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REBLOOMING IRIS RECORDER

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President's Message

The society is entering a period of rapid change. By laws were significantly changed at the Fort Worth meetings to affect many operations of the society including length for terms of officers.

In order to comply with our parent AIS by laws, we will have to change even more. The influx of new members will challenge the past, relaxed approach to all our functions. Development of new, more reliable cultivars will strain commercial growers to keep abreast and to grow enough to satisfy demand by the gardening public. The appearance of articles on remontant irises in three nationally circulated garden magazines during the past year has triggered an explosion of interest by the gardening public as well as amongst established iris hobbyists.

Within our organization there are ever increasing activities by local societies promoting interest in reblooming irises. Their first AIS reblooming iris show scheduled for early October, 1992 by Lincoln Iris Society in Lincoln, Nebraska was a huge success and included a number of outstanding seedlings by the young hybridizer, Tim Stanek from the Omaha area. Likewise, the first annual reblooming iris show staged by Sequoia Iris Society in Tulare, California late October and reported elsewhere in this issue went very smoothly and staged fine quality irises in spite of the worry before show date on availability of specimens. From a young club in Killeen, Texas comes a report of scheduling a first ever reblooming iris show this autumn. From across the country come reports of enhanced sales for fund raisers when reblooming

cultivars are offered. The reblooming cultivars are also the first to sell out almost everywhere!

Our society encourages all such activities. To meet the challenge of change the new set of officers is working toward greater service to our membership and to subscribers. Our new editors, a

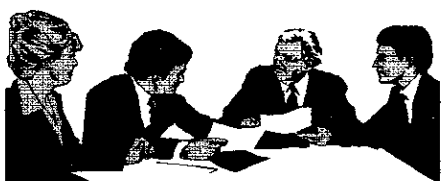
husband and wife team, Mike and Nina Moller, have vowed to publish a timely "Recorder." You, our members and readers can help immeasurably by holding reblooming iris shows, having public sales of rebloomers, reporting rebloom of cultivars to the officers by state and hardiness zones.

We want to hear from the membership. Let us know your concerns, your experiences with reblooming irises. Write articles and send information on local activities such as shows, sales, any promotion of reblooming irises in local media. Help us make the Recorder better, the society better. Help us help you.

John Weiler



JOHN WEILER AND TIM STANEK EVALUATE SOME OF TIM'S SEEDLINGS



Minutes RIS Board Meeting

Tuesday April 20, 1993 1:00 - 3:00 PM

The Reblooming Iris Society Board Meeting was called to order by President Howard Brookins, Wisconsin, presiding at 1:10 P. M. Pres. Brookins appointed Sara Marley, VA. to act as Secretary Pro-tempore.

The **Secretaries' Report** was printed in the fall 1992 *Recorder* from the April 28, 1992 meeting held in Atlanta, GA.

The **Treasures' Report** was not complete as sent by Evelyn Hayes, CA. There was not a breakdown of receipts/disbursements, only cash balances as follows:

1/1/93	CD	3586.19
3/31/93	Savings account	3248.56
3/31/93	Mem. Chm. Acct.	1922.88
4/15/93	Checking account	<u>1197.85</u>
		\$9955.48 total

It was suggested that when the CD matures, those moneys be combined with some from the savings account and then be put into a Money Market Account.

That there should be a breakdown of receipts/disbursements from those CHAIRMAN handling any and all moneys in the name of RIS. This will enable the Treasurer to give a comprehensive report. This report shall be printed in the fall issue of the *Recorder*.

It is hoped that an audit of her report can be taken by the next meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon.

Area Directors:

Southern - Lottie Ogles, TX - no report

Eastern - Clarence Mahan, VA - no report

Midwestern - Garland Bare, NE - In the fall of 1991 at Lincoln, NE, an exhibition was held with an enthusiastic response; in the fall of 1992 an excellent show was held with 2 YOUTH members being a part of the accredited judging team. They are already planning a 1993 fall show, with Lloyd Zurbrigg as speaker.

Western - Bill Maryott, CA - no report

After previewing the By-laws as printed in the Fall 1992 *Recorder*, Anne Lowe m/m with Charlie Brown seconding the motion to accept the By-laws as presented by Sara Marley, VA. Chr. By-laws Committee. Carried. It is understood that there will have to be some revisions made because of having to comply with recent AIS changes in their By-laws.

Clarence Mahan requested that business requiring his vote be done at this time.

Committees:

Membership - Charlie Brown, TX

He mentioned that some of the problems encountered with membership lists was due to the incompatibility of his PC with others.

It was suggested that the Board of Directors should have a membership packet as given to new members, so that they know what information is being sent.

Publicity - Not functioning due to the death of Monty Byers.

Editor - Mike Lowe, VA, stated that the Spring 93 *Recorder* is at the printers. A suggestion was made by Dudley Carson, OR, co-editor, that the front cover of the Spring 92 issue would be a good candidate as a frame-able print to be sold by RIS. 100 extra copies are being printed of each issue for use by the membership chr.

The new Editor is Mike Moller of Colorado Springs, CO.

Slides - Diana Nicholls, VA, (written) there have been quite a few requests for slide programs and there is always a need for NEW cultivars to be included. Diana plans to take some pictures herself and add to the sets.

Historian - Larry Harder, NE - no report

Robins - Howard Brookins, WI - are not processing.

Symposium - Earl Hall, OH, results inclosed

Nominations - John Weiler, CA, sent his report. Mike Lowe m/m seconded by Garland Bare to accept the slate as presented and printed in the Fall 92 *Recorder*.

By-laws - Sara Marley, VA, report was given earlier as some Board members were obliged to attend the AIS Board.

Old Business:

1) The status of Reblooming Checklist copies remaining was discussed. Due to the articles appearing in *Fine Gardening*, *American Horticulture*, newspapers, etc., check lists are going fast. Howard will have a new and updated printing done by the next annual meeting to be held in Portland, OR.

New Business:

1) Dues: A Discussion ensued on raising membership dues. Fee schedule is as follows, effective January 1, 1994.

Annual	Single	5.00	Dual	6.00
Triennial	"	13.00	"	15.00
Life	"	100.00	"	120.00

Overseas and outside contingent USA add \$5.00 extra to cover extra postage & handling.

Clarence Mahan m/m with Garland Bare seconding the motion to raise the rates as given above. Carried.

2) Clarence Mahan m/m seconded by Garland Bare to raise the price of older issues of the *Recorder* from \$2.50 to \$4.00 each postpaid, effective January 1, 1994.

3) Charlie Brown was appointed as Publication Chr. after a discussion on the various locations of printed material that RIS has for sale. This includes the *Recorder*, Check Lists, etc. M/m by Mike Lowe, seconded by Clarence Mahan that all items be moved to a central location. Charlie Brown has adequate storage for the material. Charlie will tabulate the numbers of each item and that list will be published in the Fall 1993 *Recorder* as future sale items.

4) Anne Lowe suggested that the Secretary send a card to John Weiler, 'Congratulations' and 'thinking of you'.

5) A suggestion to compile a set of Policies giving job/duties descriptions of Officers, Directors, & Committees to be in more detail than is outlined in the By-laws and to be given to the Nominating Committee and members of the Board of Directors. Clarence Mahan m/m seconded by Garland Bare that the President appoint a committee to do this. Carried.

6) Sara Marley brought up the issue that is before the HIPS Board relating to the location of the Archives/Library material of AIS. She gave some of the facts about the excellent facility and services that the Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD, has to offer. There are two other proposals in the works also. One in Oregon and one in Tennessee. No action was taken.

7) A suggestion was made by Howard that an awards system be instituted to recognize the efforts of deserving members of the Reblooming Society. Garland Bare m/m seconded by Mike Lowe that the President appoint a committee for this purpose to be known as the Awards Committee. Carried.

8) Charlie has been requested to compile a list of the Honorary Life members, etc. to be given to the President by the annual meeting.

9) No other business.

M/m by Charlie Brown seconded by Garland Bare to adjourn. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Marley

Sec. Pro-tempore



REBLOOMING IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday April 21, 1993

The Reblooming Society Annual Meeting was called to order by Howard Brookins, Pres., WI. Pres. Brookins appointed Sara Marley, VA to act as Secretary Pro-tempore.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 20, 1993 were read and approved.

The nominating Committee slate of officers was presented. There were no other nominations from the floor. It was moved by Anne Lowe and seconded by Jim Ennega to accept the slate and that the Secretary cast one ballot for its acceptance. Carried.

The Bylaws Committee Chm., presented the revised By-laws as printed in the Fall 1992 *Recorder* to the membership for consideration. Judith Earp, Texas, m/m seconded by Diane Glaser, OK, to accept the By-laws as presented. Carried. It is understood that there will be revisions made in the future, to comply with recent changes made by AIS.

Pres. Brookins went thru the new membership rate schedule approved by the board.

Sue Keefe, a long time member died recently. Doug Goodnight m/m seconded by Mike Lowe to send a \$25.00 memorial to the AIS Foundation. Carried. The Secretary is to notify the Treasurer.

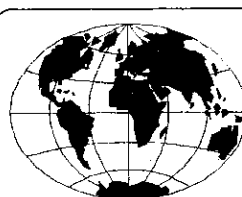
Bernice Miller, who was attending the convention, fell and was seriously hurt. She is undergoing surgery as we speak. M/m by Diane Glaser and seconded by Bernita Beckhusen that the Secretary is to notify the Treasurer to send her a bouquet of flowers when she returns home. Carried.

M/m by Robert Holk and seconded by Nancy Szmuriga to adjourn the meeting. Carried. A slide presentation of new reblooming introductions was given.

Respectfully given,

Sara Marley

Secretary Pro-tempore



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The following report comes from a new area and from a new correspondent, John Montgomery of Monashee Perennials, Veron, B.C., Canada.

I am writing to give you some information on rebloom here. We live in South-central B.C. in the Okanagan Valley. Officially we are in hardiness zone 5 but probably, on average, we are closer to zone 6 in most years with occasional winters having zone 4 temperatures just to keep us from complacency. Our natural precipitation is about 13 inches per year. It is not uncommon to get virtually no rain during the summer with temperatures typically in the mild nineties.

We have not had a lot of rebloom but that may be because of our limited time with most of the cultivars and the fact that they are being continually divided and replanted to increase stock. In addition, water conservation is always on our minds and we pretty much water on an as needed basis which probably limits the opportunity for rebloom. However we do get some.

Rainbow Sherbet (Weiler 88) has rebloomed every year we have had it and always on first year divisions. **High Wire** (Schreiner 89), when established, seems to be almost a continual cultivar. This is a first report for rebloom anywhere for this cultivar. Last year we had one in a pot which received some brutal neglect after flowering but it had a lot of rebloom. **Marmalade Skies** rebloomed this past year, 1992 like crazy, starting about the first of September and continuing heavily until mid October after being subject to several fairly nippy frosts. **Best Bet** (Schreiner 88), which is a wonderful iris on any basis is a dependable rebloomer and this year several sent up short bloom stems after being divided and replanted in August. There are others which have given very sporadic rebloom but not enough to consider as rebloomers at least under the growing situation here.

Since **Marmalade Skies** rebloomed so heavily, I wondered how those plants would perform

this spring. Nothing to worry about. On this the 19th of May, 1993 they are blooming and putting on a great show. The **High Wire** which was also so neglected sat in a pot on top of the ground with no protection through one of our coldest winters and is flowering now although the flowers are somewhat reduced in size.

The following report is paraphrased from Nico de Geus, Heerhugowaard, Netherlands for the 1992 season.

This year I am again sending you a report of irises reblooming in my garden. Here in Holland it was very warm, to 30 C (86 F), the second half of May and there were many days of strong wind. The weather was cooler in June, up to 20 C (68 F), then July and August were warm and dry.

The first flowers of **English Cottage** were in bloom by August 10. Then there was very good rebloom on **Summer Holidays**, **Immortality**, and **Al Segno**. In the following lists the irises rebloomed between August 10 and October 20. The first list is of established plants one or more years in the garden. The second list represents irises purchased in July, 1992 which bloomed in September and October the same year they were planted. Very nice!

Rebloom on Established Plants

SDB

Baby Blessed

IB

Bella Rose
Eleanor Roosevelt

Blessed Again
Petkin

MTB

Lady Emma

TB

Ahead of Times
Attention Please
Autumn Elegance
Best Bet

Al Segno
Autumn Apricot
Belvi Queen
Breakers

Brother Carl
Cease Fire
Crinoline
Dawn of Fall
Dorcas Lives Again
Fire On Ice
Glowing Seraphim
Golden Ecstasy
Granada Gold
High Ho Silver
Immortality
Jean Guymer
Lugano
Madame F. Debat (not reg)
Marshmallow World
Now and Later
Perfume Counter
Rajal Brooks
Rococo
Sign of Leo
Summer Holidays
Sunny Delight
Victoria Falls

Brown Duet
Coral Chalice
Cross Stitch
Dentelle Rose
English Cottage
Garden Grace
Gold Of Autumn
Grace Thomas
Grand Baroque
I Do
Irish Tune
Late Lilac
Mabel Andrews
Mary's Delight
Northland
October Sun
Radiant Angel
Rapunzel's Tower
Second Show
Sugar Blues
Summer Silk
Touch of Spring
White Reprise

(Underlined names are those reported to rebloom for the first time in Holland.)

Fall Bloom on Newly Planted Rhizomes

BB

Double Up

TB

Carolina Gibbs
Dime Spot
Juicy Fruit
Orchid Lane
Remember Spring
Spirit of Memphis

Curtain Up
Jennifer Rebecca
Lake Reprise
Pink Attraction
Silver Screen
Sunny Shoulders

When well established, if plants in this second list rebloom as suspected, they will represent the first reports of rebloom for those cultivars in Holland.



Cards & Letters

May 6, 1993

It was very exciting to see so many irises in the fall. We had enough stalks to make a lovely bouquet for FSK's Fall Luncheon held on October 18th. Much to my delight, I had a perfect stalk of **Violet Music** (Mahan '90). Since Clarence was our guest speaker at the luncheon, **Violet Music** could not have bloomed at a more opportune time. We also took a beautiful stalk of Lloyd Zurbrigg's seedling #HH 22-1-1 which was introduced as **Joan's Pleasure**. Although very difficult to describe, this iris can equal any "oncer" for form and substance. It is a very ruffled cream and glowing misty violet combination with closed standards and flaring falls.

To add to the excitement at the luncheon, Dick Huge and Bruce Hornstein brought stalks of **Sunny Disposition** (Zurbrigg '91) and **Victoria Falls** (Schreiner '77). The day was complete, when Carol Warner walked in with a delightful stalk of **Rosalie Figge** (McKnew '93), named to honor Rosalie Figge who was been mentor to many of us and done so much for the Iris Society.

Phil Ogilvie reported rebloom on **Queen Dorothy** (Hall '84), **Earl Of Essex** (Zurbrigg '80), **Billionaire** (Byers '86), **Immortality** (Zurbrigg '82), and last but not least Don Spoon's new introduction, **Lucie Andry** that sported two stalks with four flowers open at a time. It has a light lavender bloom with lemon beards. This lovely iris was named to honor Phil's wife Lucie Andry.

Lloyd Zurbrigg reports that **Northward Ho** (Zurbrigg '91), a pink-brown blend has been outstanding this year and **Little Showoff** (Hall '89), a ruffled icy blue SDB has lived up to its name, reblooming for him in NC despite being hit by frost.

Since my last report submitted on October 1, 1992 we have had rebloom on a number of irises. In order of their appearance were **Perfume Counter** (Zurbrigg '72); **Plum Wine** (Weiler '86);

Eternal Bliss (Byers '88); **Witch Of Endor** (B. Miller '78); **Violet Music** (Mahan '90); **Pinkness** (Byers '89); **Baby Blessed** (Zurbrigg '79); **Coral Charmer** (Wright '83); **Pink Attraction** (Hall '88); **Harvest Of Memories** (Zurbrigg '85); **Sunny Disposition** (Zurbrigg '91); **Holy Night** (Mohr '83); **Solstice** (Weiler '92); **Brother Carl** (Zurbrigg '83); **Earl Of Essex** (Zurbrigg '80); **Grace Thomas** (Zurbrigg '80); **Now And Later** (Zurbrigg '72); **Midnight Caller** (Byers '90); **Summer Olympics** (R.G. Smith '80); **Heart Of Ice** (Byers '89); **Seasons** (Weiler '92) **Then Again** (Byers '89); **Thrice Blessed** (Weiler '82). Unfortunately the large buds on **Juicy Fruit** and **Color-watch** were stopped by an early frost.

Joan Roberts

Region 4



July 7, 1993

I wish you had a way of rating the rebloomers for superior form and bud count to save me the trouble of growing them myself to get a look see. I presume that the majority of your readers are having a hard time getting rebloom of any kind. Perhaps they are grateful that when they see off season bloom they don't look too critically at the form and bud count. I am more demanding in what I want in an iris.

The *Recorder* seems to rate iris for people who are interested mainly in the number of times and time of year an iris will show it's pretty face. Those things are nice to know but I need something more. I have given space to many rebloomers with old fashioned form only to find out after a year of working and waiting that they do not have respectable form, bud count, and that ineffable magic iris must have, regal stance.

At the end of the season I have to spend a lot of time and energy digging, labeling, and trimming expendable giveaways in order to make room in my very limited space for the new chancy purchases. I'd have less trouble identifying worthwhile rebloomers if you would give ratings for quality as well as quantity and dependability.

Southern California gardeners have unusual problems and advantages, I know. There might be a lot more warm winter irisarians if our needs were catered to. As you probably know many great iris are very reluctant to bloom at all without a cold dormancy. It would be helpful to know which those are without having to resort to trial and error.

My favorite rebloomers are **Jennifer Rebecca**, **Grace Thomas**, **Best Bet**, **Breakers**, **Autumn Circus**, **Autumn Clouds**, **Light Beam**, **Jungle Cat**, **Pacific Tide**, **Star Master**, **Dasher**, **Street Walker**, **Fair Dinkum**, and **Lingering Love**. I'd love to know which others are equally as admirable.

Patricia Shirley
Newport Beach, California



July 27, 1993

...An 'early in the season' bloom report that is of interest because of the age of the cultivars that have rebloomed. We are experiencing a flush of early rebloom., despite the present drought and heat, beyond what we have ever experienced. Of particular significance was an abundance of moisture January thru June 1993 totaling +6 inches of water cumulative through June. The abundant moisture kicked off the largest spate of July bloomstalks ever experienced. Notable are the histories- 'Sangreal', 'Gracchus', 'Polar King', and 'Gibson Girl' have all thrown stalks starting with 'Sangreal' mid-June and extending to 'Gibson Girl' mid-July. Those cultivars coming into bloom now are opening silver dollar sized flowers-it hasn't rained since the middle of June. At least we are not under water!

Mike Lowe
Blackstone, VA



Rebloom Notes

Bernice Miller submitted the following report of rebloom in her garden in 1992. The name of the iris is listed along with the number of stalks blooming in the month. If the name is underlined it is a score that is not usual for that variety, due to recent purchase or depletion of stock on hand.

NAME	M A Y	J U N E	J U L Y	A U G U S T	S E P T	O C T	N O V
Amain					5	4	2
Amanda Erin					1		
<u>Angels Wings</u>				1		2	2
Annie's Dress						1	
<u>Autumn Circus</u>						1	
<u>Autumn Clouds</u>							1
Autumn Encore						2	4
Autumn Twilight					1		
Baby Blessed				1	4	5	4
<u>Belvi Queen</u>					1	2	3
<u>Billionaire</u>						2	
Blazing Sunrise							1
<u>Bonus Mama</u>				1	2	2	2
<u>Born Again</u>					1		1
Bountiful Harvest					1		
Brother Carl			3				
Buckwheat							3
Corn Harvest					1	2	2
<u>Dorcas Lives Again</u>			2	1			
<u>Earl of Essex</u>					1	1	1
Eggnog							3
Emma Louise					1	1	1

<u>Eternal Bliss</u>			1	7	2	2	2
<u>Fall Majesty</u>		1			2		1
<u>Feedback</u>				1	3	2	1
<u>First Snowfall</u>							1
<u>Flower Power</u>							1
<u>Garden Grace</u>						2	
<u>Gideon Victorious</u>					2	1	1
<u>Glacier King</u>							1
<u>Gold Reprise</u>						2	1
<u>Golden Encore</u>			4	3	3	1	
<u>Grace Thomas</u>						2	1
<u>Grape Adventure</u>				5	2	2	1
<u>Happy New Year</u>						2	
<u>Harvest of Memories</u>						2	3
<u>Heaven's Bounty</u>					8	2	1
<u>Hemstitched</u>				1	3		
<u>I Bless</u>				2	5	2	
<u>Ice Ballerina</u>					1	3	1
<u>Iceland</u>				1	2		
<u>Immortality</u>			2	6			
<u>Istanbul</u>						4	1
<u>Jaunty Texan</u>							1
<u>Jean Guymer</u>					1	3	2
<u>Jolly Fall</u>						1	1
<u>Lady Emma</u>				3	4	1	
<u>Lemon Reflection</u>							1
<u>Lichen</u>			5	1	3		
<u>Lo Ho Silver</u>			4	5	4		
<u>Luminosity</u>		1	1			1	
<u>Misty Twilight</u>						2	1
<u>Moonlight Serenade</u>							5
<u>Mother Eve Smiles</u>				1		2	1
<u>Northward Ho</u>				4	1		

<u>Now & Later</u>			2	1			
<u>October Sun</u>						2	
<u>Orchid Cloud</u>					2	3	2
<u>Orchid Love</u>					1	6	
<u>Peach Jam</u>						1	
<u>Pepper Lane</u>				3			
<u>Perfume Counter</u>					1		
<u>Pink Attraction</u>						1	
<u>Pink Encore</u>							
<u>Queen Dorothy</u>	1			1			
<u>Recurring Ruffles</u>							1
<u>Red Grapes</u>				1		4	2
<u>Red Revival</u>					1		
<u>Returning Peace</u>					1		
<u>Royal Encore</u>			1				
<u>Royal Summer</u>	1	4	12	3	2	8	1
<u>Second Coming</u>					1	2	3
<u>September Buttercup</u>				1	2		
<u>Sign of Leo</u>				2	2		
<u>Silver Dividends</u>						1	
<u>Smell the Roses</u>				1	1		
<u>St. Petersburg</u>						1	1
<u>Sugar Blues</u>				1		1	1
<u>Summer Holiday</u>			1		1		1
<u>Summer Olympics</u>						2	2
<u>Sunny Disposition</u>						2	1
<u>Tawny</u>					1	1	1
<u>Third Charm</u>		2		2		2	
<u>Time of Snow</u>			3		4	2	1
<u>Tutu Turquoise</u>							1
<u>Violet Classics</u>						2	
<u>Waltz Across Texas</u>						1	
<u>Waters of</u>				1			

Miraba							
Widow of Nain						3	1
Willowmist						1	
Winesap						1	3
Winterland							1
Zurich				2	3	1	



My iris are grown at my home in a suburb of Johnstown, PA. Average last spring frost is April 30- May 10. Average last spring hard freeze (25 degrees) is April 10 - April 20. Average first fall frost is October 20- October 31. We usually experience a few mornings every winter when the temperature is below zero. Our county agricultural extension office tells me to consider my location as being in USDA Plant Hardiness Zone 5.

I use no winter protection and do no supplemental watering in the summer except for recent transplants, young seedlings, and new arrivals. We usually have sufficient summer rainfall.

The following are my rebloom records since 1989:

1989

Glacier King	Sept. 2
Immortality	Sept. 14
Re-Treat	Sept. 14
Queen Dorothy	Sept. 20
Corn Harvest	Sept. 25
Feed Back	Sept. 25
I Bless	Sept. 25

1990

Champagne Elegance	Aug. 10
Golden Encore	Sept. 8
Northern Flame	Sept. 10
Lichen	Sept. 15
Duke of Earl	Sept. 24
Belvi Queen	Sept. 28
I Bless	Sept. 29
Best Bet	Oct 3
Queen Dorothy	Oct 4

Eternal Bliss	Oct 9
Autumn Encore	Oct 16

The 1990 rebloom for **Northern Flame**, **Lichen**, **Duke of Earl**, and **Eternal Bliss** were on plants just received that July from Moonshine Gardens and were probably showing the benefits of their former home.

Only days away from blooming when they were caught by 26 degrees on the morning of October 20, 1990: **Harvest of Memories**, **Autumn Bugler**, **Colorwatch**, **Grace Thomas**, **Billionaire**, **Summer Olympics** and **Brother Carl**.

1991

(drought conditions)

Autumn Bugler	June 12 (late stalk)
Stellar Lights	June 13 (late stalk)
Golden Encore	July: Bud found in fan while dividing clump. Sent up stalk but failed to develop.
Eternal Bliss	No spring bloom but went crazy afterwards. Bloomed July 28, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. Thinned out the clump, a division bloomed in Sept. and a rhizome put in a pot tried to bloom in October.

Lichen	Sept. 18
Queen Dorothy	Sept. 18
Baby Blessed	Oct 10

1992

Plum Plum	June
Refined	June 17, Tried again in July but stopped after being divided. Bloomed Aug. 15.
Grace Thomas	Aug. 16 / Oct 5
Eternal Bliss	Sept. 16
Queen Dorothy	Sept. 20
Immortality	Sept. 20
Juicy Fruit	Sept. 22
I Bless	Sept. 28
Lichen	Oct 5
Golden Encore	Oct 16
Colorwatch	Oct 16
Pink Attraction	Oct 16
Baby Boom	Oct

Third Charm Oct

The following had flower stalks up when stopped by 21 degree cold on the morning of October 20, 1992: **Belvi Queen, Sugar Blues, Glacier King, Mabel Andrews, Duke of Earl, Billionaire, St. Petersburg, Baby Blessed, Jewel Baby and Golden Girl.**

My idea of a reblooming iris is one that will perform well in a well prepared bed without a lot of additional pampering. I feed in the spring with whatever fertilizer K-Mart or my local hardware store has at the best price. Spraying is done if a problem arises.

I have been following the advice most commonly given in reblooming iris literature, dividing and replanting every other year. I am being to question this practice. Just at the time an iris reaches clump strength with healthy mature rhizomes of bloom potential, you dig it up and start over. In this climate digging and dividing every third year might be better. I've read somewhere that Lloyd Zurbrigg recommends thinning the clump the second year instead of digging and dividing. I've begun to use his method and will observe the results for several seasons.

Bill Schultz
Johnstown, PA



Rebloom report from Northern California:

The winter of '92 was very mild, hence the February bloom. Some listed were planted in '91, hence only bloomed in late winter. Following is a list of iris I had rebloom in 1992.

Juicy Fruit - Mar, Oct, Nov, Dec
Lichen - Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov
Feedback - Jan, Feb, Mar, June, Sept., Oct,
Nov
Then Again - Dec
Winesap - Mar, Dec
Earl Of Essex - Jan, Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov
Duke Of Earl - Oct, Nov, Dec
Pepper Blend - Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec
Sixteen Candles - Mar, Dec
Gilded -

Queen Dorothy - Mar, Oct, Nov
Hollowed Thoughts -
Eternal Bliss - Feb, Mar, Dec
Victoria Falls - Jan, Feb
Starship - Dec
Good Fairy - Jan, Feb, Mar
Low Ho Silver - Jan, Mar, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec
High Ho Silver -
Cayenne Capers - Jan, Feb, Mar
Billionaire - Dec
Touch of Spring -
Fire Siren - Feb, Mar
Second Wind -
Corn Harvest - Dec
Floorshow - Feb
Jean Guynes - Jan, Feb, Nov
Silver Screen - Jan, Feb
Skookumchuck - Jan, Feb, Mar, Dec
Immortality -
Actress - Jan, Feb, Mar
Stingray - Feb, Mar
Red Polish - Feb, Mar, Dec
Harvest Of Memories - Feb, Oct
Banana Cream - Feb, Dec
Buckwheat - Feb, Mar
Las Vegas - Feb, Mar, Dec
Violet Classic - Feb, Mar, Dec
Sugar Blues - Feb, Mar, Dec
October - Feb
Carolina Gibbs - Mar, Nov
Heavenly Bliss - Mar
His Royal Highness - Mar
Her Royal Highness - Mar
Heart Of Ice - Mar
Dorcas Lives Again - Oct, Nov
Double Up - Oct, Nov
Sea World - Nov
Bonus Mama - Oct
Honey Glazed - Nov, Dec
Grace Thomas - Nov, Dec
Erect - Nov
Jungle Cat - Nov
Saxon - Dec
Cloudless Sunrise -
Double Scoop - Dec
Dance For Joy -
St. Petersburg -

Burnt Offering -
Zurich - Dec
Helter Skelter -
Sunstrip -
Be Mine -
Black Bart -
Rio Vista -
Dante's Inferno -
Malaguena -
Fringe Benefits -
Easter Lace -
Witch of Endor -
Coral Charmer -
Az Ap -
Double Mint - Dec

Rex Clark
 Orland, California



The following is a list of irises that rebloomed for us in Denison, Texas this last fall and winter.

Pharoah's Dream - Aug-Oct
Eternal Bliss - Sept., Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan
Red Polish - Aug., Oct
Summer Olympics - Sept., Oct, Dec
Feedback - Jan, Spring, Jul, Sep, Oct,
 Nov, Dec, Jan
Breakers - Dec 91, Spring 92(Queen of
 Show), Sept., Nov
Cayenne Capers - Sept., Nov
Black Magic (1935 IB) - Aug., Sept., Oct,

Nov

Witch Of Endor - Sept., Oct, Dec
Belvi Queen - Jul, Sept., Oct, Dec
Coral Charmer - Jul, Aug., Oct, Nov, Dec
Smell The Roses - Jul, Sept., Nov, Jan
Baby Blessed - Continually Mar-Dec
Ravenwood - Oct
Earl Of Essex - Oct, Nov
Kermit - Aug., Oct
Queen Dorothy - Sept., Nov
Remember Spring - Oct, Dec
Royal Encore - Sept., Nov
Lady Emma - Sept., Oct
Autumn Bugler - Oct

Brown Duet - Aug.
Brother Carl - Sept.
Cherokee Tears - Oct
Circus Jewel - Aug., Sept., Oct
Eternal Waltz - Sept.
Happy New Year - Sept.
Hemstitched - Sept., Oct
I Do - Aug., Sept., Oct
Iceland - Sept.
Lightly Seasoned - Aug., Sept., Nov, Dec
Many Happy Returns - Sept.
Misty Twilight - Sept.
Purple Duet - Sept.
Sign of Leo -Jul, Aug., Sept.
Zurich - Sept.
Candyland - Sept.
Colorbrite - Sept.
Jewel Baby - Jul, Oct
Darkling - Jul
Mini Busy - Aug., Sept.

I hope I didn't leave any out, it has been weird this year in that we had a Freeze in October, November, and December, then new bloomstalks came out and bloomed. We have had 50 inches of rain this last year and that may account for some of the bloom. Our average is 23 inches, so it has been wet. We are on the edge of Zone 7/8 area, but the last two winters have been more mild and closer to Zone 8.

Charlie Brown
 Denison, Texas

Reblooming Iris Receiving 1993 AIS Garden Awards

By John Weiler

Annually, accredited judges of the American Iris Society (AIS) may vote for irises of all types which are eligible for garden awards. Each successive year shows that judges are voting more awards to remontant irises in direct competition with once-blooming irises. This year that trend continues with an extensive list of reblooming irises receiving awards.

I have carefully screened AIS awards for 1993 and report all remontant winners in the list that

follows. If an iris has rebloomed anywhere in the contiguous forty eight states it is included below. Sometimes there has been only a single report for rebloom; other times remontancy is reported repeatedly and from several different areas often having wide climatic differences, an indication of great reliability. In the past such reports of rebloom have been reported by states. More recently the reports have also been identified to "hardiness zones" established by USDA and published in most mail order nursery catalogs. Although the data from hardiness zones offer more promise for predictability of rebloom, they are still incomplete. For that reason, rebloom is reported by states or foreign country and, when known, by hardiness zones. For gardeners intending to expand a collection of reblooming irises this may be the list to consider.

DYKES MEMORIAL MEDAL

Edith Wolford TB (Ben Hager) CA, MO (6,10)

RUNNERS UP

- ✓ Breakers TB (Schreiner) AZ, CA, CO, ND, NJ, OK, OR, UT, TX, WA, Australia, Holland. (5,6,7,8,9)
- ✓ Immortality TB (Zurbrigg) AL, AR, CA, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, ND, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, Canada, Eng land, France, Holland, Switzerland, (5,6,7,8,9)

JOHN C. WISTER MEDAL (TB)

RUNNER UP

- ✓ Champagne Elegance (Niswonger) CA, CO, KS, MO, NE, NM, NY, OK, OR, TX, WA, Australia, England, Holland (5,6,7,8,9)

HANS & JACOB SASS MEDAL (IB)

Maui Moonlight (Aitken) VA (7)

COOK-DOUGLAS MEDAL (SDB)

RUNNER UP

- ✓ Jewel Baby (E. Hall) CA, IL, KS, KY, MD, MO, NE, OH, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, (5,6,7,8,9)

CAPARNE-WELCH MEDAL (MDB)

RUNNER UP

Funny Face (M. Brizendine) KS, OK, New Zealand

MORGAN-WOOD MEDAL (SIB)

RUNNER UP

Indy (Hollingworth) IN

AWARD OF MERIT

TB

- ✓ Best Bet (Schreiner) AZ, CA, CO, ID, NE, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, WA, Australia, interior B.C. Canada, Holland, Switzerland. (5,6,7,8,9)

Tennison Ridge (Begley) CA (9)

Alice Goodman (Roderick) WA, Germany

Lullaby Of Spring (Schreiner) CA

Sweeter Than Wine (Schreiner) CA

Marriage Vows (Ghio) CA (10)

BB

Sonja's Selah (Ensminger) CA

IB

RUNNERS UP

- ✓ Low Ho Silver (Byers) CA, CO, CT, MI, MO, NE, NM, NY, OK, OR, TX, UT, WA. (5,6,7,8,9)
- ✓ I Bless (Zurbrigg) CA, MD, MO, NE, OH, PA, TX, UT, VA, WA. (5,6,7,8,9)

SDB

Serenity Prayer (Dyer) OK

- ✓ Tu Tu Turquoise (Black) CA, MO, OK, TX, UT, WA, WI. (5,6,7,8,9)

RUNNER UP

- ✓ Little Showoff (E. Hall) CA, MO, NC, OH, OK, TX, UT, VA. (5,6,7,8,9)

MDB

Grapelet (Aitken) OR, WA (8)

SIBERIAN

Springs Brook (B. Warburton) MA

Reprise (B. Warburton) MA

MTB

Carol Lee (Fisher) OK

ARIL 1/2 OR MORE ARIL

Persian Padishah (Shockey) NM

HONORABLE MENTION

TB

Suky (Mahan) CA

God's Handiwork (Ghio) WA

Mesmerizer (Byers) SC

✓ **High Ho Silver** (Byers) CA, CO, CT, MO,
MS, NE, NY, TX, UT, VA, WA, Holland.
(5,6,7,8,9)

✓ **Bountiful Harvest** (Hager) CA, MO, NE,
TX, WA, Holland. (5,6,7,8)

✓ **Fire On Ice** (Weiler) CA, MO, NE, TX, WA,
Holland. (5,6,7,8)

Good Guy (Hager) (8)

Midnight Fragrance (S. Stevens) CA

Test Pattern (Ghio) CA (10)

SDB

Comeback Trail (H. Nichols) OK (6)

✓ **What Again** (Esminger) CA, CO, ID, MO,
NE, WA. (5,6,8,9)

Inky Dinky (Black) OK (7)

✓ **Flower Show** (Weiler) AZ, CA, MO, NE, TX,
UT, VA, WA. (5,6,7,8,9)

MTB

Ozark Evening (Fisher) CA (9)

Sequoia Iris Society First Annual Reblooming Iris Show

by Margaret Sutton

On October 31, 1992, Sequoia Iris Society presented its first annual reblooming iris show in Tulare, California. Since this was the first of its kind in Tulare in recent memory, there was much speculation prior to the show concerning the kind and quality of bloom, and indeed whether there would be any bloom at all. Members were pleasantly surprised by the numbers of cultivars represented at the show and the overall quality.

In the Horticultural Division there were 57 entries with 53 different cultivars represented. Blue ribbons were earned by **Billionaire**, **Recurring Ruffles**, **Orchid Cloud**, **Misty Twilight**, **Holy Night**, **Earl Of Essex**, **Tea Leaves**, and **Colorwatch** in the Tall Bearded class. Medians that won blue ribbons were **Baby Blessed** (SDB), **Flower**

Shower (SDB), **Honey Glazed** (IB), **Low Ho Silver** (IB), and **Child Star** (BB). Rosettes for Best in Section were as follows: Best SDB, **Flower Shower**, exhibited by George Sutton; Best IB, **Low Ho Silver** (George Sutton); Best MTB, **Lady Emma** (George Sutton); Best BB, **Child Star** (Delores Bates); and Best TB and also Best in Show, **Colorwatch** (George Sutton).

There were a total of fourteen arrangements in the Artistic Division. Best Novice was won by Ed's Iris Garden of Tulare; Best Amateur was won by Sharon Wylie of Lemoore; Best Advanced was won by Laverne Cottet of Fresno; Best Open Section was won by Laverne Cottet, whose arrangement in this class also won the Best in Show trophy.

With the introduction of many more rebloomers in all classes in recent years, reblooming iris shows will probably become the rule rather than the exception. In this particular show there were only five exhibitors in the Horticultural Division, but one of those, George Young, came from as far away as Santa Rosa, a distance of 300 Miles. The interest in rebloomers is apparent everywhere: almost all iris catalogs carry at least some rebloomers, and a larger percentage of many hybridizer's introductions are rebloomers, than was the case a few years ago. Sequoia Iris Society has already scheduled a repeat performance for October 30, 1993.

Is the Symposium Valid?

by Bill Smoot

Looking at the last copy of the *Recorder*, I became engrossed with the 1992 Symposium Report. As always, I compare my list of rebloomers against those listed in the report; note what's reblooming best where, and make a "want list". It occurred to me that an important statistic was missing in the report that would be invaluable in helping one decide if a reblooming iris was a good candidate for a particular USDA zone. That important bit of information is the actual number of people growing a cultivar in a particular zone!

Using **Immortality** - the number one ranked reblooming iris of the 1992 Symposium Report, as

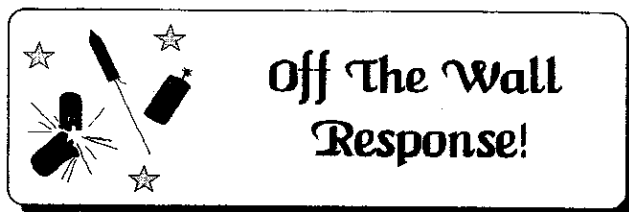
an example you will quickly see why this information is needed. Looking across the votes received in the USDA Hardiness Zones, one falsely concludes that **Immortality** reblooms better in zones 5,6,7, & 9. If you compare the figures against the number of ballots returned, you again come to a false conclusion. Only when you actually know the actual number of people growing Immortality in these regions can you arrive at an accurate conclusion! If we look closer at USDA Zone 7, we find Immortality received 16 votes for reblooming out of the 30 ballots that were returned. One could wrongly conclude that **Immortality** reblooms only 50% of the time in that zone and would be an "iffy" when deciding to buy this rebloomer. However, if you know that a total of 16 gardeners grew **Immortality** and it rebloomed for all of them, then **Immortality** has a 100% rebloom rate and would be an excellent addition to any reblooming garden in that zone!

While the current results of the Reblooming Symposium are very worthwhile and shows what will rebloom and where, with the addition of the number of growers the information would be much more useful. Unfortunately, none of this information is statistically reverent as it is not a greater enough sample, and only polls results from RIB who respond and complete the ballot, and does not include other iris growers in the zones, or other relevant factors such as fertilizer, water, etc., it does serve as a useful yardstick of what cultivar has potential to rebloom in a particular zone. If the ballot were revised with a column to indicate which reblooming irises a gardener actually grew and another column to indicate if that iris rebloomed, the information would be available and could be added to the Symposium Report. A further suggestion is to put the number of actual growers in parenthesis beside the reblooming number under the zone, such as:

	Zone 6
Immortality	26 (26)

I fully realize that this additional information creates additional work and can only imagine the man hours that Earl puts into producing his final report. His seven page report is very informative and thorough, and he is commended for his work efforts. Rather than make a suggestion that

increases another's volunteered workload - I make this suggestion AND offer to assist in any way possible. I'll be glad to compile figures, open letters, or even type the report!



(Editors note: Off The Wall, was a regular editorial feature in previous RIR's, by the past editor. The column was somewhat controversial at times, but the Fall 1992 issue, upset many readers. Printed in this column are a few of many letters in response to that article.)

March 16, 1993

...Regarding the Off The Wall article in the Fall 1992 issue of the *Reblooming Iris Recorder*, I am appalled at the criticisms of both Schreiners and Cooleys, criticisms which I think are totally uncalled for and which certainly do not represent my view. To say that these firms are not committed to improvement of the product, Iris, with which they deal is ludicrous. A glance at the awards list annually will reveal their accomplishments in development. The AM and Dykes Medal rosters are permeated again and again by irises introduced and marketed by both Schreiners and Cooleys. How much poorer the iris world would be without such cultivars. Not only have these firms dealt with their own origination's, but also they have grown and evaluated thousands of other hybridizers wares offering to the public only those that pass their rigorous screening for vigor and gardenability - - - more than AIS test gardens could accomplish. Both firms have contributed heavily to AIS conventions in the west, many plants to convention gardens across the country, and very generous support of AIS regional activities. Without their activities and support, the AIS would not be the large, vigorous organization it is today!

Although I have no official capacity in RIS at the present, I hope you will and I urge you to publish a retraction and apology in the next issue of the *Recorder*.

John Weiler, Past President, RIS

March 6, 1993

...We are deeply offended and disturbed by the Off The Wall article by editor Mike Lowe in the last *Reblooming Iris Recorder*. (Fall, 1992, Vol. 41) It is unkind, uncalled for and negative. It is inappropriate to try to coerce people into donating time or funds to "non profit" organizations. None of us has access to Cooley's or Schreiners business records, but I would be surprised if a majority of their customers are AIS people!

Schreiners and Cooleys are both active members of Greater Portland Iris Society and Region 13 of AIS, and have devoted time (in the form of programs, judges training, etc.), and quantities of newer plants to both local and regional iris sales. Since before we came to Region 13 almost 20 years ago, Schreiners has been bringing in a truck-load of irises each spring for display (not competition) at our May GPIS iris show, and for the last several years Cooleys has also provided a nice display, both of which add to our show and/or promotion of iris to the general public. They are both deeply committed to the AIS national convention next year, as registrars and guest iris chairmen, both major time commitments. Without their help we would be hard pressed to put on an event of this magnitude for national. Other members of GPIS and the Regional are also upset by this article, so I expect ours will not be the only letter you receive.....

Barbara & Terry Aitken
Region 13

The article "Off The Wall" Fall 1992 edition of *Reblooming Iris Recorder* has created concern among many of Region 13 members and disgusted me. The article was completely unwarranted and totally unjust. The two organizations spoken of Schreiners and Cooleys have supported Region 13 activities with donations and work. At present members from both these firms are diligently working on committees for the 1994 National AIS Convention in Portland.

How many other things they do is not known because they are not the type for fanfare and advertising their particular contributions. As far as

improving and producing a good quality iris, there are no equals.

I recommend the Reblooming Society and the editor personally apologize to Schreiner's and Cooley's and a printed apology be in the next issue of the *Reblooming Iris Recorder*. For all future editions this type of "editorial" is simply uncalled for.

Lyle Fort
RVP, Region 13

I was amazed by your attack on Schreiner's and Cooley's in the Fall '92 issue of the *RIR*. (Off The Wall!) I can only assume you have had very little personal experience with either of these families.

Here in Region 13, we know them to be the most generous of irisarians. One recent example; the 1994 National AIS Convention would not be possible without their help. Cooley's is the registrar, as well as responsible for printing of the convention booklet. Schreiner's has undertaken the enormous job of recording and distributing the guest irises, which number over 3,900; as well as the lengthy correspondence and record-keeping this entails.

Both of these gardens are famous for being "user-friendly." Both have sponsored various community events for years. I have seen a literal truck-load of flowers departing for the main iris show in Portland. One newcomer to our region tells glowing stories of the crew of workers who arrived to help cultivate and plant his new acreage, when he was beset with problems.

It helps to remember that Schreiner's and Cooley's are farmers, not hobbyists; and the logistics of cultivating, spraying, harvesting, and replanting--not to mention crop rotation--every year are monumental. Imagine employing and directing a crew to hand hoe 200 acres of irises. Both farms market on a different scale than most AIS members. Perhaps 50% of their sales are wholesale, and their retail market including a vast group of iris enthusiasts beyond the borders of AIS. I grew irises from both firms for eight years before I joined AIS through the encouragement of Tom Abrego of Schreiner's.

Certainly, an enormous amount of Cooley's and Schreiner's time and money go to popularize irises, and have for three generations. The entire livelihood of a dozen family households depends on that popularity, not to mention the livelihood of all their garden crews. One needs only to spend time in their hybridizing fields, (where they need a crew to make 2,000-3,000 crosses--never mind how many pods each year,) to know they are entirely committed to the advancement of the genus, AND that they are willing to share this information with other hybridizers standing in awe of row upon row of glorious seedlings.

We hope you will sign for the '94 convention. Join us and see why these two great iris families are our pride and joy.

Mark Smith

Assistant RVP, Region 13

Unfortunately I find it necessary to defend myself and Cooley's Gardens in light of your attack on our intent and credibility. I am also, unofficially, giving defense for Schreiners, as they are my friends, as well as my competitors.

Let me begin by saying that we gorillas do not weigh in as heavy as you represent. Cooley's weighs in at about 400 lbs., not 800 lbs. I'm not sure of Schreiners exact weigh. but it's about the same as ours.

Please do not state gross income when you mean gross sales. To arrive at gross income, you must subtract expenses from gross sales. Expenses eat up about 85% of total sales. After the government takes their cut, that remaining 15% is cut in half. What is left is put back into the company to buy equipment or land.

You appear quite adept at pointing out things we do not do. Well, we can't do everything and we don't intend on doing so. But I do not believe we have shirked any obligation. We transplant tens of thousands of seedlings each year, working on improvements. Considering the 8 or 9 Dykes Medals awarded to Cooley's and Schreiner's introductions, I don't feel we rate the shirking award.

A few years back, Cooley's and Schreiner's worked together with the USDA testing ornamental herbicides. We both buy, grown, and evaluate hundreds of new cultivars each year.

Cooley's has never said no when asked to donate irises for auctions of plant sales to help out regional societies. Ask any society.

Schreiner's and Cooley's are major players both in time and financial support of the 1994 convention sponsored by the Greater Portland Iris Society, just as we did 1972, and twice before that.

Research programs? In Oregon, a large portion of our annual \$3000+ nursery license funds broad-based USDA research projects that benefit gardeners as well as commercial growers and environmentalists. In addition, Cooley's is the sole underwriter of a \$100,000 iris genetic research program at Oregon State University.

We are not a non-profit organization. We are in business to feed our families, put clothes on our back and fund our children's education. AIS members make up less than 5% of our customer base. It is only fair that most of our time and energy is spent catering to the majority of our customers.

As a business, we owe a social debt to our local economy. We provide jobs, 120 of them during the summer, not many in the winter. I served on the board of the Salem Convention and Visitors Association and the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. I chair the Economic Growth Committee in Silverton. We sponsor the Keizer Iris Festival and the Silverton Iris Jubilee. We support the National Federation of Independent Businesses as well as our local food bank, school programs, and drug programs, not to mention senior centers and the Salem Peace Plaza, the Oregon State Fair Youth Horticulture Competition, the Portland Rose Festival, and the Master Gardeners.

Every year we mail over 50,000 catalogs around the world. Each recipient is a potential AIS member and in the catalog we tell how to join. We even advertise "*The World Of Irises*" for the AIS.

Now, let's assume that all your readers agree with you. Cooley's and Schreiner's would be shunned by about 5% of their retail customers if all members of AIS boycotted us. Since only about half of our sales are retail this amounts to about 2.5% of our gross, less the 85% expense factor, gives us a loss of about 4/10 of 1% of our gross sales. Our sales fluctuate by more than that from year to year.

Don't dismiss the fact that we introduce for other hybridizers either. What is the value of that kind of exposure?

If your thinking is correct, the iris world would be better off without Dusky Challenger, Titan's Glory, Silverado, and a mile-long list of Schreiner introductions. Apparently you see no value in my Afternoon Delight or twenty years of Gaultier introductions, including Mary Frances. Or how about Dave Hall's pinks? Or Dr. Kleinsorge's browns and yellows? I doubt that many of your readers will support your allegations.

Like I said before, we can't do everything, but I think we carry our 400 lbs. quite well, thank you.

Richard Ernst

President, Cooley's Gardens

Membership Notes

Reminder to all members and associates. In order to take part in Reblooming Iris Society voting, and decisions, you must be a member of the American Iris Society also. New bylaws are coming from the American Iris Society and things will be explained in the upcoming *Recorders*. Also, please check your mailing label. It contains your expiration date after your name. Memberships expire in either July or January, even if your dues were sent in other months. Your expiration date was set so that you will receive 2 *Recorders* for each year.

Remember, if you are planning to move, please notify me with the new address, the post office will not forward your *Recorders*. They return them and charge us 35 cents postage.

A new list of hybridizers that sell reblooming irises will be available in December 1993. Cost is a self addressed, stamped envelope, legal size.

Have a good blooming fall.

Charlie Brown



Treasurer's Report

Checking Acct. Balance	
4/20/1993	\$1,197.85

DEPOSITS:	
Membership Chairman	1,500.00
Check Lists (Howard)	323.50
Memberships (Weiler)	78.00
Advertisement (Lowe)	10.00
	<u>\$1,911.50</u>

TOTAL	\$3,109.35
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DISBURSEMENTS:	
Chk 109 Sara Marley	42.30
(By laws printing, stamps, etc.)	
Chk 110 AIS Foundation	25.00
(Memorial, Sue Keefe)	
Chk 111 Mike Lowe	230.63
(Editor expenses)	
Chk 112 Dunn-Rite	1,387.10
(Printing RIR)	
Chk 113 Sara Marley	36.35
(Bernice Miller flowers)	
Chk 114 Howard Brookins	173.38
(Expense)	
Chk 115 Mike Lowe	35.39
(Postal Expense)	
	<u>\$1,930.15</u>

Balance 8/19/1993	\$1,179.20
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C.D. 12/31/92	\$3,586.19
Savings 6/30/93	3,266.83
C. Brown Membership Acct.	2,250.25
Checking Acct.	<u>1,179.20</u>

BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS	\$10,282.47
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Evelyn Hayes, Treasurer



Editors Message

It is really tough to take over a publication that as well done as the *Reblooming Iris Recorder*. Mike Lowe has done an outstanding job for a number of years, and should be recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Reblooming Iris Society. We could never match his quality, but we will attempt to put out a timely and comprehensive report.

We will continue to do much of the same material as past publications. Missing from this publication are the Tips From The Pros and Ask The Experts columns. We plan on continuing these columns, but we need information from YOU, the public. If your new to the Reblooming Iris Society and have a question about the society, gardening, etc., please write. We also need pictures to accompany your articles. This publication depends on participation of all its members for input.

Rebloom reports should be directed to your Regional directors. We are going to ask for Regional reports from these directors, in all future issues. This should help you know what reblooms well in your particular area. When sending reports to these directors, please take the time to mention your feelings about the flower and plant. It is nice to know that a plant reblooms in your area, but it is also useful to know flower characteristics. Many new iris are on the market today, listed as rebloomers. Your input can help our members to know which iris are worth buying. The information is also helpful to the hybridizer, good or bad. The society is dedicated to a bright future for reblooming iris, and your help is important.

Let's work together and make this an informative publication for old and new members.

Mike & Nina Moller

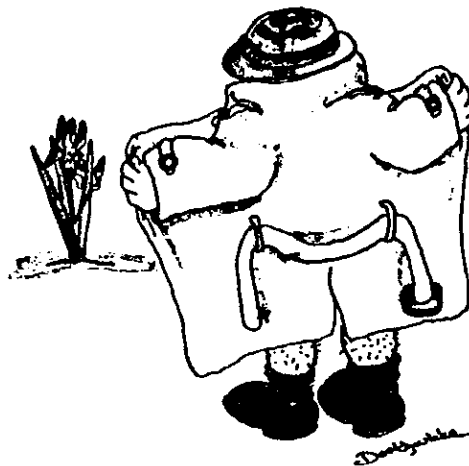
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County Fair

By Rex Clark



Andrea Kantnik of Orland, California with her dish garden containing a few reblooming dwarf iris. Andrea and her sister Alissa are members of the Glenn County Iris 4-H project group. A blue ribbon brings a big smile from this eleven year old. The event was the local County Fair. She won the blue ribbon in the junior division for dish gardens containing iris.



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Olde History

(The following article is reprinted from an article that appeared in the Colorado Springs, CO newspaper, on October 2, 1966, by Marion B. Williams.)

Iris Hybridizer Concentrates on Autumn Rebloomers

4 TR 31 is not the name of a new spy type on TV nor the call numbers of a channel: it is the trial name of a yellow reblooming iris planted at the Denver Botanic Gardens and hybridized by Frank Foster.

Frank Foster, a member of the American Iris Society and President of the affiliated A.I.S., Colorado Springs Area Iris Society. (later to be named Elmohr Iris Society) He has been raising and hybridizing iris for about 10 years. He raises over 300 varieties of iris, has 1,000 seedlings growing and has 2,000 seeds harvested to plant as the results of crosses when and if he can find the time and space in his garden.

Foster has introduced several named varieties of spring blooming iris such as "Pikes Peak," a large ruffled white, "Colorado Melody," red bearded lavender-blue flushed rose, "Scattered Showers," a fragrant ruffled plicata with white edged lavender-violet blooms, and "Colorado Night" deep violet black in color. He feels that along with many other perennials and annuals, there are too many irises being registered and introduced today that are similiar or no better than those already on the market. For this reason his efforts and interest in hybridizing are concentrated on the reblooming types and the standard dwarf varieties.

The summer and repeat bloomers do not produce the large masses of blooms that come from the late May and June varieties. Foster emphasized the fact that autumn bloomers may not flower in the spring, and that they must be well established before they begin to flower regularly. However, oddly enough, new rhizomes planted in July are

quite apt to flower in September or October depending entirely upon where they have come from, because the buds were formed in the summer after the first bloom.

Foster grows "Summer Blue," Autumn Tints," "August Indian," "Autumn Elf," "Fall Primrose," and the dwarf "Lt. de Chavagnac," among others with great success. He has not had much luck with one of the original rebloomers "Eleanor Roosevelt" despite the fact that this variety is a prolific spring bloomer and rampant grower.

Foster has planted a large collection of Dykes Medal award winning iris in a bed at the demonstration Garden of the Horticultural Arts Society so that everyone in the region can see the progress and develop of iris varieties through the years.

(If you have any old articles, such as this, please submit them for publication. The historical development is always of interest to many of are readers.)

