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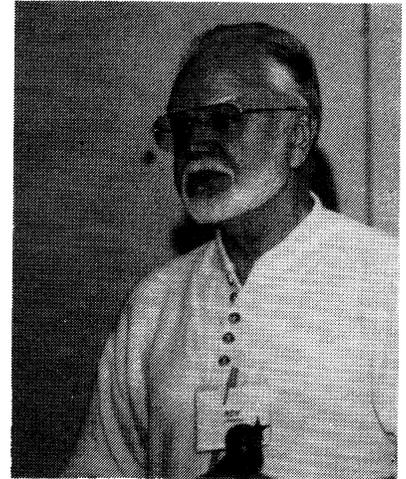
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# RVP's MESSAGE



It was fifteen years ago that I wrote my first RVP's Message. Our then RVP, Dr. ANN LEE, had died in office and I had become Acting RVP for the last year of her term 1977. Then I served the normal three years (1978-1980) as elected RVP of Region 4. Well, here we go again!

In thinking about this Message, I re-read my first writing in 1977 and my last one in 1980. Our concerns then were for continued membership growth and continued development of judges and judges training activities in the Region.

Here, fifteen years later, my goals for the Region are:

- 1). To promote continued membership growth. We have a goodly number of persons who join AIS each year and only remain as members for that one year, not renewing their membership. You and I need to practice one-on-one friendship with new members so that they stay as continuing members of the Society;
- 2). To promote continued development of judges and judges training activities in the Region. We do not have sufficient accredited judges in the Region to effectively supply the needs of all of the accredited shows that are held each spring and fall. We need to *double* the number of quota judges in Region 4!;
- 3). To encourage and assist each and every Chapter and Society within Region 4 to become Affiliates of AIS;
- 4). To work with Assistant RVP ANNE LOWE in developing an Operations Manual for the Region and Guidelines for establishing and structuring a Chapter/Society within the Region;
- 5). To work with the membership in North Carolina to more effectively align Chapter/Society boundaries; and
- 6). To work to bring the Library of the American Iris Society to a permanent home in Region 4.

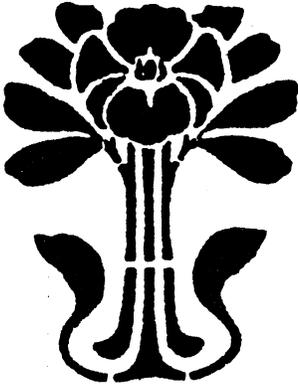
Are these goals achievable? Yes, they are! As you and I work *together* each and every one of these goals can become a reality!

Immediate Past RVP CAROL WARNER has accepted the Chairmanship of the too-long dormant Regional Youth Committee. KEN ROBERTS has volunteered to revitalize the Publicity and Public Relations Committee. It is most heartening to see new interest expressed in these areas.

As we approach a new year and anticipate new bloom and renewed iris activities, let us remember that today is the tomorrow that we dreaded yesterday!

## THE NORTH AMERICAN PLANT PRESERVATION COUNCIL

*by Barry Glick, AH*



The North American Plant Preservation Council (NAPPC) is a non-profit organization comprising some of the most well known and respected names in horticulture today. It is modeled after the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) at Wisley, England, and has been formed with their assistance.

The NAPPC's goals are to:

- 1). Encourage the conservation of uncommon plants that are valuable because of their historic, aesthetic, scientific, or educational value by propagating and distributing them as widely as possible.
- 2). List plants held in important collections and gardens.
- 3). Stimulate the widest possible cultivation of uncommon and endangered plants by arranging conferences, exhibitions, discussions, and visits to gardens, specialized plant collections, and nurseries.
- 4). Encourage the re-introduction and distribution of uncommon and endangered plants.
- 5). Establish and support National Collections of specific genera and other defined collections of plants for the enjoyment and information of the public and the benefit of science.

The council seeks inquires from those parties both private and institutional including Botanical Gardens, Arboreta, Colleges, and Nurseries who are interested in holding "National Collections." A guide will be published listing those collections.

For more information and an application form write:

North American Plant Preservation Council  
Rt. 5  
Renick, WV 24966

## NEWS FROM THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY IRIS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

*by J. Owings Rebert*



This has been an election year (need we be reminded). However, every year is election year for our Society. As your new president, I did not run ... I had no platform, I was almost drafted -- but I did accept! So let us try to follow the F.S.K. tradition by making this a most progressive year for us in all phases of the iris world.

# 1993 SPRING REGION 4 MEETING

## BEACH BONANZA

at

Holliday Inn Oceanside

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

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DATES: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7, and 8, 1993

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Oceanside, Virginia Beach, Virginia

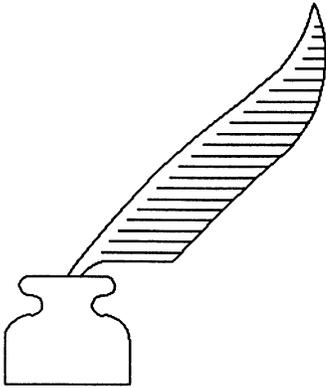
GUEST SPEAKER: BOB HOLLINGSWORTH, Hybridizer

REGISTRATION FEE: \$ 65.00 (before April 15th), \$70 (April 15 to May 1, no registrations accepted after May 1, 1993)

Includes: Meals: Two Banquets and Two Lunches.  
Events: Judges Training and Auction.  
Garden Tours: Two days of Bus Tours.

Contact: Lee Mellott, Registrar  
6255 Drew Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

HOTEL: \$55.00/day, for one to four persons, all oceanfront rooms (for this rate reservations must be made before March 31, 1993, make reservations directly with the hotel code "IRIS")  
Holliday Inn Oceanside  
21st Street & Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(804)491-1500



## Minutes of Board Meeting

by *Caryll Randall*

Region 4, AIS Oct. 3, 1992

Holiday Inn, College Park, Maryland

RVP CAROL WARNER called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. ANNE LOWE moved and it was seconded that the minutes of spring 1992 minutes be approved (with minor corrections) as printed in the August 1992 *Newscast*. The motion passed without dissent. CAROL thanked PHIL OGILVIE for his organization of the Fall Regional Convention.

Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON then asked that the agenda be set aside for a special presentation. ROSALIE FIGGE made a presentation of a RVP pin to CAROL. The pin is a sterling silver iris with the words "Region 4 RVP" surrounding it.

The RVP stated her pleasure at the number of members attending the business session and indicated that, while all members are welcome to discuss all items, only board members may vote. She reported that 115 people returned their symposium ballots and that 'Titan's Glory' came in first with 62 votes, 'Immortality' was not far behind with 58 votes, and third was 'Vanity' with 50 votes. The complete symposium results may be found on pages 20 to 22.

The RVP called for the officer's reports. [All written reports of the officers, chairpersons, and chapters follow the minutes - editor.] There were no written reports from the RVP, Immediate Past RVP, the Secretary, the Historian, the Parliamentarian, the chairpersons of Auctions and Awards, Beardless & Species, Finance, Publicity/Public Relations, Youth, and from the following chapters: Cabarrus County Chapter, Central Virginia Iris Society, Eastern North Carolina Chapter, Easter Shore Iris Society, Francis Scott Key Iris Society, Fredericksburg-Richmond Iris Society, Tidewater Chapter.

The Assistant RVP: Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON gave his report as Convention and Judges Training Chairman. ROSALIE FIGGE requested that Region 4 hybridizers donate reblooming iris for the Westminster Display Garden.

The Immediate Past RVP: LLOYD ZURBRIGG returned from judging the show. He congratulated Carol Warner on her term as RVP and thanked the membership for their support during his terms of office.

The Secretary: CARYLL RANDALL had no report.

The Treasurer: J. OWINGS REBERT presented the Treasurers report for the period July 10 to October 1, 1992 [see attached report for this period plus the period October 1 to November 5, 1992].

The Historian: CLARENCE MAHAN had no report but indicated that the transfer of files to MARGARET STONE had been completed.

The Parliamentarian: ROSALIE FIGGE had no report.

### Reports of Committee Chairpersons

Finance: Dr. A.W RICE, CAROL WARNER reported that she had spoken with Dr. RICE and that he reported that we were in a good financial position. When he accepted this position our finances were not in good shape, but our successful auctions and other activities, together with donations, have alleviated that problem.

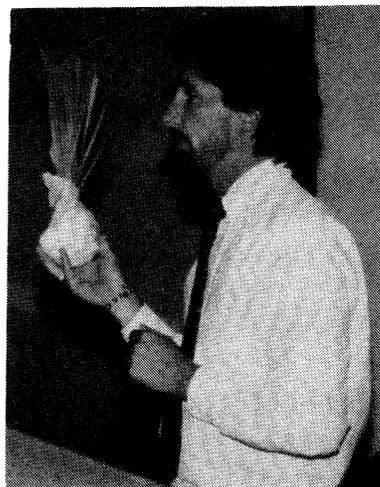
Membership: RICH RANDALL'S report is printed in full below.

*Newscast* Editor: PHIL OGILVIE'S report is printed in full below. The RVP complimented the editor on the quality of *Newscast*. There was a discussion of the different formats for the publication, with the conclusion that the editor should use whatever format he wishes.

Judges Training: Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON'S report is printed in full below. He added that we need many more judges.

Auctions and Awards: VICTOR LAYMAN, II, reported that it has been suggested to him that we try to have a printed list available before the auction of items that have been donated. It was clear from the discussion that followed that members would like to have such a list; however, there was no clear mechanism determined to produce such a list.

Convention: Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON'S report is printed in full below. He indicated that Region 4 needs a host-chapter for the Spring 1995 convention, the convention chairperson (ANNE LOWE) must identify a host no later that spring of 1993, so that an invitation for guest irises may be issued in a timely manner [a communication from Dr. EPPERSON indicates that the Fredericksburg Iris Society has kindly offered to host the Spring 1995 Convention - Editor]. OWINGS REBERT asked that garden tours be considered for 1994 fall convention. The RVP mentioned that the National Convention of the Society for Japanese Iris will be hosted by Tidewater Chapter on June 3-5, 1993 and that Francis Scott Key Iris Society will host this convention on June 23-24, 1995. CAROL expressed her hope that Region 4 members will support both of these functions. She said, "Even if you don't grow Japanese Iris, you will have a fun time."



*Vic Layman - At Work  
photo by D. Stoneburner*

Robin: LIBBY CROSS'S report is printed in full below.

Photography: DENNIS STONEBURNER'S report is printed in full below.

Beardless and Species: DIANA NICHOLLS, no report.

Median Irises: DICK SPARLING'S report is printed in full below.

Reblooming Irises: JOAN ROBERTS'S report is printed in full below.

Publicity/Public Relations: Vacant, no report.

Youth: Vacant, no report.

Alleghany Highlands: JOHN DAMERON'S report is printed in full below.

Blue Ridge Iris Society: DENNIS STONEBURNER'S report is printed in full below.

Cabarrus County Chapter: DIANE SHUE, no report.

Carolina Mountains Iris Society: WALTER HOOVER'S report is printed in full below.

Central Virginia Iris Society: ROY HASS, no report.

Charlotte Iris Society: BARBARA MOELLER'S report is printed in full below.

Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society: BOB HALL'S report is printed in full below.

Eastern North Carolina Chapter: J.D. STADLER, no report.

Eastern Shore Iris Society: HELEN WALSH, no report.

Francis Scott Key: MARY BROWN, no report.

Fredericksburg-Richmond Iris Society: ROGER GLASSHOFF, no report.

Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk Iris Society: RICH RANDALL'S report is printed in full below.

Tidewater Chapter: FRANCES THRASH, no report.

Williamsburg Iris Society: NELDA PRESSLY'S report is printed in full below.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROY EPPERSON reported that he, together with ANN LOWE and CARYLL RANDALL have completed "Guidelines for Hosting a Regional Convention." He reported on its contents which include "positions needed, how to budget for a convention, and examples of typical spring and fall conventions." ROY then distributed copies of the manual to each board member. CAROL congratulated the committee and noted that the manual would be really useful for those chapters hosting meetings in the future.

ROSALIE FIGGE gave a report on the status of the RVP pins, the past RVPs will be receiving a pin with appropriate wording, reflecting their past service to Region 4.

MIKE LOWE reported that he had not yet had the time to create the decal screen or to have it printed. He hopes to have them ready in time for the spring convention.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the RVP, as required by the bylaws, it consisted of a representative from each State in the Region. Chairman, VICTOR LAYMAN, II, Virginia; DANIEL SCHLANGER, Maryland; Ms. AGGIE VERGON, North Carolina; BILL KUYKENDALL, West Virginia; and PHIL OGILVIE, District of Columbia. They will meet and present a slate at the Spring Convention.

The RVP had received a proposal that the AIS supply affiliates with more than a single set of medals each year. She indicated that, at present, affiliates must purchase any medals need beyond a single show set. It is felt that the additional free medals would encourage affiliates to sponsor more shows. PHIL OGILVIE moved that Region 4 support the proposal that the AIS supply as many sets of medals that an affiliate sponsors shows. The motion was seconded and, after some debate, it was passed [See the report on the Fall AIS Board meeting for the results].

PHIL OGILVIE moved that Region 4 prepare a proposal that the AIS library and archives be housed in the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland. The motion was seconded and, after some debate, it was passed. The new RVP, ROY EPPERSON, asked PHIL to prepare the proposal, after which it will be submitted to CLARENCE MAHAN'S committee.



*Dr. James W. Waddick  
Photo by M. Lowe*

Dr. JAMES WADDICK is planning, in the immediate future, another collecting trip to China, specifically to include Tibet. He is currently seeking funding for this expedition. LIBBY DUFRESNE moved that Region 4 contribute a sum of at least \$500 to supplement any other funding he was soliciting for this project. The motion was seconded and, after some discussion including an accepted amendment of the amount to read \$1,000, it was passed. [Dr. Waddick has been funded for this expedition and he has repeatedly thank Region 4, not only for their contribution, but also for the stimulus it provided for others. - Editor]

Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON moved that Region 4 contribute \$500 to the AIS to help defray the cost of developing the John Wister Memorial Medal for tall bearded irises. The motion was seconded and, after some discussion, it was passed.

ROSALIE FIGGE inquired if there was any interest in a tour of English garden during iris-season. Any inquires, or expressions of interest, should be directed to ROSALIE.

After the current RVP, CAROL WARNER, passed the Gavel to her successor, Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For Period July 10, 1992 to November 5, 1992

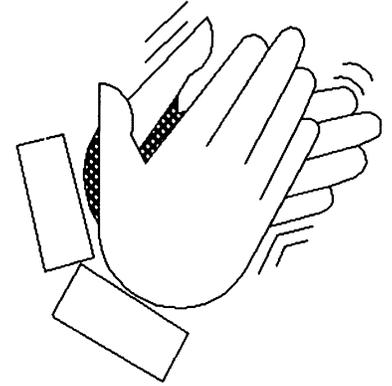
July 10 Balance		\$ <u>14,785.25</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest on account (3 mo.)	\$ 121.04	
Donation - Eastern N.C.	200.00	
Newscast - Non Reg. 4 Membership	<u>9.00</u>	
Total Deposits	\$ 330.04	
Complete Totals		\$ 15,115.29
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Mahan Membership Award	100.00	
Postage - Membership Committee	105.35	
Address Labels A.I.S.	33.66	
Dunn-Rite Printing (August Newscast)	1,334.00	
Lowes' Mailing Newscast	163.38	
J.B. Trophies-Dep. RVP Pins	200.00	
Postage - Treasures' Use	9.64	
Postage - RVP Use	30.96	
Postage - Stoneburner - Iris	57.36	
Postage - Dr. Epperson-for J.T	<u>57.36</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,069.57	
October 1 Balance		\$ <u>13,045.72</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fall Regional Auction	\$ 1,424.00	
October Interest	<u>33.31</u>	
Total Deposits	\$ 1,457.31	
Complete Totals		\$ 14,503.03
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Dr. Waddick China Trip	\$ 1,000.00	
Wister Medal Fund	500.00	
Carol Warner RVP Postage	7.22	
Carol Warner Travel AIS Bd. Mtg.	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,707.22	
November 5 Balance		\$ <u>12,795.81</u>

J. OWINGS REBERT, Treasurer

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to Chapter Membership Chairpersons personally contacting delinquent members, the formation of two new chapters, and many individuals recruiting new members, we are at a plus eight. Our current total enrollment is 668.

Two chapters did not have any new enrollments and four chapters had only one or two.



### \$100 MEMBERSHIP CONTESTS

We have 14 persons participating in our regional 1992 contest.

The 1993 contest will begin on the 10th of December. As in the past, chapters can not enter our regional contest -- only individuals. Individuals may earn regional points and, at the same time, relinquish points for the national contest to their local affiliated chapter. All individuals entering the contest will receive a certificate of appreciation. To enter the contests, inform your Chapter Membership Chairperson about new enrollments and conversions.

RICH RANDALL.

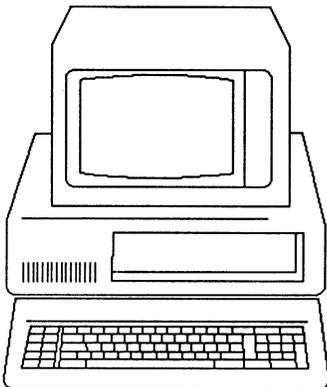


## Thank You!!!

The Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk Iris Society thanks MIKE and ANNE LOWE, JOAN MURPHY, EVERETTE LINEBERGER and the **Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society** for their generous rhizome donations.



### Newscast Editor's Report



My second issue of *Newscast* was published the middle of August, in spite of some delays in the receipt of materials. Of the 750 copies printed, 686 were mailed. Because of a number of requests, the 8½ by 11 inch format was retained on drilled stock. Because of the size of the issue, it was necessary to hold some articles for later publication. I have obtained blanket permission to republish articles from the *American Iris Society Bulletin* and from The Society for Louisiana Irises and have been encouraged to request permission from the British Iris Society on an article by article basis. There should not be a problem with getting the

December issue into the mail before the Christmas mailing rush. Additional materials are always welcome.

I am open to suggestions for new features or for topics for future articles.

PHIL OGILVIE.

## JUDGES AND JUDGES' TRAINING REPORT

1992 again has been a very active and productive year for Judges' Training activities within Region 4. There have been many opportunities for training for accredited judges and for student judges. These are listed below:

01/26/92	2 hours	Ensata (Japanese) Instructor: CLARENCE MAHAN Location: Falls Church, VA
05/08/92	2 hours	Awards and Balloting Instructor: E. ROY EPPERSON Location: High Point, NC
05/08/92	2 hours	Exhibition Judging Instructor: DAVE NISWONGER Location: High Point, NC
05/24/92	2 hours	Garden Judging Instructor: CHARLES and DONNA HARE Location: Charlotte, NC
10/03/92	3 hours	Beardless Iris Recognizing and Judging Species Iris Instructor: CAROL WARNER CLARENCE MAHAN Location: College Park, MD

This is an interesting variety of training subjects and will lead to an ever increasing depth and breadth of understanding for the judges of Region 4. It is especially of value to have a session that concentrates on species iris.

For 1993, the following changes occurred in the Roster of Region 4 Accredited Judges: Resigned (3); Master judge from Active to Retired (1); Garden judges advanced to Master/Active (2); Apprentice advanced to Garden (3); new Apprentices appointed (7).

In 1993, Region 4 has the following Roster summary of Accredited judges:

20	Accredited Garden
12	Master : Active
7	Master : Retired
7	Apprentice
1	Emeritus

Of these 47 accredited judges, 19 are quota and 28 are non-quota. Region 4 has a quota maximum of 107 accredited judges for 1993.

1993 Roster of Judges, Region 4

Accredited Garden

MRS. DAVID CLINE  
LIBBY A. CROSS  
MRS. JOSEPH P. DUFRESNE  
RUTH FILSINGER  
MRS. GLEN GRIGG, JR.  
MR. WALTER HOOVER  
MRS. PAUL D. KABLER  
MR. M.B. LOWE  
MRS. M.B. LOWE (ANNE)  
MR. CLARENCE E. MAHAN  
MS. DIANA NICHOLLS  
MRS. CARYLL RANDALL  
MR. RICHARD RANDALL  
DR. A.W. RICE  
MR. DANIEL SCHLANGER  
MR. JAMES D. STADLER  
MRS. RICHARD D. STEELE  
MRS. JAMES H. TRENT  
MS. RUTH E. WALKER  
MRS. ANDREW C. WARNER

Emeritus

DR. LLOYD ZURBRIGG

Apprentice

MR. S. HERMAN DENNIS, III  
MS. GLORIA FAIRHEAD  
MR. DAVE L. MERRILL  
DR. PHILIP W. OGILVIE  
MR. KEN ROBERTS  
MRS. KEN ROBERTS (JOAN)  
MR. DENNIS STONEBURNER

Master/Active

MR. B.J. BROWN  
MRS. B.J. BROWN  
DR. E. ROY EPPERSON  
MRS. FRANK H.J. FIGGE  
MR. CHARLES L. HARE  
MRS. CHARLES L. HARE  
MRS. TROY KARRIKER  
MS. POLLY K. PRICE  
MRS. A.W. RICE  
MR. RICHARD SPARLING  
MR. F.G. STEPHENSON  
MR. DENNIS WILKIE

Master/Retired

MRS. CHARLES M. COX  
MRS. MILES P. FARRAR  
MR. MAYNARD E. HARP  
MRS. MAYNARD E. HARP  
MRS. FRED M. MILLER  
DR. JOSEPH B. PARKER, JR.  
MR. DAVID G. WALSH

Resigned

ALICE BOULDIN  
GLEN GRIGG, JR.  
MRS. A.H. HAZZARD



*Dave Niswonger training judges - Photo by D. Stoneburner*

DR. E. ROY EPPERSON.

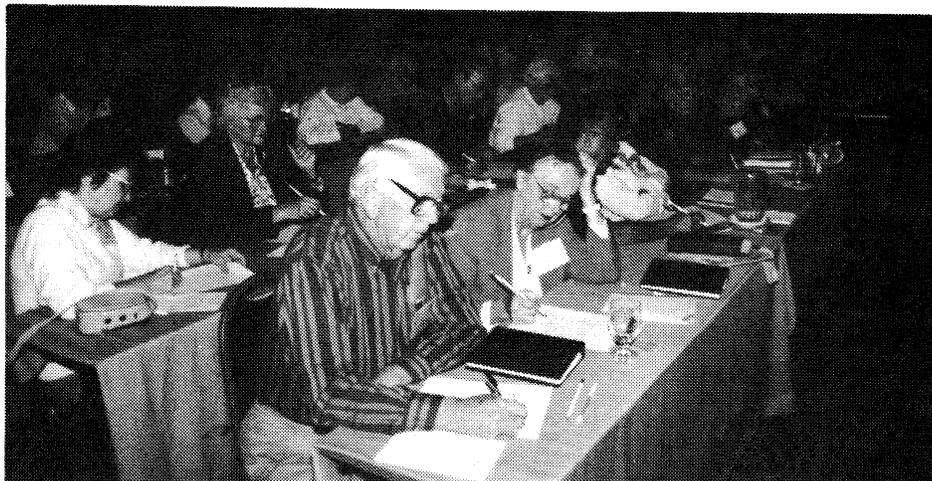
## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

**Future Convention Schedule:**

AIS National Conventions:	1993	Fort Worth, Texas	April	20-24
	1994	Portland, Oregon	May	21-25
	1995	Hershey, Pennsylvania		
	1996	Sacramento, California		
	1997	Open		
	1998	Colorado		

**AIS Region 4 Conventions:**

1992	Fall	:	C & P	October	2 & 3
1993	Spring	:	Tidewater	May	7 - 9
1993	Fall	:	Williamsburg	October	1 & 2
1994	Spring	:	Blue Ridge	May	12-14
1994	Fall	:	FSK		
1995	Spring	:	[Fredericksburg]		
1995	Fall	:	Alleghany Highlands		
1996	Spring	:	Open		
1996	Fall	:	Open		
1997	Spring	:	Eastern North Carolina		
1997	Fall	:	Open		



*An Earlier Successful Convention in Roanoke  
Photo by D. Stoneburner*

**Dr. E. ROY EPPERSON.**



## ROBIN REPORT

Of the five robins flying, three are doing very well, especially the new *Median* robin. The former *Pinfeathers* robin, now a general robin, is bogged down somewhere, and search letters will be going out for it soon. *The Royal Four* is down at the moment, but is being reorganized and will be flying again soon.

I have asked all directors to appoint reporters, and hope they will, in the future, be sending me excerpts for *Newscast*, on a regular basis.

We need a new *Pinfeathers* robin for new members. If any new members are interested let me know.

If our Membership Chairman does not already suggest robins to new members when they receive their welcome letters, I hope that suggestion will be included in the future.

LIBBY CROSS.



*Our Robin Chairperson discuss tall bearded iris with our Beardless and Species Chairperson photographed by the Photography Chairperson*



## PHOTOGRAPHY REPORT

Since the Spring Regional Meeting in High Point, there has not been a single request for slides. Four sets were used in the Roanoke area for the Spring Show, and speaking to local garden clubs.

DENNIS STONEBURNER.



## MEDIAN IRIS

Up here in the northern section of Region 4 we had good reason to have the many and varied iris in the Median class this year.

The early bloom on the MDBs, the Standard Dwarfs, and the Aril Medians was a bust. If these had been the only iris that bloomed, it would have been a sad year. But having three other parts of this class saved the crop. The cool weather slowed the flowers and kept stalks of the IBs, MTBs, and Borders on for a looong time thus making up for sparse bloom earlier. Most of the iris performed on a normal to slightly late schedule but held their bloom for an extended period. I had flowers on the MTBs until well passed the middle of June, outlasting many Tbs. Actually 'Penny Candy,' a MDB, had a stalk on the 23rd of June. Close to a three month bloom. Who said iris have a short bloom season (If I include the Japanese, over four months -- bloom here on the 31st of July.).

One of the objectives of the Median Iris Society is to promote the Medians by the use of display gardens. By having these gardens the public can get to see a variety of Medians in one place. These collections while not having to be large should contain many newer varieties, as well as representatives of some good oldies. The owner has to allow the public in to view his or her garden and make a report to the display garden chairperson each year. It's easy. We do need additional gardens, particularly in the newer Sections or Affiliates and in North Carolina. Promote the little ones. If you want, get out and shout the benefits of them from the rooftops, but, at least, get a paragraph in your local papers about them. Get your Society to have a program on the Medians.

DICK SPARLING.



## REBLOOMING IRIS

Growing reblooming irises has been a joy for us. We had the pleasure of growing seedlings from STERLING INNERST, JOHN WEILER, and LLOYD ZURBRIGG, along with my own. I don't think that a week went by this summer that we didn't have at least a few irises blooming in the garden or seedling bed. I have rebloom to report from our garden alone from July 5th to this writing [October 1, 1992] with many other stalks still coming.

It is impossible for me to call everyone in Region 4 but would like to include your comments on any of the newer reblooming varieties in an effort to promote their distribution. I would be very happy to hear from you. My address and phone number are in the back of *Newscast*.



*Lloyd Zurbrigg contemplates the iris  
of the future  
Photo by D. Stoneburner*

LLOYD ZURBRIGG reported that his reblooming season began in June. He had stalks on 'Mesmerizer' (Byers '91), a white Space-Ager with a tangerine red beard and white flounces; 'Clarence' (Zurbrigg '91), an amoena-luminata with white standards, touched violet at the top and medium violet falls with a wash of white over the hafts and down the middle of each fall; 'Eternal Bliss' (Byers '88), a violet-white with a tangerine beard; 'Lady Essex' (Zurbrigg '91), white falls, daintily edged in orchid violet and white standards, slightly heavier in orchid markings; 'Matrix' (Hall '91), a creamy plicata with cinnamon markings; 'Northward Ho' (Zurbrigg '91), a brownish-pink plicata; 'Sign of Virgo' (Zurbrigg '91), an amoena-plicata with white standards and white falls marked in violet on the falls; 'Silver Dividends' (Zurbrigg '91), silvery white and a white beard; 'Sunny Disposition' (Zurbrigg '91), a light yellow self.

Noted in our garden in order of their appearance were 'Midnight Caller' (Byers '90), deep purple standards and blackish purple falls and a deep violet beard; 'Chocolate Vanilla' (Blyth '91/92), a chocolate brown amoena with white standards and metallic brown falls (rebloom may be the result of seasonal variation - bears watching); 'Champagne Elegance' (Niswonger '87), lavender-pink standards, light buffy apricot falls and amber beards; 'Pink Attraction' (Hall '88), light pink with a violet streak below orange beard; 'Eternal Bliss' (Byers '88), violet-white with a tangerine beard; 'Holy Night' (Mohr '83), deep violet-purple self, including beard; 'Pinkness' (Byers '89), medium pink with an orange-pink beard; 'Jennifer Rebecca' (Zurbrigg '85), rose-pink blend and tangerine beard; 'Yesterday' (Lineberger '88), smoky lavender with 1/4" mauve edge on falls and an orange beard; 'Coral Charmer' (Wright '88), medium coral pink self and a tangerine beard; 'Heart of Ice' (Byers '89), blue-white self with a suffused violet streak down midrib and a blue beard; 'Immortality' (Zurbrigg '85), pure white self with a white beard; 'Baby Blessed' (Zurbrigg '79), light yellow SDB with small white spot on falls; 'Then Again' (Byers '89), medium blue-violet with a blue beard tipped yellow-orange; 'Spirit of Fiji' (Zurbrigg '85), primrose yellow with a slight green cast and self beard; 'Brother Carl' (Zurbrigg '83), white self with a pale yellow beard, tipped blue; 'Harvest of Memories' (Zurbrigg '85), Dresden yellow self including the beard; 'Now and Later' (Zurbrigg '72), a salmon-pink self with a deep salmon-pink beard; 'Solstice' (Weiler '92), true blue with a self beard; 'Sunny Disposition' (Zurbrigg '91), light yellow self; 'Earl of Essex' (Zurbrigg '80), an orchid-violet on white plicata; 'Grace Thomas' (Zurbrigg '80), yellow self including beard.

There are stalks on 'Heart of Ice,' 'Midnight Caller,' 'Pink Attraction,' 'Eternal Bliss,' 'Pinkness,' 'Holy Night,' 'Immortality,' 'Brother Carl,' 'Coral Charmer,' and 'Sunny Disposition.'

Others that have stalks and will be in the Spring report are: 'Buckwheat' (Byers '89); 'Colorwatch' (Innerst '87); 'Juicy Fruit' (Byers '89); 'Misty Twilight' (Byers '88); 'Seasons' (Weiler '92); 'Summer Olympics' (Raymond Smith '80); 'Violet Music' (Mahan '80); and 'Witch of Endor' (Bernice Miller '78).

If you are not already growing reblooming irises, I urge you to try a few. **REBLOOMING IRISES ARE THE IRISES OF THE FUTURE!** Don't be left behind - **Grow Rebloomers!**

JOAN ROBERTS.

### IN MEMORIUM

Alice W. Bouldin (North Carolina)  
George I. Crossman (Virginia)  
Bill Dawley (Virginia)  
H. Elberte Harrison (Maryland)  
Alan Means (North Carolina)  
Joseph Peterson (Virginia)

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Alleghany Highlands

First let me express my regret at not being able to be with you in Maryland. It is just not a good time to take off from work. I enjoyed so much the Spring Regional at High Point and look forward to attending many more, soon. I have already scheduled vacation time for the 1993 Spring Regional. Let me make one recommendation for you to consider at this meeting. Several (of our few) members have never attended any iris activities outside of our own local meetings and therefore you folks are strangers to them. I suggest that PHIL obtain a brief biographical sketch of each hybridizer in Region 4 who has registered AND introduced iris varieties and, as space allows, print them in the *Newscast*. To go along with this, I would like for the hybridizers to provide DENNIS STONEBURNER with slides of their introductions. Then he could put together a slide collection of iris, hybridized and introduced in this region, for use by the local chapters. [I'm game and I'm sure DENNIS is, all that's necessary is to get the cooperation of Region 4 hybridizers. If any of you hybridizers are willing, winter is certainly the right season to write-up those biographical sketches. Please send them to the editor together with a photograph, preferably more recent than High School graduation.] This would go quite some way towards educating some of our members about local introductions and give them a selection of iris to chose from that would be more likely to do well in this area, than those developed in other climates, such as California.

Thanks for assigning the West Virginia members to Alleghany Highlands. This will help insure Alleghany Highlands will meet their affiliation requirements, at least until the people of the Eastern Panhandle area of the state get together and form their own chapter. I think we will see this very soon.

JOHN A. DAMERON.



## Blue Ridge Iris Society



Blue Ridge has completed a very successful Spring/Summer season. Our May Flower Show was a beautiful display of color surrounding a lovely fountain and trees. Many of the members enjoyed visiting several gardens despite the bad weather. It is amazing how you forget the weather and your problems when you are enjoying the beautiful spring gardens.

*Photo by D. Stoneburner*

The June Sale and July Auction were huge hits. Ninety percent of the rhizomes at the Sale were sold in one hour. We gained several new members as a result of the show and sale, one has become very active. Our new officers, elected at the September meeting are:

President	VIC LAYMAN
Vice President	LARRY MORGAN
Secretary	CHARLOTTE KABLER
Treasurer	MILDRED TRENT

We have received all the guest iris for the 1994 Spring Regional. I want to thank everyone for being so prompt. Mark your calendars now for the second weekend in May 1994. More details to come later.

DENNIS STONEBURNER.



### Carolina Mountains Iris Society

1993 Calendar of Events:

February	1	A Winter Newsletter (in lieu of a meeting)
April	24	Spring Meeting - planning for the two iris shows
May	22	Spring Iris Show - Congregational Church in Hendersonville, NC
June	24	Japanese Iris Show (will be held June 17 if the season is early)
August	7	Annual Auction

We changed a few traditional practices associated with our auction and they improved things immeasurably. First, we reduced the number of items actually auctioned to about 15 items, placing more on the "bargin" tables. We opened the bargain tables an hour before the auction. Those who needed to leave early did not have to wait for a long drawn-out auction process before paying - the old process had been a source of complaint in the past. This approach resulted in no-wait time for checking out either for the early leavers or for those remaining for the auction. The entire process was completed and we had "cleaned up" in more ways than one within two hours. One other footnote: most of our offerings this year were beardless - we had used the Japanese show of the preceding month to advertize the auction. The second item which might be of interest to those members who are facing a large garden for which they can no longer adequately care - I have asked JEANNE GRUNDIES, our secretary, to write an article about the transition she is now making in reference to that situation.

WALTER HOOVER.



### Charlotte Iris Society

Our new logo is the result of a spring contest with KATHARINE STEELE, an Iris Judge, The WINNER!

The Charlotte Iris Society holds three covered-dish luncheon meetings a year. We are affiliated with The Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs, as the AIS is affiliated with The National Council of State Garden Clubs. We meet at the local Garden Center. B.J. BROWN, a well-known local hybridizer and former RVP of Region 4, will introduce an iris named for ELEANOR YATES, a local active Garden Club member, as she becomes National President of the National Council next spring.



An Iris Show, with design as well as a large show table, is held the first Saturday in May. This year we plan to add a display of crafts with an Iris motif as an added attraction.

We have the misfortune that dues (\$3) have never gone up in the 44-year history of the organization; so, we are heavily dependent on our September auction of iris and other plants. We have voted a new echelon of membership: \$25 Patron category to award The Patrons' Cup to Queen of the Show. This year we purchased late introductions of iris from a well-known hybridizer to enhance the show table in 1993. We pray for good weather and a good growing season. Publicity has been good from our local newspapers. This has helped us add nine new members. Also, we had a garden tour of five lovely gardens last April that added four more new members. We will continue to talk AIS benefits, including the excellent articles on various iris and the medals for our shows.

BARBARA MOELLER.



### **Chesapeake & Potomac Iris Society**

Some of our members belong to several other plant societies and their primary interest in C&P is in the activities relating to the species Iridaceae. Others of us who have memberships in only one or two plant societies look to C&P as our garden support group with the emphasis on iris. We are indeed happy with kinds of members. In planning the program for the C&P chapter this year we have tried to balance the needs of all. While PEGGY and I enjoy memberships in both the C&P Iris Society and The Washington Daffodil Society, our emphasis and camaraderie has been mostly with the Irisarians. As a consequence the year's programs may lean in the direction of the total gardener, rather than toward the species specialists.

January brought us CLARENCE MAHAN for judges training and in March we met for our fabulous annual feast with BLANEY MARLOW. In April we were guests of the Washington, Maryland, and Virginia Garden Railroaders, courtesy of C&P members CHRIS and LESLIE HALL. May and June were bearded and beardless show months. The beardless show was a joint show with FSK. Yes FSK, we finally get it. FSK doesn't like to drive into the District of Columbia. When our turn rolls around again we will find a show place north of the beltway. July and September were sale/auction months. August was for picnicking together. With the regional right here, October speaks for itself. In November HAROLD WINTER, retired USDA plant explorer, will tell us how his team brought us New Guinea impatiens and other goodies. February was blank (exhaustion, no doubt!). It now costs money for public facilities that were once free. This fact pushed us into rescheduling our July sale/auction, and as a result we lost some participants (and sales) when people missed the auction date. We were pleased to donate those unsold rhizomes to RICH RANDALL for the Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Suffolk Iris Society to help to give their first auction a healthy state.

BOB and PEGGY HALL.



### **Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk Iris Society**

On the third of May, with the intention of forming a new chapter, three people held a ten iris - Tall Bearded - "EXPO." One month later, a ten iris Japanese "EXPO" was held. These expo's, along with a July rhizome sale, have increased our membership to 22.

When the chapter was formed, because the iris is not yet an ever-bloomer, it was felt that we should also have programs about other aspects of gardening. Like growing orchids, daylillies, herbs, or organic gardening. At one of our five programmed meetings, a member told us about a "Gardener's Journal." Another program that was also informative was, "Getting Back to Basics." During that program, an old, over grown clump was used to show rot and how to divide and plant (even a borer was found). This month's program will be on reblooming irises - given by LLOYD ZURBRIGG. We are having a "logo" and a "name the monthly newsletter" contest. We expect to be affiliated next year. In the spring we plan to have our first mall show and a fun day on a "Greyhound Bus," touring members' gardens.

RICH RANDALL.

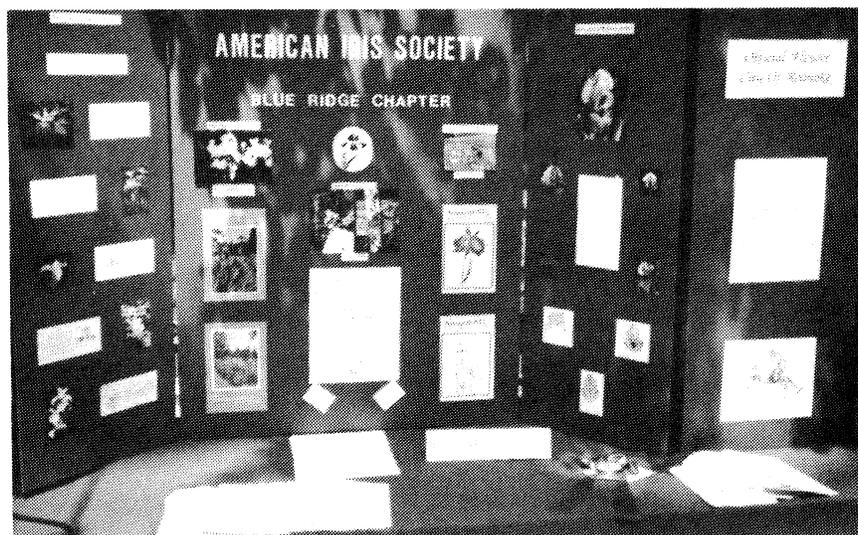


## Williamsburg Iris Society

Our society has joined with the James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardeners [MGs] to cultivate two demonstration beds at the Williamsburg/James City County Recreation Center, off Longhill Road. This site was picked from about eight sites looked at by at least one of the two groups. A joint venture was a natural, since six of our members are MGs - five from the local chapter. One bed is mainly irises and under the care of the iris society; the other is a xeriscape garden under the care of the MGs.

The iris bed is 5 by 60 feet. Our members contributed over 40 different irises (three fourths are supposed to be rebloomers). At our September picnic, members combed the iris check list to make sure that we had the type, height, etc. correct. In addition, our members and the MGs have contributed daylillies, liriopse, mondo grass, etc. to extend the blooming season and show the effect of other plants with iris. The area for the Iris bed was manly crabgrass. Under the sod was three to four inches of hard-pan on a bed of gravel put down at the time the construction of the center. The county removed the sod and plowed the ground. MGs, with pick-up trucks, brought in three loads of wood shavings, peanut hulls, and manure from the dumps of a local stable. This was plowed in with amendmets by us and the irises, together with their companion plants, were set in place.

NELDA C. PRESSLY.



*Blue Ridge Chapter's very successful educational exhibit at its May show  
Photo by D. Stoneburner*

## REGION 4 AIS SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

*by Carol Warner, FSK*

It looks to me like Dennis Stoneburner's challenge stood up, since Blue Ridge had both the most votes and the greatest percentage of members voting. The votes by chapter were of a total of 115 votes:

Blue Ridge	29	C&P	16
FSK	15	Tidewater	13
ENC	9	Charlotte	8
Williamsburg	7	Alleghany	6
Carolina Mountains	5	Fredericksburg	4
Eastern Shore	3		

**CONGRATULATIONS BLUE RIDGE and thank you for helping to make the region look better this year!!!!**

Your top 30 favorite varieties were:

'Titan's Glory'	62	'Immortality'	58	'Vanity'	50
'Jesse's Song'	42	'Song of Norway'	42	'Stepping Out'	42
'Edith Wolford'	40	'Lady Friend'	39	'Silverado'	39
'Beverly Sills'	38	'Dusky Challenger'	38	'Bride's Halo'	36
'Mary Frances'	36	'Jennifer Rebecca'	35	'Laced Cotton'	34
'Skating Party'	29	'Victoria Falls'	29	'Superstition'	28
'Celestial Storm'	25	'Holy Night'	25	'Honky Tonk Blues'	25
'Going My Way'	24	'Supreme Sultan'	24	'Everything Plus'	22
'Hindenburg'	22	'Lorilee'	22	'Gold Galore'	21
'Persian Berry'	21	'Purple Pepper'	21	'Spinning Wheel'	21

The complete results were:

'Adventuress' - 3	'Black Hills Gold' - 5	'Butter Crisp' - 0
'Afternoon Delight' - 7	'Black Madonna' - 2	'Cafe Society' - 1
'Alice Goodman' - 3	'Blackout' - 4	'Caliph' - 0
'Altruist' - 12	'Black Pearl' - 0	'Camelot Rose' - 10
'Amazon Bride' - 0	'Blazing Sunrise' - 1	'Carnival in Rio' - 0
'American Beauty' - 2	'Blowtorch' - 3	'Catalyst' - 5
'America's Cup' - 3	'Blue Aristocrat' - 4	'Cayenne Pepper' - 5
'Anna Belle Babson' - 18	'Blue Sapphire' - 9	'Celestial Storm' - 25
'Anna Glitsch' - 0	'Blues on Parade' - 0	'Champagne Elegance' - 14
'Aphrodisiac' - 10	'Bodacious' - 2	'Change of Heart' - 1
'Armada' - 1	'Bohemian' - 3	'Charger' - 0
'Autograph' - 1	'Bold Gold' - 3	'Cherry Smoke' - 10
'Aztec Treasure' - 2	'Boy Friend' - 1	'Chico Maid' - 8
'Babbling Brook' - 8	'Brassy Broad' - 0	'Chief Redskin' - 0
'Back in Black' - 3	'Breakers' - 15	'Chocolate Royale' - 1
'Bayberry Candle' - 15	'Bride's Halo' - 36	'Christa' - 2
'Beautiful Surprise' - 0	'Brocaded Gown' - 1	'Christmas Time' - 13
'Before the Storm' - 15	'Bubble Up' - 1	'Chuckles' - 0
'Best Bet' - 15	'Bubbling Lace' - 2	'Chuck Waltermire' - 0
'Betty Frances' - 19	'Bubbling Over' - 8	'Cinderella's Coach' - 2
'Beverly Sills' - 38	'Bubbling Seas' - 0	'Circus Jewel' - 1
'Black Flag' - 3	'Burgermeister' - 2	'Classic Edition' - 1

'Cloudless Sunrise' - 6  
 'Codicil' - 13  
 'Congratulations' - 7  
 'Conjuration' - 3  
 'Copper Classic' - 14  
 'Copper Lace' - 1  
 'Country Bride' - 0  
 'Cranberry Crush' - 5  
 'Cranberry Ice' - 10  
 'Creative Stitchery' - 7  
 'Cruzin' - 0  
 'Crystal Dreams' - 0  
 'Crystal Glitters' - 7  
 'Crystalyn' - 2  
 'Cup Race' - 12  
 'Cycles' - 0  
 'Daredevil' - 1  
 'Darkside' - 4  
 'Dazzling Gold' - 11  
 'Dear Dorothy' - 3  
 'Debby Rairdon' - 13  
 'Designer Gown' - 6  
 'Divine' - 1  
 'Divinity' - 2  
 'Dorothy Palmer' - 0  
 'Dover Beach' - 17  
 'Dream Lover' - 4  
 'Dusky Challenger' - 38  
 'Dusky Dancer' - 13  
 'Eagle's Flight' - 8  
 'Easter Lace' - 0  
 'Easter Song' - 0  
 'Eastertime' - 10  
 'Edge of Winter' - 3  
 'Edith Wolford' - 40  
 'Elizabeth Marrison' - 1  
 'Elsiemaie Nicholson' - 1  
 'Enchanting' - 4  
 'Entourage' - 9  
 'Esmeralda' - 2  
 'Evelyn's Echo' - 3  
 'Evening Gown' - 1  
 'Evening Velvet' - 0  
 'Ever After' - 1  
 'Everything Plus' - 22  
 'Exhilaration' - 0  
 'Exotic Star' - 6  
 'Extravagant' - 12  
 'Fame' - 1  
 'Fancy Brass' - 0  
 'Fanfaron' - 8  
 'Faraway Places' - 4  
 'Fashion Artiste' - 3  
 'Feminine Wiles' - 1  
 'Femme Fatale' - 8  
 'Fine China' - 2  
 'Five Star Admiral' - 6

'Flaming Victory' - 1  
 'Flashpoint' - 0  
 'Foolish Fancy' - 1  
 'Fort Bragg' - 0  
 'Fortunata' - 2  
 'Foxy Lady' - 3  
 'Fragrant Lilac' - 1  
 'Fringe Benefits' - 1  
 'Fringe of Gold' - 1  
 'Gay Parasol' - 19  
 'Gentle Dragon' - 3  
 'Gift of Dreams' - 3  
 'Gigolo' - 5  
 'Ginger Swirl' - 7  
 'Glad Rags' - 0  
 'Gladys Austin' - 0  
 'Glitz 'N Glitter' - 3  
 'Going My Way' - 24  
 'Gold Country' - 1  
 'Gold Galore' - 21  
 'Goodbye Heart' - 6  
 'Good Show' - 2  
 'Graduation' - 2  
 'Grand Waltz' - 9  
 'Grecian Skies' - 4  
 'Guadalajara' - 3  
 'Gypsy Woman' - 12  
 'Gyro' - 2  
 'Halo in Orange' - 2  
 'Halo in Yellow' - 1  
 'Heatheridge' - 0  
 'Heat Pump' - 0  
 'Heaven's Shore' - 0  
 'Heritage Lace' - 1  
 'Hindenburg' - 22  
 'Hollywood Blonde' - 0  
 'Holy Night' - 25  
 'Honky Tonk Blues' - 25  
 'Hot Streak' - 0  
 'Houdini' - 2  
 'Howdy Do' - 2  
 'Hula Dancer' - 0  
 'Ice Castle' - 0  
 'Ice Cave' - 0  
 'Image Maker' - 0  
 'Immortality' - 58  
 'Impressionist' - 0  
 'Inaugural Ball' - 1  
 'Incantation' - 0  
 'Indian Ceramics' - 3  
 'Indiscreet' - 2  
 'Infinite Grace' - 18  
 'Inga Ivey' - 2  
 'Inland Princess' - 1  
 'Instructor' - 2  
 'Into the Night' - 17  
 'In Town' - 7

'Iris Irene' - 1  
 'Jazzebel' - 1  
 'Jean Hoffmeister' - 9  
 'Jennifer Rebecca' - 35  
 'Jesse's Song' - 42  
 'Jitterbug' - 2  
 'Jolt' - 0  
 'Jo Vallery' - 0  
 'Joyce Terry' - 17  
 'Joyous Melody' - 0  
 'Jungle Princess' - 1  
 'Kabaka' - 0  
 'Karen' - 3  
 'Karen Christine' - 0  
 'Katy Lynn' - 0  
 'Kekionga' - 0  
 'Kentucky Coal' - 2  
 'Kilt Lilt' - 13  
 'Kissing Circle' - 0  
 'Kuniko' - 1  
 'Lace Artistry' - 0  
 'Laced Cotton' - 34  
 'Lacy Snowflake' - 17  
 'Lady Friend' - 39  
 'Larry Gaulter' - 0  
 'Latin Hideaway' - 6  
 'Latin Lover' - 14  
 'Leda's Lover' - 15  
 'Lemon Fever' - 1  
 'Lemon Mist' - 12  
 'Let's Dance' - 0  
 'Liaison' - 4  
 'Little Much' - 1  
 'Lord Jeff' - 3  
 'Lorilee' - 22  
 'Loyalist' - 9  
 'Lullaby of Spring' - 5  
 'Magic' - 1  
 'Malaguena' - 3  
 'Maria Tormena' - 3  
 'Marriage Vows' - 5  
 'Mary Frances' - 36  
 'Master Touch' - 16  
 'Memoirs' - 2  
 'Memphis Blues' - 2  
 'Michele Taylor' - 0  
 'Michigan Pride' - 17  
 'Midnight Fire' - 1  
 'Momentum' - 0  
 'Montevideo' - 1  
 'Moon's Delight' - 4  
 'Mother Earth' - 3  
 'Mountain Violet' - 1  
 'Muchas Gracias' - 1  
 'Mulled Wine' - 16  
 'Mystique' - 19  
 'My Valentine' - 1

'Nancy Glazier' - 0  
 'Navajo Jewel' - 7  
 'Navy Strut' - 14  
 'Navy Waves' - 0  
 'Neil Diamond' - 1  
 'New Moon' - 12  
 'Noble House' - 1  
 'Oklahoma Crude' - 1  
 'Oktoberfest' - 7  
 'Olympiad' - 10  
 'Olympic Challenge' - 6  
 'Orange Slices' - 7  
 'Orbiter' - 4  
 'Oriental Knight' - 0  
 'Outrageous Fortune' - 7  
 'Pacific Tide' - 3  
 'Pagan Pink' - 1  
 'Paradise' - 5  
 'Peach Bisque' - 2  
 'Persian Berry' - 21  
 'Persian Gown' - 3  
 'Pink Froth' - 0  
 'Pink Taffeta' - 10  
 'Pistol' - 0  
 'Planned Treasure' - 14  
 'Play With Fire' - 6  
 'Pledge Allegiance' - 15  
 'Point in Time' - 0  
 'Point Made' - 3  
 'Polar Sea' - 0  
 'Porcelain Ballet' - 1  
 'Precious Moments' - 2  
 'Presence' - 0  
 'Prom Night' - 2  
 'Pulsar' - 0  
 'Pure-As-The' - 2  
 'Purgatory' - 2  
 'Purple Pepper' - 21  
 'Quasar' - 1  
 'Queen Dorothy' - 11  
 'Queen in Calico' - 8  
 'Queen of Hearts' - 16  
 'Radiant Energy' - 1  
 'Rancho Rose' - 6  
 'Rare Treat' - 7  
 'Raspberry Fudge' - 4  
 'Raven Rock' - 3  
 'Red Lion' - 7  
 'Rhythm on Ice' - 0  
 'Ringo' - 15  
 'Robusto' - 2  
 'Role Model' - 1  
 'Romantic Mood' - 4  
 'Rosecraft' - 0  
 'Rosette Wine' - 6  
 'Round Table' - 0  
 'Royal Crusader' - 3  
 'Royal Elegance' - 1  
 'Royalist' - 1  
 'Royal Satin' - 0  
 'Ruffed Ballet' - 17  
 'Ruffles Galore' - 0  
 'Rustler' - 8  
 'Saffron Flame' - 1  
 'Sapphire Hills' - 11  
 'Satin Satan' - 0  
 'Sea of Joy' - 2  
 'Sea Wolf' - 2  
 'Shalako' - 0  
 'Shawnee Whisper' - 0  
 'Shipshape' - 13  
 'Silkwood' - 1  
 'Silverado' - 39  
 'Simply Pretty' - 1  
 'Skating Party' - 29  
 'Skiers' Delight' - 7  
 'Skyblaze' - 3  
 'Sky Hooks' - 19  
 'Smart Alec' - 4  
 'Snowbrook' - 6  
 'Song of Norway' - 42  
 'Son of Star' - 8  
 'Sooner Serenade' - 1  
 'Spiced Cider' - 2  
 'Spiced Custard' - 1  
 'Spinning Wheel' - 21  
 'Squeeze Louise' - 0  
 'Stellar Lights' - 7  
 'Stepping Out' - 42  
 'Sterling Prince' - 0  
 'Sterling Stitch' - 2  
 'Stop the Music' - 5  
 'Study in Black' - 17  
 'Success Story' - 1  
 'Sultry Mood' - 3  
 'Sun Dappled' - 2  
 'Sunkist Frills' - 2  
 'Sunny and Warm' - 2  
 'Sunshine Song' - 4  
 'Superman' - 1  
 'Superstition' - 28  
 'Supreme Sultan' - 24  
 'Sweeter than Wine' - 6  
 'Sweet Musette' - 4  
 'Syncopation' - 3  
 'Tassellena' - 1  
 'Tennison Ridge' - 7  
 'Theater' - 11  
 'Thornbird' - 12  
 'Thriller' - 16  
 'Tide Mark' - 1  
 'Tide's In' - 17  
 'Time Piece' - 0  
 'Tinted Crystal' - 1  
 'Titan's Glory' - 62  
 'Tomorrow's Child' - 8  
 'Top Gun' - 2  
 'Tropical Fruit' - 8  
 'Tut's Gold' - 9  
 'Undersea Adventure' - 1  
 'Van Gogh' - 2  
 'Vanity' - 50  
 'Vanities Child' - 4  
 'Varga Girl' - 2  
 'Venus and Mars' - 0  
 'Veracity' - 0  
 'Verismo' - 2  
 'Victoria Falls' - 29  
 'Vision in Pink' - 1  
 'Visual Arts' - 4  
 'Wagontrail Night' - 0  
 'Warrior King' - 2  
 'Wedding Candles' - 7  
 'Whoo'ee' - 0  
 'Wild Jasmine' - 12  
 'Wild Oats' - 1  
 'Windsong West' - 2  
 'Windwalker' - 2  
 'Winemaster' - 1  
 'Winifred Ross' - 1  
 'Winter Olympics' - 14  
 'Winterscape' - 1  
 'Witches' Sabath' - 2  
 'Witch's Wand' - 4  
 'Yukon Fever' - 3

## THE AIS LIBRARY/ARCHIVES BID

by Phil Ogilvie, C&P

In response to the request of our RVP, I have been putting together a proposal to CLARENCE MAHAN'S committee on the AIS Library/Archives. This proposal will, we hope, lead to the permanent relocation of the library from the basement of the Ponca, Nebraska, Public Library to the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland. It has been necessary to establish a number of guidelines before we could make any kind of proposition and is those guidelines that I would like to share with you so that you in turn will have an opportunity for helping to shape this Region 4 project. The basic information came from a letter that CLARENCE sent out to each of the RVPs in September. In that letter he set forth the characteristics of the collection and the conditions desired by the AIS Board. I will attempt to summarize this information:

- 1). The material consists of "books, catalogues, official records, personal records, magazines, journals, hybridizers' records, correspondence, and other historic materials all relating to iris;"
- 2). The bulk of the material is currently located in the basement of the Ponca, Nebraska, Public Library;
- 3). The material must be removed by fall of 1993;
- 4). The AIS is seeking a permanent location for this collection;
- 5). The AIS is prepared to endow one professional position to care for the collection;
- 6). The Board has established an "AIS Library Fund" to receive contributions for this endowment (Region 4 contributed \$1,000 to this fund);
- 7). The Board seeks physical housing for the collection, listed in order of preference:
  - a). Outright gift of land and an existing building;
  - b). Long term no-cost lease;
  - c). Association with an arboretum library or similar arrangement;
  - d). Any reasonable proposal;
- 8). The ". . . AIS must be in sole and absolute control of all its material;"
- 9). Access to AIS material would be controlled by AIS;
- 10). The ". . . AIS staff would be selected and directed solely by AIS;"
- 11). Suitable environment, informational access, and physical security; and
- 12). Proposals must be submitted by March 30, 1993 to Clarence Mahan.

In CLARENCE'S letter he mentioned that, "The discussion and resolutions that were passed by the Board are covered in the minutes in the July *Bulletin*." This source adds only the names of the committee members, *i.e.* in addition to CLARENCE MAHAN, LARRY DOUCETTE, JOAN VERWILST, VERONA WIEKHORST, DR. ARTHUR TUCKER, DAVE SILVERBERG, CAMERON HALL, DOUG GOODNIGHT, SCOTT KUNST, and RILEY PROBST.

You will notice that neither of these sources discuss the size of the "library" so that became the first task, since this information is basic to any discussion of a permanent home. Fortunately MIKE LOWE had taken a number of slides of the basement in Ponca, Nebraska, that presently houses the materials. I showed these slides to my Archivist, who has almost thirty years experience in making estimates of volume from looking at stored materials, and she came up with the following estimates:

68 file drawers @ 2 cubic feet per drawer	=	136 cubic feet
14 bookcase shelves at 2 cubic feet per shelf	=	<u>28 cubic feet</u>
		164 cubic feet

Since MIKE felt that the material on the floor would fit into the existing filing cabinets, no additional volume was allowed for this material. This estimate of size does not address another major problem, the collection should be inventoried. At least we should have some idea of how much of the volume is made up by books, periodicals, separates, and papers. You can see from MIKE'S slides that there are surprisingly few books, about 8 cubic feet.

It does not minimize the importance of this material to say that this is a very small library. And while size does not dictate importance, it does directly bear on the economy of operation. I think it is total unrealistic to think that the Board's goals can be accomplished in any except by housing the collection in an already established institution. Building or remodeling space, that is to be narrowly controlled environmentally, is extremely expensive. Modern library equipment is also very costly. I am sure that much of this material needs the attention of a preservation department, not to mention catalogers, inter-library loan librarians, data entry personnel, and the costs associated with a national or preferably an international data network (so that our members will have access to this material no matter where they may live). Persons for each of these functions require highly specialized training, and while one person may have competence in more than one area, no one can master all of them. No single librarian can possible do all that needs to be done.

There is one factor that rules out housing it with any established library, that is the condition that ". . . AIS must be in sole and absolute control of all its material. . . Access to AIS material would be controlled by AIS . . ." I believe that most institutions would agree to the title remaining with AIS, but no professional library is going to accept material, with all the attendant costs, and then not give some access to their patrons! I direct the District of Columbia Public Records Office which includes the Archives and we would not accept vital core material on the District of Columbia government, with that kind of a stipulation.

We must rely on the phrase "any reasonable proposal" in preparing an offer to house this collection in the National Agricultural Library (NAL). It will contain the following points:

- 1). Title to all material will continue to vest in the AIS, no duplicate or surplus materials will be deaccessioned without the express approval of the AIS Board;
- 2). Inventorying, packing, and shipping of the materials to NAL will be at the expense of the AIS;
- 3). AIS will maintain an endowment fund large enough to provide one mid-level professional librarian to work with this collection;
- 4). The materials will be available to any legitimate researcher, as defined by the NAL, accept that certain archival materials may be restricted for a specific time period, due to confidentiality;
- 5). NAL will house the materials in an appropriate environment;
- 6). NAL will provide conservation services, as necessary, for the extended useful life of this material;
- 7). NAL will, through its participation in national bibliographic data bases, make descriptions of this material available to the entire membership of AIS, thus assuring broad access; and
- 8). AIS will encourage its members to expand this collection through bequests of their personal horticultural libraries.

I have not yet discussed these terms with NAL, but I want the membership in Region 4 to have an opportunity to agree or disagree before I pursued it any further. If you are interested please respond.

## IRIS AND GOOD FRIENDS

by E. Roy Epperson, ENC

In *The Story of a Patriot*, the film that is shown to visitors to Colonial Williamsburg, the actor portraying George Wythe is showing some visitors his garden bed of newly imported deep blue-purple Dutch iris. He turns to one of them and says: "Iris, like good friends, never stay long enough."

You and I have lost a good friend! ALICE W. BOULDIN died on Saturday, October 17, 1992. She stayed with us for 86 years, but not long enough. What a friend! There is not a single member of the local iris chapter whose garden (and maybe yours) does not contain several plants given to them by ALICE. Through the years we have been blessed by the beauty of her lily collection, her clematis, her columbines, her iris (she particularly loved the 'little ones'), and her hostas.



If you  
wanted to  
see  
something

grown from seed, or from cuttings, and grown well, all you had to do was to tell ALICE "You can't grow that." That was a challenge that she always accepted and met! She loved variegation in foliage; growing variegated Solomon's seal, variegated lily-of-the-valley, and a beautiful golden-berried variegated holly.

ALICE introduced several iris: 'Renata,' 'Instrating,' 'Genisee,' 'Alicia,' all bearded; 'Bobbie Lee Evans,' a deep blue siberian, named for her beloved grandson; a louisiana; and 'Shelly Bydr,' a very nice hemerocallis. Some of us grow her very good red hem seedlings (she would not introduce them). I have the double labeled 'Red Alice' and the miniature labeled 'Alice B.' She had a

beautiful golden hosta seedling that is very interesting. In these plants and in our memories, Alice will still be with us for many years to come.

There are two sayings that Alice loved and these were read at her grave-side service. "Lord, help me love others enough to accept them as they are." And, "There's nothing worth the wear of winning but laughter and the love of friends."

ALICE was buried holding one long-stem red rose for she had often said that she had had all the flowers she ever wanted while she was living.

"Iris and good friends never stay long enough!"

## PUMPKIN or POTATO RAISIN NUT BREAD

by Alice W. Bouldin, ENC

Editor's Note: ALICE sent this letter and enclosed receipt just a month before her death. I knew you would all want to share the letter as well as the receipt. I was only privileged to meet Alice once, during the Spring Meeting at High Point, but I feel as if I have lost an old and dear friend.

Sept 14 - 92

Hello

Phil I had lots of people that were in my Twin Wheels Farm Garden May 9 - 92 asked for this bread receipt to be included in a future Newscast. So here it is, when you have a place for it - "The Potato is best"

I will not see you Oct 2nd 3rd hope to in spring.

Any time you are in my part of NC come by to visit a spell. Now [blank] blooming as small plants that stay year after year with me. A few D lilies that keep on blooming.

Take Care God Bless,

Alice W. Bouldin

### Pumpkin or Potato Raisin Nut Bread

Preheat oven to 350°

Grease and flour 3 loaf pans (8½" x 4½" x 2½")

1 cup vegetable oil

4 eggs

2/3 cup water

[I don't know if Alice meant 2 to 3 cups or ¾ cup,  
I am going to try ¾ cup]

2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin or sweet potato

3½ cups sifted flour (plain)

1½ tsp salt

2 tsp soda

1 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp cinnamon

3 cups sugar

½ cup raisins

½ cup pecans } more if you like

Combine oil - eggs - water - and pumpkin or sweet potato

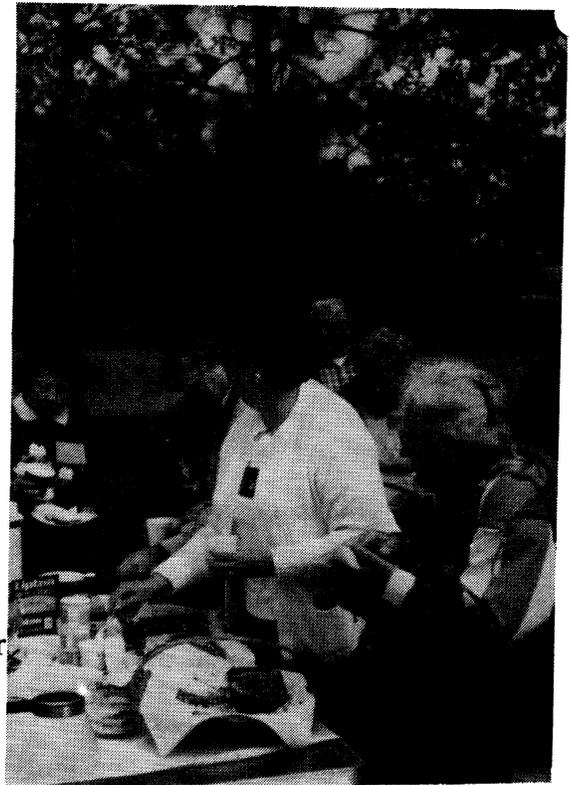
Sift together flour, salt, soda, nutmeg, [cinnamon] and sugar

Make a well in center [of dry ingredients]

Add pumpkin or sweet potato and blend well until moist.

Stir in raisins and pecans

Turn into loaf pans and bake one hour.



## GEORGE I. CROSSMAN

*by Clarence Mahan, C&P*

GEORGE CROSSMAN has left us, but his spirit of love and generosity will be with us forever. If there ever was a more giving, kind man, I have not met him. His patience and willingness to share his knowledge of plants has become a legend throughout Region 4. When we visited his lovely home in Loudoun County, Virginia, we always had to be careful to keep him from giving us everything in the garden. If you commented that a particular peony was very pretty, in a wink he had a piece dug up for you to take home.

GEORGE was born in 1900 on a farm in what is now Falls Church, Virginia. He liked to tell his friends how he had to ride the trolley into the District to attend McKinley High School because there was no high school in Falls Church. As a boy, he used to drive cattle down Chain Bridge Road and over the Chain Bridge into Georgetown to the stockyards. He loved to reminisce about these "good old days" when Washington was a small Southern town, so very different from today. And his many friends loved to hear his many stories.

After obtaining his degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan, GEORGE and his wife BESS had to change homes frequently because of his work. During the last ten years before retirement, however, the CROSSMANS lived in Wheaton, Illinois, and GEORGE was able to take up gardening as his great hobby. He and BESS were especially attracted to daylilies and irises. But, I truly believe, GEORGE never "met" a flower he didn't like.

GEORGE retired from his profession in 1961, and he and BESS returned to his native Virginia. They built the lovely home and garden that so many of us enjoyed visiting. GEORGE first started hybridizing daylilies, and latter moved into irises. Even before I met GEORGE, I had heard many of his old friends, such as MARGARET THOMAS and CELESTE COX, tell about how GEORGE threw away seedlings far better than irises which other people would register and introduce.

Many people in Region 4 have their favorite "CROSSMAN iris." Mine is 'Cecilia D.,' but the lovely orange 'Loudoun Beauty' is a close second. What show stocks both of these beautiful irises produce! And of course, 'Loudoun Charmer' is one of the champion show stalk producers of all time. Many of GEORGE'S irises won Honorable Mention, and 'Loudoun Lassie' won the AIS President's Cup. Few judges would deny that many of GEORGE'S irises should also have won the Award of Merit, and would have had the received wider distribution.

Other superior irises hybridized by GEORGE CROSSMAN include 'May Romance,' 'Loudoun Princess,' 'Loudoun Gem,' 'Loudoun Delight,' 'Loudoun Pixie,' 'Loudoun Cameo,' 'Loudoun Royale,' 'Loudoun Gold,' and, his last introduction, 'Loudoun Star.' In addition to his work with irises and daylilies, GEORGE produced the first yellow blackberry lily which Parks Seeds introduced to commerce. He also developed a strain of snowdrops that bloom in autumn.

In 1986, after 61 years of marriage, BESS CROSSMAN died. This was, of course, a terrible blow to GEORGE, and his health deteriorated. For the last several years, GEORGE was in a nursing home in Arlington, Virginia. His hundreds of friends in Region 4 are going to miss him.

We loved him. He was our hero. He was our friend.



## THE FALL AIS BOARD MEETING

by Carol Warner, FSK

It was a pleasure to represent Region 4 at the Fall AIS Board Meeting in Overland Park, Kansas, from October 30 to November 1st, 1992. The board rejected the proposal, adopted at our regional fall meeting, to give additional medals to affiliates that put on more than one show per year. They did not feel that there would be sufficient gain for the amount of money that would have to be spent. Many of the affiliates will continue to put on extra shows with or without the free medals.

The new 1989 checklist is available and the price was set at \$15.00. A very reasonable price was received from the printer so the book will sell for slightly less than some of the older checklists.

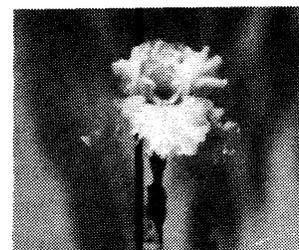
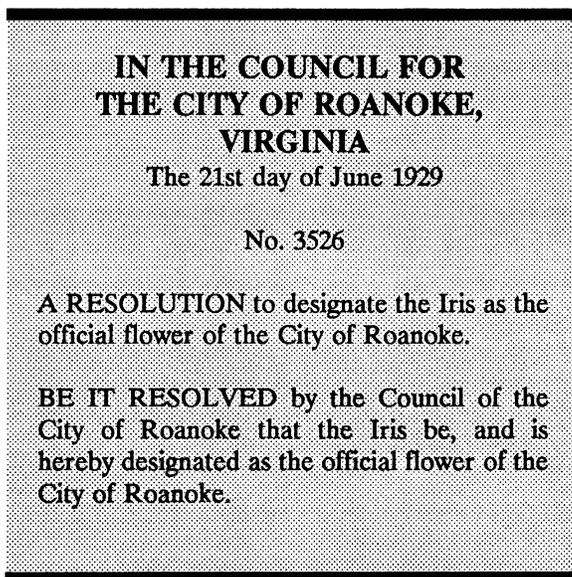
Probably the most controversial decision, was a vote to disallow AIS awards to any iris hybridized outside the United States or Canada. Concerned growers are requested to carefully read the minutes on this decision and then make their feelings known to the new Awards Chairman, BENNETT JONES. This was not his proposal but he would probably be the person to whom correspondence should be sent. Copies could also be sent to the past president, KEN WAITE, to the current president, CLAIRE BARR, and to MIKE LOWE, the new Policy Chairman.

Our own CLAIRE BARR became the first woman president of the American Iris Society! She began her remarks with some goals for the Society: the number one goal being **Harmony**. Anyone who has some suggestions, or ideas that they would like the board to consider, is encouraged to send them to CLAIRE.

There will be a revision of the Judges' Handbook because of the new awards system that will begin in 1993. All judges should try to become familiar with the changes and vote their ballots carefully.

I am also pleased to announce that MIKE LOWE was appointed as Policy Chairman of the board. This will give us another voice at the national level. CLARENCE MAHAN was also elected as second vice president! Congratulations and best of luck, CLARENCE and MIKE.

In the last issue of *Newscast* it was reported that the iris was the official flower of Roanoke, Virginia at that time we did not have the text of that Resolution. Above is a reproduction of the complete text.



'Silverado'

## FEATHERS DROPPED FROM THE ROBINS' FLIGHT

by Libby Cross, AH

From "The Short Ones," the Region 4 Median Robin

ELLIE WEIKLE: Been using "Dachtel" as a pre-emergence with good results. May try "Poast," tho. As for the Sweet Autumn Clematis, I'm going to try using a paint brush & "Roundup" full strength . . . to get rid of the stuff.

ANNE LOWE: MIKE just took the test for the pesticide license so we can use Methyl-bromide and start with clean soil.

DENNIS STONEBURNER: Garden visitors chose 'Raspberry Jam' the #1 SDB of the spring. 'Mary's Lamb,' 'Grapesickle,' 'Baby Blessed,' and 'Broad Grin,' ran right behind.

GLORIA FAIRHEAD: Others in my love list were 'Starlight Waltz,' 'Belle Plaine,' and 'Sun Doll,' for the yellows; 'Sky Drops,' 'Pale Star,' and 'Jesse Lee,' for the light blues; 'Mary's Lamb,' and 'Serenity Prayer,' for the whites; 'Cops,' 'Michael Paul,' and 'Tarheel Elf,' (I know, it is too big a flower . . . but the blacks need to be a bit bigger to hold their own near a lighter one, don't you think? If they are the same size as a white, they give the impression of being smaller, and fade into the foliage.) LIBBY CROSS took a stalk of TERRY AITKIN'S 'Raindance Kid' to the regional and the darn thing lasted four or five days without any sign of fatigue. [Note from LIBBY -- it actually lasted a full week before the bloom began to fade.]



DICK SPARLING: The replanting of my MTBs, last year, to the convention beds worked out beautifully. The cool weather allowed many to mature and bloom. The plants are growing with "viga" and with much larger rhizomes. I am concluding that my soil was depleted and needs to be reconstituted. I plan to put more "clayier" dirt in and load it with alfalfa . . . Am trying alfalfa in the form of "tea." Best BBs: White - 'Dream Date,' Cream - 'Allendale,' Midblue 'Nautical Flag,' Darkblue - 'Little Admiral,' Red - 'Cinder Britches,' Yellow - 'Butter Girl,' Bicolor - 'Celestial Dream,' Plicata - 'Mexicali,' Blend - 'Miss Nellie,' and Kookie - 'Iris Bohnsack.'



### MEDIAN SPREE IN '93

Sponsored by the Sooner State Iris Society

April 15-18, 1993

by Hooker T. Nichols, SSIS

The Oklahoma City area has become well known for its contribution to median irises by its hybridizers. The interest and popularity of medians is strong, and we grow dozens of new varieties in the local gardens each year. Based on the enthusiastic response to the Boston Median Muster in 1989 and the resounding success of the AIS National Convention hosted here in Oklahoma City in 1988, we thought "Why not?" What better way to showcase our own work and give visitors the opportunity to come see the newest and best in the median world today, than to host a median convention. We invite you to come join us.

Over 50 different median hybridizers have contributed just over 1,500 guest plants to the Median Spree. These have been distributed to eight tour gardens -- all in the Oklahoma City metro area, within a 30-mile radius of the convention hotel. All classes of medians are represented at this convention. The convention dates coincide with our normal peak IB season; therefore, you should see plenty of bloom in most of the classes. Note that these dates are immediately before the start of the AIS National Convention (beginning April 20), making it convenient to go straight on to Ft. Worth at the conclusion of the Median Spree.

Our goal has been to provide our guests with a "no frills" convention, with a modest registration fee and sensible hotel rates and accommodations. We figure you're here to see the irises, so we have scheduled a *minimum* of 1¼ hours per garden during the two tour days, so you won't be rushed.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Thursday, April 15, 1993 - Registration and Welcome Banquet

Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, 1993 - Garden Tours (open Evenings)

Sunday, April 18, 1993 - Awards Luncheon, Iris Show and Garden Judges Training School

**CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:**

Holiday Inn Northwest, 3535 N.W. 39th Expressway (just off I-44), Oklahoma City, OK 73112

(405) 947-2351 or Toll Free: (800) 465-4329

Rate: \$44.00 (1-4 persons per room). Be sure to state that you are attending the Iris Convention when you make your reservations to guarantee rates.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Preregistration: \$60; Postmarked after March 15, 1993: \$120; Youth Registration: \$40

Registration Cut-off Date: April 1, 1993 (no refunds for cancellations after this date).

Mail registrations to:

Wilma Bryant, Median Spree Registrar

500 W. Lockheed Drive

Midwest City, OK 73110

(405) 732-2412



**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS  
TO THE REGION 4 AFFILIATES:**

**Alleghany Highlands Chapter**

Mr. & Mrs. John (June) Wright

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Mr. Roy Napier

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### **Carolina Mountains Iris Society**

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### **Charlotte Iris Society**

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Ms. Ann McMillan  
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Ms. Barbara Davis  
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Ms. Kathryn Nee  
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### **Fredericksburg - Richmond Iris Society**

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[Rich Randall is Membership Chairman for Region 4 and supervises an on-going membership contest. The first prize is \$100.00 worth of irises, so you may find it worth your while to stimulate recruitment in your area. We also have some obligation, if we find benefit in our own membership, to share the experience with our gardening friends. - The Editor]



# Off the Beaten Track

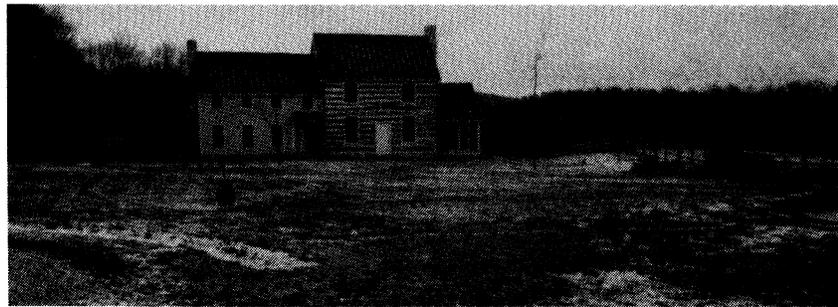
Gardens that distance eliminates from tours during organized iris meetings may be featured in December *Newscast's* "Off the Beaten Track."

Please consider photographing the best—and possibly the most difficult to deal with!—features of *your* garden, write a brief note of description, and submit the result to *Newscast*. There must be at least 500 iris gardens in Region 4. Until you see *your* garden featured in *Newscast* you would never believe that you toil in a 'Better Homes & Garden quality' spread! Honestly, people are too quick to see imperfections and often ignore the charms their labors have created. Try it—you'll like what you see! 🍏



**A**t the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the northwestern-most corner of Virginia, you will find the gardens of Walter and Sara Marley. A year ago in July, new beds were formulated on paper to replace the ragweed growing around the re-erected log tavern and its addition. In August the major task of moving some 500 cultivars of irises, multitudes of perennials and household goods (in that order) was accomplished. The Marley's had assumed management of the 140 acre Stoneleigh Knoll Farm owned by Monroe and Mary Leigh.

More than a year later, as visitors approach the driveway, they see a pond in the foreground casually surrounded with plantings of beardless and species irises. Farther up the drive are several beds planted with bearded irises and an assortment of daylilies, mums, and other perennials. 'Feed Back,' 'I Do,' 'Summer Holidays,' 'Midnight Pacific,' 'Autumn Mists' and other reblooming irises entice the visitor to wander across the expanse of green grass around the front to the far side and rear of the house. TBs, Medians, MDBs and beardless total over 600 at last count.



*The house was a log tavern, built by Jos. Daugherty, Jr. in 1812. It was located on "Boones Path" in Rose Hill, Virginia near Cumberland Gap. Moved and re-erected, Stoneleigh Knoll Farm, 1989*

A lot of trading went on this season, with a nursery and individuals, resulting in a complete landscape scheme around the foundations and many additions to other parts of the garden. Not all were traded though—some irises were bought, some were sold and some were gifts. Last, but not least, a lot of new friends have been made and LOTS and LOTS of knowledge acquired.



*Sara's "Portable Shade" garden cart courtesy of Walter Marley*

This past spring, the Marley's took bloom stalks to the C&P Spring Show in Washington and came home with Best in Section for their 'Cat's Meow,' an IB. MTB 'Lady Emma,' bloomed for the Fall Show held in conjunction with the Region 4 Fall Meeting at College Park, Maryland—another Best in Section for Sara.

Walter and Sara are looking forward to attending activities associated with C&P, Region 4 and possibly attending the National Convention in Fort Worth. Come May, they hope that you will find your way to their 'neck of the woods' and enjoy the expected bloom with them. DO CALL ahead, as they will also be busy tending the farm's flock of North Country Cheviot sheep and some new lambs, among other things. They can be reached by calling (703)-668-9004 or writing to Rt. 1 Box 299, Sagle Rd., Hillsboro, Virginia 22132-9404. 🍏

[LIBBY CROSS was kind enough to send us this write-up of her garden and this seemed the most appropriate place for its insertion. - Editor]

It is hard to think of oneself living "off the beaten track" when one is situated on a well-travelled state highway. However, folks who are not accustomed to country living seem to consider that being located 20 miles from the nearest town, and 50 miles from the nearest city of any size, definitely off the track.

But if you enjoy driving through scenic countryside, I would like to invite you to visit my garden, known as **The Cross Patch**. The roads leading to it, from either direction, can be picture-post-card pretty in both spring and fall, when the iris are in bloom. The garden, at an elevation of about 1300 feet, is sandwiched between two of the highest mountains in Virginia, Potts Mountain and Peters Mountain (elevation of each about 3500 feet). Fortunately, the garden itself is on level ground, for easier walking.



You will not find any spectacular landscaping here; no artfully winding paths, or magnificent shrubbery, other than what Mother Nature has provided in the wooded area behind the iris garden. There you may see wild flowers, ferns, dogwood trees, and one giant rhododendron. In the garden itself, although there has been no attempt to do any fancy "companion planting" among the irises, there are many daylilies, a few hostas, and an assortment of perennials.

But you will find lots of Irises! Well over a thousand different cultivars, mostly bearded, but also a respectable number of Siberians, and samples of Species, JIs, Las, and Spuria.

Visitors may vie for a rhizome from my surplus beds by playing detective at the "Guess Who Bed." In this bed are planted lots of unidentified iris, whose names I would like to know. Anyone who can tell me what any of them are may choose a free rhizome (while they last) from my "swap or sell" beds.

The garden is now an official Display Garden for both Historic Iris and Median Iris. The Historics include French, English, and American Dykes Medal winners. The Median beds are not so numerous as the Historics, but they are being added to each year. There are also many of the latest introductions to be seen, as well as some seedlings. And as I do all the garden work alone, you will undoubtedly find a healthy crop of weeds!

I hope I will be able to welcome many of you to my **Cross Patch** in the bloom seasons to come. Please call first, (703)747-2123, to be sure we are at home, and for easy directions for finding us. Y'all Come! . . . . . or at least write to *Libby Cross*, Cross Patch Garden, Route 4, Box 399m, Covington, Virginia 24426



## Region 4 Show Reports

Queen = Best Specimen of Show; Seedling = Seedling Judged Most Worthy; Silver = Most Blue Ribbons, Horticultural Classes; Bronze = Second Most Blue Ribbons, Horticultural Class; Design = Best Design of Show

Date	Chapter	Location	Comments
June 6	Tidewater	Virginia Beach, VA	Queen - 'Saru Odori' - JA - D.J. Kelly Silver - D.J. Kelly Bronze - Rich Randall 7 exhibitors / 46 entries
October 3	C&P	College Park, MD	Queen - 'Silver Dividend' - IB - Dr. Bruce Hornstein Silver - Gladys Lee Bronze - Joan Roberts 13 exhibitors / 26 entries

### FROM THE EDITOR

Once again the deadline has been broken or at least badly bent by most of the contributors to this issue; therefore, you will note, that the all deadlines have been advanced by two weeks to the first rather than the ides of the month preceding the month of publications. Maybe this will help your beleaguered editor! Receiving articles early is greatly appreciated; however, articles should not be submitted to *Newscast* and the *AIS Bulletin* at the same time, particularly with no indication to either editor of the duplicate submission. Such an article was submitted for the August issue. It was a long article and for that reason was held for publication in this issue. I called the author to explain the delay and once again nothing was said about the *Bulletin*. Imagine my surprise on reading the October *Bulletin* to find a shortened version of the very same article. Members should know that preparing their material for publication demands a great deal of time and effort on the part of the editor and it is unfair to require this needlessly. If I had published the article in August the RONALD MULLIN'S time would have been wasted rather than mine. Please wait until you know that an article will not be published by one journal before submitting it to another.

While our Immediate Past RVP, CAROL WARNER, must be objective in reporting the Fall AIS Board Meeting, it is in the very nature of editors to be choleric, churlish, curmudgeonly, and biased. I believe several actions of the AIS Board indicate their continued bias toward tall bearded iris as being iris. If CLAIRE BARR is serious about the goal of **Harmony**, then she should start by either renaming the society THE AMERICAN (RECENT VARIETIES ONLY) TALL BEARDED IRIS SOCIETY or persuading her fellow board-members that the world of iris has broader horizons. In this issue we feature a symposium of iris preferences, of course one is only allowed to vote for tall bearded varieties. The other symposia are, quite correctly, conducted by the sections devoted to a specific variety or group. The board defeated a membership proposal to give additional free medals for shows other than tall bearded shows. It would be interesting to see the board's reaction if affiliates proposed to have all their shows at times inappropriate to the peak tall bearded season. The board approved, however, a proposal to be total provincial in the granting of AIS awards. This probably does not seriously affect tall bearded iris growers and exhibitors, dare we suggest that they are the ones behind this initiative to limit competition, however, it is particularly onerous to the growers of Japanese and Species iris. Maybe it is time to form a Tall Bearded Iris Section and reserve the AIS to its appropriate role as an umbrella organization.

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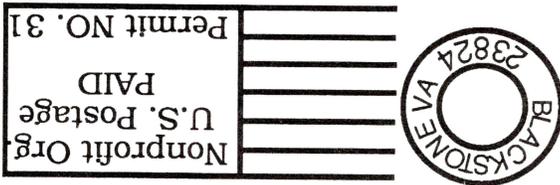
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**May 6, 7 & 8**

**Virginia Beach, VA**

**Visit the Iris Gardens of Virginia Beach and Norfolk  
Meet Bob Hollingsworth - Hybridizer of Siberian Iris  
See Old Friends - Eat Good Food - Participate  
Enjoy Beautiful Virginia Beach in the Spring**

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