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RVP Message

Wow, what an exciting time to be a part of Region 4! Convention fever is running high, we are number two in membership and we have an Emeritus judge.

The convention is uppermost in our minds as we prepare for next May 18-22. The gardens are being prepared with tender loving care for the tour days. I know many new plants, garden structures and other attractions have been added to the three gardens which I have been able to see recently. The guest irises put on more new growth this year than I have ever seen in my years of gardening. Provided any kind of reasonably "normal" winter and spring there should be incredible bloom for the convention. The *January Bulletin* will carry all the details needed to register. If you have ever thought of attending a national convention this will be the time. Region 4 hosted an extremely successful convention in Roanoke in 1974. It may be another 15 years before it will be in this area again.

The AIS membership report for the period ending September 30, 1990 was given at the fall AIS board meeting in Dallas, Texas. Region 4 is Number 2 in membership!! We have a total of 670 members. We want to extend a very warm welcome to all of those who are new and also thank everyone who has recruited new members. Region 14 (northern California, Nevada and Hawaii) is in first place with 730 members. Region 7 (Tennessee and Kentucky) is only one behind us with 669. I know they are going to be trying to



catch us next time. Much of the credit for the increase in membership goes to Rich Randall who has done an outstanding job of keeping our records and notifying the local membership chairmen of changes.

There has been a quiet campaign to have Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg appointed as an Emeritus judge. This honor is given to judges who have rendered outstanding service to the Society and whose leadership and dedication to the ideals of the Society are of genuine and obvious distinction. Emeritus judges are appointed by unanimous approval of the Board of Directors of AIS. We are thrilled to report that Dr. Zurbrigg, our immediate past RVP, has received this honor. He is the only Emeritus judge in Region 4 and we are certainly very proud of him.

The fall regional meeting and reblooming show at Virginia Beach was fantastic. The weather was absolutely picture perfect and the programs and activities planned by our hosts, The Tidewater Iris Society, were enjoyed by all. Reports of various parts of the meeting are included elsewhere.

I want to thank those of you who took the time to vote the Symposium Ballot for your favorite irises. I suppose it was no surprise to find **Vanity**, **Beverly Sills** and **Titan's Glory** as the top three. It was wonderful though to see Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg's **Immortality** tied with **Song of Norway** for fourth place. The rest of the results are printed in *Newscast* and the national results will appear in the *Bulletin*.

I have officially finished one year of my job as RVP and am looking forward to the next two. It is an exciting and challenging time for all of us in Region 4. We are definitely a friendly group which I think accounts for much of our success. Clarence said at the last convention meeting that, "We were all going to have to love each other." I think we do, and together with our combined love of irises 1991 will be the greatest year we have ever experienced. Join in the fun! Happy New Year!

National Convention Update

Clarence Mahan, Chairman

The 1991 National Convention Committee has made outstanding progress in planning and organizing this very significant event in the history of Region 4. We are still short a couple of bus captains, but otherwise all of our committee chairmen have their responsibilities well under control. Our bus contracts are in place with the Rill Bus Service in Westminster, MD and Capitol Bus Tours in Washington, DC. Bill Ackerman has the optional tour to the National Arboretum all set to go, and Phil Ogilvie has laid on a superb optional tour to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall.

Our contracts for tour luncheons are all signed. One of the lunches will be at Friendly Farms in Westminster—an eating establishment that Region 4 knows well—more than one member has put on a few pounds here on regional tours in the past! Ruth Walker has negotiated contracts with two other excellent facilities. The Holiday Inn in Manassas which served such good food at the Japanese Society National Convention will serve one of the lunches. The third luncheon will be at a very special site: the Blair Mansion Inn in Silver Spring, MD. This is an historic mansion filled with fabulous and rare antiques. Lunch here should be one of the highlights of the convention.

The lovely convention favors made by Rich Randall are safely stored in Bobby Lively-Diebold's house and in Bill Ackerman's barn. The AIS awards and trophies have arrived and are stashed in the Mahan garage. Many local chapters have agreed to bake cookies, cakes, brownies and other treats for convention garden refreshments; Rich Randall is coordinating this effort.



The next Convention Committee meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1991 at the Fairview Marriott, our convention hotel. Lunch is on our own. The meeting will start promptly at 1 PM and end not later than 4 PM. All committee chairmen and convention garden owners are urged to make every possible effort to attend.

Having an AIS Convention in our region is a chance of a lifetime! The last time Region 4 sponsored a convention was at Roanoke, an event that all the old-timers say was one of the best AIS Conventions ever. Our challenge is to do it better. And remember: Every Region 4 member is a **host or hostess**. Those coming from out-of-region are our guests. We all must do our "Southern hospitality" thing!

CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO

Convention Headquarters

Fairview Park Marriott
3111 Fairview Park Drive
Falls Church, VA 22042

Washington Beltway (495)
at junction of Route 50

(703) 849-9400 or Toll Free: (800) 228-9290

Rates: \$92 plus 6.5% tax for 1 to 4 persons per room. Convention rates apply to rooms reserved 2 days prior (May 15-16) or 2 days after (May 23-24) convention. Free garage parking is available. Availability of van service to/from Dulles and National Airports is being negotiated. Registration confirmation will contain firm information about this.

A hotel reservation card will be included with confirmation of your convention registration. You may also book room reservations directly with the hotel or through the central Marriott registry using the 800 number. Be sure to state that you are with the American Iris Society. All **unreserved rooms blocked for convention** will be released after April 26. Reserve early. Check in time 4:00 PM.

Registration Fees:

Postmarked before April 1, 1991.....	\$158.00
Postmarked April 1 – April 26, 1991.....	\$180.00
Postmarked after April 26, 1991.....	\$205.00
Youth 18 and under	\$118.00

Partial registration rates are available upon inquiry for advance registrations only. Full registration refund will be made if notice is postmarked no later than April 1st; 50% refund will be made if notice is postmarked no later than April 20th; no refund thereafter.

Make checks payable to: 1991 AIS Convention

Mail registrations to: Anne & Mike Lowe
12219 Zilles Road
Blackstone, VA 23824

As a courtesy to tour garden owners, we ask that you consider the private convention gardens closed for viewing from May 11–May 22.



Tentative Schedule of Convention Events

Friday, May 17—Registration open from 4–8 PM.

Saturday, May 18—Hotel check-in time is 4:00 PM. Registration open from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. AIS Board of Directors will convene at 1:00 PM. Section Board Meetings scheduled: Japanese, Dwarf, Historic, and Median societies in the afternoon. The Region 4 Board, AIS Section Representatives, RVP's, Judges' Training Chairmen, Past and Future Convention Chairmen and AIS Foundation will meet during the evening. Optional tour to Mt. Vernon from 12:30–6:30 PM.

Sunday, May 19—Registration open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Reblooming and Siberian Society Board Meetings are scheduled. AIS Board reconvenes at 8:00 AM. There will be an optional tour to the National Arboretum from 8:00 AM–12:30 PM. Sections that will meet during the day are: LISA, Signa, Aril International, Japanese, Reblooming, Dwarf, Siberian, and Spuria. Robin reception will be held in conjunction with a no host social hour at 6:30 PM, followed by the Welcome Banquet at 7:30 PM.

Monday, May 20—Breakfast on your own; continental or full breakfast available beginning at 5:30 AM. The registration desk will be open from 6:00 to 7:00 AM. Buses will load between 6:30 and 7:00 AM. Dinner on your own. Evening functions: Median, PCN, and HIPS Section Meetings beginning at 7:00 PM.

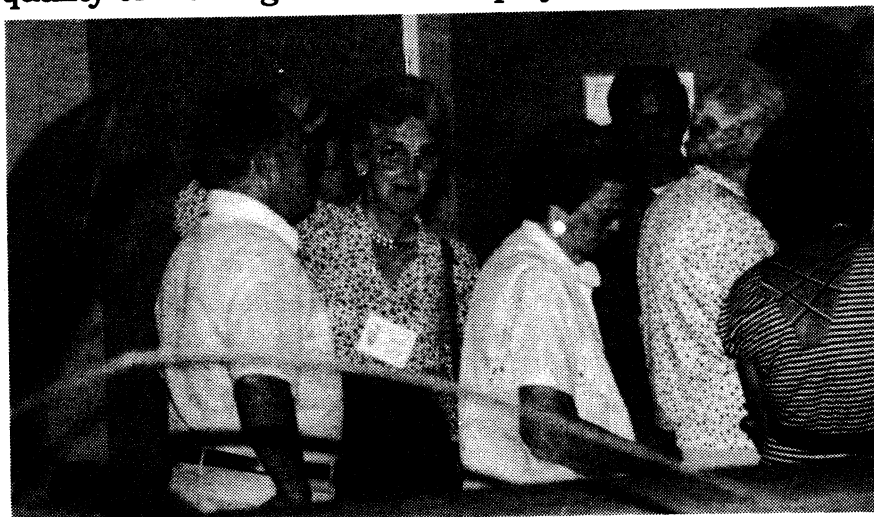
Tuesday, May 21—Breakfast on your own; continental or full breakfast available beginning at 5:30 AM. Buses load between 6:30 and 7:00 AM. Dinner on your own. Beginning at 7:00 PM, three concurrent judges' training sessions will be held: (1) Judging Medians, (2) Ethics of Judging, (3) Judging Japanese Irises.

Wednesday, May 22—Breakfast on your own; continental or full breakfast available beginning at 5:30 AM. Buses load between 6:30 and 7:00 AM. Deadline for submission of ballots for President's Cup and Cook Cup is 5:00 PM. No host Social Hour and Youth Reception at 6:30 PM; Awards Banquet at 7:30 PM.

Fall Regional

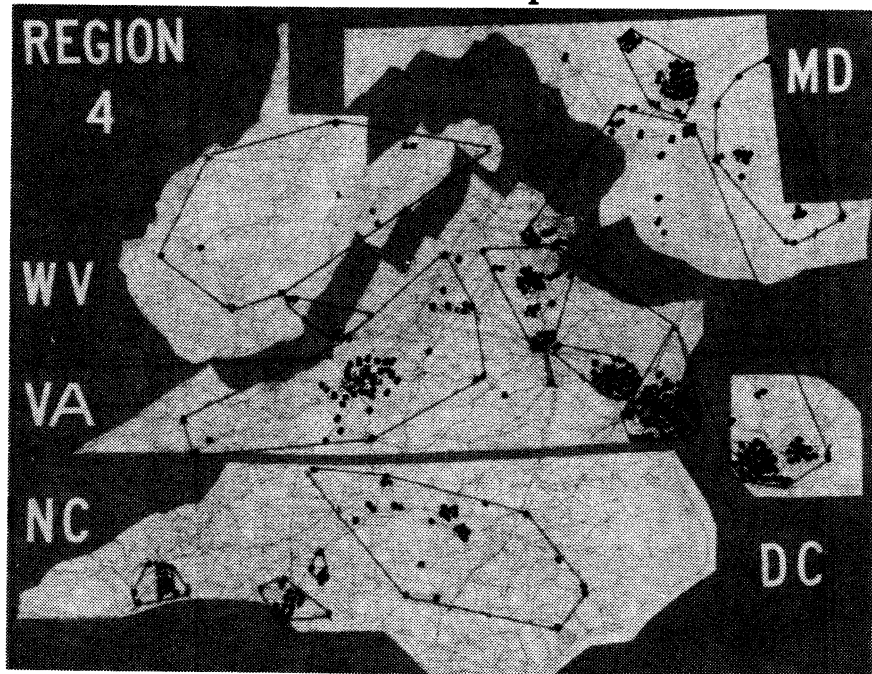
From the opening of the registration desk to the last farewell—a Fall Regional meeting is people all the way. The rush and excitement of seeing gardens is replaced by a more mellow and relaxed, greet,

meet and bring up to date those friends that you haven't seen since spring. The thrill of seeing iris in bloom is not missing, however. Region 4 is one of two regions in the nation that traditionally hold a Fall iris show in conjunction with their fall meetings. This year was one of our best ever, both for quality of meeting and floral display.



AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD LINES UP FOR THE WELCOME DINNER. VISIBLE ARE: JACK AND ROSALIE LOVING, RUTH SAVAGE AND CARLETON CAMPBELL

Where do we come from? A display board with a regional map studded with push-pins showing the location of Region 4's members was a highlight of the registration area. The graphic display was designed and constructed by Region 4 Membership Chairman, Rich Randall. A pin is inserted in the maps for each AIS membership in the region. Colored yarn is stretched around each Chapter or Iris Club. The editors felt somewhat lonely—notice the pin not circled with string midway between Blue Ridge, F-RIS, WIS and ENC—yup, that's us! Of greater interest to those members looking to recruit in fresh territory, notice large areas of each state bare of pins? We could easily fit in at least five more active chapters!



THE MEMBERSHIP STORY IN ONE PICTURE—NOT A THOUSAND WORDS BUT 1000 MEMBERS...?

Convention chairman Carryl Randall planned a varied and interesting program of activities for our stay in the Tidewater area. Judges Training on *Awards and Ballots*, presented by Roy Epperson on

Friday night, fulfilled a training requirement for apprentice judges. On Saturday morning, J. D. Stadler addressed the finer points of *Selecting and Growing Siberian Irises*. After lunch, an interesting presentation on the Norfolk Botanical Gardens by Director Peter Frederick laid the foundation for what we might see when we attended the dedication of the Hazzard Iris Planting later in the afternoon. (See page 40.) During his lecture on *English Box*, Roy Epperson shot down some popular misconceptions about this form of collective iris exhibition. He also brought to our attention the fact that many, if not all, of our show schedules contained errors in this area. Did you know that each blossom in an English Box exhibit must be of a different variety? Neither did most of us! Rest assured, there will be some re-writing of schedules prior to the 1991 show season!



**TO THE EXHIBITORS GO THE WORRIES —WE ENJOY!
L TO R: DIANA NICHOLS, ROSALIE FIGGE, CAROL WARNER**

Staging a fall show never fails to push the organizers to the brink of either ulcers or nervous prostration. Fall bloom is notoriously fickle; one week can see a dozen possible exhibitors, all with gardens bursting

with entries. A week later, when the show occurs, all are suffering a temporary lull in rebloom. Fortunately, one of the best seasons for rebloom in recent years allowed 9 exhibitors to enter 46 stalks representing TBs, BBs, IBs, SDBs and seedlings. Judges for the show were David Walsh, Ruth Walker, and Freda Hazzard.

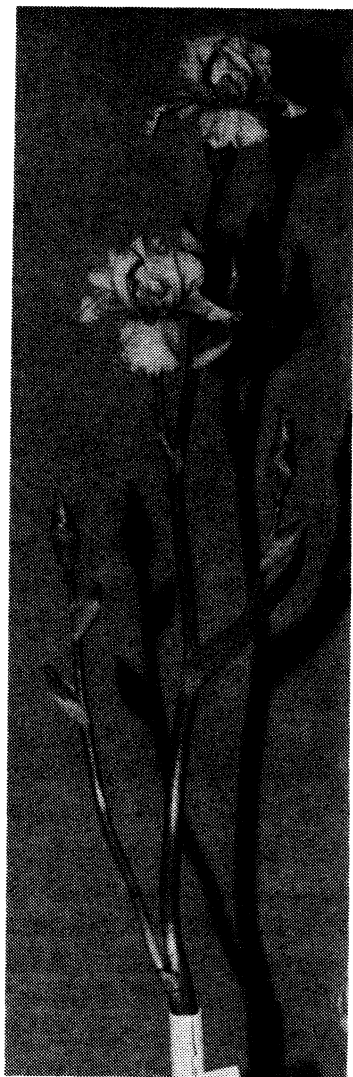
The Best Speciman of Show was **Harvest of Memories** entered by Clarence Mahan. The Best Seedling award went to Jane McKnew from Pasadena, Maryland for her large black purple tall bearded, I-2.

Diana Nicholls won the Silver Medal; Lloyd Zurbrigg was awarded the Bronze Medal. As always, a fall iris show provided a draw for spectators and it was interesting to hear the comments.

An everpresent hazard: the many persons who "just have to feel to be sure it's not silk!"

In the absence of Auctioneer Vic Layman, the team of Stadler and Epperson conducted a spirited sale of beardless irises (all kinds), a variety of printed material, and even wall paper. No one went home empty handed and the regional treasury was swelled by more than \$1700.

A popular concession booth was staffed by Mike Nicholls, selling raffle tickets for the lovely iris quilt pieced and quilted by the ladies of Chesapeake and



**TOPS! AND, LOOK AT
THAT BRANCHING!**

Potomac Iris Society. Blocks of quilt raffle tickets to be sold by Chapters and Clubs can be obtained by having your club officials contact the Nicholls. Profits from the quilt raffle will be used to help defray Convention expenses.



THE RAFFLE TICKETS WEREN'T HOT CAKES—BUT YOU'D NEVER GUESS THAT BY THE RATE THAT MIKE NICHOLLS WAS SELLING THEM

In all respects, a most successful fall meeting. The question is often asked, "Why should a person spend the money and time to go to flower society meetings?" Very simply put, it is a '4-F' situation—Flowers, Food, Fun and Fellowship. ~•~

PUTTING ON A SHOW

Many jobs must be done to organize a show—staging, artistic, PR., awards, schedules, etc. What and where is the job description for each of these tasks? This was the situation that confronted Tidewater in 1987. Thanks to Clarence Mahan, the volunteers that help to put on our show each year now have a job description.

To receive your copy of 12 show job descriptions, send a \$1.00 check, payable to **Region 4 AIS** or have your Chapter President contact me for a free copy.

Rich Randall, TIS

Minutes of Board Meeting

Region 4, AIS, October 6, 1990
Park Inn International, Virginia Beach, VA.

RVP Carol Warner called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

RVP:

Carol welcomed everyone to the Fall Regional Meeting and thanked Caryll Randall for making all the local arrangements. She reported that out of 93 symposium ballots returned, 89 were counted; four were disqualified for various reasons. The top five winners were: **Vanity** (46 votes), **Beverly Sills** (45 votes), **Titan's Glory** (41 votes), and **Immortality** (a Region 4 introduction) and **Song Of Norway** (tied with 34 votes). Three more Region 4 introductions, **Celestial Storm**, **Dover Beach**, and **Jennifer Rebecca**, were tied with **Joyce Terry** and **Navy Strut** for 20th place. Complete symposium results are published elsewhere in *News-cast*.

Assistant RVP: See Conventions report.

Immediate Past RVP:

I have expressed my thanks for the cooperation and good will manifested to me in my term of office, which I shall always treasure.

In 1974 Region 4 hosted the National AIS Convention in Roanoke. All the reports I have heard from the visitors have praised us for that event. Now we are facing another Region 4 National Convention in Washington, D.C. Each year there seems more necessity for preparation and greater expense. My great desire is that all members of Region 4 should consider themselves hosts of this big event, and offer to help in making this big undertaking a smashing success.

We all need to hope and pray that the weather is more amenable than it was this past spring season. That lies beyond our human powers. I was at the Region 6 Spring Meeting and at the National in Omaha, and neither was top-notch because of the weather.

But the friendships that are renewed at meetings can help cancel out disappointments from the weatherman, and if you can do nothing else, please attend and help us greet the visitors with warmth and hospitality.

Lloyd Zurbrigg

Secretary: Anne Lowe moved that the minutes of the Spring 1990 Board Meeting be accepted as printed in the August 1990 *Newscast*. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Region 4 - AIS:

For period July 10, 1990, to Nov.10, 1990

July 10 Balance \$8,711.70

Receipts

Interest on Account (5 mo.) \$124.09

Memorial: *Marion Mills*

(Carolina Mt. Iris Society) 10.00

Sale-2 *Newscasts* - Nicholls 3.00

Donation - Blue Ridge 200.00

Fall Iris Auction 1,762.00

Windfall - Fall Convention 50.00

Donation - F.S.K. 500.00

Donation - Tidewater 159.00

Total Deposits \$2,808.09

Complete Totals \$11,519.79

Expenditures

Donation to 1991 National

Convention \$2,000.00

Membership Committee

(postage and contest) 90.00

Printing August *Newscast* 967.80

Lowes - Editing *Newscast* 239.12

Lois Rose - Cards 2.98

Total Expenditures \$3,299.99

November 10 Balance \$8,219.89

Respectfully submitted,

J. Owings Rebert

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Historian: No report.

Parliamentarian: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Finance:

Our financial status appears to be in good order. Our Treasurer J. Owings Rebert reported a balance of \$8,711.70 on July 10, 1990.

Clarence Mahan, General Chairman of the '91 convention, advises that funds are adequate at this time. Additional funds are coming from the chapters.

I called Nancy Schuhmann and discussed the finances of the '91 convention. She is preparing a current report.

The Blue Ridge Iris Society is contributing \$200.00 to the Region 4 Treasurer. Blue Ridge also voted to extend a line of credit to the National Convention of '91 if needed.

The overall picture looks good.

Al Rice

Membership:

Ninety-eight people may not be reading this report. That is how many people Marilyn Harlow sent delinquent notices to.

Since my report last May, through new memberships and transfers in, we have increased by 86. Through drop-outs and members transferring out, we have decreased by 20. This gives us a net gain of 66. The chapter that had the largest number of increases was C & P with 28. The chapter with the largest percentage increase was Alleghany Highlands with 18%. The National and Regional membership contests will continue until Dec. 9.

The regional winner, prize being registration for the 1991 National Convention, will be announced in the March issue of *Newscastr*.

Rich Randall

Editors of Newscastr:

Anne Lowe reported that they had received a tremendous amount of material for the last issue. Therefore, much was being held for the December issue.

Rising costs of issuing *Newscastr* are due primarily to increased membership. 700-750 copies of the last

issue were sent. We are sending out more "freebies" because of the 1991 National Convention information appearing in coming issues.

Mike Lowe issued a plea for a logo for each chapter for use with chapter reports in *Newscast*.

In response to Carol's question, the editors explained that the cover of the August 1990 issue would not be used again for the spring convention issue, but might be used for the convention handbook.

Judges Training:

For the 1991 AIS appointment year for Judges, Region 4 has an allowed quota of 110 judges. The Region has 45 accredited judges in 1990: 25 quota and 20 non-quota. There are 18 Master, 22 Garden, and 5 Apprentice Judges.

For 1991, 2 Apprentices are advanced to Garden; 2 Apprentices are dropped for non-compliance with training requirements; 3 Garden are dropped for one year for non-compliance with training requirements; and one new Apprentice is appointed.

For 1991: 14 Master Judges, Active
4 Master Judges, Retired
21 Garden Judges
2 Apprentice Judges

All Region 4 judges except one returned the required Activity Report; all but 6 voted a timely ballot.

E. Roy Epperson

Roy added that beginning Jan. 1, 1991, Master judges had to specify whether they were active or retired. Active judges must meet some new requirements, namely completing 3 hours of training in a three year period and submitting an activity report. He warned judges not to count on getting training at the National next spring. Only 2 hours will be offered there and Region 4 judges may be too busy to attend. However, at the Fall Regional next Oct. 4-5 in Roanoke, a national hybridizer of medians will present at least 2 hours of training on medians. In addition, on Sunday, Oct. 6, immediately following the Fall Regional, a 6-hour judges training seminar will be offered for those who can stay the extra day.

Roy announced that he will be sending all judges a notice of their status after this meeting. Carol alerted judges that the two new apprentices, Rich Randall and Vic Layman, will need individual training. Please help to see they get it.

Clarence Mahan suggested, as a way of recruiting more judges, that each garden and master judge find and mentor one person each year as a new judge.

Carol commented that the number of new judges has not kept pace with increased membership. Clarence added that we need more East Coast judges in order to have all irises evaluated fairly nationally, including on the East Coast. Rosalie Figge remarked that it is also necessary for hybridizers to send their introductions to all areas if they are to be fairly judged nationally.

Auctions and Awards: No report.

Carol announced that J. D. Stadler would serve as auctioneer this evening in Vic Layman's absence.

Conventions:

The convention schedule is in good shape through 1993 as follows:

	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>
1991	National-C&P	Blue Ridge
1992	ENC	C&P
1993	Tidewater	Williamsburg
1994	open	open

We would like to fill in 1994 Spring and Fall as soon as possible.

Eastern North Carolina Chapter should have received seedlings from Region 4 hybridizers this summer and did not receive any. Again, for a good display, seedlings need to be in 2 year clumps. *J. D. Stadler*

Robins:

Anne Lowe reported that of the four robins she presently knew the location of only two. *Royal Four* and *Rambling Robins* are down, due in part to the illness of Ruby Buchanan, director of the *Rambling Robin*. Vacancies currently exist in all but the *Wild Ones Robin*.

Anne has asked that Carol replace her as Regional

Robin Chairman. Carol Warner reported that Libby Cross has agreed to take the job.

Clarence Mahan led a round of applause to thank Anne for a superb job as Robin Chairman. He also suggested that the Region send Ruby Buchanan a get-well card. Lois agreed to get a card to be signed by those attending this meeting.

Photography:

Since the Spring Regional I have been unable to make much progress on the different slide sets due to increased job activity. My plans are for most of them to be ready by year's end. I still need slides from Region 4 members. As the spring approaches, please keep this in mind.

Dennis Stoneburner

Carol emphasized that Dennis needs slides, especially of Region 4 introductions. When you take a picture for your own files, take an extra and send it to Dennis.

Anne also asked that hybridizers send pictures of their new introductions to her for publication in March *Newscast* with the list of new Region 4 introductions.

Beardless & Species Iris:

C&P and FSK jointly hosted a beardless iris show in June at the U. S. Botanic Garden. We had some new beardless exhibitors. At the July 1990 SJI convention in Portland, Maine, Region 4 was well represented as beardless iris grow in popularity with our membership. In spite of the ever changing weather patterns in Region 4, the bloom season was good but was a little compressed. Having had a fairly wet July and August the plants made good roots which should send them into the winter with a good start. Mother Nature, however, continues to keep us from getting too complacent. This summer several of her critters from down under decided to feast upon the Japanese rhizomes. Apparently the rhizomes are so tasty that they just could not wait until winter for this treat. Others reported that their Siberian iris were also feasted upon. A couple of bearded iris growers reported that they are now swinging over to the beardless group after the

devastating rains and weather of this summer that wreaked havoc with the bearded iris. *Diana Nicholls*

Median Iris:

What are we apt to see next year from the guests sent in for the 1991 AIS Convention? I hope it will be slightly more than this year. Very few Median iris bloomed this year. In my garden not one Standard Dwarf Bearded came out, only one Intermediate Bearded arrived but it was great—**Apricot Silk** from the Willotts. A true name that fits what the iris looks like.

The Borders were more productive. **Blackbeard**—Weiler: A light blue-gray iris, somewhat like **Song Of Norway**, with the blackest beard you can imagine. Nichol's **Lenora Pearl** is an outstanding pink and it was in class. It has sent up a stalk in October. A pink gem. Pun intended. Another outstanding pink was Ensminger's **Zink Pink**. His **Sonja's Selah** was a nice pink amoena but appeared to be a little big. One to watch because it bloomed in August here is Zurbrigg's V 45-2-1, a white with markings of soft violet.

The Miniature Tall Bearded had a few to keep an eye on. Katharine Steele's **Petite Monet** was just great—a classic. Creamy white base with blue-violet plicata stitches on both the standards and falls. The best of all guests this year. Terry Varner had three seedlings that were real good but need another year to judge correctly: P-355, P-356, R-302. The latter looks real good—a brown plicata. Fisher's **Zula** is another attractive brown plicata.

Although not a "Median" iris (except in height) is a Siberian from Gene Gaddie—now named **Prairie In Bloom**. He calls it an MT and 12-24", here it was about 20". Small white flowers slightly veined violet and veined brown at the hafts. I thought it just great. The only convention Siberian I have and it sits among my ponds on the hill.

While I was doing my August cleanup (late Sept.—early Oct., right on schedule), I've been noticing extraordinary growth on all the Medians. They are either trying to make up for this year's performance, or we are going to have an exceptional 1991 (with proper

weather), or they are trying to avoid extinction.

A question often asked is about the disappearance of aril-medians, MTBs and MDBs. Some of these little critters seem to go away after you plant them. Please give them a chance. **DO NOT DISTURB UNTIL AFTER THE GROWING SEASON NEXT SPRING.** Some have that tendency. So give them the opportunity to come back. I learned the hard way. Be patient!

We still are looking for Median Display Gardens in Region 4. Let me know. *Dick Sparling*

Reblooming Iris:

In a year when the spring season in Region 4 was so disastrous, the rebloom season is looked forward to with extra enthusiasm. Thus far, there has been a lot of rebloom in the Layman garden in Roanoke, and I would predict that there will be a lot of entries in our Fall Show in Virginia Beach. There have even been three stalks in my brand new garden in Durham. It is worth noting that some remontants have won prizes from the American Iris Society again this year.

It is good to know that the prejudice against remontants is fading, as their quality comes ever nearer to matching the best once-bloomers. More and more hybridizers are introducing remontants, where formerly they would not have done so.

I want to extend tribute to Maynard Harp, former RVP of Region 4, for opening the Chairmanship of Remontants. It was very forward-looking of him, and occurred at a time when there was little support for his idea. Also for the first Fall Show in Region 4, which took place in Richmond, and had good publicity. Thank you, Maynard. *Lloyd Zurbrigg*

CHAPTER REPORTS

Alleghany Highlands: See elsewhere in *Newscast*.

Blue Ridge: See elsewhere in *Newscast*.

Cabarrus County: No report.

Clarence Mahan commented that this chapter was formed when the Western North Carolina Iris Society broke up into three chapters; in reality, however, it

may not actually exist. If so, the present situation discourages participation of all those members. J. D. Stadler will contact the chapter to see if there is interest in increased participation in regional affairs.

Carolina Mountains: See elsewhere in *Newscast*. Anne Lowe was prompted by this chapter's schedule of activities to request that each chapter provide the *Newscast* editors with their activity schedules so that they can be run in the December issue. Anne further commented that this active chapter may consider themselves more a part of Region 5. Lloyd Zurbrigg suggested that to bring them more into Region 4 we encourage them to host a fall meeting, perhaps in conjunction with Region 5.

Charlotte: No report.

Anne Lowe had received a note from B. J. Brown in which he reported that Frances had not been well. It was decided that Lois Rose would get a card to be signed by those attending this meeting and sent to Frances.

Clarence Mahan reported that several years ago he had sent BJ's **Designer's Choice**, along with some other Region 4 introductions, to England where it has done quite well, and was selected this year for trial at Wisley.

C&P: See elsewhere in *Newscast*.

Eastern North Carolina:

J. D. Stadler reported that the garden tour ENC held in the spring instead of a show was so successful, resulting in several new members, that they are considering doing the same thing again in 1991, but include gardens in more than one area. A successful business meeting and auction was held at the Eppersons' this summer.

J.D. urged hybridizers to send their seedlings to him for the 1992 Regional meeting so they can be seen in 2-year clumps. So far he has received none, despite the fact that the request for guest irises was published in the August *Newscast*. Carol suggested that hybridizers need to get a personal request for

that for planning purposes a firm cut off day for registrations be established. Discussion brought out that a cut off date was not usually set for a national AIS convention. Instead, a substantial fee increase after a specified cutoff date is levied. It was agreed that approximately \$200.00 be charged for registration after April 26. Clarence feels that, barring too many unanticipated costs for late arrangements, etc., the proposed registration fees should be adequate. We will be using three different bus companies, but as yet no contracts have been signed. With the cost of gas and oil rising this remains a concern. All other major expenses have been locked in.

Carol urged everyone, when talking about the convention, to be good publicity agents and say good, positive, enthusiastic things. If we concentrate on promoting it as a WONDERFUL event, it will be. We have lined up some of the nicest gardens ever seen at a National, and need to assure people that the rumors circulating about problems with rot have been greatly exaggerated.

Hotel rates are \$92/night plus tax for up to four in a room. Service to the subway will be available. Optional tours are planned to Mount Vernon and the National Arboretum. Several worthwhile Section programs are planned.

NEW BUSINESS

New Chapter: Carol announced that the Eastern Shore Iris Society is the newest chapter in Region 4. It has 48 members, though not many are AIS members. Helen Walsh is the new president. The group is planning a show, garden tour, and Christmas party. They will try to incorporate members from the inactive Maryland chapter.

Youth: Mike Lowe stated that AIS youth members (18 and under) are getting shortchanged. He proposed that the more affluent Region 4 chapters underwrite a \$40 discount on youth registrations for the 1991 National Convention, citing the precedent that all of the more expensive conventions in the past have offered a

discounted youth registration rate. Ensuing discussion brought out that chapters did not have time to act on this, since registration fees had to be decided soon and sent to National for publication in the *Bulletin*; that we could have lots of youth at the convention since it is in D.C.; and that we were talking about a discount on full registration for AIS youth members only.

Rosalie Figge moved that Region 4 underwrite, to the sum of \$40, the full registration fee of any AIS youth member with the understanding that individual Region 4 chapters can consider supporting this effort. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership contest: Rich Randall proposed that Region 4 sponsor a membership contest again next year. Motion made and passed.

Nominating Committee: Carol explained that officers are elected at the Spring Regional Meeting and take over in the Fall. Therefore, to compile a slate of officers, she appointed a nominating committee as follows: Rich Randall (VA Chairman), Roy Epperson (NC), Rosalie Figge (MD), Margaret Stone (WV), Phil Ogilvie (DC).

1991 Spring Meeting: Carol announced that a brief Region 4 business meeting will be held during the National Convention on Saturday, May 18th, from 7-8 P.M. It will be for business only, including election of officers, with no committee or chapter reports. Training for bus captains will be held immediately afterwards. Guidelines for holding a Regional meeting: Responding to a suggestion that Chapters could use some guidelines for sponsoring a regional meeting, Carol reported that she had made a list of what local and regional responsibilities are. She appointed a committee consisting of J. D. Stadler (Chairman), Caryl Randall, and Lois Rose to expand her list into guidelines for sponsoring a regional meeting. Roy Epperson stated that a handbook already exists; he will attempt to resurrect it for the committee. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Lois Rose, Secretary

Region 4 Tall Bearded Symposium Results

Votes	Variety	Votes	Variety
46	Vanity	16	Going My Way
45	Beverly Sills		Infinite Grace
41	Titan's Glory		Ringo
34	Immortality	15	Camelot Rose
	Song of Norway		Gay Parasol
32	Edith Wolford		Lacy Snowflake
	Lady Friend		Master Touch
30	Superstition	14	Breakers
29	Laced Cotton		Codicil
	Mary Frances		Dazzling Gold
28	Lorilee		Persian Berry
27	Bride's Halo	13	Anna Belle Babson
	Stepping Out		Bubbling Over
	Victoria Falls		Leda's Lover
23	Cup Race		Pink Taffeta
21	Gold Galore		Queen Of Hearts
	Mystique		Ron
	Silverado	12	Dusky Dancer
	Skating Party		Eastertime
19	Celestial Storm		Holy Night
	Dover Beach		Latin Lover
	Jennifer Rebecca		Michigan Pride
	Joyce Terry		Pledge Allegiance
	Navy Strut		Skyhooks
18	Jesse's Song		Shipshape
17	Christmas Time		Study in Black
	Dusky Challenger		Theatre
	Mulled Wine		Wine and Roses
	Ruffled Ballet		

Total valid votes counted 89

Total membership approx. 731 [ED-??]

I received and counted 91 ballots or **12.4% of the membership as figured by the Awards & Ballots Chairman**. Region 4 had the worst percentage of members voting of any of the 22 regions that reported.

Carol Warner, RVP, Region 4

An Old-timer's Point of View

Fred Stephenson



After looking back at the article I wrote as a Convention neophyte in 1969 and reviewing my own efforts as Chairman of the 1974 National Convention, it seems I am becoming far more analytical in evaluating the efforts of others. This was especially true with the Omaha Convention.

The Omaha Convention was a good convention! A lot of work and dedication made it so. The Convention Booklet was superb! It was by far the best I have seen and deserves a good look from future convention chairmen. Yet as good as it was, it could have been just about perfect had it included the garden addresses along with the garden descriptions. Some of us like to drop notes to the garden owners and this could only be done with difficulty under the circumstances.

Perhaps, the most glaring fault was deficiency of visible hospitality. Arriving at the hotel on Saturday evening we felt a bit lost as we were faced by a large number of persons wearing Convention tags. We saw no signs of any local hosts or hostesses and there was no one to tell us about where to go. The Convention schedule in the *Bulletin* stated that Registration was to begin at 12 noon the next day—only an hour before the first event. It turned out that so many had arrived early due to plane fare requirements, that someone had opened Registration on Saturday afternoon. Location of Registration was not clear. That left us wondering why the Hospitality people did not recognize this and plan accordingly. Surely, a small thing, but it is the small things that make or break a convention.

Note: I later learned that Convention Hospitality persons had yellow underlining on their name tags. How were we to know?

The Convention facilities were excellent. The employees were extremely friendly and the rooms were

very comfortable. The meeting rooms were well located and, with a couple of exceptions, were adequate. Events were well scheduled with the least conflicts of any Convention I have attended. A very popular feature was the Craft Boutique which was unusually well stocked with a wide variety of items and some sensational buys.



**STANDING ROOM ONLY IN THE 1990 OMAHA BOUTIQUE
[THERE WILL BE NO BOUTIQUE IN 1991]**

During the 1974 Convention our Craft Sales was one of the money-makers and people welcomed the opportunity to find iris items that were rare and not universally available.

The Garden Tours posed a nearly impossible problem with the gardens located so far away; some involving distances up to 125 miles and requiring more than two hours driving time. This was made all the more uncomfortable due to the absence of breakfast which was especially hard on some of the guests. A delay of a half an hour in starting could have allowed time for breakfast. When people arrived at the gardens they found an abundance of delicious food, but time that should have been spent on looking over the irises was spent on eating. Here Mother Nature provided a helping hand by keeping the bloom level so low (probably bloom was 15% or less in some gardens). Had bloom been close to peak, an impossible

condition would have existed since time would have allowed for only a minute examination of the offerings. All the tours ran smoothly except for the last day when even the bus captains were confused as to departure time. Much would have been added to the tours had the bus captains explained about the farming and other characteristics of the countryside as so much was completely "foreign" to the majority of us from other areas.

While a lot of what has been written may be looked upon as criticism, nothing critical can be said about the food. Each host garden seemed to be trying to outdo the others. The food was plentiful as well as excellent. Lunches at the Fairgrounds in Lincoln, at Wayne University and at Nebraska University-Omaha were among the best. The two dinners at the Convention Headquarters were outstanding, as were the convention mementos provided at each.

There are always a few things that stand out at any convention and in Omaha I must say, it was some of the gardens:

The Hummel garden was the most perfect I've ever seen. There was not one single weed or blade of grass



**TWO WEEKS AFTER CONVENTION BLOOM IN
THE HUMMEL GARDEN WAS SPECTACULAR!**

in the iris beds; the foliage was perfect with not a blemish.

The Sass Memorial Garden displayed the newest as well as the oldest irises, and was the only garden with normal bloom.

Boy's Town was also close to full bloom on the last day.



**LARRY HARDER'S "LITTLE GUYS" SPARKLE
BESIDE THE CHAMPAGNE PUNCH**

The Larry Harder Garden, offering champagne punch and other goodies, was impressive. Here was a gardener's garden with uncountable plant species. His was a home filled (to overflowing!) with iris artifacts and publications which included many ancient catalogs.

The Schliefert garden and the 100+ year old home was extremely impressive. Here was a full collection of Dykes Medal winners along with many other older irises. Here also was a collection of peonies, lilacs, and daylilies created by Hans and Henry Sass. In wandering around the grounds one could feel the Sass presence, always thinking that you would run into Henry around the next corner as everything was much

the same as when he was living. It was an eerie feeling.

The Ensminger garden was impressive in its size and the great number of seedlings and rather "different" irises.

The Drickey garden was another very impressive garden, mostly because of its newness and beautiful landscaping. Of great interest were the hundreds of hosta including more of the little ones than any of us had ever seen. It was so interesting I couldn't take time out for refreshments. That's something for me!

I must not forget to mention the Flower Show held on Monday night. It gave us a chance to see many irises from SDBs through the Siberians. The irises were shown alphabetically which, I think, makes for a less pleasing show.

Personally, I enjoy the Convention as much for fellowship as for the irises. Meeting many old Robin mates and renewing lost acquaintances made the trip well worthwhile. In spite of my criticism it was a GOOD convention!

It is my hope that those connected with the 1991 Convention will make a note of the things mentioned here and see that they do not detract from this Region 4 Convention. Many people said they were looking forward to next year because 1974 was one of the best conventions ever. Let's not disappoint them! 28

My first National Convention

Dennis Stoneburner

With the approach of Spring, all of us become excited as we look forward to the iris bloom season. This year held special excitement for me because I would be attending my first national AIS convention, and I had been asked to be one of the official photographers for the Awards Banquet.

Located in Omaha, Nebraska, the massive Holiday Inn Convention Center was well suited to all of the



activities planned during the five day affair. There were over 650 people in attendance, including many well known hybridizers. One of the high points for me was to talk to Keith Keppel (**Broadway**), Opal Brown (**Winter Olympics**), Bill Maryott, (**Hindenburg**), Roger and Lynda Miller (**Aztec Treasure**), and Carl Boswell (**Jewel of Omar**) about their current ventures in hybridizing. Several of us from Region 4 applauded loudly as Lloyd Zurbrigg received the Cook-Douglas Metal for his reblooming SDB **Baby Blessed**. How exciting it was to see a rebloomer win this significant award!

Of course touring the 10 gardens proved to be the cherry on the cake. Several gardens did not have many tall bearded in bloom, but showed us quite a few medians. **Royal Gossip**, (Nichols '90 IB) was in full bloom at Boys Town. This red plicata intermediate will be a hit in many future gardens. Allan Ensminger's **Az Ap**, **Batik**, **Painted Plic**, **Jazzebel**, **Blue Eyed Blond**, and the President's cup winner **Morning Show**, a cardinal red IB, were to be found blooming almost everywhere. True to his word, Allan had a planting of **Az Ap** along his long driveway leading to his garden.

The Sass garden, located at the SAC Museum in Omaha, was the only garden in full bloom. A wonderful collection of older Dykes Medal winners was planted there along with lots of introductions from the Sass brothers.

Many recent introductions of Monty Byers, Hooker Nichols, and Sterling Innerst bloomed beautifully in Omaha, and brought out the cameras. **Codicil** (Innerst '85), had several show stalks of mid-blue blooms with near black beards. Monty Byers' space-age irises **Godsend**, and **Egyptian** were favorites of mine. Hooker's 1990 introduction, **Mary Ellen Nichols**, along with **Boogie Woogie** and **Latin Hideaway**, caused many to stop and take notice—and pictures.

The Schliefert garden had a fabulous collection of Dykes winners. A large field with the iris planted


according to the year of award gave one a chance to reflect on just how far hybridizers have come in 60 years.

There were many gardens that had outstanding plantings of Hostas, and other perennials as well as irises. The Schliefert and Drickey gardens had hostas of the type and size I had never seen before. Some of the

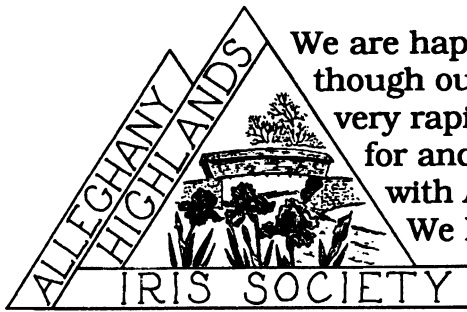


**AN INCREDIBLE PLANTING OF HOSTAS LINES
A WALKWAY IN THE DRICKEY GARDEN**

clumps were over 36 inches in diameter. Larry Harder's garden was a perennial grower's paradise—ferns, wildflowers, hostas, and many other plants too numerous to mention filled his yard. Larry's house was as much a treat as the gardens. He has collected Iris dishes, paintings, silver, pillows, blankets, and a host of other iris memorabilia. The AIS Archives in the basement of the Ponca Library provided a wonderful look into the past.

Those of you who have never gone to a national convention have a wonderful treat in store. I'm now hooked, and plan to attend as many as I can in the future. See you in Northern Virginia in 1991! 

Irisarian Law No. Fifty Nine: An irisarian's winter is that brief moment between cleaning beds and weeding when defenses are down and the iris catalogs come.



We are happy to announce that, although our chapter has not grown very rapidly, we have qualified for and been granted affiliation with AIS.

We had one very good sale of rhizomes in June; another in September,

I am sorry to report, was not so successful. The weather was partly to blame for this. Our treasurer helped mend matters by taking the unsold rhizomes to her booth at a local festival where she disposed of them satisfactorily.

Many of the rhizomes so generously donated by other chapters and individuals have been shared out among our members, who have planted them for future chapter sales. Cash donations and proceeds from this year's sales will be used next spring to purchase new introductions for auctions.

Plans for a spring show will be made at our December meeting.

In response to the plea for baked goods for the National, our members have promised at least 35 dozen cookies and 12 cakes, and I am hoping for donations from a couple of other sources. *Libby Cross*, President

In Memoriam

Helen Baxter
Williamsburg Iris Society

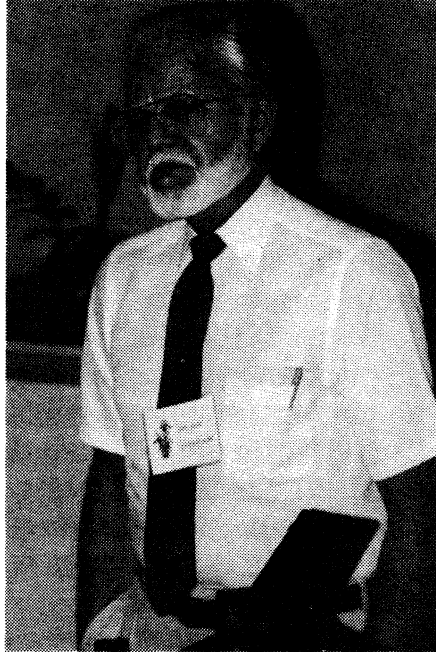
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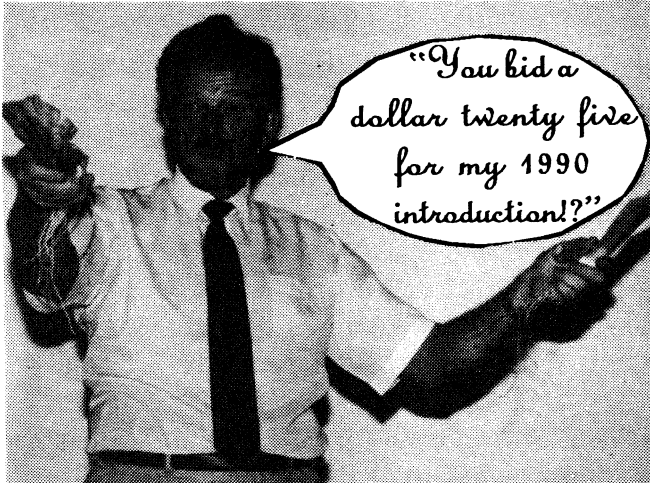
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THE MAIN QUALIFICATION FOR JUDGING
 A JI SHOW — BE AT LEAST 6'8" TALL

Trials, Tribulations & Rewards

Dick Sparling Garden & Guest Iris Chairman,

When Clarence said he would become the Chairman of the 1991 American Iris Society Convention, I told him that, as a reward, I would replace him as the Garden Chairman. I had already volunteered to take charge of the guest iris. Clarence had done the spade work (I'm really not dumb enough to take over and do some difficult work) and had all the gardens lined up except one, so writing the hosts to get confirmation was relatively easy. Getting them to respond was (and still is) like pulling teeth.

When I agreed to take on the responsibility for being the Chairman of Guest Iris for the 1991 AIS Convention, I was aware of the basics. I had to: advertise nationally for guest irises twice (beardless and bearded); be ready to accept them when they came in; assign the iris to the various gardens and get them there; keep track of their progress; re-solicit for iris that didn't make it and see to proper disposal (return, destroy, keep, none of the above) after the convention. All this and have fun doing it too!

I didn't know what to expect in the way of guests for the '90 Spring Regional either. Clarence had volunteered me in his subtle manner, "I put in the *News-cast* that people were to send their iris to you." How could I resist such sweet pleading? I sketched out a plan and kept the initial records on columnar paper. Since most of the regional iris arrived before we got commitments from all the tour gardens, some of the gardens didn't have any regional guests for the 1990 Regional Meeting. I didn't have the gardens lined up well and, instead of getting the iris widely distributed, I got them somewhat close to one another. However a plus factor is the fact that these regional guests will be carried over to National Convention unless the

hybridizer doesn't want them there.

The first ad was submitted for the beardless iris in January 1988. When it didn't appear in the April *Bulletin* I panicked. I wrote a hasty letter to the editor asking about it and he (oh so kindly) informed me that beardless ads were put in the August issue and that this, as well as the bearded one, would come out in the next April issue. Whew!! One crisis averted.

When the first beardless plants came, the real work began—getting them out to the host gardens without too much delay. Unfortunately some of the Siberians arrived with small clumps that were grasslike and almost dry. Oh what a sight! They were sent out with dispatch but some were pretty sad. Our host gardeners tried but, due to the condition of the arriving rhizomes and the heaving that took place last winter, about 25% of those received were lost. All growers of the deceased were asked to send replacements if they so desired, and we did receive a few.

Having just acquired a computer, I was on a learning curve and, for me and computers, that is a slow process. I got some semblance of a letter set up, not a real form or label system but sufficient to transfer my assignment sheet to a spread sheet. As I have come along this has improved, although I still don't have a true mail merge and label system. I now have a word processing program which will do it all if I can learn how it works.

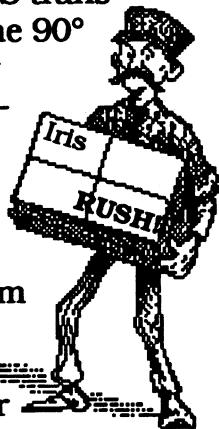
My processing system, computer and manual, was all set up to handle the bearded arrivals—or so I thought. My initial rhizome recording and assignment worked well, but my physical allocation process left something to be desired. My garage served as the warehouse, and when I set up the bins for each garden I didn't leave enough room between them nor did I have them in a good order. I made a few mistakes because I didn't check iris with lists, but this got straightened out fast and things went along pretty

well until we started running out of room in the gardens. Many iris came in late and had to be reassigned. More on this later.

The first iris came in on schedule (Saturday, the 1st of July) and then we got about one a day for a while—nice and easy. The early arrivals were from out west and looked nice. Then came some eastern iris—sad, sad, scrawny little runts in poor shape—survival up in the air. This was the pattern throughout the year. The more easterly the iris the worse the condition. Reflecting back it probably had a lot to do with our weather conditions which made for a poor growing season. Rain! Rain! Rain! One batch sent on a Friday got here on Monday and when I opened the box—phew! Rot! We figured it sat in a UPS transfer point (in the warehouse or truck) in the 90° heat which must have been substantially higher in the box. From a shipping standpoint this was the worst, but it was only the second week and if this is what I had to put up with all along—it was going to be a long two months!

Most of the early shipments came from the smaller growers. I couldn't figure out why until I talked to Hooker Nichols. He said some growers waited for the awards to come out before sending convention iris. Of course, the voting was late this year, and very few came in the last week of July or in early August. Meredith and I decided to go to New Hampshire for several days and when we got back, we had twenty six boxes in our kitchen, living room and hall! Good thing I had a few days left on my vacation. I got all these iris assigned, called two gardens and was told that they were reaching their limits. Here I sat with 900 iris to distribute. Some adjustments had to be made—fast.

I still had room so I took one of each thus giving Nick Weber and me both a complete set (except several



Siberians). Thank heaven for Nicholls, Murphys and Reberts! We found a place for them all, even the ones that came in dated 1 September and received the 12th via "two day delivery." When another shipment arrived on September 21st, I nearly flipped my lid. Should I accept them or not? In the interest of peace in the iris world I chased up places to put them by re-planting 16 of my own to locations I never dreamed I'd put tall bearded iris—in with my rhubarb and on my side hill.

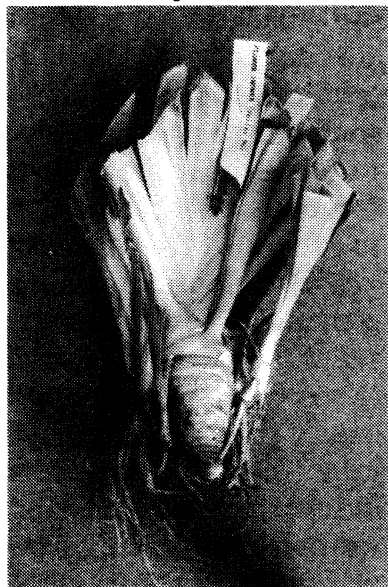
Most of the iris arrived with packing slips, labels that were easy to read, and packed in an easy manner to retrieve. However, several were exasperating and it took hours to figure them out. The names were hard to read and they were packed all over the boxes. If you've ever tried to separate 25 iris with three rhizomes each in one box, one in the upper right, the second in the middle and the third in the lower left times twenty five, then figuring out what I just said is easier than separating the iris. You can't hurry and it takes a lot of time. The beautiful ones were packed all in a row so you could take them out from top to bottom on the packing list. I think a set of instructions should be given to all convention shippers on how to pack to simplify the job of the convention people.

Most of the iris were packed in either peanuts or excelsior, and I haven't come to a conclusion as to which is worse. Peanuts are light and fly all over the place especially when it's windy. They're difficult to sweep up, and I'm still finding them all over the garage. Excelsior stays put better but gets on your clothes and shoes, and is easily carried into the house your wife has just cleaned. Actually the nicest to handle, but probably not as acceptable as a long distance packing material, is paper. My garage is still lined with boxes of all sizes and shapes that are filled with either packing material or with other boxes.

Obviously the condition of the iris on receipt is a

big factor in the ability of the iris to produce flowers and increase. If a hybridizer wants to make a good showing at a convention, he must supply good rhizomes. When the rhizomes are pinky-size or nubbins, scrawny, scraggly, half eaten stuff you probably wouldn't even put in your compost pile and the hybridizer expects to see magnificent growth and flowers—lots of luck. The guest gardeners can only do so much in two years. As I stated before, the eastern rhizomes were in pretty bad shape. Admittedly we don't grow the huge rhizomes they do in some other parts of the country, but the least we could do is send rhizomes that will have a chance. While some will be OK, quite a few will take three or four years to make a respectable clump—not 1991 convention material.

I'm still in the process of getting iris listed correctly for labels and booklets. Hopefully this will be over



**LABEL SHOWS RELATIVE SIZE
OF WESTERN-GROWN SDB**

shortly so I can watch my iris grow. One more year of worry: Will they freeze? Will we have enough rain? Will the timing be right? Then after the show, the take-down and figuring out what, where and how to send them all back. Is my garage big enough to serve as a packing shed when all the rhizomes have to be packed out at the same time? Are our collective backs strong enough to dig up the rhizomes and ship them on time? Etc, etc.

So why worry about that now? Today is today. We'll get tomorrow taken care of tomorrow—even if it takes a few years.



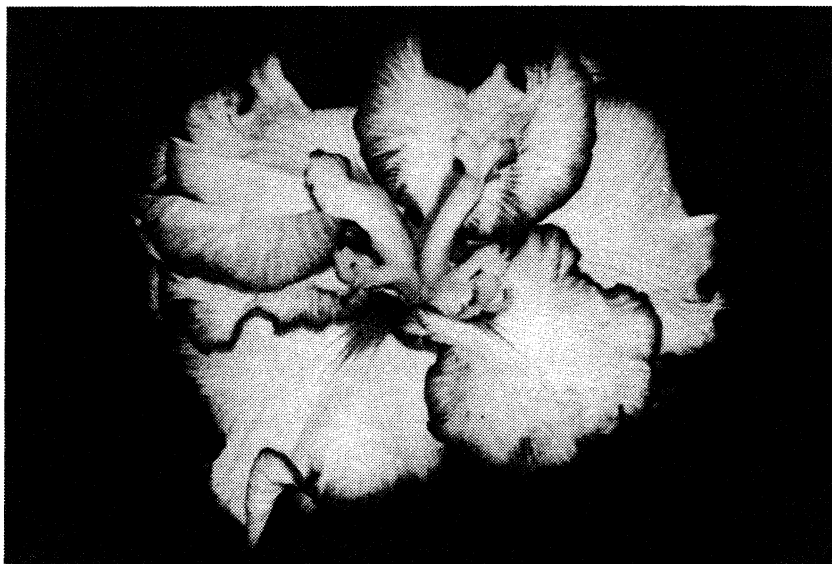
C & P moved the Annual Reblooming Iris show to the U.S. Botanical Garden this year and of course it was a beautiful day—no wind, no rain or snow! (This show has traditional-

ly been held outdoors.) The visiting public showed great interest in the specimens exhibited. "I didn't know iris bloomed at this time of year. What hothouse did you force them in?" "Why don't mine rebloom?" The session was educational to say the least.

Dick Sparling exhibited the Queen of Show, Frank Jones' **Grape Adventure**. He also took home the AIS Bronze Medal. Diana Nicholls showed the first and second runnersup, **Lady Emma** by Frank Jones and **Youth Dew** by Lloyd Zurbrigg. She also walked away with the AIS Silver medal for the most blue ribbons. Best seedling in the show was the almost perpetual winner, Clem Reeves' **F 65-3**, a lavender Miniature Dwarf Bearded with a garden name of **Clem's Cutie**.

[Extracted from C & P *IRIS NEWS*]

FRILLED ENCHANTMENT (MARX '59) BEST IN SHOW
JOINT C&P/FSK BEARDLESS SHOW JUNE 1990



The Arthur Hazzard Memorial Planting:

A new Conservancy in Region 4

The Arthur Hazzard Memorial Garden was formally dedicated on October 6, 1990 in Norfolk Virginia. This iris planting, located within the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, is under the sponsorship of the Tidewater Iris Society. The garden will eventually contain the 88 Japanese Irises hybridized by the late Arthur Hazzard, whose widow, Freda, was on hand for the ceremony.

The dedication ceremony was planned and directed by Rich Randall, Past President of the Tidewater Chapter. SJI President Clarence Mahan delivered the brief dedication remarks, and the memorial plaque,



FREDA HAZZARD UNVEILS THE MARKER PLAQUE

donated by Seaboard Memorial Specialists, Inc., was unveiled by Freda Hazzard. Ground breaking for planting of the first iris was shared by Freda and Peter Frederick who directs the Botanical Gardens.

Listed below are 32 irises which have already been planted in the memorial bed.

Better Yet	Prairie Chief	Prairie Joy
Calico Print	Prairie Delight	Prairie Prince
Friendly Victor	Prairie Edge	Prairie Ruffles
Intrepid Ingenue	Prairie Elf	Prairie Star
Kalamazoo	Prairie Elite	Prairie Sweetbriar
Mauve Majesty	Prairie Fantasy	Prairie Tapestry
Prairie Allure	Prairie Frost	Prairie Valor
Prairie Ardor	Prairie Glory	Prairie Velvet
Prairie Beau	Prairie Heaven	Royal Radiance
Prairie Blue Boy	Prairie High Light	Sun Hat
Prairie Bunting	Prairie Indigo	



L. TO R.: SEABOARD MEMORIAL VP GENE BELVIN; FRED HAZZARD; RICH RANDALL; GARDEN DIR. PETER FREDERICK

The Tidewater group would like to have the Hazzard Collection completed in time for the SJI Convention which they are hosting in 1993

If you have any Hazzard introductions not listed above, please consider donating a start of them when you divide this summer. Irises should be addressed to:

Rich Randall
524 Windsor Gate Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

We salute the Tidewater Iris Society for making possible this newest iris conservancy.

Report Of A Mother Rhizome

*Or: Views of a Guest at the
Society for Japanese Irises Convention*

I was a guest at the SJI convention held July 12, 13, and 14, 1990, in Portland, Maine. Not a guest iris, just a mother rhizome.

Having attended three Region 4 conventions with my daughter, Lois Rose, and having acquired a love of iris from my mother, I welcomed the invitation to accompany Lois to Maine and to enjoy a combination trip, vacation, and visit as well as the chance to learn about Japanese iris.

The Gods smiled on the Maine Iris Society. The irises were at peak bloom and the weather could not have been more perfect. In two days of touring we visited 9 gardens and were impressed with the friendliness, warmth, and vitality of the local people.

This meeting was dedicated to Dr. Currier McEwen, 88 years young, who is a well-known, long time successful hybridizer of Japanese and Siberian iris. Our second day's tour concluded with a clambake at his home on the coast at South Harpswell, Maine.

For many years Dr. McEwen has been in contact with Mr. Mototeru Kamo, a hybridizer and owner of a famous garden in Japan. Much of Dr. McEwen's work has been done using some 60 rhizomes given him many years ago by Mr. Kamo. Mr. Kamo, with his wife and 3 other Japanese hybridizers were in attendance. They brought with them and donated for sale at auction, for the benefit of SJI, 5 of the first successful plants from an inter-species cross of *I. pseudacorus* and *I. ensata*.

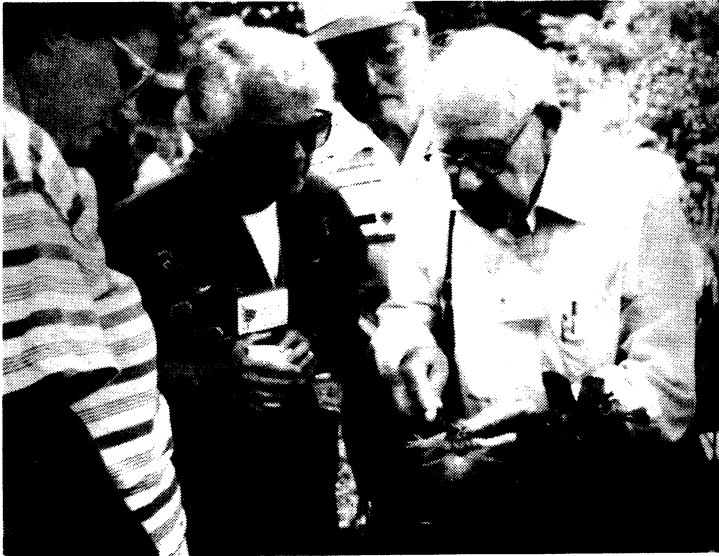
Pictures of the flowers on these plants had been shown at the meeting the previous evening. Three of the plants were from the variety with a white, three-petaled flower with a bright purple halo around a yellow signa. The other two were from the plant with a

medium yellow flower with a similar purple halo around the signal. Both were stunning flowers, and bidding for these 5 rare rhizomes was brisk and monetarily rewarding.

Also in attendance was a most charming gentleman, Philip Avery, from West Midlands, England, where a group of iris lovers and growers are trying to get a Japanese Iris Society started. He asked for and was granted permission to use SJI judging guidelines for their organization.

I find attendance at these meetings a most pleasing and rewarding experience and hope to meet many of you again.

Gay W. Doman, Ogden, Utah



ADOLPH VOGT GIVES A HYBRIDIZING LESSON IN
THE POPE GARDEN—MAINE SJI CONVENTION 1990

Addendum from a daughter rhizome: I couldn't have hoped or asked for a better convention or traveling companion. I have only two additional observations:

1) All flowers grow better in the cooler climate of Maine than in our much hotter Virginia. JI blooms don't wilt and fade in the afternoon sun as they do here. The foliage is greener, the colors more vibrant, the plants more vigorous on almost all annuals and

perennials—impatiens, geraniums, daylilies, gaillardia, astilbe, coral bells, and many, many others I didn't know that well. As a result, one saw flowers blooming everywhere in small towns, cities, and rural areas alike.

2) If you want to live to a ripe old age, move to Maine and garden like crazy. Three of the gardeners whose beautiful, well-kept gardens we visited were 84, 88, and 94 years young, and still going strong! What an inspiration.

Lois Rose, Partlow, Va.

[From the *IRIS ROOTER NEWS*, F-RIS, July, 1990]



With an active summer behind us, we move forward to the Fall and 1991.

Currently we have 74 members, 99% of whom are AIS members.

Society officers for 1991 are:

President – Dennis Stoneburner

Vice-President – Larry Morgan

Secretary – Karen Stoneburner

Treasurer – Kay Cooper

Our excellent sale and auction allowed us to purchase many 1990 introductions from Hager, Black, Tompkins and others for future auctions. The display bed at the Roanoke Garden Center has been converted totally to Siberian irises.

The 1991 Fall Regional will be held on October 4-5 in Roanoke with the focus on Median Irises. We plan to have a leading hybridizer of median irises who will be our guest speaker and conduct judges training. The BRIS also plans to sponsor a **Judges Training Seminar** on Sunday, October 6, 1991 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (with one hour for lunch) at the Roanoke Garden Center. Cost for this seminar will cover training materials and lunch only. The Regional Judges Training Chairman will be in charge of the subject matter; we will make arrangements for the luncheon.

Dennis Stoneburner, President

C & P Iris Society Program '91

Sunday, Jan 13: *Judging Seedlings*, Sterling Innerst, RVP
Region 3, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside
Ave., McLean, VA 1 PM–3 P.M. (Judges Training)

Sunday, Feb 17: *Saving Something Old*, Anne Lowe,
President of the Historic Iris Preservation Society, Pim-
mitt Regional Library, Falls Church VA 1–3 PM

Sunday, March 10: *Only Rebloomers in our Future?*,
Lloyd Zurbrigg, Past RVP—dinner with Blaney Marlowe
at her home in Silver Spring, MD 1 PM

Saturday, April 13: *Historic Nurseries of the Washington
Area*, Dr. Phil Ogilvie, at National Agricultural Library,
Beltsville, MD. Includes a tour of the special collections
by Dr. Fusoni and a demonstration of optical discs of
botanical illustrations.

May 18–22: National Convention. Fairview Park Marriott,
Falls Church, VA

Saturday, June 22: Beardless Iris Show, Chatham Mall,
MD. Joint with FSK and hosted by FSK.

Saturday, July 20: Bearded Iris Sale and Auction, Falls
Church Community Center, Falls Church, VA

Sunday, August 11: *Iris Books and Literature*, Clarence Ma-
han. Covered dish luncheon at the home of Pat and Bob
Bennett, 7910 Manor House Dr., Fairfax Station, VA. 1 PM

Sunday, Sept. 8: Beardless Sale and Auction at the home
of John Lawson, 4021 Guinea Rd., Annandale, VA. 1 PM

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 4–5: Region 4 Fall Meeting in Roanoke, VA

Sunday, Oct. 6: Judges Training Seminar, Roanoke, VA

Saturday, Nov. 9 or Sunday, Nov. 19: Special Luncheon
Meeting. Jean Witt, Seattle, Washington, will speak on
Species Irises. Regional members who wish to attend
will be notified of location, etc. when arrangements are
confirmed. To be placed on the mailing list, notify: Libby
Dufresne, Box 85, Chaptico, MD 20621.

Program by Libby Dufresne

Looking at Beardless Irises Through Currier's Eyes

Paul L. Stewart

The FSK Iris Society luncheon on March 31st provided us with a great opportunity to meet Currier and Elizabeth McEwen and to talk iris with our fellow members and visitors from other chapters.

Dr. McEwen's talk began with a very short history of hybridizing, using a slide of an Assyrian relief to illustrate the early hybridizing method of 880



CURRIER AT THE LECTURN...

B.C. This was followed by slides of hybridizers of today as well as some spectacular slides of Japanese and Siberian irises grown in the McEwen garden in Maine.

Dr. McEwen commented that Siberian Irises are very good landscaping candidates since their water, soil, and pH (slightly to moderately acid) requirements are very compatible



CURRIER IN THE GARDEN...
AT BOTH—A FORMIDABLE
PERFORMANCE!

with most conifers, and broad leaf evergreens as well as many annuals and perennials. His slides showed some interesting groupings of plant material. He talked about the development of the Siberian Iris, and showed slides of *I. sanguinea* and *I. siberica*, two species that were used in the hybridization of the modern-day Siberian iris. His meeting with Orville Fay in 1960 marked a turning point in his work with Siberians when Fay taught him about the use of colchicine in hybridizing. Colchicine is used to convert diploids to the tetraploid state which makes the flower larger and the colors richer and more intense. Dr. McEwen was familiar with colchicine in his medical practice where it was used in the treatment of gout. He began to use it in his hybridizing, and his first introduced tetraploid, **Orville Fay**, was a beautiful blue iris named in Fay's honor. He mentioned a few of his other favorite Siberians: **Marshmallow Frosting**, his best white; **Exuberant Encore** and **Blue Encore**, both repeat bloomers which rest about ten days and then bloom for 10-12 weeks longer.

He also showed us pictures of his seedling hopefuls. One is the first to bloom in the spring and then it repeats. He also has the best *green* to date still under number. AND, he's looking for names for them. One problem he has had with a few—**Hubbard**, **Lavender Bounty**, and **Ruffled Plus**—is *botrytis*, but this can be treated with Benlate®.

Dr. McEwen then proceeded to tell about his work with the Japanese iris. For those not yet acquainted with JIs, he gave some very persuasive cultural arguments in their favor:

1. He dispelled the idea that JIs had to grow in water. However, they **cannot** be handled like the bearded irises, but **must** be put in water immediately upon digging and kept in water until replanted. They must be watered until they are established and then watered more heavily prior to and during bloom season.
2. JIs are planted 1/2 to 1 inch below soil surface—unlike the bearded.

3. They may be mulched heavily to keep down the weeds and preserve moisture. This does not cause them to rot as it does with bearded irises.
4. They are hardy and disease resistant. The iris borers do not bother JIs except as a last resort, preferring bearded, spuria or Siberians, in that order.



LESLIE NELSON, LOIS ROSE, MARTHA CARTER, ALL FROM F-RIS, ENJOY LUNCHEON & DR. McEWEN'S PRESENTATION

He gave an important cultural hint, saying we all learn from experience. There was a slide which showed Dr. McEwen in his garden with heavy clothing and gas mask on, spraying a dust cloud on his JIs. The story behind this is as follows: During mid-spring, the growth of the Japanese irises suddenly appeared scorched, stunted, and, in some cases, clumps became totally brown and devoid of life. Dr. M. sprayed pesticides and fungicides in hopes of finding the solution for this brown-out. He later discovered that the cause of this sudden browning of foliage was due to (1) overcrowded clumps (resulting in poor air circulation) that had not been divided in several years, plus (2) dry conditions caused by two summers of drought and water-rationing that further weakened the plants, and (3) the lack of available trace elements and nutrients caused by plants being grown in one place too long. A picture really is worth a 1000 words.

Dr. McEwen traced the development of the Japanese iris, from the early cultivation of selected natural hybrids and crosses passed down through families to modern day hybrids and the use of colchicine inoculation in modern hybridizing programs. He told us that the main flower types of Japanese irises as we know them today developed from three schools or geographic areas of the ancient iris growers of Japan. They are: Ise, Higo, and Edo—all display single, double, and multi-petalled form. Edo was bred for garden growing, while Ise and Higo were developed for pot culture, an important part of the flower industry in Japan because of the lack of garden space.

The Japanese irises in Dr. McEwen's slides were nothing short of spectacular. The colors, texture, and flower forms were very well represented. There were slides of them in a landscaped garden and also growing en masse. We all left with renewed appreciation for these beautiful forms of iris and for the man who spoke so eloquently on their behalf. ❧

Our members have spent a busy summer with much travel to "far places." We had good representation at the Japanese Convention in Maine, and, as a result, there will be many more

Japanese irises in our gardens next year. Our sale in June was not quite as successful as previous sales, and we are considering having it next year in or around Richmond. We just may have saturated the Fredericksburg area! We also will not have a show in order to be available to help with National. However, an exhibition is a real possibility.

Several of our members have become popular as guest speakers at local garden clubs. We welcome this opportunity to encourage the interest in iris culture.

Freda Martin, President





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Robin Chairman. Carol Warner reported that Libby Cross has agreed to take the job.

Clarence Mahan led a round of applause to thank Anne for a superb job as Robin Chairman. He also suggested that the Region send Ruby Buchanan a get-well card. Lois agreed to get a card to be signed by those attending this meeting.

Photography:

Since the Spring Regional I have been unable to make much progress on the different slide sets due to increased job activity. My plans are for most of them to be ready by year's end. I still need slides from Region 4 members. As the spring approaches, please keep this in mind.

Dennis Stoneburner

Carol emphasized that Dennis needs slides, especially of Region 4 introductions. When you take a picture for your own files, take an extra and send it to Dennis.

Anne also asked that hybridizers send pictures of their new introductions to her for publication in March *Newscast* with the list of new Region 4 introductions.

Beardless & Species Iris:

C&P and FSK jointly hosted a beardless iris show in June at the U. S. Botanic Garden. We had some new beardless exhibitors. At the July 1990 SJI convention in Portland, Maine, Region 4 was well represented as beardless iris grow in popularity with our membership. In spite of the ever changing weather patterns in Region 4, the bloom season was good but was a little compressed. Having had a fairly wet July and August the plants made good roots which should send them into the winter with a good start. Mother Nature, however, continues to keep us from getting too complacent. This summer several of her critters from down under decided to feast upon the Japanese rhizomes. Apparently the rhizomes are so tasty that they just could not wait until winter for this treat. Others reported that their Siberian iris were also feasted upon. A couple of bearded iris growers reported that they are now swinging over to the beardless group after the



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and *Separate Iris for a Sale* by Rich Randall.

Programs yet to be completed this year are: The Fall Regional, Chaired by Caryll Randall, The Fall Festival Celebration, October 27th with Mary Arneson as Chairman, the election of new officers in November, and the Christmas Banquet—Chairman Bob Smithson.

It has been a good year with lots of "FIRSTS" for this new chapter. We are still learning, but learning we are, and before long we're going to have it all together.

Ronald L. Harris, President

Graphics Editor: Logos are in! On p. 31 is the new Alleghany Highlands logo crafted by Libby Cross, below is Bobbie Lively-Diebold's winning entry in C & P's logo contest. Get busy you laggard societies, or you may find a generic Editor's Special representing your society!



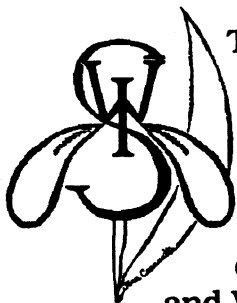
We were pleased to host the Spring Regional Convention. Many thanks to Dick Sparling for chairing this event. We had two successful sales/auctions which gave us more funds to help finance the upcoming National Convention. The second sale was our beardless iris sale

and many good bargains were had by those who attended.

Looking toward next year after the National Convention and several years of saving for said cause, C & P will have its full treasury available. Plans are underway for some exciting programs and speakers. Be sure to check our calendar in the December issue of *News*cast as I am sure you will want to come and join us for some special programs.

A reminder that we have the sixth annual Reblooming Iris Show at the U.S. Botanic Garden on October 13, 1990. Please bring your blooms to exhibit and share the day with us.

Diana Nicholls, President



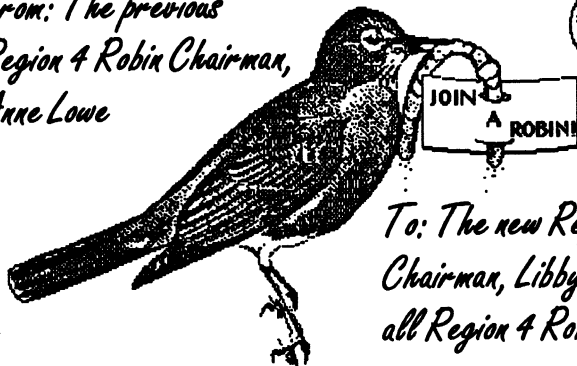
The Williamsburg Iris Society held a very successful Iris rhizome and plant sale in early August at the Lightfoot Outlet Mall. At the end of the day all of our plant material had been sold. It was helpful that we had a lovely vase of rebloomers on display for the public, courtesy of Louise and Walter Smith. Not only was the sale profitable but a number of new or potential members were contacted during the day.

In September, WIS had its annual picnic at the Newport News City Park. Despite threatening weather, twenty-six people turned out. The food and companionship were great and gardening, as expected, was a favorite topic. This is always a nice way to end the summer.

Our next meeting will be on October 20th at the Williamsburg Regional Library. Anne Lowe will present a lecture and slide program on classic iris and the Historic Iris Preservation Society. Our last meeting of 1990 will be the annual WIS Banquet on November 9th.

Bill Weaver, President

*From: The previous
Region 4 Robin Chairman,
Anne Lowe*



*To: The new Region 4 Robin
Chairman, Libby Cross, and
all Region 4 Robin members*

*Good Luck and Best wishes, may you all enjoy quick and
informative flights and the robins never lose their way!*



CMIS has established a partial schedule of meetings and events for the year. A program on reblooming iris is planned for October 6th with lots of help from Howard Brookins, Earl Hall, and Mike Lowe who have provided the chapter with materials so that handouts on culture, varieties, and sources can be given out during the program. The section slides of the latest introductions will also be on the program.

Our group will be the guests of the new Western North Carolina Arboretum on November 3rd. Rich Owen, the director, will conduct a tour through the facility and grounds and present a slide show on the Arboretum's development plans. While still in the developmental stage, we hope to promote the Arboretum's use of iris in their plans.

Our plans for February are incomplete at this time; however, our April 27th meeting will be devoted to making last-minute plans for our May 11th show. July 25th has been set aside for our annual auction and covered-dish luncheon.

Among our objectives this year is to increase AIS and section memberships within our local chapter. Affiliation with AIS is still under discussion and it is hoped that this will be accepted this year. And, finally, the possibility of a joint beardless show with members of the Piedmont Carolina (Region 5 - Spartanburg, SC) has been under discussion and it is hoped that this will become a reality in 1991. *Walter Hoover, President*

Irisarian Law Number Sixty: *I. virginica*, *I. hexagona*, and *I. prismatica* once filled the Eastern wetlands—give us a couple more years and we'll rid this beautiful country of all such noxious weeds. Haven't seen any lately outside the garden, have you?

Williamsburg Iris Society '91 Calendar

January 12: *Orchids*—Jim and Nelda Pressly

February 9: *Tall Bearded Irises, Lecture and Slides*—
Louise Smith

March 9: *Azaleas and Companion Plants for Iris*—Bill
Weaver

April 27: WIS Iris Show at Outlet Mall, Lightfoot. 9:00 AM–
5:00 PM. Primarily a Median Show, this is early in de-
ference to National Convention in May.

May 18–22: AIS National Convention

June 8: Business Meeting to plan for rhizome sale

August 10: Rhizome Sale Outlet Mall, Lightfoot. 9:30AM–
5:30PM

September 14: Annual picnic. Site to be announced

October 4–5: Region 4 Fall Meeting in Roanoke

October 6: Judges Training Seminar—Roanoke

October 12: Program TBA

November 9: Annual Luncheon. Site to be announced

*Unless indicated, WIS meetings are held at 1:00 PM at the
Williamsburg Regional Library on Scotland Street.*



Williamsburg Iris Society in its October meeting, voted to sponsor two youth members to the National Convention. This sponsorship entails making up the difference between what youth are charged (\$118.00) and the actual cost (\$158.00) for a convention registration.

A seat on the tour buses and a place at the banquets costs the same regardless of age. A family, or the individual youth member, may encounter financial hardship when attending conventions in high cost areas. For this reason, convention committees have traditionally absorbed a portion of youth costs, and solicited donations from in-region societies to underwrite the difference. Any other volunteers?



Following our last report on ideas, FSK members were so enthusiastic over our activities that we are again joining the Home and Garden show for 4 days in March '91. In April '91 FSK is again participating in our one day "Garden Days" in the various counties of our area. On June 22nd FSK and C & P are hosting a beardless show.

The idea of cooperating with outside activities has caused others to invite us to take part in theirs. The Federated Garden Clubs are having a Regional Meeting this November in Baltimore. It covers a broad spectrum of activities and, as an affiliate, FSK has been asked to put on an exhibit. This will be with educational placards with, hopefully, at least one rebloomer. The important part of this is that garden clubbers may learn MORE about irises.

FSK bought some Basic Culture books put out by AIS and sells them for a nominal fee at these exhibits. There has been a good response to this.

Alice Miller, our publicity chairman, was asked by the TV reporter what charities we supported. Since he always gives us excellent coverage for our sales and shows, his question has resulted in the following actions. Our exhibit last March was next to the one by Dundalk Community College which has courses in horticulture and floristry so we contacted them. We are discussing giving an award or scholarship. We have also contacted Towson State University, which is in another part of our area. They are considering a plan for a graduate student who will work on some part of the life of an iris as a project.

Our regular activities of shows, sales, luncheons, etc., will continue with enthusiasm.

Rosalie Yerkes Figge President

Selected for trial at Wisley. Each year the Joint Selection Committee of The British Iris Society picks a score or less of iris for evaluation at Wisley Gardens. This selection is the entry to the BIS award system. We are pleased to announce that B.J. Brown's ***Designers Choice*** has been so selected.

And the Winner is...



Ruth Walker of the Fredericksburg/Richmond Iris Society. She narrowly edged out Clarence Mahan of the C & P Iris Society to win the 1990 Region 4 Membership contest. Her prize will be a paid-in-full registration to the 1991 AIS convention.


Thanks to the efforts of Ruth, Clarence and a host of others, Region 4 has taken over the NUMBER TWO spot in AIS membership. Now to hang on to members we have gained! This will take effort from all who are involved in iris society affairs... those who would rather spend their time beautifying with flowers and shrubs can help too. A call, a visit, an invitation to

RUTH WALKER
1990 WINNER



view your garden, an offer to trade surplus plant material—these are the ties that bind.

Iris lovers form a community of interest reaching from next door to half-way across the region. More than 125 New Member names and addresses follow—please reach out and let these newest irisarians know that iris mania is not a game of solitaire.

The 1991 Contest has already started. Get busy folks! The next winner could be you! 

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To receive credit, submit your name, the name and address of the new member and the check (payable to AIS) to your chapter membership chairman. (If your Chapter doesn't have a chairman—send all to Rich Randall)

The chapter chairman will forward check and information to Marilyn Harlow and inform me. I will credit you with Region points and inform Lucy Fry, who will tabulate your National contest points. The contest rules, points and dates will be as published in the *Bulletin*. In case of a tie, the regional prize will be equally divided.

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1990? We blinked after

Thanksgiving and people
were wishing us Happy

New Year! As we go to press,

the first shots have been fired in
the battle to liberate Kuwait. I know

you join us as we pray for peace and a
quick and decisive end to this distress-
ing situation in the Middle East.

Editors' Corner

Late as it is, we think this *Newscast* contains much of interest. You will find two main areas of focus herein—conventions, past (Omaha), present (Regional) and future (National); and beardless iris, primarily Japanese— along with some of the people who have visited and learned about both.

We join Carol in congratulating Lloyd Zurbrigg upon his ascension to Emeritus Judge status. As the novice and the seasoned veteran, Dennis Stoneburner and Fred Stephenson present two views of the Omaha convention. Events of the Fall Regional are detailed with words and photos; and Dick Sparling, in his amusing way, enlightens us about the logistics of being convention guest iris chairman Paul Stewart discusses Currier McEwen's lecture in Maryland while Gay Doman highlights the SJI Convention in Maine. Read the minutes carefully; your name may be there.!

As always, many people have contributed to this *Newscast* and, once again, we have been able to save some of this material for the next issue.

We wish for all of you good health in the days to come. We hope that 1991 will bring you many happy days and sufficient prosperity to enjoy them—and may the winter be kind to your irises. ❧

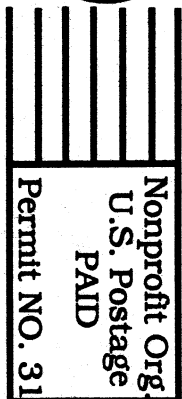
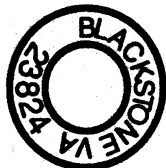
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