

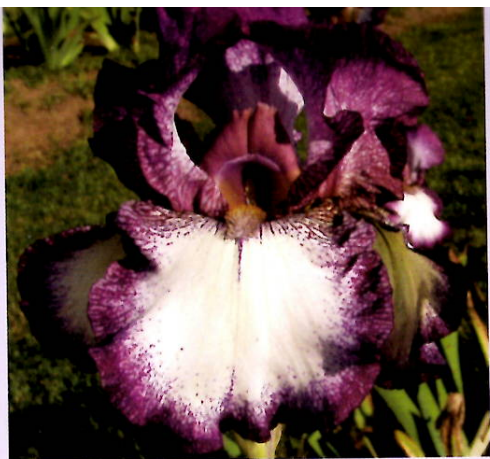
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Nicodemus 2003





Raspberry Frost TB



Autumn Tryst at Sutton's fall 2006



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Perpetual Indulgence SDB



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## **President's Message**

Barbara Aitken – Washington State

In the Northwest spring is definitely in the air. Daffodils and hyacinths are in good bloom and the star magnolia and forsythia are putting on a spectacular color show as I look out the window. Actually, we had a tree come down in a windstorm in December, which fell away from the house doing little damage. It had shaded our deck, but also partially blocked the view from my office window. While I am sure we will miss the shade in the summer, it does open up the view of our iris fields, and other perennial beds closer to the house, making it difficult to remain at my desk and the task at hand, as spring unfolds before us.

The response of the membership to the RIS Symposium and/or the Record of Iris Rebloom was lower than anticipated. For this reason, these two reports were included in the fall issue of the Recorder as well. Reports on rebloom in member gardens are very important for updating our rebloom records. I would urge everyone to verify spring bloom, and then take good notes on repeat bloom, in all of the different kinds of irises you grow, from smaller bearded through tall bearded, and all of the beardless classes as well. Please send this information to your Region Director, as noted on the back of the Iris Rebloom Record.

The RIS Symposium is a 'for fun' record of your favorite reblooming irises, as seen in your garden, or perhaps other gardens in your area. You get to vote on those reblooming irises you like the best – again in all of the different classes. Send this symposium to George Sutton, at his address on the symposium.

In the next issue of the Recorder we are starting a new feature – "Questions and Answers". If you have questions about reblooming irises – how to encourage rebloom, cultural tips, fertilizing, watering – whatever – send your questions to our editor and she will get an answer to your question and publish it in the following issue. This is a good opportunity to get your reblooming iris questions answered.

Our new Invitation to Join the Reblooming Iris Society has been popular this past year, with lots of requests for club sales and shows. If you need a supply of these for your upcoming shows, sales or Region meetings this spring/summer, be sure to order early from Charlie Brown, our membership chair. We will also plan to have a supply of these Invitations to Join at the AIS convention in Oklahoma City April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many of you at this upcoming convention.

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As Barbara our President mentioned- we are going to start a new section in the Recorder- a Question and Answer section. So send your questions by e-mail or mail to the editor and we'll get the answers

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## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

I've got a question for you. Every week I pull off a few iris leaves from the dozen or so plants that I have because they have rotted at the base of the leaf. Anyway, I think it's rot because the bottom of the leaf is brown. Usually it's only one leaf from a plant, and it's always on the outside of the fan. The rest of the leaf is green.

It's not much of a problem because the plants grow a lot faster than they lose leaves. Do you think the medium is too wet? I haven't been watering much because it's been rainy. Fortunately, the rainy season is almost past

"Pure As Gold" just bloomed again today! None of the other rebloomers that bloomed once have bloomed again. "Many Mahalos" has a bud and will probably bloom in a few days.

J.K. in Honolulu

Hi J. K.

The outer leaves do sound like rot, sort of. Outer leaves tend to peel anyway. When you peel off a leaf, spray the damaged area with some Chlorox bleach diluted about 1/2 with water just in case that is rot that you see. If you can keep the leaf base exposed to sunlight to dry out the wound, that should help a lot. The rhizome can sit right on top of the soil as long as the roots go down. Planting "too deep" is something that I have observed elsewhere in Hawaii and perhaps your wonderful climate does not need "depth". The soil mix could be a bit too wet as you folks have a lot of humidity which does not lend itself to "drying out".

Terry Aitken

## Weather Plays Its Part

George Sutton Porterville, CA

We had an interesting rebloom season in 2006. Weather is definitely a factor! Our average cold temperature in the winter was only cool, not really cold for us. Then we had an unusually wet spring, a summer that started out relatively cool, followed by twenty days over 100 degrees. After a cool down period in the eighties, we had 100 degree weather or close to it between August twentieth and September tenth.

By mid September we should have been having good rebloom, judging by other years, but there was very little, undoubtedly due to the heat. When the weather did cool down our rebloom exploded. By October first the growing fields looked like springtime bloom. During this period *Autumn Tryst* (Weiler 93 TB) and *Raspberry Frost* (G. Sutton 01 TB) were both blooming continuously. This continued until October twentieth, when the temperatures dropped drastically. Thus our rebloom season was a good two to three weeks later than is usual, mirroring the lateness of the spring bloom.

Our watering schedule remained the same, every ten to fourteen days, except the display beds which were watered at seven day intervals. Fertilizers were the same as usual, 4-20-10 at the end of January and a 4-10-5 after the spring bloom.

Another unusual occurrence was rebloom on iris that have not rebloomed for us before. Some of these were *Candle* (P. Black 02 SDB); *Sagone* (A. Bianco 99 IB); TBs *Blow Up* (Burseen 94), *Bouree* (Marsh 85), *Bugleboy Blues* (G. Sutton 95), *Cowabunga* (Burseen 96), *Crackling Caldera* (Aitken 03), *Dusky Flare* (Powell 83), *Goddess* (Keppel 81), *Wake Water* (Burseen 95) and *World Premiere* (Schreiner's 98). The best of these first-time rebloomers was *Presby's Crown Jewel* (Schreiner's 02), every viable plant in full bloom, a very impressive sight.

Over both 2005 and 2006, the most formidable show was produced by *Autumn Tryst*. As our British counterparts would say, it was smashing. The second most impressive over the two year span was *Raspberry Frost*, with three to four stalks coming off each rhizome in good sequential progression for a continuous bloom period of six weeks.

Each year both spring bloom and rebloom vary somewhat, undoubtedly due to the weather. Rebloom is probably the more variable of the two, with rebloom some years lasting from August through November. Weather does indeed play a part!

## REBLOOM OBSERVATIONS -2006

Terry Aitken

With the National convention in town for 2006, we had left our TB display field in place so that we would have 2 year clumps for our convention visitors to observe. As summer progressed, two new rebloomers put on an impressive display. Both of these had not rebloomed on one year plants but did a great job in 2 year clumps. OZARK REBOUNDER (Nicodemus '03) was in full bloom at convention time and began rebloom in early August, then continued with sequential stems through September. This plant was a very nicely shaped black self with plenty of buds. RENASCENT (Hager '04) was a new "face of rebloom" for us during September. This plant was a very smooth medium blue self with great flower form and show stem branching. This plant displayed extra determination by reblooming after it had been transplanted!

Amongst our regular rebloomers, AGAIN AND AGAIN (Innerst '99) continues to be the first to show color. Flower form is exceptionally good but the color is rather dull. (Many crossing tags appeared on this plant as summer progressed, the objective being crosses with orange and pink rebloomers to brighten up the yellow color.) This year it started rebloom in late June, about 5 weeks after spring bloom. Right behind it was Larry Lauer's CRUISE TO AUTUMN, a copper/lavender blend. Later in August, another Lauer TB was putting on a profuse flush of bloom. This was SKY KING RETURNS with yellow standards, violet falls edged tan.

The reselect Median seedlings were busy as well. One of Jean Witt's MTB seedlings covered itself with bloom through much of August. It will be interesting to see if it can recover from that spectacular show to bloom again next spring! Maui Mango, an orange MTB, was reblooming in late August. Several reblooming SDB seedlings from FOREVER BLUE were putting on a predictable display. Interestingly, many of these seedlings are yellow with blue beards. Some of our pink MTB's were reblooming but possibly too late in the fall to be useful in colder climates.

In the first year seedlings, we found an Arilbred seedling from MANY MAHALOS (orange RE IB) blooming in August. It was a near black self. A very clean (no haft marks) SDB-Aitken #03M9 (probably 3 generations down the line from WHAT AGAIN) with great color saturation was in bloom in early August. The TB rebloom seedlings were lit up most of the summer with white flowers dominating but who needs white?

Beardless irises also came under scrutiny. I found a dark purple Louisiana blooming down a row in August. It had species form so plenty of work to be done there. The Siberian rebloomers are reported elsewhere. Second and third generation seedlings out of (REDDY OR NOT x HALEAKALA) finished up the summer with another crop of seed pods. It looks like there is a race between hybridizers to produce an orange Siberian. We are trying to get a reblooming orange Siberian.

Japanese irises had a different summer. The old field was in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and it was time to transplant. In spite of that there was quite a bit of summer bloom.



**REBLOOM REPORT**  
WINTERBERRY GARDENS, ZONE 6, VIRGINIA  
*Ginny Spoon*

The weather in the eastern section of the country was very dry in the summer of 2007 and as a result the rebloom came later than usual this past fall. Some of the irises that rebloomed in our garden included: AGAIN AND AGAIN, OVER AND OVER, DOUBLEDAY, CONSTANT COMPANION, I BLESS, PLUM WINE, PELE, SENORITA FROG, PRETTY GIRL, HILDA'S GIFT, CHAMPAGNE ENCORE, LICHEN, IMMORTALITY, LATE LILAC, DAYS OF SUMMER, ROYAL MAROON, DOUBLE YOUR FUN, TOTAL RECALL, FROST ECHO, LIQUID AMBER, LOVE GOES ON, FAITHFUL AND TRUE, SANGREAL, MATRIX, MIDNIGHT CALLER, DARK CRYSTAL, FRANKINCENSE, MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, RHEA PEERZ, PRINCE LOLLIPOP, GIGGLER, SKY WILLOW and LADY EMMA. Several newcomers to our garden rebloomed: THEME MASTER (Wilkerson 2004) and RASPBERRY FROST (Sutton 2002) and our new introduction for 2007, UFO and CORN DANCE (2008). We also had an additional ten SDB seedlings rebloom and two MDBs.

At our Regional show, on the first weekend of October, LADY EMMA, LIQUID AMBER, and UNCHAINED MELODY were some of the irises that were shown. We also toured the garden of Ken and Joan Roberts in Gettysburg, Maryland. The standout reblooming iris in their garden was SEASON OF MISTS (Zurbrigg 2002) and a seedling by Joan Roberts out of DOUBLESHOT.

C&P Iris Society had their show on the third weekend of October. I BLESS won best specimen and FRANKINCENSE and DOUBLEDAY were best in section. Don Spoon won best seedling with a lovely ruffled pink SDB 2004-18A. In November, we held our board meeting at the home of Ray and Karen Jones where DAUGHTER OF STARS, LIQUID AMBER, and CHRISTIANE ELIZABETH were in bloom.

Right after our club show we had a cold spell for ten days with a low of 12 degrees, and that ended the rebloom in our garden. However, we had unusually warm weather afterwards, and at our December holiday club party in Alexandria, Virginia we went to Griffin Crump's garden and about ten of his seedlings were in bloom. HAUNTING (2005) and STEALTH FIGHTER (2008) were especially lovely.

As I write this report the first week of January, of 2007, the *Prunus autumnalis*, *Prunus mume*, winter jasmine, scented viburnum, and snowdrops are in full bloom and today (January 4<sup>th</sup>) the temperatures are in the 60's.

**Request for Slides**

Margaret Sutton, RIS slide chair, is in need of good slides of irises, 10 years old or newer, to update her slide sets. These rebloom slides are sent to clubs requesting them for programs. If you have appropriate slides, please contact Margaret (address on page 2). Many thanks.

# 2006 REBLOOM REPORT

## SUPERSTITION IRIS GARDENS

Zone 8...Rick Tasco / Roger Duncan  
Central California...Mariposa County (elev. 1250')  
Sierra Nevada lower foothills

March-April-May are our normal bloom months, so no bloom during those months is reported as rebloom. Our entire field is transplanted every year during September and early October

### STANDARD DWARF BEARDED (SDB)

All That Magic.....	JAN FEB	JUNE JULY		
Flower Child.....	FEB			
Forever Blue.....	JAN	JUNE JULY		NOV
Glitter Bit.....	JAN FEB	JUNE		NOV
Replicator.....	JAN FEB			NOV
Wizard's Return.....	JAN	JUNE		

### INTERMEDIATE BEARDED (IB)

Double Overtime.....	JAN FEB	JUNE	OCT	NOV
Fast Forward.....		JUNE		
Low Ho Silver.....	JAN FEB		OCT	NOV
Mariposa Wizard.....	JAN FEB			
Rhea Peerz.....	JAN	JUNE		

### MINIATURE TALL BEARDED (MTB)

Lady Emma.....				NOV
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### BORDER BEARDED (BB)

Patty Ann.....	JUNE	AUG		
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### ARIEBRED (AB)

Concerto Grosso.....	JUNE			
Kiosk.....	JUNE			
Persian Padishah.....	JUNE			
Pink Betterment.....	JUNE			

### HISTORIC (HIST)

Eleanor Roosevelt.....			SEPT	OCT	
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### TALL BEARDED (TB)

Cajun Cooking.....		JULY		SEPT		
Coronation of David.....		JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
Daughter of Stars.....		JULY				NOV
Don't Miss This.....		JULY				
Firebeard.....		JUNE				
Juicy Fruit.....		JULY				
Pleasant Peasant.....	FEB					
Purple Reprise.....					OCT	NOV
Shire.....						
Sierra Mist.....	JAN FEB					
Voltaire's Cloak.....		JULY				
Zurich.....				SEPT	OCT	NOV

## RIS SYMPOSIUM

We'd like to have your votes for your favorite rebloomers. Please vote for irises that rebloom for you, or that you have seen rebloom in your area.  
Please send to George Sutton

Tall Bearded

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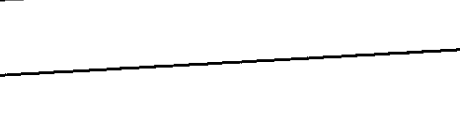
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## RECORD OF IRIS REBLOOM

Year\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

AIS Region \_\_\_\_\_

USDA Plant-Hardiness Zone\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have rebloom outside the months on the chart, please use the comments section**

MONTH

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As soon as you feel that your garden will have no more rebloom, please send this report to your area director. They are listed on the reverse side of this page.

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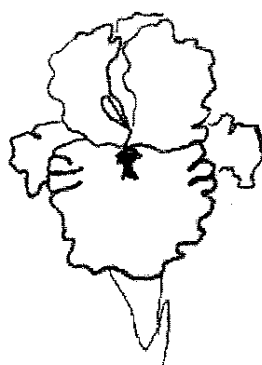
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## IRIS CULTURE IN TROPICAL CLIMATES

Terry Aitken

For many years, I have talked to people who want to grow irises in climates not usually suitable for iris culture. This includes Hawaii, Tahiti, Brazil, Taiwan and Florida. Southern California (San Diego) might be another area. Enter the "reblooming irises"!

In many of these situations, we have recommended Louisianas as plants that love heat and water and don't need much of a dormant cycle to bloom again. Gardeners who seemed to want a challenge would then ask about bearded irises. In talking to people who had tried TB's in tropical gardens, the observation was that the plants grew well in the garden at first but then slowly deteriorated and died over about 3 years. Whether they ever bloomed, I can't say. My suspicion is that most tropical plants are resistant to parasites such as nematodes whereas bearded irises in garden soil are not. Water irises like Louisianas do not have to contend with these parasites. My first recommendation was to treat bearded irises as "exotic pot plants" and grow them in an artificial soil mix, above ground and, supposedly, free of nematodes. The next cultural problem was heat. A loose mulch of wood chips or pebbles might also keep solar heat in the soil at bay. Iris foliage can stand all of the sunlight that they can get if they are to bloom. Since many tropical climates experience frequent and regular rainfall, a well drained potting mix is advisable. Root rot could be a potential problem.

Iris plants that I have seen growing in pots in the buoyant breezes of Hawaii have had very healthy, leaf spot free foliage and good growth. The trick, then, is just to get them to bloom again. My recommendation is that growers use a balanced fertilizer like 16, 16, 16 with trace elements (many potting mixes are pretty sterile) or a bloom booster type fertilizer (10, 50, 10). It is best to analyze the existing potting mix first. Obviously, frost damage is not a problem in this situation and the plants may bloom at any time of the year.

Iris varieties which have successfully rebloomed under these conditions are MANY MAHALOS (IB), PUREAS GOLD (TB), CLARENCE (TB), GOLDEN IMMORTAL (TB). Many more are in testing stages. If any of our readers have had other experiences with tropical iris culture, please let us hear from you. The internet has opened many doors to gardeners who seek a horticultural challenge.

### Request for Speakers

If any of our members who grow and/or hybridize reblooming irises would be willing to serve as guest speakers at AIS Region meetings, club meetings, etc., please contact our editor, Robin Shadlow at:

rshadlow@yahoo.com or 16124 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68130.

We need to expand our list of potential speakers.

## **In Memoriam Keith Chadwick**

By Robin Rundle

Keith Chadwick passed away August 31, 2006 at his farm north of Caldwell, Idaho. Keith was a lifelong farmer and through the years became a well known hybridizer in the state of Idaho. He established Sand Hollow Iris Gardens, developing many award winning irises, attending national conventions, and selling irises nationwide.

His first two registered irises were RIVER OF DREAMS and POORMAN. Through the years he registered many irises, combining the distinctive oasis name with the names of family and friends. These include OASIS SYDNEY, after his late wife in 2004 and OASIS KEITH in 2006, which he didn't have time to register.

Keith found great excitement in hybridizing and the blooming of a new seedling, even checking with a flashlight when coming home late. He was meticulous in removing weeds, and even while in the hospital talked about going home to rototill his iris.

Keith specialized in developing iris with substance, color and reblooming ability and sold them throughout the country. OASIS PATCHES was awarded an Honorable Mention in 2005.

Keith was active with local and regional iris groups, traveling to events throughout the west. He was also an avid fisherman, horseman, and Idaho historian.

*The RIS thanks Ms. Rundle and her family for the contribution in Keith's name*



Oasis Patches



# TRACKING FOUR YEARS of REBLOOM

Leonard and Kathie Jedlicka  
Blue J Iris Gardens Alliance, NE  
Zone 4

		July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Acoma	2003, 2004	X + X			X
Again And Again	2004, 2005		X	X + X	
Agressively Forward	2003	X			
Alice Goodman	2003	X			
Angelic Wings	2003, 2006	X	X		
Anxious	2003, 2005	X	X		
Autumn Apricot	2003	X			
Autumn Bugler	2003	X			
Autumn Wine BB	2006		X		
Bab El Mandeb	2004		X		
Baby Blessed SDB	2005			X	
Banana Cream	2003		X		X
Barn Dance	2003		X		
Bella Rosa IB	2003, 2004, 2006	X + X	X + X	X	X
Bernice's Legacy	2003, 2004	X + X		X	X
Betty Dunn	2003		X		X
Billionaire	2003, 2004			X	X + X
Blaney Marlow	2003		X		
Blazing Sunrise	2003, 2004	X	X		
Blessed Assurance IB	2003				X
Blue Review	2003		X		
Bolder Boulder	2004, 2006	X	X	X	
Bonus Mama	2003		X		X
Breakers	2004			X	
Bright and Sunny	2005, 2006	X	X		
Brother Carl					X
Brown Duet	2004			X	X
Buckwheat	2003	X			X
Cameo Blush BB	03, 04, 05, 06	X	X + X	X	
Canary Delight	2004		X	X	
Cantina	2003, 2004	X + X	X		
Celestial Sunshine	2005				X
Champagne Elegance	2003, 2004	X	X + X		
Champagne Encore IB	2003, 2006	X + X	X	X	
Cloudcaps On Galilee	2004			X	X
Concoction IB	2003	X			
Coral Chalice	2004			X	

		July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Cosmic Dawn	2006	X			
Diamond Blush	03, 04, 05, 06	X + X	X + X		X
Double Shot	2004		X	X	X
Double Your Fun	2006	X	X		
Dream Scene	2004	X			
Edith Wolford	2003	X			
Eggnog	2003		X		
Elegaball	2005	X			
English Charm	2003	X			
Eternal Bliss	2004			X	X
Evelyn Rose	2003, 2004	X	X	X	
Flyby	2003	X			
Fond Remembrance IB	2003, 2004	X	X	X + X	X
Frappe	03, 04, 05			X + X + X	X
French Melody	2003	X			
Frost Echo	03, 04, 05	X + X + X	X	X + X	X + X
Golden Encore	2003, 2006			X + X	
Golden Immortal	2003		X	X	
Grace Thomas	2004			X	
Heart of Ice	2003	X		X	X
Heavenly Encore	2004			X	
Her Royal Highness	2003, 2004		X + X	X	
Hold Everything	2005	X			X
I Bless IB	2004		X		X
Iceland	2003				X
Immortality	2003, 2006		X + X		
Invitation	2004, 2005		X + X	X	
Io	2004, 2005		X + X		
Joans Pleasure	2003, 2004		X	X	X + X
July Yellow	03, 04, 05, 06	X + X	X + X + X	X + X	X
Junglecat	2003, 2004			X	X
King's Tribute	2004			X	
Lady Essex	2004		X	X + X	X + X
Lake Reprise	2003, 2004	X	X	X	X
Lara's Pride	2006		X		
Lichen	2006		X		
Lilac Stitchery	2004		X	X	
Low Ho Silver IB	2003, 2004		X + X		X + X
Lucky Locket BB	2004			X	X
Luminosity	2003, 2004	X + X		X + X	X + X
Malaguena	2004	X			
Marbe Bleu	2004	X			
Midnight Caller	03, 04, 05, 06	X + X + X	X + X	X + X	X
Midsummer's Night Dream IB	2004		X	X	

		July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Midsummer's Eve BB	03, 04, 05	X + X + X	X + X		X
Misty Twilight	2003			X	
Moby Grape	2004		X		X
Mother Earth	2003, 2004		X	X	
Mulberry Memories	2004			X	
Nordica	2003	X			
Northern Flame	2003	X	X		
Oasis Rainbow	2005	X			
Oasis War Bonnet BB	2005		X	X	
Pagan Dance	2003		X		X
Peach Brandy	2004		X		
Peach Royale	2003	X			
Perfume Counter	2004		X	X	X
Pink Attraction	2003, 2004, 2006		X + X + X	X	X + X
Pinkness	2002, 2005		X + X		
Plum Pretty Whiskers	2005			X	
Precious Little Pink IB	03, 04, 05, 06	XXXX	X + X	X	X
Priceless Pearl	2006	X			
Priscilla of Corinth	2004		X		
Prince Charming	2005		X		
Prince George	2005		X		
Princess Pittypat	2004		X		
Pure As Gold	2004		X		
Queen Dorothy	2003				X
Rainbow Goddess	2004		X		
Raspberry Frost	2006		X		
Recurring Delight	2004			X	X
Reincarnation	2003		X		
Remember Spring	03, 04, 05, 06	X	X + X + X	X + X	X
Ringo	2003	X			
Rock Star	2005			X	
Romantic Evening	2004		X		
Rosalie Figge	2003, 2004			X	X + X
Ruth Black	2003, 2004	X		X	
Second Fiddle	2003	X			
September Frost	03, 04, 05, 06		X + X + X	X + X	X
September Replay	2003, 2004, 2005	X	X + X	X	X
Sign of Leo	2003, 2004		X + X		X
Sign of Virgo	2003				
Silver Dividends	2005			X	
Simply Stunning	2003			X	
Sky King Returns	2005		X	X	
Soap Opera	2003		X		
Speed Limit	2003	X			
Striped Moonbeams AB	2004			X	X

		July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Sugar Snaps IB	2003		X	X	X
Summer Holidays	2003				X
Summer Radiance	03, 04, 05, 06	X	XXXXX	X + X	
Sweet Revenge	2003	X	X		
Tang Fizz	2003				X
Tenderly	2004, 2005			X + X	
Then Again	2006		X		
Total Recall	2004		X	X	
Triple Dragon	2003		X		
Twice Told	2003		X		
Twilight Fancies	2004			X	X
Unbelievable Love	2005			X	
Violet Returns	2004			X	X
Wine Punch	2005		X		
Winesap	2004			X	
Winterland	2004		X		
Wright Flyer	2004		X		
Ziggy	2004			X	X

The best four rebloomers bloomed all four years in a total of four different months. They were JULY YELLOW, MIDNIGHT CALLER, PRECIOUS LITTLE PINK and REMEMBER SPRING.

The next four best rebloomers bloomed all four years in a total of three different months. They were CAMEO BLUSH, DIAMOND BLUSH, SEPTEMBER FROST and SUMMER RADIANCE.

They did not need to be moved to rebloom.

*Editor's note: Though we have printed some of this information in prior issues, I thought that the value of seeing different cultivar's performance over several years provides very useful information on dependability. Thanks to Leonard and Kathie for keeping such excellent records!*

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## IRIS AS HOUSEPLANTS ?

Terry Aitken, Region 13

Last year, I reported on crosses set in September and October, here in the Northwest. These plants were dug and potted before the fall freezes got serious and were moved into the greenhouse for the winter. The seed pods ripened, as expected, around the end of the year. The temperature was around 60 degrees in the greenhouse so they were growing slowly. Since our outdoor temperatures in January can get nasty, it seemed wiser to keep these green and growing plants inside. Sometime in late February, they began sending up bloom stems again! I had not expected this to happen, and they would have benefited from stronger light. The stems were "reaching" for the light and were too weak to support the weight of the flowers. This winter, some of these same plants are still in pots and have been moved onto south facing window sills in the house. They may still "reach" but the foot-candle level should produce a sturdier stem. (I will take foot-candle readings in these different locations.)

Any plant in a pot that can bloom several times during the winter indoors deserves consideration as a useful house plant. The plant in question was PERPETUAL INDULGENCE, an SDB with very strong rebloom tendencies. Several other SDBs and MTBs were showing buds late last fall. A few of these were also potted up and added to this experiment for IRISES AS HOUSE PLANTS.

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### TIME TO SHINE

by Griff Crump

Out in the garden  
Where the cold wind blows  
A little purple iris  
Has stuck its nose  
Out of its spathe  
And into the air  
To see if it's safe  
To be blooming there.  
With four freezes down  
And one to go,  
My advice would be  
To take it slow;  
But this one's determined  
It's time to shine,  
So, what can I say, but  
Good luck, PLUM WINE!



### Editor's Message

Terry and Barbara Aitken really deserve the credit as editors of this issue. Thanks to their hard work it all came together.

The poem above reflects a bit of what so many of us have gone through in April of 2007. In much of the midwest and south-east, the season had been running much too early, then temps down into the teens wrecked havoc. A good deal of bloom has been lost. Hopefully most will recover from the freeze damage.

The convention in Oklahoma City is just weeks away. Hope to see many of you there!

Robin



REBLOOMING SIBERIANS  
photos by Terry Aitken



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