in new endeavors.

EXPOSING GARDEN CLUBS TO IRISES

Celeste Cox

We have had a good many visitors to our iris garden again this year (1981). Some of the visitors came to see the iris because they belonged to garden clubs to which I had lectured.

We have been giving iris to the clubs whose members seem to have a united interest in becoming goor iris growers. I am encouraging each of these clubs to have a small iris show at one of their monthly spring meetings. The member who exhibits the best specimen will receive a rhizome from the Cox Garden.

Two of the clubs will try to have an iris section in their regular spring show.

The president of the Luray Garden Club reports their iris did quite well this year. Their club flower is the iris, so perhaps they will have their flower show sometime when they can have a good section on iris. I would love to see them do well with the iris. They were given the rhizomes we had in Jewell Hollow. They grew beautifully there, but we could not continue to look after iris in two locations.

All of the members of a club not far from us voted to study iris next year. One of the members remembered seeing our garden, and the president and program chairman came to see if we would talk to them, or knew someone who would, on the subject. I will speak to them in February and they were most enthusiastic about the idea of growing and also exhibiting in a mini club show.

I have some other good clubs in mind to be approached on the subject of growing and exhibiting iris at their spring meetings. I have had two disappointments, so will be careful about those I approach.

We gave rhizomes to Peace Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia, which is located about a mile from us. They incorporated them in their new landscaping design. We also

donated rhizomes to Stony Brook Garden Club for a money-making project. They were all sold. I was president and Ways and Means Chairman of this club until last month when the new officers took over. I am now one of the vice presidents.

Being a Daffodil Judge, as well as a Master Federated Judge, I have obligations in those fields also. I have to be prudent in my undertakings. It is quite easy to get one's schedule too crowded which is a "no-no" for an angina patient.

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HENDERSONVILLE AREA GARDENS
Nancy Karriker

A trip to the Hendersonville Area of North Carolina during 1981 bloom-time was really enjoyed by a carload of irisarians from Concord, N.C. area. Included on the trip were the following: Mr and Mrs Troy Karriker, Mrs. Ila Brown, Mrs. Paul Lee Karriker and Mrs. Roy Leaser. We found the gardens in this area in wonderful bloom, and will give you some of the varieties which impressed us during this trip.

Garden of Viola Nelson, Balfour, N.C.: Outstanding bloom in this garden were the following varieties: CHAMBER MUSIC, LOMBARDY (large orchid), MARV, IMPOSSIBLE DREAM, PERSIAN BERRY (Gaulter 77 - raspberry), SUGAR BEAR, CRUSHED VELVET AND ORANGE WONDER (Hamner - ruffled orange).

Garden of Lavada Reese, E.Flat Rock, N.C.: Schreiner's DEEP FIRE (excellent red), LAKE PLACID, GUARDIAN GATE, LUAU (beautiful mulberry), SHOWY DEVIL, ORANGE SPLENDOR, HEY LOOKY, SANTANA (yellow with brown markings), SUNDAY PUNCH, SPANISH HARLEM, STARTLER (Schreiner's white with huge red beards), RUFFLED BALLET, ON THE GO, FIRENZE, TUT'S GOLD, and lots and lots of others.

Garden of Marion Mills: Marion's husband died early in

in 1981, and Marion has moved since this visit into a condo in Hendersonville. It must pain her a lot to leave that beautiful place. They have an extensive collection of rare trees and shrubs, some of which were: Double File Viburnum, Stewartia, a gorgeous huge specimen of Red Horse Chesnut, Tree Peonies. Among the irises we saw here were: A beautiful specimen clump of LORD BALTIMORE, Nannie Pacquet's TELAKA, LADY OF LOUDON (Crossman), SAPPHIRE HILLS, SAN LEANDRO (beautiful lavender-pink with tangerine beard). Here we saw I. Tectorum Alba and I. Cristata Alba naturalized, and loads of other plants. This was a real treat!

Garden of Ruby Laughter: Ruby died in December, 1980, but her husband and daughter have been trying to properly name and tend the iris. They were beautifully grown, and she had a lot of nice things, some of which were: CHERRY SPARKLE, OVATION, CAROLINA GOLD, SHOW BIZ (amber old-gold standards, red falls, from Garry last year). (I not that Keppel was selling this in 81 for \$25.00.) FLAREUP (a beautiful butterscotch), BRIDE'S HALO, looking just like the catalog picture, RABAT RUBY, MOLTEN EMBERS (nice brown). BRINDISI (Schreiner's 79 was just beautiful - a bright yellowish-brown). CHRISTMAS TREASURE, RHONDA, CRINKLED JOY and SPARTAN (still one of the best reds) were all making a good show.

(Ed's note: From this garden also came the Best of Show at the Asheville Exhibit, an almost perfect stalk of STUDY IN BLACK.)

Garden of Flossie Nelson: Here, as everywhere in this area, things were beautifully grown. She said she used lots of horse manure. She had beautiful specimens of Lupins, Bleeding Heart, and some beautiful clumps of daisies (ordered from Park Seed Co), all of which helped make this garden beautiful. Some of the iris blooming which impressed me were: FORECAST RED (on my want list, from Loleta Powell 81, I think, certainly one of the best reds); TROUBADOR'S LYRIC (Powell 81) with white standards and mulberry-purple falls, also on my want list; ATTENTION CAROLINA (Powell - a beautiful purple plicata); RHONDA, PATINA (Keppel) a soft greenish yellow plicata, giving an

olive impression); GHOST STORY (never saw it more beautiful); AEGEAN STAR (better than CHARMED CIRCLE, and is a lovely plicata); SILVER SHOWERS, VICTORIA FALLS (pure undiluted blue-glue - I must have it); FIVE STAR ADMIRAL (outdid Schreiner's picture a thousand miles); MARY FRANCES (was certainly a Dykes winner); GENTLE GIANT, ORANGE EMPIRE and lots more - all beautiful!!

We came home via Inman, South Carolina, to see Rev. Everette Lineberger's garden, although he was at the AIS National Convention. He has a MANSION on a hill-top! We saw some gorgeous Louisianas, including BLACK WIDOW, DEAN LEE, CLYDE REDMOND, C.A.HOLLYMAN, and COUNTERPOISE. Also, I finally saw TB, XMAS FIRES, an old Craig red - but RED; GLAZED ORANGE, DUSKY DANCER, LIGHTNING RIDGE, LOVE IS, BALLETT IN ORANGE, SANTANA, CARAMBA (beautiful), ORANGE EMPIRE. He was getting a start of Siberians - ORVILLE FAY and EGO were in bloom that day.

We enjoyed this trip very much, and we are still impressed with the quality of bloom in this section.

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WINNERS OF YOUTH CONTEST

On August 15, 1981, Michelle Nelson was declared winner of the Japanese Iris Seed Germination Contest. Thirteen seedlings had survived the hot, dry, Summer. She was awarded JOYOUS CAVALIER and FROST BOUND.

Michelle Stadler was runner-up, with ten seedlings. Since an extra was received with the order, she also received two named varieties: ENCHANTING MELODY and SUMMER STORM.

CONGRATULATIONS to both girls!

Mrs. Ruby Buchanan, of Winston-Salem, N.C. provided the Japanese seed, and also the contest irises.

Flossie Nelson,
Youth Chairman

IRIS REBLOOM IN REGION 4, 1981

Many jubilant letters have come across the writer's desk this summer and autumn, indicating that it has been a banner year for rebloom in much of Region 4. There is some indication that central North Carolina was too dry this year, and less rebloom occurred there. Undoubtedly the mountains help to promote summer growth by cooling off the nights, and by attracting some showers that the plains (piedmont) do not receive.

James Cope of Easton, Md. has been a regular correspondent. After a very slim year in 1980, his garden produced an extravaganza of rebloom over a period of three months. In addition to the many varieties with which he was successful, (almost all from Eastern breeders), he mentioned that Paul and Jean Hoffmeister had had a tremendous big stalk on EARL OF ESSEX.

In like manner, John Moffitt of Unionville, VA had a very lean year in 1980, and this year a very flourishing one for rebloom. Most of John's remontants came from Radford, and a good many of his once-blooming iris are from the Schreiners. John has been crossing rebloomers, and hit the jackpot this fall with some striking flowers. His cross of VICTORIA FALLS with VIOLET CLASSIC gave some excellent maiden bloom this fall. Some exciting reds appeared from FIRE SIREN and RADFORD RED crossed with JEWEL TONE and FRONTIER MARSHALL.

Viola (Mrs. Lloyd) Nelson of Balfour, N.C. reports a fall stalk on CROSS STITCH and many, many stalks in the garden of Mrs. Lavada Reese of Flat Rock. In regard to the latter, Mrs. Nelson writes: "They were real large stalks with so many blooms on them. They were as nice as what we have in the spring. I especially enjoyed Lavada's WITCH OF ENDOR, a beautiful reddish brown."

J.D.Stadler of Reidsville, N.C. reports: "The remontants did not do as well this year. However, some are steady performers. JEAN GUYMER bloomed, (I think), every month from April to November, although not continuously.

RED REVIVAL is another early performer. GOLDEN ENCORE always blooms profusely although its form is not good. CORN HARVEST is a good doer with good form. Lloyd sent a piece of BABY BLESSED in late August, and in October it had two stalks blooming." J.D. is hybridizing for remontants seriously, and it will be exciting to visit his garden next spring.

Rosalie (Mrs. Frank H.J.) Figge writes that RETURNING PEACE and LATE LILAC really found many admirers, as well as CORN HARVEST and PERFUME COUNTER. B.J. Brown, our Editor, reports attempted bloom in November on PATINA (Keppel *80) and a seedling from his own pink amoena breeding.

Here in Radford, it was a pleasure to host Region 4, and some fifty plus visited our gardens. The star performers on October 3 were LIGHTLY SEASONED, RED GRAPES and I DO. The fragrance enthusiasts were not disappointed in RED GRAPES, which gives excellent fragrance on cut stalks as well. The most rebloom this summer and fall came on three seedlings. P 3, an orange from (AHEAD OF TIMES X ORANGE HONEY) and P 69 W, a white from SISTER HELEN X I DO, both began the last week of July and never stopped. Both have a bit too twisty stalks, but the flower quality is good, especially on the white, which has a touch of blue on the beard when first open. A pure white from (I DO X ENGLISH COTTAGE) promises to be the best produced here. Every rhizome had a good stalk in August, September or October. It must be admitted that on May 3 there was a killing freeze that cut down seriously on the volume of spring bloom, and these excellent results might not have been obtained if the spring bloom had been normal.

Late in the season, about October 15, two stalks appeared on a new seedling, and it proved to have good flounces on each fall. This is the first successful fall blooming of a Space-Age iris here. The cross that produced it was (MISS JUPITER seedling X MARY MARIA) X MISS VENUS. It seems unusual that a remontant could appear with that little rebloom in its pedigree, and indeed, no other in the cross managed to do so. The

flower is a peach-pudding color, of good substance, but not too good in form. Gordon Bleu Farms grew MISS VENUS and got rebloom on it in warm-climate, and thus it must have some genetic structure for remontancy, but this is the first remontant seedling it has produced here.

The rather widespread success with the remontant iris this year is most encouraging. The extra three months of bloom that is a regular occurrence here in Radford is most welcome addition to the month or six weeks in the spring. It is to be hoped that many more readers will be encouraged to grow them.

Lloyd Zurbrigg -
 Past President -Reblooming
 Iris Society
 Regional Chm for Remontants

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FALL AUCTION RESULTS (1981)

A very amusing part of the Fall meeting in Radford was the Auction, following dinner and the extended Board Meeting. We had purchased \$50.00 worth of JI, various members had donated Siberian Iris, and Dr. Roy Epperson had found a couple of pieces of fabric with an iris design which was auctioned, in addition to a couple of iris prints.

Results are as follows:

Gross Receipts		\$502.00
Cloth costs	12.00	
JI costs	50.00	-62.00
Net proceeds		<u>\$440.00</u>

We need more auctions like this if we are to continue to be a financially sound organization.

J.D.Stadler, Auctions Chairman

FROM BEARDLESS & SPECIES IRIS ROBIN - "The Wild Ones"

Wyatt LeFever - Kernersville, N.C.

I have recently divided and planted in non-wet areas, both *Laevigatas COLCHESTESIENSIS* and *SEMPER-FLORENS*. Flowers on these are larger than Siberians. The latter sets seed like crazy, but the former does not - at least by bees.....

I have two seed pods on my cross of JI with *Pseudacorus*, but they are thin instead of fat like the regular *Pseudacorus* pods. I don't know if they contain seeds or not.....

Did anyone have rebloom on JIs or Sis? I had one stalk each on SI, ON AND ON and on SI SOFT BLUE, both McEwen rebloomers. I had more on his JI rebloomers. Dr. McEwen says the rebloom may not come here in N.C. We'll see when the plants are better established.....

Virginia Rowland, Goose Creek, S.C.: (8/3/81)

The Primrose Monarch *Pseudacorus* are growing beautifully. I have 5 seedlings of these. Also 7 *I. Tectorum Albas* have been reset. I lost a few of my SAVOIR FAIRE SIBERIANS, but transplanted four from one pot in an effort to save them. The *Muselmanicas* are growing nicely too, possibly about 25 of these.....

I had a JI seedling which put up a stalk with 3 buds on the terminal and 2 in a side branch. This bloomed from July 5th to July 22nd.....

Ruby Buchanan, Winston-Salem:

I wish I could share my copy of "The Japanese Iris Handbook" with all of you. There are 231 pictures of JI in full color - every type and shape. It is a glorious display of color, but alas, no English. I am eagerly awaiting an English text the author has promised: "In this winter, when I have more time perhaps I will prepare English text".....he wrote.....

Only one yellow iris pictured, similar to KIMBOSHI. Which reminds me, I received a generous division of this, as well as *I. laevigata COLCHESTERENSIS* and the SI

miniature, FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES, from Wyatt a few weeks ago.....

Joan Cooper sent me a rhizome of four LA species iris, a start of I. verna, I fulva (red), I. fulva (yellow), I brevicaulis, I nelsonii and I gigantcaerulea. These were planted in my LA iris bed.....

Alma Childers, Hamlin, W.Va.

I have three Prismatic seedlings growing and doing well.....

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RAMBLIN ROBIN EXCERPTS (General Interest Robin).....

J.D.Stadler, Burlington, N.C.

Bert, here is a list of TBs that are really good growers at my place and should do well for you: LOUDOUN CAMEO, DOVER BEACH, VANITY, FRESNO CALYPSO, SHIP-SHAPE, MYSTIQUE, CAROLINA GOLD, SKYWRITER, CELESTIAL BALLET, GAY PARASOL, ORANGE PUNCH, CAMELOT ROSE, SPIRIT OF MEMPHIS, CORN HARVEST AND RANCHO ROSE.

Louise Smith, Williamsburg, Va.

I crossed like mad last spring, mostly using my seedling with the wonderfully sweet-chocolate scent as the pollen parent, with many of the pinks as pod parents, hoping to somehow get many pinks with lovely scents. It is difficult to know which pinks stand a chance of producing sweet-scented offspring as fragrance recording has been neglected.....

I was fascinated to read in Vallette's book that iris seed pods will mostly always continue to ripen if the stem is broken or has rotted after the seed have had a few weeks' start in growing. Some broken off stems don't even need to be kept in water.....

I have observed in my garden that most of the borers are concentrated within 10' of the perimeter of the garden, and somewhere I read that they may over-winter in the sod areas within 30' of the iris beds.

Alma Childers, Hamlin, W.Va.

Louise, I have saved seed pods if they were well along when the stems were broken or had rotted. I did keep mine in water, which I changed every few days.

Bert Livingston,

Nothing approaches my amazement that Ruby B. went to tremendous effort and considerable expense in sending me more than 30 varieties that fit the color schemes I have chosen and that have the rugged characteristic I mentioned. In selection of these she was aided by another lovely person, Ila E. Brown of Salisbury.....

Ruby Buchanan, Winston-Salem, N.C.

I added 10 Spuria iris cultivars and 6 JI this season. Laurie's Garden sent me a small I. verna as an extra, and I planted it with Tectorum and Cristata in semishade.....I read that in S.C. verna is grown as a pot plant. Since it is native to the Appalachian area, I think it must be winter hardy here.....

Doris Simpson, Baltimore, MD

June passed in a flood of rain. July and August were dry but very humid. These conditions caused the TBs to rot right and left. I lost a number of one-year plants out of my new bed. Luckily Copper Classic hung in there and I may get to see it bloom. The iris that has done the best in this particular bed is CHARTREUSE RUFFLES - and as it was a favorite of the new ones to bloom last May, I am glad that it, at least is happy.....

Claire Barr, Stevenson, MD

I have been interested in all the discussion of rot here at our FSK meeting. There were many divergent views. Rot could be blamed on rain, humidity, over-fertilization, susceptibility in certain rhizomes, and on-and-on. There was a disagreement about whether some of us were identifying bacterial soft rot mistakenly as crown rot. I know we had had some soft rot in the past, but I thought we were seeing crown rot now -

because of the description and pictures in "The World Of Irises". The only thing I know to do is to treat with agrimycin and Terrachlor, and maybe both, or either, can be controlled.....

A large clump of SEPTEMBER SAILOR has been in bloom for a week now, and BABY BLESSED had two blooms last week-end. Retta and Maynard Harp took a stalk of SEPTEMBER SAILOR and one of CORN HARVEST (from Rosalie Figge) to a meeting of the Council of Federated Judges of Maryland yesterday, where they gave a talk and greatly impressed the ladies by producing real iris in September. I'm hoping for more rebloom, but the resetting was done pretty late.

NOTE: Royal Four Reblooming Robin - please note the comments from your writings in the article by Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg, our Reblooming Chairman.....
From a personal letter to your Editors from our RVP, I might quote part of a paragraph regarding further Remontant Bloom: "We had some lovely rebloomers this fall, but our late ones, EARL OF ESSEX, LEMON DUET, MARINKA, MANZANITA, ENGLISH COTTAGE, and a couple of others were frozen. It was discouraging*".....
We know the feeling, as most of our rebloom, if any, seems to come just before a killing frost.....

REGIONAL 1983

The Western N.C. Chapter of Region 4, AIS; the Charlotte Iris Society and the N.C. Iris Society will join forces to host the Regional in the Charlotte Area in early May 1983. This meeting to be a joint meeting with the N.C. Iris Society. A Steering Committee has been at work on preliminary plans for this meeting.

Our tentative plans will include the following:

1. A bench show to be held on Friday, the first weekend of May, 1983. We will be depending on iris growers from the surrounding areas to bring exhibits for the show. We will also ask that any out of towners bring flowers. Even those of you coming from the extreme northern part of the Region will more than likely have Medians in bloom, which would greatly enhance our show. Our shows in the past have basically been TBs on display, but this would help to give a more rounded show to include many different classes of irises.

2. Plans will be made to include a special meeting time for any N.C. Iris Society business.

3. Our tentative plans are that any Judges Training which might take place at this meeting will be in the form of on-the-job training, giving would-be judges the chance to be a part of judging a show. Also participation in classifying and placement could be worked into that training. Details of this would have to be worked out with the Judges Training Chairman.

4. Saturday would be tour day. We hope to have a series of gardens on tour that will be interesting. We have a number of small city gardens which will be of interest for their landscape value in planning for smaller spaces. Others will be larger, but hopefully still of interest in other aspects of growing irises.

We are studying the various sites for headquarters, keeping in mind the availability of the show site, motel accommodations other than headquarters, restaurants, etc. We will be exploring the possibility of hosting a number of members in homes, should that be more convenient and

feasible for a number of members.

We have tentatively appointed some of our heads of committees, some of which are already at work.

Guest Iris Chairman will be Elizabeth Farrar of Mt. Holly. Guests should be sent to her as early as possible next season. Since these will be on 1st year plants, you might want to send more than 1 rhizome of each cultivar you send. Elizabeth will then distribute your cultivars to the gardens which will be on tour.

N.C. hybridizers are asked to send seedlings to B.J.Brown for the N.C.I.S Seedling Bed. A special award is given each year at the NCIS meeting to the best seedling grown in this special bed.

We want to extend a cordial welcome to the Queen City of the South for this meeting. We will try to see that you are welcome and that you see plenty of irises, and that you are well taken care of in every respect.

Guest Irises to be sent to:
Mrs. M. P. Farrar (Elizabeth)
P O Box 263,
Mount Holly, N.C. 28120

NCIS SEEDLINGS to
B.J.Brown,
11026 Steele Creek Rd
Charlotte, N.C.28210

BUS TO 1982 REGIONAL

At the present time we have twenty-four people from North Carolina who have expressed a desire to be included on the bus which will originate in Charlotte.

We have been in touch with the Charlotte Visitours who will help us to line up the bus and driver and help in establishing the route. If the bus is not filled with N.C. members, we would invite others along the route to join us.

The bus will be at our disposal for any trips in connection with this meeting., such as the trip to Alice Miller's for the Friday night get-together.

The FSK Chapter will furnish us a bus-captain to guide us to the gardens on tour on Saturday.

The Charlotte Visitours have also offered to help us get motel accommodations at the lowest possible rates, provided we can know which of you will be wanting to stay at the headquarters motel. Any singles who would like to share a room with three or four, could possibly save a bit on room costs.

I am hoping to give you below some approximate costs, broken down by bus fares, and possible motel costs. I will be in touch with Charlotte Visitours just before going to press and include these figures below. Of course, the more we have, up to full bus capacity, the less the costs per person will be. If interested in this transportation, please let us know at once when you receive this Newscast - if not already signed up for a space.

We have a quote on a bus. If we only have 24, the cost per person for bus fare would be \$61.00; we can get up to 45 on this particular bus, which would reduce the cost per person for a full 45 to \$32.00 per person. A number in between would be prorated.

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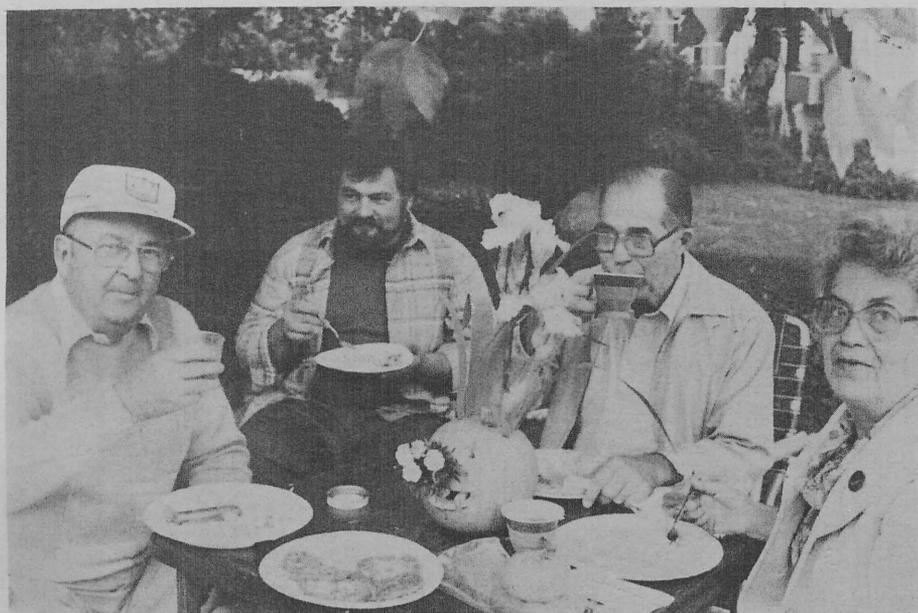
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