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#### President's Message

This is my first offering to the society so I will include a short bio and objective list. I am a born and raised Texan, from Dallas. I am retired Military, serving in the Second Infantry Division in Korea in 1951 - 1952, then switching to the Air Force where I completed my Service. I returned to school and became a Registered Nurse Anesthetist with a Master in Nursing. I retired from Wilson N. Jones Hospital in 1992 after 14 years.

I began "playing" with irises in my grandmother's yard at the early age of 10 or 11. I was assigned the task of cleaning the iris beds. During my military career I had little contact with irises and while attending Anesthesia school, I found a few old ones at our new home. I didn't get into hybrid irises until 1985 when I discovered "Stepping Out". A friend, Wanda Blanenship, invited me to the local iris sale and I got hooked.

In 1986 I had several hundred irises and was designing new beds to get better growth. Several of you may know that I grow my irises in raised beds with river sand as the main soil. At present I have cut back on the number of irises I raise and am concentrating on reblooming irises and space age irses. I presently have about 1,000 varieties, including Spurias, Louisianas, and Bearded irises. I did grow quite a few Arils but, due to several years of bad weather, I have lost them. I presently have about 250 irises reported to rebloom in this area, and when the weather cooperates, I get very good results.

This year and next the society needs to look into the process of incorporating to comply with the American Iris Society bylaws. We will be working on that with AIS. Those who were at the Oklahoma City meeting know that we have had to raise the dues effective January 1, 2000. The schedule is published in several places in this issue. We will continue working on creating a Web Site for the society and I hope that by the end of this year we can be up and running.

Please report your rebloom to your area directors. Their addresses are listed in this issue. Please send a copy to Rosalie Figge so that she can include any new reports in our checklist.

Again, I wish to thank the society for having faith in me to do this job. It is something new and deadlines are something I haven't had since college. I wish to thank Lana and Steve Barotta of McKinney, Texas for being "volunteered" to be the Editors of the Recorder.

Charlie Brown

#### Dear Reblooming Irisarians:

Your new president, Charlie Brown, has very kindly asked me to write a past president's letter. During the summer I celebrated my 90th birthday, first with a party at Chuckie Cheese hosted by my great grandchildren (little boys ages 2 to 5) and then with a bang-up surprise dinner party given by my two daughters, who enlisted the services of the inimitable Clarence Mahan as the emcee for an uproarious "This is Your Life." Of the 50 guests, most were family members. Pictures were arranged on the walls so the grand- and great-grandchildren could see that their grandmother was once as young as they.

Charlie also suggested I tell about my neighbor's tree crashing through my fence, into my yard, on part of my reblooming bed!! But so many of us have had much worse luck, what with floods and hurricanes, that my tribulations seem minor. But here goes: The offending tree was a wild cherry — long an unwelcome provider of seedlings on my side of the fence every spring. It was four feet in diameter at the base, and when it blew over in the hurricane and smashed my five-foot fence, the root of the uprooted trunk was seven feet high. A quirk in Maryland law says that the person who owns the property where the tree has fallen is responsible to remove it. Nevertheless, I was fortunate (?) that the tree destroyed the fence, so therefore my neighbor's insurance paid for the removal. My cost will be to replace the fence and my plants! The tree destroyed three specimen trees and shrubs [Amelanchier (serviceberry or shad-blow), Euonymus alatus("burning bush"), and lilacs], and it damaged a Korean Mountain Ash(Sorbus alnifolia), a Parrotia(Parrotia persica), and a Stewartia that I had finally found a place, after 3 tries, where it would be happy to grow, two four-foot in diameter boxwoods, a Zelkova(used now instead of elms), and a Yoshino Cherry. I had to have the irises under the tree dug out and potted so they would not be trampled when the tree was removed. However, my namesake was too squashed to recover. Now we are waiting for the fence replacement.

The tree disaster was just one of several emergencies that descended on me as soon as I retired from being president. It was as if they were waiting to happen — or maybe being president is just good luck! If so, I certainly hope Charlie has lots of it. Do support him in every way possible. AND don't forget the Editors. Don't tell Charlie, but I always felt the editor was more important than the president!!! The editor helps you with your messages to the rest of the members - SO write - write - write! My message is come to Dallas and meet these people! - And I hope — God willing — that I will be able to see you all there at the National. I heard Hooker Nichols give a talk about it in York, Pennsylvania, and I understand it will be a fabulous meeting.

See you in Dallas - Rosalie Figge

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We hope you enjoy your Recorder. As you may have guessed, this is our initial publishing venture. Constructive criticism accepted, the other kind - call Charlie.

Many thanks to all contributors. Without you, there would be no Recorder. Personally, I wish to also thank Steve who took the time and effort to figure out how to use the program that makes this a publication.

Lana Barotta

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# Our Garden in Upstate NY (zone 5) by Cheryl and Erich Schaefer

We began growing rebloomers three years ago with a group of rhizomes no knowledgeable irisarian would even bother to plant, they were that small and shriveled. How they arrived that way, near Ithaca in the Finger Lakes

region of upstate New York, in the middle of February, is a long, sad tale, but one with a happy ending for us. They survived and thrived. Last year, for the first time, we experienced the joy of irises in bloom from August through November, and as of this writing on October 14th, this year is proving even better.

Total Recall bloomed for nearly two months in August and September and Summer Holidays gave us four weeks of excellent bloom stalks. In bloom now are Rosalie Figge, Belvi Queen, Sugar Blues, Clarence, Queen Dorothy, Bella Rose, Pink Attraction, Youth Dew. Zurich, and a lovely yellow, Barndance. If we're lucky the unopened bubs on High Ho Silver, Bountiful Harvest, Immortality, Champagne Elegance and Wright Flyer will open before the week is out - and all this at the peak of the autumn foliage season. It's quite a sight! I love to create large flower arrangements with zinnias and irises and see the quizzical look in people's eyes as they wonder, "what's wrong with this picture?" Orders for rebloomers are a certainty when I explain relatively this still phenomenon to the uninitiated; we sell irises locally to support our habit.

Our collection contains other rebloomers which were newly planted this summer, all drawn from those rebloomers which have been reported to bloom in zone 5 or colder. But since Barndance is a zone 6 rebloomer which has made it to fall bloom here, we're going to take a chance next season on other zone 6 rebloomers, dramatically

increasing the number of varieties from which to choose. After all, we'll still have a lovely oncer even if a particular iris doesn't manage to bloom here before a hard frost prevents it.

We've made a new bed for next year, a 5 x 50 ft arc to be planted with chrysanthemums and rebloomers. Our goal is to single-handedly spread rebloomers throughout the Finger Lakes region of New York and we hope that a beautiful autumn display will go a long way to doing it. In any event, we're off to a rebloomin' good start!

#### PORTERVILLE REBLOOM, 1999 by George Sutton

Our garden is located in the lower third of the San Joaquin Valley in central California. Most winters we are Zone 8; in warm winters we are Zone 9. As you might expect, we get a lot of rebloom here. Irises listed below followed by an asterisk had heavy rebloom.

Every year is a little different. This year reblooming iris bloom started in March with Bountiful Harvest, Bonus Mama, September Frost, Three Seasons and Low Ho Silver (LHS never stops for us). All bloomed a second time in April and May.

Our third bloom started in June with the following: Angelic Wings, Anxious, Autumn Tryst, Bountiful Harvest, Cameo Blush, Extra Innings, Feed Back, Golden Immortal, Heart of Ice, Honey Scoop, Immortality, Lilting, Mesmerizer, Northward Ho, Radiant Angel, Second

Wind, September Frost, Speeding Again, St. Petersburg, Star Fleet, Summer Holidays, Then Again, Violet Reprise, Violet Returns and Wild Card.

Our July bloom was very good, due to a relatively cool summer. We only had about 6 or 7 days in the 100s, whereas usually we have from 10 to 20 days of 100 degrees plus. The following were the best: TBs Anxious, Angelic Wings, Bonus Mama, Bountiful Harvest, Cantina, Duke of Earl, Eternal Bliss, Eternal Waltz, Extra Innings, Feed Back, Floorshow, Golden Immortal, Gold Reprise, Grape Reprise, Happy New Year, Heart of Ice, Hemstitched, His Royal Highness, I Bless, Lady Essex\*, Lilting, Orange Harvest, Punkin, Purple Magic, Queen Dorothy, Recurring Delight, Renown, Wind, September Frost, Silver Dividends, Silver Screen, Speeding Again, Speed Limit, St. Petersburg, Summer Luxury, Sugar Blues, Summer Holidays\*, Tea Leaves, Three Seasons, Total Recall\*, White Reprise, Winesap, and Zurich; and Medians Baby Blessed, Blessed Again, Blitz, Dark Crystal, Double Byte, Golden Gusto and Pretty Again.

The August bloom was somewhat clumpy, but nice to see. It included the following TBs: Angelic Wings, Anxious, Autumn Tryst, Belvi Cloud, Belvi Queen, Bountiful Harvest\*, Bonus Mama, Brother Carl, Brown Duet, Buckwheat, Cannington Bluebird, Cantina, Certainly Certainly, Dawn of Fall, Dorcas Lives Again, Duke of Earl, English Cottage, Eternal Bliss, Eternal Waltz, Feed Back, Gibson Girl, Floorshow, Immortal, Grape Reprise, Hemstitched,

Iceland\*, Scoop, Do, Honey Immortality, I Repeat, Istanbul, Jean Guymer, Juicy Fruit\*, Lady Essex\*, Lake Reprise, Las Vegas, Lilac Stitchery, Matrix, Mesmerizer, Orange Lilting, Harvest, Pink Reprise, Platinum, Prince of Earl, Punkin, Purple Magic, Purple of Ravenwood, Dorothy, Queen Tyre, Renown, Rosalie Recurring Delight, Figge\*, Saxon, Second Act, Second Look, Second Wind, September Frost\*, Sign of Leo, Sign of Virgo, Silver Dividends, Silver Screen, Speeding Again, Speed Limit, St. Petersburg, Summer Holidays\*, Sunny Disposition, Tea Leaves, Three Seasons\*, Total Recall\*, Twice Delightful, Violet Music\*, Violet Reprise, Violet Returns\*, Winesap; and Medians Baby Blessed Again, Champagne Blessed, Encore, Double Byte, Golden Child, Gray Poupon, Low Ho Silver, Petkin\*, Punk and Smell The Roses.

September brought warmer than normal temperatures, in the low nineties, and an unusual half inch of rain in 30 minutes. In spite of this the following iris were exceptional: TBs Angelic Wings, Anxious, Autumn Echo, Autumn Tryst, Belvi Billionaire. Mama, Bonus Queen\*, Brother Carl. Bountiful Harvest. Buckwheat, Cannington Bluebird, Dorcas Lives Again, Double Shot\* (2000), Duke of Earl, Earl of Essex\*, English Cottage, Floorshow, Gibson Girl, Feed Back, Grape Reprise, Immortal, Golden Hemstitched, I Do, Iceland\*, Immortality, I Repeat, Istanbul, Juicy Fruit, Lady Essex\*, Lake Reprise, Las Vegas, Lilac Stitchery, Lilting\*, Matrix, Mesmerizer, Pink Reprise, Platinum, Prince of Earl, Purple Magic, Purple of Tyre, Queen

Recurring Dorothy\*, Ravenwood\*, Delight, Renown\*, Rosalie Figge\*, Saxon, Second Act, Second Look, Second Wind, September Frost, Sign of Leo, Sign of Virgo\*, Silver Dividends, Silver Screen, Speed Limit, Speeding Again, Summer Sugar Blues, Petersburg, Holidays\*, Sunny Disposition, Tea Leaves, Tennison Ridge, Three Seasons, Total Recall\*, Twice Delightful, Violet Music\*, Violet Reprise, Violet Returns\*, Winesap; and Medians Baby Blessed, Blessed Again, Champagne Encore, Double Byte, Golden Child, Gray Poupon, Low Ho Silver, Petkin\*, Punk, and Smell the Roses. October has been beautiful and the color

October has been beautiful and the color in the irises has been outstanding. We are now digging and replanting, October 26. Seedlings will be our only color the rest of the year, and it looks to be an exciting time with the many stalks standing tall.

The outstanding stars of this season were picked based on the number of times they bloomed and how well they withstood our weather. The top ten were: Bountiful Harvest, Feed Back, Floorshow, Golden Immortal, Lilting, Low Ho Silver, Mesmerizer, Rosalie Figge, September Frost and Summer Holidays. Summer Holidays put on a spring-like display all summer and fall. It hasn't been dug yet and still has several hundred in bloom. We have not used it in our hybridizing program but we will this coming year. It might be fun to cross it with newer blues.

It is still fun to see the amazed looks on people's faces when they first see iris blooming in September and October. The usual question is, what's wrong with them? It's been fun!

## Report from Canada by Maureen Mark

I am thrilled to report that I am getting successful rebloom this late in the year (October 29) here in Ottawa, Canada (zone4).

In bloom right now are Wizard's Return (SDB), Champagne Encore (IB) second rebloom, Precious Little Pink (MTB) second rebloom and Mariposa Autumn (TB). Rosalie Figge is still in the tight bud stage. With the warm weekend, maybe I'll see it bloom early in the week.

Mariposa Autumn was cut and brought inside after two light frosts. We've had another two frosts since then. All the others are out blooming in the garden. Mariposa Autumn is providing a lovely pepper scent in our kitchen.

I can't wait to see whole clumps of these rebloomers next year.

#### News from North Carolina (zone 7b) by Lynn Lamb

In my walkabout this morning I was so pleased to see bloom stalks on several of my irises, including one of the HISTORICS that I planted just this past July...ELEANOR ROOSEVELT. I also have

a bloomstalk on VIOLET MUSIC (this will be it's first bloom in my garden), FLOWER SHOWER, and CAMEO BLUSH. I almost lost VIOLET MUSIC, the mother rhizome having rotted, but I potted up the remaining bulblets (?) that had emerged on the side and then put them in the garden in late August. They had developed a good set of roots in the pot. I did keep everything watered this summer and we have had lots of rain here this fall so far--almost too much, because I am battling rot on several cultivars at this time. I also consulted Ginny Spoon at Winterberry Gardens numerous times and took her fertilizing advice. 5-10-10 after first bloom and a foliar fertilizer in September/early fall. I have already had a long reblooming spell from ZURICH and AUTUMN CIRCUS.

We will be having our first very cold nights this weekend, but today is sunny and brisk. I hope none of my blooms freezel

#### Membership Report

Submitted by Charlie Brown Membership Chairman

Counting renewals, we are just at 700 members. We had 56 new members join during the last 6 months, but I had to delete at least that many who had not renewed since January 98. We have had about 90 orders for the Reblooming Checklist. Again the Checklist is available for \$13.00 US and \$16.00 Foreign.

## Reblooming in Virginia by Ginny Spoon

Here are ones that rebloomed this year for us for the first time, or were especially nice.

BB 'Peach Reprise' (Moores)

SDB 'Twinkle-Twinkle' (Byers)

SDB 'Autumn Embers' (Chapman 96)

SDB 'Frankenscence' (Byers)

IB 'Champagne Encore' (Aitken) opened today and will travel to the fall Regional with us this weekend.

'Autumn Tryst' (Weiler) reblooomed Sept through October with many bloom stalks

'Clarence' (Zurbrigg 95) had a magnificiant stalk with 12 buds some double socketed, 36" tall, has 5 open flowers today and we took about 2 rolls of photos.

'Total Recall' (Hager) had a beautiful straight stalk this year.

'Unchained Melody' (Mahan 97) beautiful and prolific even if the stalks were curved.

BB 'Peach Parasol' (Spoon 97) finally had enough left to enjoy the rebloom.

'Sweet Solitude' (Nearpass R. 95) about 5 plants with stalks almost ready to open so it can rebloom in zone 6.

MTB 'Emma Doodle' (Nearpass/C&P 99): even though dug most of it and we were almost sold out, it still is reblooming.

BB 'Late Magic' (Wright 83)

BB 'Black Magic'

'Three Seasons' (Sutton)

SDB 'Baby Prince' (Zurbrigg 95) another year carpeted with blossoms in October.

'Champagne Elegance' (Niswonger) rebloomed again this summer as it has the past three years in July and August in spite of the drought conditions and no extra water.

'Fall Primrose' reblooming now in partial shade with no extra water and no pampering.

'Daughter of Stars' (Spoon 2001) sending up rebloom stalks now with large dark purple buds, took lots of photos of the buds.

seedlings Many promising rebloomed including a nice yellow IB with a darker yellow rim and a mahogany spot with 5 buds that smells like lemon. We are naming it 'Walter's Lemon Cake' in honor of Sara and Marley's 50th anniversary celebration. It won best seedling at the C&P reblooming show a few weeks ago. This brings us to the show reports. The C&P Iris Society held its annual reblooming show at the Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville, MD on Saturday, October 9th. Best Specimen of Show was won by 'Silver Dividends' exhibited by Bruce Hornstein of the FSK Iris Society.

#### SDB

'Seneca Rebound' exhibited by Don Spoon won best in section. Don Spoon also won an EC for the best seedling described above.

The next Saturday, October 16th, Don and I were invited to give a talk and slide show for the FSK Iris Society on rebloomers. They also had an exhibition

of rebloomers where the people's choice awards were:

#### Best Specimen

'Silver Dividends' shown by both Bruce Hornstein and another by Carol Warner.

#### Best Seedling

won by Don Spoon was an SDB out of (Little Showoff X Tu Tu Turquoise).

It is the 15th of November here in the mountains of Virginia, zone 6b and we still haven't had a hard enough freeze to damage the rebloom stalks. Several stalks of our seedling, 'Daughter of Stars' opened up and we were happy to be able to see them. We also cut many of our stalks and took them to our judge's training on species irises given by Clarence Mahan this past Sunday in McLean, Virginia. Several members brought in their rebloom stalks to share also. Ed Castillo brought in a stalk of BB Raspberry Sundae (Niswonger 72). Now, I didn't think that I had ever heard of this particular iris reblooming so I checked in the Reblooming Checklist, and sure enough, I looked in the RIR and not listed. neither parents are listed as reblooming. I know that it sure looked like Raspberry Sundae since we grow it, and it is a particular favorite of mine. I suppose that this strange weather, or that Ed and Glenna's prowess at gardening could make most anything rebloom. In any case, I think that 'Raspberry Sundae' would definitely make a good parent for raspberry pink rebloomers.

Also in our crate of many rebloomers

were several stalks of 'Sweet Solitude' (Nearpass R. 95). We gave a stalk which was ready to open to Clarence Mahan who called us the next morning said that it was so beautiful that it made his day. Also opening for us this week are 'Jungle Cat', 'Grape Reprise' (Moores), Iris croatica, 'Eternal Bliss', Autumn Tryst' (Weiler), I Bless (Zurbrigg), Summer Green Shadows', SDB Baby Blessed, 'Angelic Wings', IB 'Black Magic', IB 'Champagne Encore' (Aitken), Color Watch' (Innerst), 'Belleek Pastel' (Applegate), BB 'Peach Parasol' (Spoon), BB 'Mouse' (Spoon) and 'Three Seasons' (Sutton). Also sending up stalks are 'Sea World', SA BB 'Don Herzberg (Spoon), and many seedlings which we may not see as they are calling for temperatures down in the 20's tonight and tomorrow night.

SWEET SOLITUDE (Nearpass R.95) opened and was really very beautiful. I hope that it is introduced by Joan Roberts for Charlie Nearpass soon so everyone can enjoy it. It is very thick substance (withstood a driving rain and wind with no damage), ruffled and very flared white with a large violet border around the falls (Emma Cook pattern) and large tangerine beards. I think it is one of the most beautiful rebloomers that I have seen.

BB PEACH REPRISE (Moores) opened a few days ago and it was the first time that we have seen it rebloom here. It is a striking pink-orange with deeper orange beards, great form and exciting in the garden.

We had a really exciting seedling rebloom this week TB (Peach Jam X Little John) a lovely variegated flower with 15 buds. It has peach standards, white falls with violet splashes and a peach border, flared and ruffled. DAUGHTER OF STARS is almost open, taunting us with the beautiful purple buds and navy blue color showing. We have had some frosts and nights in the high 20's but it hasn't yet hurt any of the rebloom stalks. Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy them for awhile longer.

The Region IV rebloom show had some nice stalks but we were late getting there so we only exhibited our stalks. Don was able to receive two EC's there for two SDB rebloomer seedlings that were very nice. There were stalks of Clarence, Rosalie Figge, Violet Music, Champagne Encore, and others I can't remember at the Region IV show in Raleigh, NC. TAWNY (IB) won best of show. One runner up was GRAY POUPON, a median.

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#### Rebloom Report from Redlands (Southern California) by Allison Hagen Kennedy

I have PEPPER LANE, HEMSTITCHED, PEPPER BLEND, CLOUD BALLET, and BUSY BEING BLUE reblooming now. RUSTLER, WINE PIXIE. late **HEMSTITCHED** bloomed in Sept./early October. Don't know if all of these are typical rebloomers. weather has been warm forever. We had week, last drizzly day one temperatures have been in the 80's still. We were having temps. in the 90's-100's in October. Hope these irises do this It is so cool to have every year. blooming irises now! I ordered a few from Sutton's this year. Hopefully next year will be even better.

Planted late arriving arilbreds today. Had to move some TBs to make room. Still don't have enough room. Time to dig up more lawn.

#### IRIS SOCKS By Ellen Sullivan

Iris lovers will often go to heroic lengths to try to save a promising reblooming iris stalk from the ravages of an early freeze or frost. Several years ago I had two stalks on a clump of irises that were just beginning to show color when a hard freeze was forecast. This was mid December and I had been hoping to have these two stalks on my Christmas table. With the freeze in sight, I spent some

time mulling over what I could do to save my precious blossoms. Finally, I thought of the long white athletic socks my husband wears at times. They were just about the right length and were heavy enough to give good protection. What else could I do to give added protection? Then I thought of the skinny plastic bags our newspapers are delivered in when the weather is bad. They would be a perfect fit.

With supplies in hand, I tackled the job of slipping the socks over the stalks of irises, then getting the plastic bags in place. To finish the job off, I loosely tied a twisty wire around the bottom, then working the whole covering down in the fans.

The next morning I was anxious to see how my babies had fared, so I took a quick peek. Everything seemed to be all right. The cold weather lasted for several days and when it warmed up, I removed the plastic bags and socks. Things looked fine. The sunshine and warmer weather over the next few days finished opening the blooms, and I did have a bouquet of irises on my Christmas dinner table. The name of the iris was MULBERRY MIST.



#### BYLAWS CHANGE

The following technical change to the bylaws will be voted upon at the meeting in Dallas:

Article V, Section 3:

There shall be six Directors to represent six geographic areas, which shall be comprised of the AIS Regions as follows:

Northeastern Area: Regions 1, 2, &

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Eastern Area: Regions 3, 4, 7 &

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Southern Area: Regions 5, 10, 17,

23, & 24

Midwestern Area: Regions 6, 8,

9, 18, 21, & Overseas

Northwestern Area: Regions 11, 12,

13, & 20

Southwestern Area: Regions 14, 15,

&r 22

The Northeastern and Eastern Area Directors' terms shall coincide

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#### New Is Not ALWAYS Better! by Mike Lowe

1999's rebloom in our Southside Virginia garden was mainly provided by "old war-horses'--with a few surprising Dependable, strong to exceptions. rebloom, cold climate varieties opened the season and furnished a steady succession of bloom during one of the driest summers on record in Virginia. A wet spring foretold an outstanding season but July and August found Virginia with a 10" moisture deficit. We are on a well that has never faltered in droughts, however, many nearby wells went dry in summer '99. Our watering goes to the vegetable garden only--with the tomatoes and cucumbers the primary recipients.

Blessed Again (Frank Jones 76) opened the season on July 10th, closely followed by I Do (Zurbrigg 74), Zurich (Monty Byers 90) and Golden Encore (F. Jones 73). A surprise was Midsummer Night's Dream (Lowell Baumunk R. 98) with a reblooming heritage on both pod and pollen sides but with one parent that did not survive in our garden (twice). Peering back at pedigrees often does not a crystal ball make!

Lady Emma (Frank Jones 86), Baby (Zurbrigg Autumn Blessed 79) Orangelite (G.P. Brown 62) and G. Percy Brown (R.G. Smith 68) kept the show going through August despite the June to September dearth of rain. (Tom Pray 74), in the crushing heat and dryness of early August produced a succession of stalks that would have walked away with 'Best in Show' hands down. Quality shines forth in adversity. Pink Attraction (Earl Hall 88), Queen Dorothy (Earl Hall 84) and September Replay (Frank Jones by Mike Lowe 92) all produced stalks but did not have sufficient moisture to give normal height. Grape Adventure (Frank Jones 86) and Autumn Bugler (Frank Jones 86) produced flowers, buds and stalks normal in all respects except for a tendency to give sinuous stems during the dry spell (September deluges brought straight stems). There are advantages to growing smaller iris classes when the weather throws strikes!

Over fifteen inches of rain, compliments of Hurricanes Dennis and enlivened September. We survived without appreciable damage and the rebloomers flourished. Christiane Elizabeth (Clarence Mahan, R. 97), Baby Prince (Zurbrigg 95), Smell the Roses (Monty Byers 88), Violet Music (Mahan 91), Eleanor Roosevelt Sass/McDade 33), and Unchained Melody (Clarence Mahan 99), all went into high gear with the advent of moisture. The 'old war horses' noted in the beginning of this rebloom report put on a resurgence of bloom. Baby Blessed has thrown close to sixty stalks July through October and without past experience to reassure me, I would predict its demise from bloomout. Notable by its absence in this enumeration is Immortality (Zurbrigg Therein lies a tale involving a bulldozer and I dislike writing stories.

Of interest however, is that there are many notable modern rebloomers that are sitting, greenly, in my garden as I write. To avoid giving them an undeservedly bad rap, I took a break from the keyboard and monitor, cruised the rows in the garden and squeezed the fan bases of every cultivar rumored to be remontant. Nada! If we expect to be furnished fall bloom augmenting rainfall in droughty years, the palette of cultivars must be selected with care. And, truth be told-referring back to family trees, a strong dose of the Brothers Sass' iris is no bad thing if you want dependable rebloom despite adversity.

#### REMEMBERING By Ellen Sullivan

I have grown irises for many years now, I will always remember the excitement and delight I felt the first time I looked at a color catalogue of irises. I could hardly believe my eyes at all the different colors, some with borders of another color, and others with dots and stitching. There were even some called "space age irises" that had spoons and flounces. This catalogue was one from Lloyd Austin's Rainbow Hybridizing Garden at Placerville, California. The year was sometime in the mid fifties. As I was reading the descriptions and looking at the pictures, one in particular caught my eyes. It was listed as a star performer" and the description boggled my mind. It had a "tendency to re-bloom in the mid to late Fall, and to send forth at that time, as well as in Spring, a supply of the finest blossoms..."

The name of this iris was BLUE SURPRISE, and it was truly a lovely light blue iris with white beard and a sweet fragrance. I just had to have it, though it cost the unheard of (at that time) price of \$5.00. I ordered it and it grew well. It did, at times, live up to its reputation of being a "re-bloomer", but it was always reliable in the Spring.

I moved this iris with me several times, the last time in the early seventies. It flourished and bloomed for many years, and finally one year it gave up and died. I haven't replaced it, even though it is still available, but I will always remember

this first reblooming iris to make my acquaintance.

#### MORE FROM MIKE (Lowe)

Enough already with rain! twenty-five inches from hurricanes Dennis, Floyd and Irene coupled with warm fall days has clearly identified those iris with a proclivity to rot. It has rebloomers great for been Sclerotium rolfsii aka Southern blight, mustard seed fungus, crown rot, turnip rot, etc., etc., has been running rampant in many susceptible, (expensive!) iris. Forces one to take a hard look at a cultivar and say, "Are you worth an expensive drench of Terraclor?"

#### Reblooming Report from Piney Woods (zone 7b) by Earnest Dyke

My name is Earnest Dyke and I am responding to the Region 17 Newsletter for a report on Reblooming Irises in my area. I am a member of the Piney Woods Iris Society with most members being from the Mt. Pleasant area of Texas.

Irises that rebloomed for me in 1998 are:

Frost Echo (Aiken, 95)
Queen Dorothy (E. Hall, 84)
Eleanor Roosevelt (Sass/McDade, 33)
Autumn Echo (J. Gibson, 75)
Feedback (Hager, 83)
Amain (Zurbrigg, 83)
Harvest of Memories (Zurbrigg, 85)

Other rebloomers for Piney Woods Iris Society members are:

Crinoline (Schriners, 64)
City Lights
Iceland
Bess Bergin
Amain

NOTE: Immortality is advertised as a reliable rebloomer. I planted it in 1995. In 1996, it bloomed wonderfully in the spring and then put on another display that fall. Since then it has bloomed only one time in the spring of 1998. It has been divided and moved into about 3 different locations and has not bloomed well in any of them.

#### New Experiences by Leona Boydston

I love rebloomers! They have added beauty and color to my fall landscape, extended my iris blooming season, and evoked awe in this novice iris grower.

A good example of a rebloomer that has added beauty and color to my fall landscape is BLATANT. Today, I walked out into the yard to look over my lawn and garden as I normally do every morning. The grass, even at this late date, is still green, but rather drab brownish leaves almost completely cover the garden itself...a hazard of fall. Most of the garden plants have either died, become dormant or lost their foliage. These plants most certainly show no sign of blooming any time soon. As I continue to survey my struggling garden, my

heart almost skips a beat when my eyes focus on the one bright spot in the garden. There stands BLATANT, with its yellow standards and crimson falls. It is right in the middle of the garden and has five blooms open! It is absolutely beautiful! Its loveliness brings life to an otherwise colorless landscape.

My rebloomers have certainly extended my iris blooming season. IMMORTALITY and BABY BLESSED have been wonderful for me. They continued to bloom on and off during summer and fall. JENNIFER REBECCA valiantly tried to rebloom in July, but it lost its struggle against the incredible heat that dried the buds and open. An would not allow it to unidentified ruffled pale yellow bloomed beautifully in August. One rhizome of BLATANT bloomed approximately two weeks earlier, and now the other one is gracing my garden with its rich color. BLUE CHIP PINK bloomed for over a week just recently. HARVEST MEMORIES opened its terminal bud this morning. Thanks to these rebloomers, my iris blooming season will last from January, when an older unidentified purple bloomed, until almost December.

Rebloomers are completely new to me, and I am amazed each time one of them opens. I have been growing the newer hybrid irises for only a year, including rebloomers. Prior to that, I lacked any knowledge of irises that bloomed other than in the spring. Once, a friend did say she had some irises that became confused and bloomed in the fall! I may have a little more knowledge today, but

it is still exciting to look out and see blooms so close to Thanksgiving!

Yes, rebloomers have definitely added beauty and color, bloom-time, and excitement to my garden. I have purchased or been given several more of these beauties this year, and I am really looking forward to next year's bloom!

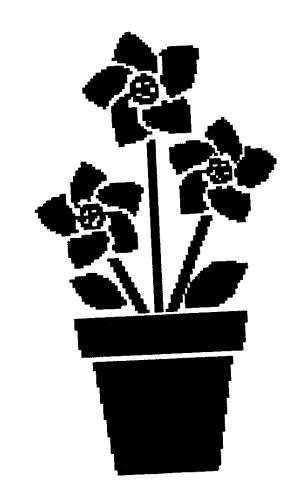
#### Your Peripatetic Rebloomer Promoter By Rosalie - near Baltimore

I have seen some very interesting The Missouri rebloom recently. Botanical Garden had an outstanding reblooming display in beds that the Greater St. Louis Society sponsored and did the work of weeding, etc. BILLIONAIRE, AUTUMN TRYST, CLARENCE, ROSALIE FIGGE, PETERSBURG, WINESAP, LICHEN (which scorns to rebloom for me!), and HAPPY NEW YEAR were among those in bloom.

The C&P chapter meeting had Clarence Mahan as a speaker and he gave a fabulous talk on SPECIES. Different members brought rebloomers everyone to see. The most startling was Superstition's eye-catching MARIPOSA AUTUMN - a beautiful cerise? color and again faithful AUTUMN TRYST another surprise - a cute little dwarf of Don Spoon's which warms my heart after because it is named companion-guard-cat - or at least what I call her - PRETTY GIRL('01)- in other words? (numbers) (2001). (Incidently, she has contrived to have hyperthyroidism, which means a pill every day the rest of her life. I'm upset because she is 15 years old and I am acquiring a new scar everyday -unintentionally on her part, of course, but nevertheless a red-hot needle!)

As for my garden? It surprised me because I thought I had little rebloom due to heat and drought which involved restricted watering, and then too much rain! But I counted there were 41 which rebloomed, but doing so in a very spasmodic way so the rebloom was scattered in time and place. What a year! Now that we have had several heavy

frosts and then summer weather, there are a few with colorful fat buds which may favor us with more bloom: **GOLDEN** DREAM, RECURRING ADVENTURE. **GRAPE** IMMORTAL. HARVEST OF MEMORIES, ISTANBUL JULY SUNSHINE (remind me to tell a story about this one!). SUNNY DISPOSITION, BOUNTIFUL HARVEST, CEE CEE, FOND FEED BACK, THREE REMEMBRANCE, SEASONS, DARKLING (SDB), and for the coming holidays: HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# Board Meeting May 4, 1999 Reblooming Iris Society

RIS President, Rosalie Figgie, called our board meeting to order on May 4, 1999.

Board Members attending introduced themselves: Charlie Brown, Barbara Aiken, Claire Honkanen, and Jim Ennenga. Others present were George Sutton, Ginny Spooon, Nylah Hughes, Doris Loveland, and Mary Brown.

Since the minutes had been published in the Recorder, a motion was made to dispense with their reading at this time if there were no corrections. Motion passed.

Florence Wheat, treasurer had sent a complete report to our president announcing account balance of \$12,407.97. A complete report is on file.

Rosalie then presented her yearly report. She was happy to announce she was able to persuade Bill Shear to present our program this year. His new iris book has been receiving rave reviews and he would be signing copies for convention attendees at the AIS Storefront. This would be his first convention and the title of his talk would be BUILDING A GARDEN OF IRISES.

Regarding the Distinguished Service Award, Raymond Smith, John Weiler, and Lloyd Zurbrigg have already received the award. This year three outstanding pioneers were honored, Ben Hager, Frank Jones, and Earl Hall.

Last year the decision to present an International Certificate of Recognition was made to recognize our overseas supporters. Giovanni Edoardo Nogaro was voted upon to receive the first certificate. Clarence Mahan is to present this award, along with our recent Recorder, during his visit to the festivities in Italy.

For the coming year, the committee recommends a gentleman from the Netherlands, Mr. Nico de Geus. After discussion a unanimous vote of approval was made.

At this time the president left the room and secretary, Claire Honkanen, read two letters from Dr. John Weiler and Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg. They contained the recommendation for next years Distinguished Service Award. The committee presented their choice, Rosalie Figgie, to be the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in the year 2000.

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All heartily agreed with their recommendation.

Reports of Committees followed.

Jim Ennenga, nominating committee chairman, announced our slate of officers for the Next two years:

President: Charlie Brown Vice President: Dennis Connell Secretary: Claire Honkanen Treasurer: Florence Wheat

There being no nominations from the floor, motion was made and passed to accept the slate of officers as presented.

Under new business the question of dues was discussed. Publishing and mailing the Recorder has become increasingly more expensive and it is necessary to increase the

Discussion followed and the following increases will become effective December, 1999:

Single Annual: \$7.00 Single Triennial: \$18.00 Family Annual: \$8.00 Family Triennial: \$21.00 Single Life: \$120.00 Family Life: \$150.00

The following technical change to the bylaws were voted upon and Article V,

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Southwestern Area:

Regions 14, 15 & 22

The Northeastern and Eastern Area Directors' terms shall coincide.

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Under new business, the subject of Incorporation needs to be addressed. It is the will of the board to advise the incoming President to name a committee to check into this matter.

Rosalie again mentioned and thanked all of her committee for their encouragement and support.

Meeting adjourned.







#### General Meeting Reblooming Iris Society May 5, 1999

Our president, Rosalie Figge, called the annual general meeting of the Reblooming Iris Society to order May 5, 1999 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She welcomed all those attending, approximately a hundred, from nineteen regions. Board members attending were introduced.

Since minutes of the meeting in Denver, Colorado, were published in the Recorder, a motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

A report from our treasurer, Florence Wheat, announcing an account balance of \$12,407.97. A complete report is on file.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ben Hager, Frank Jones and Earl Hall. Awards were mailed to recipients or family.

Jim Ennenga, nominating committee chairman, presented an incoming slate of officers to take office following this present term. President, Charlie Brown: Vice President, Dennis Connell; Secretary, Claire Honkanen; Treasurer, Florence Wheat.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the slate of officers as presented. Accepting vote was unanimous.

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A technical change to the bylaws was presented, voted upon and passed. There are now five directors to serve their area and regions. Larry Harder, Barbara Aiken, Everett Lineberger, Mike Lowe, and Larry Doucette.

Announcement was made that it would be necessary to increase dues effective January 1, 2000.

The subject of incorporation was brought before the board and the incoming President to name a committee to check into this matter.

Our program, BUILDING A GARDEN OF IRISES, was presented by Bill Shear. He was greeted by an enthusiastic audience and his presentation, including slides, held the avid attention of all present. His sharing and answering our questions was most appreciated.

Following our program Rosalie expressed her sincere thanks to all her committee members and the many who had assisted her during her term of office. She then introduced our new President, Charlie Brown, and encouraged us to give him our support.

Charlie Brown appointed a temporary Southwestern Area Director, George Sutton, until elections and a vote on amended bylaws next year.

Our meeting adjourned and an invitation to meet again in Dallas, Texas, in April, 2000 was extended to all.

Meeting adjourned.





# Sutton's

# **Reblooming Introductions for 2000**

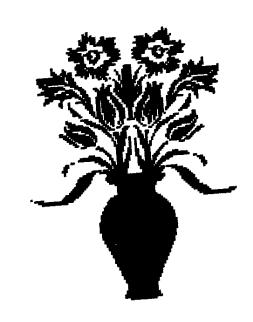
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## Historic Reblooming Iris Symposium 1969 by Barb Johnson

Thought you would like to see what the favorite rebloomers were in 1969, 30 years ago -- AIS Bulletin April 1969, page 109.

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Most of these irises are still available.



#### Rebloom Report (zone 8) by Mike Sutton

\*denotes heavy rebloom

#### March:

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST BONUS MAMA LOW HO SILVER (Lots) SEPTEMBER FROST THREE SEASONS BLITZ DARK CRYSTAL TOTAL RECALL

April - May: Everything blooms

#### June:

ANGELIC WINGS **ANXIOUS AUTUMN TRYST BOUNTIFUL HARVEST** CAMEO BLUSH EXTRA INNINGS FEED BACK **GOLDEN IMMORTAL** HEART OF ICE HONEY SCOOP **IMMORTALITY** LILTING **MESMERIZER** NORTHWARD HO RADIANT ANGEL SECOND WIND SEPTEMBER FROST SPEEDING AGAIN ST. PETERSBURG STAR FLEET

SUMMER HOLIDAYS THEN AGAIN VIOLET REPRISE VIOLET RETURNS WILD CARD

**ANXIOUS** 

#### July:

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#### August:

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LOW HO SILVER
PETKIN\*
CHAMPAGNE ENCORE -

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TWICE DELIGHTFUL **VIOLET MUSIC\*** VIOLET REPRISE **VIOLET RETURNS\*** WINESAP PURPLE MAGIC I REPEAT

#### Medians

**BABY BLESSED BLESSED AGAIN** DOUBLE BYTE **GOLDEN CHILD GRAY POUPON PUNK** SMELL THE ROSES LOW HO SILVER\* PETKIN\* CHAMPAGNE ENCORE

#### October:

ALL AMERICAN ANGELIC WINGS \* ANXIOUS\* **AUTUMN BUGLER AUTUMN GRANDEUR AUTUMN TRYST** BANANA CREAM **BARN DANCE\* BELVI CLOUD BELVI QUEEN BILLIONAIRE\* BLATANT BLUE MOONLIGHT BONUS MAMA BOUNTIFUL HARVEST BROTHER CARL BROWN DUET BUCKWHEAT** CANNINGTON BLUEBIRD\* **CANTINA** 

CEASE-FIRE CERTAINLY CERTAINLY CITY LIGHTS **CLARENCE\*** COLORWATCH CORN HARVEST **CURTAIN UP** DANTE'S INFERNO DASHING DAWN OF FALL **DESTRY RIDES AGAIN** DIME SPOT **DORCAS LIVES AGAIN** DOUBLE AGENT DOUBLEMINT **DUKE OF EARL\* EARL OF ESSEX\*** EARL OF LEICESTER ENGLISH COTTAGE **ENGLISH KNIGHT** ETERNAL BLISS ETERNAL WALTZ FEED BACK FLOORSHOW\* FOREVER YOURS\* FREQUENT FLYER FROST ECHO GIBSON GIRL **GLOWING SERAPHIM** GOLD BURST **GOLD REPRISE GOLDEN IMMORTAL** GRAPE REPRISE HAPPY NEW YEAR HARVEST OF MEMORIES **HEMSTITCHED\*** HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS HONEY SCOOP I DO ICELAND\* **IMMORTALITY** 

JEAN GUYMER LADY ESSEX\* LAKE REPRISE LAS VEGAS LILAC STITCHERY LILTING\* MAIDEN MANY HAPPY RETURNS MARIPOSA SKIES MARV MATRIX\* MISTY TWILIGHT\* MT. SINAI AFLAME MY FRIEND JOHATHAN **NORTHWARD HO\*** ORCHID LANE PEARLS OF AUTUMN PINK ATTRACTION PINK REPRISE PLATINUM PORCELAIN FRILLS PRINCE OF EARL\* PRISCILLA OF CORINTH PUNKIN PURPLE OF TYRE QUEEN DOROTHY RAVENWOOD RECURRING DREAM REDELTA REINCARNATION **RENOWN\* ROSALIE FIGGE\* ROTUNDA** SARAH'S LAUGHTER SAXON SEA WORLD SECOND ACT SECOND LOOK SECOND WIND SEPTEMBER FROST SIGN OF LEO SIGN OF VIRGO

ISTANBUL\*

SILVER DIVIDENDS SPEED LIMIT SPIRIT OF MEMPHIS ST. PETERSBURG STINGRAY SUGAR BLUES SUMMER HOLIDAYS\* SUNNY DISPOSITION\* TANG FIZZ TEA LEAVES THEN AGAIN\* THREE SEASONS TOTAL RECALL **VIOLET MUSIC\*** VIOLET REPRISE VIOLET RETURNS VIRGINIA BAUER WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS WHITE REPRISE WINESAP

WINTERLAND ZURICH

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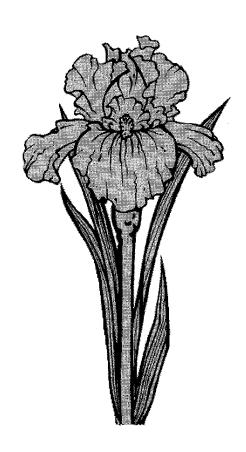
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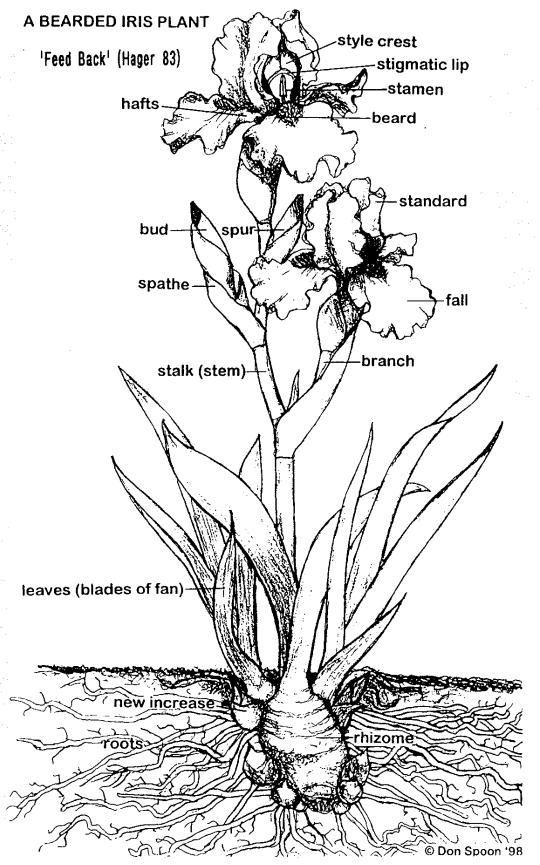
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