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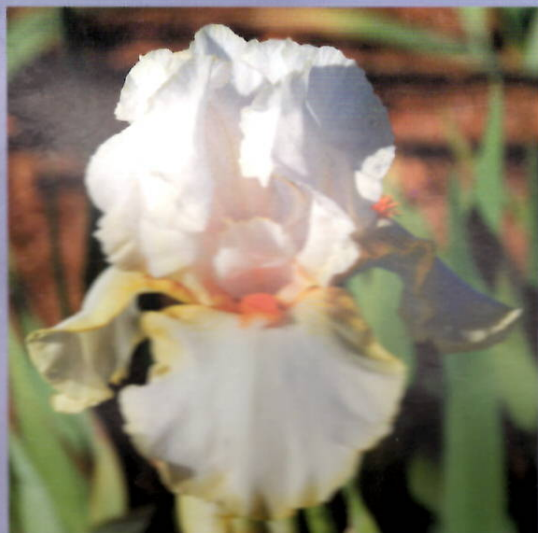
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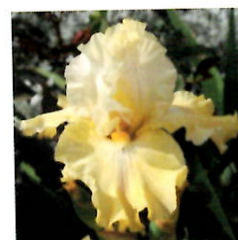
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 2001 Honorable Mention



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(S. Innerst '03)  
 TB 36" ML & RE



### Total Recall

(B. Hager '92)  
 TB 34" EML & RE  
 1996 Honorable Mention



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(J. Weiler '91)  
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## New 2008 Reblooming Iris Checklist

*The 2008 RIS Checklist is dedicated to Lloyd Zurbrigg and Rosalie Figge. Their years of dedication to the promotion of reblooming irises has kept so many of us dreaming and working for better irises with more dependable rebloom.*

Order this 222-page printed Checklist for \$19.00 including postage (~~\$33.00 overseas~~) or CD in RTF and Excel format for \$16.00 (\$21.00 overseas). Make check payable to Reblooming Iris Society (RIS) and mail request to: Charlie Brown, 3114 South Main Street, Denison, TX 75020-0724.





Ken Roberts

## Dawn of the Reblooming Era, President's Message *By Ken Roberts*

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Immortality, C. Buchheim

Lloyd Zurbrigg was dedicated to creating rebloomers and has been credited by many with popularizing the age of rebloomers. At the time of its introduction, his 'Immortality' was a major advancement in the form of remountant irises and it still lives up to its name. However, there were several other hybridizers also concentrating on developing rebloomers. Monty Byers was an avid promoter of them and I believe it was Ben Hager who said, "rebloomers are the iris of the future". Well folks, the future is now here.

For those who attended the Reblooming Section meeting in Austin, you heard George Sutton confirm that the age of rebloomers has arrived. At one time it was thought that rebloomers were an oddity and that their form was unworthy of introduction. That is no longer the case as I have seen better form, branching, and color patterns in some recent introductions and in a number of seedlings. This includes cultivars that rebloom reliably on the east coast. Indeed, I have seen rebloomers that surpass some currently introduced "oncens".

On page 143 of the 2007 *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* under the title Garden Judging, it states, "The ability of an iris to rebloom should always be considered an outstanding characteristic". Under the title Exhibition Judging, you will see "To be fair, judge the quality of a reblooming iris as you would a non-reblooming iris. Reblooming iris should

be of the same quality as a once-blooming iris." As I just mentioned, I have some rebloomers that are superior to once-bloomers so we should see reblooming irises as Queen of Show more often. OK hybridizers, let's see more of them! Now they can compete evenly with all irises in the same category.



Immortality TB (L. Zurbrigg '82)

Yes, rebloomers are no longer the iris of the future. Landscape contractors and garden designers are searching for them because they offer an extended bloom season. We need to educate them that although 'Immortality' was the star of the past, there are many dozens that now exceed it in color and form. We salute the hybridizers

who are now concentrating on developing the reblooming iris. And the irises are not all tall bearded, either.

By now you may have noticed that we have printed this publication in color. This is an expensive undertaking and we would like some assistance in a couple of ways. Most importantly is the renewal of all memberships and recruiting new members. In addition, we welcome contributions to the Recorder fund to offset the additional cost.

In order to make the publication even more valuable, it is imperative that reports of rebloom are sent to your Regional Director. This will aid the Editor of the Reblooming Checklist in keeping it current. Thus, in turn, making it more valuable for those interested in selecting rebloomers for their climate.

*Front Cover: The yellow and white irises pictured were chosen for their rebloom reliability in multiple USDA Zones. In the RIS "Checklist" these climate zones are listed as well as the states and countries in which their rebloom has been recorded. To keep our "Checklist" up to date, we need your help. Please send your rebloom data to your RIS Area Director. — The Editor*





*Dana Brown*

## Board Meeting Minutes *By Dana Brown, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Aitken at 7:06 p.m.

The minutes of the previous board meeting and membership meeting were approved as published.

The slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was changed to list Ken Roberts for the office of President. Sterling Innerst, who had previously accepted the nomination, requested his name be withdrawn from nomination due to poor health. The amended slate of officers now reads:

President – Ken Roberts  
Vice President – Jim Hedgecock  
Secretary – Dana Brown  
Treasurer – Rita Gormley  
Midwestern Director – Tim Stanek

Margaret Sutton moved and Dave Silverberg seconded that the amended slate of officers be presented to the membership at their meeting for their approval. Motion carried.

Margaret Sutton presented the treasurer's report. The additional costs for printing an all-color

Reblooming Iris Recorder were discussed. The all-color version with 4 extra pages cost approximately \$1500 more to print than the 2007 black and white version. Editor Carole Buchheim raised \$1480.00 from clubs and individuals to defray the cost for this issue. The individual copy cost is \$6.70 each.

The balance on hand is \$14,475.21. Dave Silverberg moved and Charlie Brown seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

We will no longer require two signatures on checks over \$100. As there is no bylaw requiring this and no amendment is required. It was noted that the bylaws are available on the RIS website.

### OLD BUSINESS

2008 Checklists will be delivered tomorrow. There are 150 copies of the checklist and 30 of the CD's. The books will be \$15.00 and the CD will be \$10.00.

**Membership:** There are currently 469 active members.

**Rebloom Report:** George Sutton recommended we change the reporting dates for the Rebloom Report to January 1 through December 31 of each year. It was suggested that the Rebloom Report be made available electronically as well. Margaret Sutton moved that the reporting time for the Rebloom Report be changed to start on January 1 and run through December 31, that it be printed in the spring Recorder, and that it be made available on the website. George Sutton seconded. The motion carried.

**Reblooming Symposium:** It will be printed in the fall Recorder and will be returned to Shirley Trio.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Dues Changes:** Charlie Brown proposed that we drop the dual membership classification as there is no real benefit to it. Sandy Ives moved and Margaret Sutton seconded that we discontinue the dual annual and dual triennial memberships. After discussion the question was called and the motion failed.

**Dues Increase:** Margaret Sutton moved that we increase our dues to a rate compatible with other sections:

Single Annual = \$10.00  
Dual Annual = \$12.00  
Single Triennial = \$25.00  
Dual Triennial = \$30.00

Dave Silverberg seconded and the motion passed.

**Proposal from Section Rep:** AIS asked that we agree to consider the option of offering a section membership at half price when a new member joins AIS. It was duly moved and seconded that we agree to consider this idea if it is passed by the AIS board. Motion carried.

**Committee to Reorganize Director Areas:** George Sutton moved and Margaret Sutton seconded a motion to create a committee to look at reorganizing the director areas, including any necessary bylaw changes. The committee shall be: Shirley Trio, Sandy Ives, Joan Roberts, Dave Silverberg, Charlie Brown, and Rita Gormley. The motion carried.



(l. to r.) *Barbara Aitken*,  
President and *Margaret  
Sutton*, Treasurer

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Barbara & Margaret,  
C. Buchheim



Ken Roberts reminded us that we had voted not to accept new life memberships at our annual meeting in 2007. He stated that life memberships are stipulated in our bylaws and that we must amend our bylaws to make this change. This item was tabled until the new president could appoint a committee to review the bylaws.

## General Meeting Minutes *By Dana Brown, Secretary*

The membership meeting was called to order by President Barbara Aitken on April 16, 2008 at 3:05 p.m. President Aitken welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

The following slate of officers was presented to the membership for their approval:

President – Ken Roberts  
Vice President – Jim Hedgecock  
Secretary – Dana Brown  
Treasurer – Rita Gormley  
Midwestern Director – Tim Stanek

There being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the new slate of officers as presented. Motion carried. President Aitken thanked the outgoing officers and asked for a round of applause in appreciation of their hard work.

President Aitken announced that the Board of Directors had approved a dues increase. The new rates will be:

Single Annual = \$10.00  
Dual Annual = \$12.00  
Single Triennial = \$25.00  
Dual Triennial = \$30.00

President Aitken reminded everyone that the new 2008 Checklists were available for sale at the Reblooming Iris Society table for \$15.00

**Slide Sets:** It was determined that we should discontinue slides and move to digital media. Alex Stanton will head up the new Program Resources Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

for the printed version and \$10.00 for the CD's. Mrs. Aitken thanked Robin Shadlow, Linda Mann, and Betty Wilkerson for their hard work on this project.

Incoming President Ken Roberts will form a Bylaws Review Committee to deal with any changes due to the reorganization of the Director areas and the deletion of life memberships from the Bylaws as voted at our 2007 annual meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was turned over to "Ringmaster" Jeanne Clay Plank who presented the participants of the Reblooming Iris Panel Discussion: Terry Aitken, Richard Richards and George Sutton. A lively discussion ensued with participation from the audience. Mrs. Plank thanked our speakers and turned the meeting back over to President Aitken.

Mrs. Aitken polled the audience and reminded those that weren't members that they could become members now at the old rates. The meeting was adjourned.



*Convention attendees purchasing the new RIS Reblooming Iris Checklist*



*(l. to r.) Rich Richards, Terry Aitken, and George Sutton led out in the Reblooming Iris Panel Discussion.*

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## Reblooming Iris Society Renewals

If your membership expiration on your envelope or mailing label shows 1/1/2009, **THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE** of the REBLOOMING IRIS RECORDER! You do not want to miss an issue.

Please send your renewal in today to: Rita Gormley, RIS Membership Chairperson, 10606 Timber Ridge St., Dubuque, IA 52001-8268. You can print out an order form at <http://www.rebloomingiris.com/application.htm> and make checks payable to the Reblooming Iris Society or go through AIS via PayPal or credit card at <http://irises.org/ppmbrshp/aisonlinemrshpRISJOIN.htm>.



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*Chartered Course*, *C. Buchheim*  
*Decker*, *C. Buchheim*



**Carole Buchheim**

## Editor's Note *By Carole Buchheim*

Welcome to the second full-color edition of the *RIS Recorder*! It's no small task to put one of these publications together and without your help it wouldn't be possible. My sincere thanks to all of you who contributed rebloom reports, articles, digital photos, and donations.

I would like to invite more of you, the readership, to participate. It all begins when the spring catalogs reach our mail boxes. Visions of fabulous new irises blooming in our spring gardens and stalwart remontants putting on a second show later in the year encourages most of us to spend more than we wish. But, alas, when those buds of promise begin to blossom, the sheer pleasure of it is truly satisfying.

The *RIS Recorder* can help you in your planning. Note what the regional directors say about different cultivars and check what irises are listed as reblooming in your region/USDA Zone. Try some of the cultivars suggested as high performers. Make a few changes, if need be, in your gardening regimen to encourage more rebloom. Be creative, ask questions, and try something new (whether it's a new iris, a new fertilizer, or a new way of doing things).

When spring bloom abates and the heat of summer sets in, your new iris purchases will begin to arrive. After planting for next year's spring extravaganza, it's time to focus on rebloom. Because rebloomers are accelerated growers, they need a little more of everything. Some advocate not treating them any differently than oncens. However, in my experience I have found that many RE cultivars will reward you handsomely for the gift of a little extra TLC.

When those first coveted rebloom stalks begin to appear, make plans for some record

keeping. On pages 30 and 31 we have provided a form for keeping track of your rebloom. Make a copy, put it on a clip board, and take it with you to the garden. (These forms will also be available as PDFs on our RIS web site at [www.rebloomingiris.com](http://www.rebloomingiris.com).) Your rebloom

notes can be of real benefit to fellow irisarians.

At the end of the rebloom season, send a copy of your notes to your regional director. Their addresses are listed on page 1. E-mails are also listed for your convenience. The directors will in turn send that information on to the editor. This data can be

published as collective regional or individual reports.

This information is also important to the committee that oversees updating the Checklist. It's all about communication.

The more we share the rebloom knowledge we have, the faster advances will be made in developing higher quality remontant irises.

My next concern is about printing in full color. It is expensive. Without additional contributions to the color printing fund, it can not continue. For 600 copies of this 32-page 2008 *RIS Winter Recorder*, it will cost about \$5.25 each plus additional expenses for labeling, postage, and shipping. Two issues alone will cost more than a single annual membership!

Color printing is like icing on the cake. It greatly improves the quality of the document, builds our awareness of different cultivars, and will result in increased publicity for remontant irises as well as increased membership. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to Rita Gormley, RIS Treasurer, 10606 Timber Ridge St., Dubuque, IA 52001-8268.

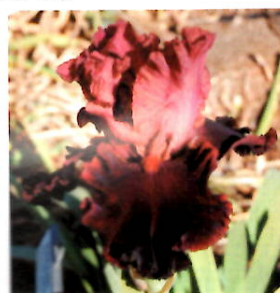
*(I've filled my space with business, but I can't resist adding a few photos of rebloom favorites from my 2008 garden.)*



**Rare Bouquet TB**  
*(G. Sutton '03)*



**Pure As Gold TB**  
*(W. Maryott '93)*



**Wearing Rubies TB**  
*(B. Blyth '01/02)*



**Chartered Course TB**  
*(F. Kerr '05)*



**Decker TB**  
*(M. Jameson '01)*





Sandy Ives

## Northeastern Report *By Director Sandy Ives*

I've had a very interesting year in 2008... mainly because the vast majority of my irises were dug in May instead

of July and August. Foundation problems left me with the unpalatable option of seeing a rebloom season at the expense of seeing my cave troughs settle to the height of our SDBs. Therefore Ottawa's report (Zone 4ish) was forced to skip 2008.

Region 16 has received reports from two geographic blocks; Manitoba, Zone 3 and Southern Ontario, generally Zone 5. I hope to receive reports from Oregon North next year, otherwise known as British Columbia. While the 2011 AIS Convention is still three years away, this still leaves two years of available reports, and the climate for iris rebloom should be outstanding.

### REGION 16 REBLOOM

Cultivar	Hybridizer	RE Months
Anxious TB	(B. Hager '92)	.....Fall
Autumn Embers SDB	(C. Chapman '96)	... Sep, Oct
Autumn Jester SDB	(C. Chapman '00)	.....Fall
Autumn Tryst TB	(J. Weiler '93)	.....Fall
Baby Blessed SDB	(L. Zurbrigg '79)	.....Fall
Blueberry Tart SDB	(C. Chapman '02)	.....Oct
Bonus Mama TB	(B. Hager '90)	.....Fall
Charger TB	(H. Stahly '85)	.....Fall
Didgeridoo SDB	(C. Chapman '05)	.....Jul, Oct
Double Your Fun IB	(J.T. Aitken '00)	... Aug, Sep
Forever Blue SDB	(C. Chapman '96)	.....Multiple
Forever Violet MDB	(C. Chapman '02)	.....Oct
Frugal SDB	(P. Black '97)	.....Fall
Grape Cordial SDB	(J.T. Aitken '00)	.....Aug
Immortality TB	(L. Zurbrigg '82)	.....Fall
Mary Ellen Nichols TB	(H. Nichols '90)	.....Fall
Maui Mango MTB	(J.T. Aitken '05)	.....Oct
Mother Earth TB	(B. Hager '88)	.....Fall
Pink Attraction TB	(E. Hall '88)	.....Fall
Pinkness TB	(M. Byers '89)	.....Fall
Renown TB	(L. Zurbrigg '92)	.....Fall



Pink Attraction TB (E. Hall '88)

Rosalie Figge TB	(J. McKnew '93)	.....Fall
Royal Overtime SDB	(C. Chapman '00)	.... Multiple, Nov
Silver Dividends TB	(L. Zurbrigg '91)	.....Fall
Speed Limit TB	(L. Lauer '92)	.....Fall
Total Recall TB	(B. Hager '92)	.....Fall
Wizard Of Hope SDB	(C. Chapman '01)	.... Fall

I received no reports from Region 2, much to my dismay. I wonder if my requests are being caught in peoples' spam filters. There are several newcomers who hope to trade stories and share advice; if you are a New Yorker, please send me an e-mail so that I can make my requests with greater style (and force).

I received reports from Region 1, specifically SW Connecticut. I know there

are locations in Region 1 that can match Mani-



Baby Blessed SDB  
(L. Zurbrigg '79)



Fast Forward SDB  
(J.T. Aitken '02)

toba winters (you know what I'm talking about), so I tend to expect the lists to be composed of SDBs. I was pleased to see a historic, 'Corn Harvest' TB '77, as well.

### REGION 1 REBLOOM

Cultivar	Hybridizer	RE Months
Clarence TB	(L. Zurbrigg '91)	.....Oct
Concoction IB	(M. Byers '91)	.....Sep, Oct
Corn Harvest TB	(C. Wyatt '77)	.....Sep, Oct
Fast Forward IB	(J.T. Aitken '02)	.....Sep, Oct
Forever Blue SDB	(C. Chapman '01)	.....Oct
Ice And Indigo SDB	(A.&D. Willott '91)	.....Oct
Jewel Baby SDB	(E. Hall '84)	.....Sep, Oct
Low Ho Silver IB	(M. Byers '89)	.....Oct
Midsummer Night's Dream IB	(L. Baumunk '99)	... Oct
Rosalie Figge TB	(J. McKnew '93)	.....Oct
Sun Doll SDB	(B. Jones '92)	.....Oct

### Region 1

Maine  
New Hampshire  
Vermont  
Massachusetts  
Connecticut  
Rhode Island

### Region 2

New York

### Region 16

Canada



Corn Harvest TB  
(C. Wyatt '77)

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Fast Forward, J.T. Aitken  
Baby Blessed, G. Spoon



### Region 3

Pennsylvania  
Delaware

### Region 4

Maryland  
District Of Columbia  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
North Carolina

### Region 7

Tennessee  
Kentucky

### Region 19

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Raspberry Frost,  
*C. Buchheim*



*Joan Roberts*

## Eastern Report *By Director Joan Roberts*

WHAT A YEAR! Mother Nature really needs help. Maybe she should consider counseling. Thinking back to several National Conventions, she has caused more than a little trouble. Here are but a few

examples of her erratic behavior: After two years of hard work and diligent preparation by our delightful hosts, the first bus arrived to find that gale-force winds blew off all of the blossoms in the Guest Bed. Other conventions... one had snow on the irises and another had an F5 tornado two hours after our plane landed.

You would think if anyone had some pull with Mother Nature it would be Schreiners or Cooleys—not so—it rained nearly every day of the 2006 convention. Maybe Mrs. Nature just doesn't like irises in which case she really does need a "shrink"!

Our spring bloom season was ushered in with torrential rains bringing more showers than May flowers. Then we had a drought that lasted until fall which was too late for our lovely rebloomers. There were, however, a few fearless souls that ignored Mrs. Nature. Most lacked their normal branching and the blooms did not last as long, but they were beautiful to us and deserve credit for their efforts.

In our iris garden, which is too far away to hand water, 'Cameo Blush' BB (J. Weiler '98) and 'Again And Again' TB (S. Innerst '99)

were stars. Both had several stalks and excellent flowers. 'Northward Ho' TB (L. Zurbrigg '91), 'Raspberry Frost' TB (G. Sutton '01), and 'Remarkable' TB (R. Smith '94) (which lives up to its name), also rebloomed. 'Champagne Junior' BB (O.D. Niswonger '94) and 'Champagne Encore' IB (J.T. Aitken '97) were beautiful, staying in bloom for weeks!

Andy and Jean Crossland reported that 'October Splendor' BB (G. Sides '97) rebloomed in November.

Jay and Brenda Holcomb reported that 'Lunar Whitewash' TB (S. Innerst '03) was spectacular. Also reblooming for them were 'Again And Again' TB (S. Innerst '99), 'Many Happy Returns' TB (B. Hager '88), 'Rosalie Figge' TB (J. McKnew '91), 'Queen Dorothy' TB (E. Hall '84), and 'Glitter Bit' SDB (J. Weiler '97).

Sterling Innerst had 'Maui Mango' MTB (J.T. Aitken '05) and 'Again And Again' TB (S. Innerst '99) bloom in his garden.

Pat and Jason Leader

were blessed with some rain and their irises did very well. The Tall Bearded irises reblooming were 'Again And Again' TB (S. Innerst '99), 'Clarence' TB (L. Zurbrigg '91), and 'Comic Opera' TB (G. Sutton '06).

The real story here are the Miniature Tall Bearded irises that rebloomed for them: 'Aglow Again' MTB (K. Fisher '04), 'Lady Di' MTB (W.T. Varner '89), 'Lady Emma' MTB (F. Jones '86), and 'Maui Mango' MTB (J.T. Aitken '05) bloomed in the spring, rebloomed in September, October, and again on November 13th (even though there had been a few mild freezes). This iris is not only beautiful, but it is among the elite few Miniature Tall Bearded irises that reblooms for us on the East Coast.



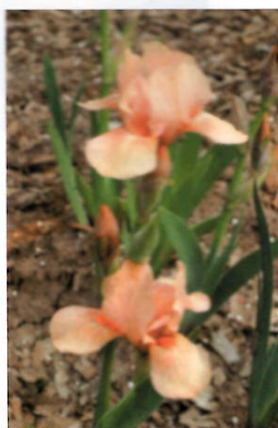
*Again And Again TB (S. Innerst '99)*



*Raspberry Frost TB (G. Sutton '01)*



*Clarence TB (L. Zurbrigg '91)*



*Maui Mango MTB (J.T. Aitken '05)*



*Glitter Bit SDB (J. Weiler '97)*





Dave Silverberg

## Northwestern Report *By Director Dave Silverberg*

I want to thank all those who took time from their busy schedules to send me the records of their rebloom.

The Canada geese were gathering in large flocks in late August and early September and to me that meant an early onset of winter. My concern



Autumn Jester SDB  
(C. Chapman '00)

about an early winter was a needless worry. The concern that we had that a major replanting in 2007 would reduce the 2008 bloom proved to be unfounded. 2008 had the best and the longest rebloom season in the 14 years I have lived here in Molalla, OR. Substantial rebloom had been there right from the start for the SDBs which appeared right on schedule. Rebloom began on July 5 with 'Autumn Jester' SDB (C. Chapman '00) and ended on December 3 with a Nancy Price seedling that has been named but not yet introduced. 'Autumn Jester' rebloomed an additional four times in July, Sept., and Oct. From the same hybridizer we had 'Forever Blue' SDB (C. Chapman '97) in July and Oct. and 'Ruby Eruption' SDB (C. Chapman '97) in July and Oct.

I was most impressed with 'Impulsive Imp' SDB (B. Blyth '04/05). We acquired it in 2007 and I can't state for certain that it bloomed Spring 2008 but it sure got my attention in Oct. Seems to me that 'Impulsive Imp' was still on Australia time with the first of 9 stalks opening on Oct. 25. There were other varieties that made a distinct impression and at the top of the list is



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Impulsive Imp SDB  
(B. Blyth '04/05)



Renascent TB (B. Hager '05)

'Renascent' TB (B. Hager '04). From a single rhizome planted Aug. 2007, it increased well enough to send up a spring bloom followed by another in Aug. and Oct. It has great form and the Aug. stalk showed excellent branching but

the Oct. stalk, like many others this year, was "snakey". 'Love Goes On' BB (D. Spoon '04) is an iris that just wouldn't quit. It seemed that every time I turned around, there she was showing off again. From Sterling Innerst there was 'Again And Again' TB ('99) bloomed four times with later stalks being low on bud count (as expected) and 'Over and Over' TB ('01) which put up four well-spaced-out bloom stalks with a consistent 14 buds.

I was concerned that 'Sky King Returns' TB ('03) from Larry Lauer was going to bloom out. We planted a single rhizome in late Sept. 2007 and it produced not only spring bloom but three additional rebloom stalks. It shows its Edith Wolford (B. Hager '86) heritage. Larry's 'Cruise to Autumn' TB ('01) also sent up three rebloom stalks that held up well even in late summer and early fall heat.

From the master of broken color, Brad Kasperek, we have 'Doe Z Doe' IB ('05) and 'Rhea Peerz' IB ('99). I was most impressed by the bright orange beard which highlighted the silver streaks in the fall in 'Doe Z Doe' and the circle of bright yellow (11 stalks) from 'Rhea Peerz', both of which were a 2007 acquisition. We got 'Autumn Surge' SDB (J.T. Aitken '05) the year it was in-

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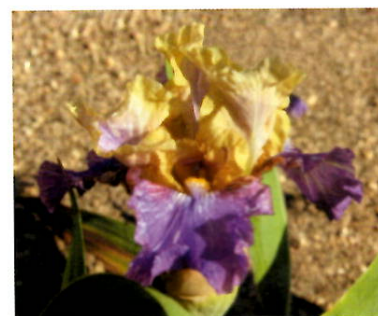
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Doe Z Doe IB  
(B. Kasperek '05)



**Sailboat Bay SDB**  
(L. Zurbrigg '01)



We replanted it in 2007 and it sent up twelve stalks over a four-month span.

I noted that there were many rebloom stalks this year that were excellently branched without the expected rebloom bunching. 'Total Recall' TB (B. Hager '92), 'Ozark Rebounder' TB



**Ozark Rebounder TB**  
(B. Nicodemus '03)



**Mariposa Wizard IB**  
(R. Tasco '04)

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Oasis Amy, C. White  
Honeycomb, C. Buchheim

perfectly spaced blooms), 'October Splendor' BB (G. Sides '97, great pink color). Saving the best for last, I would recommend 'Autumn Apricot' TB (A. Thimsen '88). It has the best branching of any reblooming iris I have seen!

The rebloom reports from Washington and Idaho were excellent; each one clean, clear, and concise. Sharon Touchstone in Idaho reported excellent rebloom on varieties that originated in Sandhollow Gardens (Laura Morrison and the late Keith Chadwick). 'July Yellow' TB (K. Chadwick/E. Warner '01) performed continuously for five months in the Touchstone garden and rebloomed well for Cheryl Bigelow in Washington. Other iris in the Touchstone garden from Sandhollow that performed above and beyond were 'Oasis Amy' TB (K. Chadwick

produced and it has never failed to perform and perform well. Another that fast became a favorite is 'Sailboat Bay' SDB (L. Zurbrigg '01).



**Total Recall TB** (B. Hager '92)

(B. Nicodemus '03, great color), 'Mariposa Wizard' IB (R. Tasco '04), 'Rosalie Figge' TB (J. McKnew '03, had one stalk out of eight total with five open per-



**Oasis Amy TB** (K. Chadwick '04)



**Autumn Wine BB**  
(V. Christopherson '03)

'04), 'Oasis Terry' TB (K. Chadwick '05), 'Oasis Plum Jam' TB (K. Chadwick '02), and 'Lorna's Rosita' TB (E. Werner '03). I should also mention 'Elmer's Thunder' TB (L. Morrison '02) which showed excellent four-way branching. Another with good branching (and I like the name) is 'Wonder Woman' TB (K. Chadwick '07).

Cheryl Bigelow reported that 'Cruise to Autumn' TB (L. Lauer '01), 'Low Ho Silver' IB (M. Byers '89), and 'Feed Back' TB (B. Hager '83) rebloomed well. These were good performers in our garden as well. Marjorie Clements reported that 'Champagne Elegance' TB (O.D. Niswonger '87), and 'Renascent' TB (B. Hager '05) always provide good rebloom (ditto here). Marjorie also reported that 'Ahwahnee Princess' SDB (G. Sutton '04) is a consistent rebloomer as is 'Double Shot' TB (G. Sutton '00) along with 'Autumn Wine' BB (V. Christopherson '03). Also performing well in the Clements iris patch was 'Autumn Ivory' BB (G. Spoon '01) and 'Honeycomb' TB (L. Lauer '06).

As a final note, Nancy and I were pleasantly surprised by a reblooming report on 'Sense Of Wonder' SDB (N. Price '07) from Dixon



**Honeycomb TB** (L. Lauer '06)

and Judy Blackmer in Washington. Here in the home garden we have had other seedlings (some named and registered but not yet introduced) rebloom this year with multiple stalks on each. I have not yet researched all the parentages so I am uncertain about any rebloom genetics that may or may not be present.



## Abbey Gardens 2008 Rebloom Report

### The Garden of Dave Silverberg and Nancy Price

Love Goes On ( <i>D. Spoon</i> '04) . . . . .	BB	Double Shot ( <i>G. Sutton</i> '00) . . . . .	TB
October Splendor ( <i>G. Sides</i> '97) . . . . .	BB	Double Trouble ( <i>J. Hedgecock</i> '92) . . . . .	TB
Twiggy ( <i>D. Spoon</i> '04) . . . . .	BB	Duke Of Earl ( <i>M. Byers</i> '87) . . . . .	TB
Zinc Pink ( <i>A. Ensminger</i> '87) . . . . .	BB	Duo Dandy ( <i>B. Hager</i> '99) . . . . .	TB
Doe Z Doe ( <i>B. Kasperek</i> '05) . . . . .	IB	Earl Of Essex ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '80) . . . . .	TB
Double Overtime ( <i>R. Tasco</i> '05) . . . . .	IB	End Of Summer ( <i>P. Black</i> '05) . . . . .	TB
Double Your Fun ( <i>J.T. Aitken</i> '00) . . . . .	IB	Feed Back ( <i>B. Hager</i> '83) . . . . .	TB
Good To Go ( <i>P. Black</i> '07) . . . . .	IB	Frappe ( <i>M. Byers</i> '91) . . . . .	TB
Hot Glow ( <i>R. Tasco</i> '06) . . . . .	IB	Frosty Mooncape ( <i>J.T. Aitken</i> '06) . . . . .	TB
Low Ho Silver ( <i>M. Byers</i> '89) . . . . .	IB	Garden Club Delight ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '97) . . . . .	TB
Mariposa Wizard ( <i>R. Tasco</i> '04) . . . . .	IB	Grace Thomas ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '82) . . . . .	TB
Rhea Peerz ( <i>B. Kasperek</i> '99) . . . . .	IB	Immortality ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '82) . . . . .	TB
Garden Gnome ( <i>P. Black</i> '88) . . . . .	MDB	Innocent Star ( <i>G. Sutton</i> '99) . . . . .	TB
Maui Mango ( <i>J.T. Aitken</i> '05) . . . . .	MTB	Invitation ( <i>Schreiner</i> '82) . . . . .	TB
Rave Review ( <i>J.&amp;V. Craig</i> '92) . . . . .	MTB	Istanbul ( <i>M. Byer</i> '90) . . . . .	TB
Relight ( <i>J.&amp;V. Craig</i> '04) . . . . .	MTB	Jennifer Rebecca ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '85) . . . . .	TB
Return To Me ( <i>J.&amp;V. Craig</i> '08) . . . . .	MTB	Juicy Fruit ( <i>M. Byers</i> '89) . . . . .	TB
Sun Spirit ( <i>J.&amp;V. Craig</i> '00) . . . . .	MTB	Just Teasing ( <i>B. Van Lier</i> '05) . . . . .	TB
Autumn Jester ( <i>C. Chapman</i> '00) . . . . .	SDB	Mariposa Autumn ( <i>R. Tasco</i> '99) . . . . .	TB
Autumn Maple ( <i>J. Weiler</i> '92) . . . . .	SDB	Matrix ( <i>E. Hall</i> '91) . . . . .	TB
Autumn Surge ( <i>J. T. Aitken</i> '05) . . . . .	SDB	My Friend Jonathan ( <i>B. Miller</i> '94) . . . . .	TB
Flower Shower ( <i>J. Weiler</i> '90) . . . . .	SDB	October Sky ( <i>L. Lauer</i> '00) . . . . .	TB
Forever Blue ( <i>C. Chapman</i> '97) . . . . .	SDB	Over And Over ( <i>S. Innerst</i> '01) . . . . .	TB
Impulsive Imp ( <i>B. Blyth</i> '04/05) . . . . .	SDB	Ozark Rebounder ( <i>B. Nicodemus</i> '03) . . . . .	TB
Replicator ( <i>R. Tasco</i> '06) . . . . .	SDB	Pink Attraction ( <i>E. Hall</i> '88) . . . . .	TB
Ruby Eruption ( <i>C. Chapman</i> '97) . . . . .	SDB	Remember Spring ( <i>B. Hager</i> '85) . . . . .	TB
Sailboat Bay ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '01) . . . . .	SDB	Renasant ( <i>B. Hager</i> '05) . . . . .	TB
Shout ( <i>A.&amp;D. Willott</i> '02) . . . . .	SDB	Return To Bayberry ( <i>M. Sutton</i> '04) . . . . .	TB
Sweethearts Again ( <i>J. P. Hill</i> '04) . . . . .	SDB	Returning Peace ( <i>R.G. Smith</i> '74) . . . . .	TB
Sea Of Dreams ( <i>M. Schafer/J. Sacks</i> '00) . . . . .	SIB	Rosalie Figge ( <i>J. McKnew</i> '93) . . . . .	TB
Again And Again ( <i>S. Innerst</i> '99) . . . . .	TB	September Frost ( <i>G. Sutton</i> '98) . . . . .	TB
Autumn Apricot ( <i>A. Thimsen</i> '88) . . . . .	TB	September Replay ( <i>F. Jones</i> '92) . . . . .	TB
Autumn Circus ( <i>B. Hager</i> '90) . . . . .	TB	Sisters Three ( <i>J. Hedgecock</i> '99) . . . . .	TB
Blatant ( <i>M. Byers</i> '90) . . . . .	TB	Sky King Returns ( <i>L. Lauer</i> '03) . . . . .	TB
Bountiful Harvest ( <i>B. Hager</i> '91) . . . . .	TB	St. Petersburg ( <i>M. Byers</i> '90) . . . . .	TB
Cantina ( <i>M. Byers</i> '90) . . . . .	TB	Total Recall ( <i>B. Hager</i> '92) . . . . .	TB
Champagne Elegance ( <i>O.D. Niswonger</i> '87) . . . . .	TB	Twilight Fancies ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '01) . . . . .	TB
Constant Companion ( <i>C. Marsh</i> '95) . . . . .	TB	Waltz Across Texas ( <i>W. Moores</i> '88) . . . . .	TB
Coronation Of David ( <i>B. Miller</i> '99) . . . . .	TB	Winesap ( <i>M. Byers</i> '89) . . . . .	TB
Cruise To Autumn ( <i>L. Lauer</i> '01) . . . . .	TB	Youth Dew ( <i>L. Zurbrigg</i> '80) . . . . .	TB
Diamond Blush ( <i>D. Spoon</i> '98) . . . . .	TB		



**Cruise To Autumn TB**  
(*L. Lauer* '01)



**End Of Summer TB**  
(*P. Black* '05)



**Just Teasing TB**  
(*B. Van Lier* '05)

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## Midwestern Report *By Director Tim Stanek*

With winter comes a time to reflect on the past year. New reports from Gardener's in different areas of the mid-west

help to renew interest in new and old varieties of reblooming iris. This report is simplified into 3 parts: proven performers, promising newer varieties, and new reports. I hope this will help in your decisions to try different varieties.

When starting out in reblooming iris, it is best to get some bargain table iris which will be sure to perform. These irises are often overlooked by the

connoisseur. Some are historic or borderline historic. All have a place in the mixed border. I will attempt to list many of these "Classic Consistent Performers" which are readily available.

I might also mention

that the irises in this list have rebloomed in one or more gardens in the mid-west region in 2008 and many previous years.

### Classic Consistent Performers

Baby Blessed (*L. Zurbrigg '79*) .....SDB  
Bonus Mama (*B. Hager '90*) ..... TB  
Bountiful Harvest (*B. Hager '91*) ..... TB  
Champagne Elegance (*O.D. Niswonger '86*) TB  
Earl Of Essex (*L. Zurbrigg '80*) ..... TB  
Feed Back (*B. Hager '83*) ..... TB  
Golden Encore (*F. Jones '72*) ..... TB  
Immortality (*L. Zurbrigg '82*) ..... TB  
Lady Emma (*F. Jones '85*) ..... MTB  
Matrix (*E. Hall '90*) ..... TB  
Orange Harvest (*B. Jones '86*) ..... TB  
Pink Attraction (*E. Hall '88*) ..... TB  
Queen Dorothy (*E. Hall '84*) ..... TB  
Summer Olympics (*R.G. Smith '76*) ..... TB  
Violet Returns (*E. Hall '87*) ..... TB

Irises sometime require a period of time to get distributed, acclimated, and tested. Occasionally they can be lost because of adverse weather or accidents the first year or two after acquisition. All of which can delay the thorough testing of a newer variety by 4 to 6 years. Growing reports of rebloom of a variety the year after introduction can be over shadowed by the slow decline in years that follow. With the cost of new introductions so high, many

people like myself wait until these iris can be purchased at more affordable prices. A partial list of reasonably priced varieties

introduced within the last 10 to 15 years that show promise from multiple rebloom reports in the Midwest are:

### Promising Newer Varieties

Ahwahnee Princess (*G. Sutton '04*) .....SDB  
Autumn Tryst (*J. Weiler '93*) ..... TB  
Again And Again (*S. Innerst '99*) ..... TB  
Bernice's Legacy (*B. Miller '00*) ..... TB  
Champagne Encore (*J.T.Aitken '97*) .....IB  
Days of Summer (*T. Stanek '02*) ..... TB  
Decker (*M. Jameson '98*) ..... TB  
Doubleday (*G. Sutton '01*) ..... TB  
Double Shot (*G. Sutton '99*) ..... TB  
Forever Blue (*C. Chapman '96*) .....SDB



**Earl Of Essex TB** (*L. Zurbrigg '80*)



**Days Of Summer TB**  
(*T. Stanek '02*)



**Feed Back TB**  
(*B. Hager '83*)



**Lady Emma MTB**  
(*F. Jones '85*)



**Forever Blue SDB**  
(*C. Chapman '96*)



**Bernice's Legacy TB**  
(*B. Miller '00*)



Little Blue-Eyes (*J. Weiler '93*) .....SDB  
 Mariposa Autumn (*R. Tasco '99*) ..... TB  
 Midsummer Night's Dream (*L. Baumunk '98*) IB  
 Over And Over (*S. Innerst '01*)..... TB  
 Ozark Rebounder (*B. Nicodemus '03*) .... TB  
 Rosalie Figge (*J. Mcknew '93*) ..... TB



Little Blue-Eyes SDB  
 (*J. Weiler '93*)

New reports of iris that bloomed last fall from members in the Midwestern Region are listed below. The reliability cannot be verified as most of these are either from newly set plants or

from one report in the Region. Some of these may be worth considering.

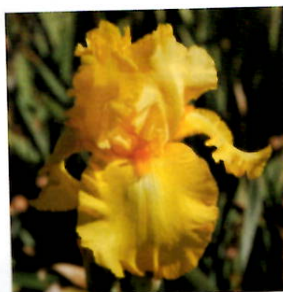
#### New Reports

Autumn Rain (*M. Sutton '08*) ..... TB  
 Cornhusker (*T. Stanek '05*) ..... TB  
 Daughter of Stars (*D. Spoon '01*) ..... TB  
 Dime (*P. Black '05*).....SDB  
 Double Your Fun (*J.T. Aitken '00*) .....IB  
 Glitter Repink (*L. & K. Jedlicka '07*) ..... TB  
 Lest We Forget (*G. Sutton '08*)..... TB  
 Patty Ann (*T. Stanek '05*) ..... BB  
 Sugar Maple (*G. Sutton '03*).....SDB



Dime SDB (*P. Black '05*)

article please feel free to drop me a note. I will include these in the spring 2009 Reblooming Iris Recorder.

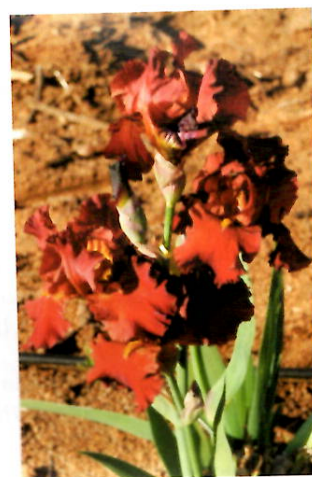


Cornhusker TB  
 (*T. Stanek '05*)

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I always welcome reports of off season bloom anytime of the year. If your report was not received in time for this

Sugar Maple SDB  
 (*G. Sutton '03*)



Lest We Forget TB  
 (*G. Sutton '08*)

## PowerPoint Reblooming Iris Programs

There are 174 American Iris Society affiliate iris clubs according to Tom Gormley, AIS Membership Secretary. Outside of the requisite programs and activities like spring shows, fall sales, and the annual holiday party, there is a real need for quality iris programs. Cost is definitely a factor. Airline tickets, hotels, meals, and the gratuity honorarium for bringing in a guest speaker can be expensive.

One solution to this dilemma is to create quality PowerPoint digital programs accompanied by informational handouts. A club or individual may purchase a CD program at minimal cost and show it, archive it (for later use), share it, or trade it for digital programs with other clubs.

A little equipment is involved in presenting a program, of course, but much of this is

also needed for a guest speaker presentation. Slide programs on Carousel projectors will soon become a thing of the past (sort of like the black and white TV).

In order to produce top notch programs on reblooming irises we need your help. We need high quality, full frame, digital photos of individual flowers (horizontal format preferred). Flowering stalk and clump shots are also welcome. The more we receive, the more we will have to work with. Photo credits will be honored.

E-mail your digital reblooming iris photos to Alex Stanton, Digital Program Chairperson, at [stanton-ad-kw@juno.com](mailto:stanton-ad-kw@juno.com) or mail a CD to him at 1074 Robertson Drive, Escondido, CA 92025. (An added benefit is that some of our photos will be printed in the Recorder!) -The Editor

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**George Sutton**

# Southwestern Report By Director George Sutton

This year we have had an extended summer, not really hot but warm. As a result we have had a late starting but extended rebloom season. The ground temperature did not drop to 55 degrees F until early

October. We have had cool, damp, and wet (for us) weather throughout the month of November and we've also had three light frosts.

Below is a partial list of multiple rebloomers in our garden. The items marked with asterisks\* had exceptional stalks and flowers.

Jn	Ju	Au	Se	Oc	No	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class
						Baby Bengal (G. Sutton '90).....	BB	
						Broken Link* (M. Sutton '06).....	BB	
						Lemon Up (T. Magee '94).....	BB	
						October Splendor (G. Sides '97).....	BB	
						Winning Streak (M. Sutton '04).....	BB	
						Candy Rock (G. Sutton '00).....	IB	
						Champagne Encore* (J.T. Aitken '97) ..	IB	
						Concertina (G. Sutton '00).....	IB	
						Deep Conviction (M. Sutton '06).....	IB	
						Fast Forward (J.T. Aitken '02).....	IB	
						Goddess Of Yellow (O.D. Niswonger '00) ..	IB	
						Intermediary (M. Sutton '05).....	IB	
						Line Drive* (M. Sutton '07).....	IB	
						Low Ho Silver (M. Byers '89).....	IB	
						Tripod (M. Sutton '06).....	IB	
						Winter Pearl (G. Sutton '01).....	IB	
						Claire Doodle (D.C. Nearpass '00)....	MTB	
						Emma Doodle (D.C. Nearpass '99)....	MTB	
						New Encore (G. Sutton '08).....	MTB	
						Ahwahnee Princess* (G. Sutton '04)....	SDB	
						Auroralita (J. Weiler '90).....	SDB	
						Betty Boop (G. Sutton '06).....	SDB	
						Blueberry Tart (C. Chapman '02)....	SDB	
						Cache Of Gold (G. Sutton '04).....	SDB	
						Drop Of Sunshine (S. Sutton '04)....	SDB	
						Forever Blue (C. Chapman '97).....	SDB	
						Hot* (M. Byers '91).....	SDB	
						Irish Chant (G. Sutton '01).....	SDB	
						Little Blue-Eyes (J. Weiler '93).....	SDB	
						Little Sighs (G. Sutton '08).....	SDB	
						Spirited (G. Sutton '07).....	SDB	
						Under My Thumb (M. Sutton '05) ...	SDB	
						What Again (A. Ensminger '91).....	TB	
						White Bow Tie* (G. Sutton '07).....	TB	
						Again And Again* (S. Innerst '99)....	TB	
						Airforce One (G. Sutton '02).....	TB	
						Anxious (B. Hager '92).....	TB	
						Autumn Circus (B. Hager '90).....	TB	
						Autumn Rain (M. Sutton '08).....	TB	
						Autumn Thunder* (G. Sutton '00).....	TB	
						Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler '93).....	TB	
						Azure Reprise (W. Moores '99).....	TB	
						Berry Ripple (G. Sutton '03).....	TB	
						Blatant (M. Byers '90).....	TB	
						Bountiful Harvest (B. Hager '91).....	TB	

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						Broken Record* (M. Sutton '05).....	TB	
						Champagne Elegance (O.D. Niswonger '87) ..	TB	
						City Lights (M. Dunn '91).....	TB	
						Clarence (L. Zurbrigg '91).....	TB	
						Dante's Inferno (W. Moores '97).....	TB	
						Dashing (M. Byers '91).....	TB	
						Dime Spot (W. Moores '85).....	TB	
						Double Exposure (M. Sutton '06).....	TB	
						Double Stitch (G. Sutton '05).....	TB	
						Doubleday (G. Sutton '01).....	TB	
						Earl Of Essex (L. Zurbrigg '80).....	TB	
						Elaincalope (B. Kasperek '96).....	TB	
						English Charm (B. Blyth '89/90).....	TB	
						Fall Enterprise* (M. Sutton '07).....	TB	
						Fall Rerun (B. Hager '01).....	TB	
						Feed Back (B. Hager '83).....	TB	
						Frequent Flyer (R. Gibson '94).....	TB	
						Galadriel's Ring* (G. Sutton '08).....	TB	
						Glitzzy (G. Sutton '01).....	TB	
						Golden Immortal* (G. Sutton '97).....	TB	
						Halloween Halo (J. Weiler '91).....	TB	
						Happy New Year (M. Byers '90).....	TB	
						Her Royal Highness (M. Byers '89).....	TB	
						Iceland (M. Byers '91).....	TB	
						Innocent Star* (G. Sutton '99).....	TB	
						Lest We Forget* (G. Sutton '08).....	TB	
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						Momentous Occasion (G. Sutton '00) ..	TB	
						Mother Earth* (B. Hager '88).....	TB	
						Mountain Sunrise* (M. Sutton '07).....	TB	
						Priscilla Of Corinth (B. Miller '94).....	TB	
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						Rock Star (M. Byers '91).....	TB	
						Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew '93).....	TB	
						Spot On* (M. Sutton '08).....	TB	
						Straight Up (M. Sutton '05).....	TB	
						Suky (C. Mahan '91).....	TB	
						Summer Waltz (G. Sutton '02).....	TB	
						Summertime Blues (G. Sutton '02).....	TB	
						Sunshine On My Shoulders (M. Sutton '08) ..	TB	
						Uplifting (M. Sutton '08).....	TB	
						Violet Turner (L. Lauer '99).....	TB	
						Zurich (Byers '90).....	TB	





Charlie Brown

## Southern Report *By Director Charlie Brown*

I am in Zone 7B and we have had a roller coaster year with weather. We were 60 percent low on rainfall for the year and have had no measurable rain since November. Last summer was very hot and dry after a less than normal spring rain. The irises did not do well in April and we had to cancel our local show. There was no help the rest of the year and many in my area have lost a number of their cultivars.

Janis Thompson, a local sales garden owner, says her irises have done badly this last year and have few increases. This winter has been just as bad with no rain. Most of the members of our local club report no rebloom this fall and spring does not look promising. We are only 2½ months away from our peak bloom. If

we don't get moisture soon, we will not have spring bloom.

Most of us are in the country are on water restriction that has been in effect over the winter. Our northern counties here in Texas and southern Oklahoma have been in burn bans since the middle of November. I know this is a dismal report, but hopefully 2009 will be a better iris year. I have only received one report from the Southern District and that was from Eugene Baxley. Regions 5, 10, 17, 22, 23, and 24 are all in my Southern jurisdiction and I would very much appreciate hearing from you. If you have iris rebloom information, please mail it to me at 3114 South FM 131, Denison, TX 75020-0724 or e-mail it to broiris@cableone.net. I need your rebloom records for my spring RIS report.

### Region 5

South Carolina  
Georgia  
Florida  
Puerto Rico

### Region 10

Louisiana

### Region 17

Texas

### Region 22

Arkansas  
Oklahoma

### Region 23

New Mexico

### Region 24

Alabama  
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## Reblooming Iris in North Alabama *By Eugene Baxley*

I had been raising Tall Bearded iris for several years before I became aware that some of them would bloom again in the fall. At that point I began to look for reblooming TBs in the catalogs and I began to buy some of those which they designated as reblooming iris. I soon learned that just because an iris was designated as a reblooming iris, it did not necessarily mean that it would rebloom for me. Very seldom would I get repeat bloom or rebloom. Sometimes those designated rebloomers would bloom in the fall months that followed their purchase and would never rebloom again.

One fall day I was walking around the grounds of the Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Garden and I came upon a blue iris in full bloom. I think the month was August, but my memory cannot confirm it. I looked at the label and it was 'Sugar Blues' TB (L. Zurbrigg '85). I saw it in rebloom again later that

year. The next year I checked to see if it was still doing its stuff and it was. I called the CEO of the Botanical Garden inquiring about a possible purchase of a rhizome or two. I had never seen it in any catalog or, at least, I did not remember it. He promised to get one or two rhizomes for me to purchase and after he hung up, he promptly forgot.



Sugar Blues TB (L. Zurbrigg '85)

three times each fall that I have had it except this year. I took up three clumps of it when I was redoing the bed to add some later iris for the AIS Region 24 tour. I put two rhizomes back in and I put some in pots. I gave the rest away to club members. In the fall of 2007 'Sugar Blues' had one stalk up with fifteen buds and five were open. That was very impressive.

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## The RIS "Checklist" By Robin Shadlow

The Reblooming Iris Society maintains a separate checklist which contains additional information not included in the American Iris Society registry checklist. **The Cumulative Checklist of Reblooming Iris** is a collection of all the cultivars that have ever been reported to rebloom. Where possible, the Checklist reports the climate zones and states where each cultivar has been reported to rebloom in as well as the registration information.

This Checklist is an update of the 1998 RIS Checklist and includes all of the data previously reported in earlier Checklists. The 2008 Checklist was compiled by Linda Mann, Betty Wilkerson, and myself. It took more than three years from the time we started due to the steps needed to convert the old Checklist and combine it with the new data. Rosalie Figge maintained the updates since the 1998 Checklist and is owed a great debt of gratitude for all of her work in maintaining the records over all those years.

We send out the rebloom report forms along with the Recorder, but it has been pointed out that we never really explain what we do with all of that data. A little information here and there from different gardeners around the world adds up to a lot of significant information as the size of the 2008 Checklist will attest.

The checklist crew compiles all of the reports and compares it to the reports already received. We keep track of the states where the rebloom is reported as well as the climate zones. When reporting, please do include either your zip code or your zone. It is easy to find your zone if you check: <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/hzm-nm1.html> or <http://www.garden.org/zipzone/>.

You may wonder why it matters which zone? Many states have significantly different growing conditions in different areas. For

example, Utah ranges from areas in Zone 4 to Zone 7. It's not a perfect system, but if an iris has been reported to rebloom in your state and your zone, it may well be one to try. As much fun as it is to try new rebloomers in your garden, no one can try them all. The Checklist can help narrow down your choices.



2008 Cumulative Checklist of Reblooming Irises

It can also be used to recommend cultivars to people wanting to try a few rebloomers. Some cultivars like 'Immortality' and 'Rosalie Figge' have reports in over half the states, several countries, and nearly every zone. These are obvious choices for reliable rebloom recommendations. The Checklist makes these easy to locate.

Sending in rebloom reports also helps the hybridizers. Different hybridizers look for different things. Several of us are very interested in seeing what reblooms in Australia and California. Crossing these cultivars with the cold climate rebloomers can improve form and retain some rebloom in the resultant seedlings. You would be surprised at how much time is spent pouring over the RIS Checklist, looking at performance around the country, as well as the parentages.

So if you happen to see your form laying around, take a minute and fill it out or send an e-mail to your director. You never know if your report might catch someone's eye, give them an idea of something to try, and one day end up being responsible for a reblooming Dykes Medal winner!

We are working to update the Checklist more frequently. We now have the data in RTF and Excel forms making for easier searches. Any comments, corrections, or suggestions are always welcome. E-mail me at: [rshadlow@yahoo.com](mailto:rshadlow@yahoo.com).

The Checklist is now available in both book and digital form. See the Checklist ad (p. 2) for purchase information.

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## Winterberry Gardens, Zone 6 2008 Rebloom Report *By Ginny Spoon*

fall of 2007. We had an unusually dry summer in 2008; and also, we had dug a lot more rebloomers for sale which accounts for the decrease in rebloom. We dig and reset the reblooming irises in late September and early October, and the reset plants will usually not rebloom that fall. However, several of our own cultivars rebloomed this fall even after being reset. 'Mango Parfait' TB ('09) and 'Corn Dance' TB ('08) both put on quite a display although the blooms were smaller and

For the fall of 2008, we had 83 cultivars rebloom for us compared to almost 300 in the

Our show was a great success! We not only had our C&P Iris Society members bring lots of nice stalks, but our Region 4 RVP from FSKIS, Jerry Coates and his lovely wife, Maryann, brought beautifully grown stalks to our show. Jerry won best specimen with 'Twilight Fancies' by Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg. Also, Lois Rose from FAIS drove up from Fredericksburg to attend our fall show.



Mango Parfait TB (D. Spoon '09)

Our registered seedling 'Margaret Wilson Thomas' (MWT) TB ('09) won best seedling at our fall show and was our best reblooming planting for 2008 with 18 fall stalks having 7 to 15 buds. The real life Margaret Thomas has been an active member of C&P for

over 45 years and has an enormous collection of bearded irises featuring many rebloomers. MWT is a 35-38" tall TB with wide, ruffled, and flared blooms. It opens a light blue and turns almost white, the shade Margaret said that her hair has turned. Margaret selected this iris that we named for her several years ago when she was visiting our garden. We took along a

stalk of MWT to New York when we gave our reblooming judges training two weeks after our reblooming show and it was still in bloom when we got home even though we had temperatures



Margaret Wilson Thomas  
TB (D. Spoon '09)

Dr. Bruce Hornstein. We cut and brought Kristen's TB purple seedling #ACIB to our fall show and since all three of the Laings (Kristen, father Dan, and mother Linda) were our judges for the show, they were able to see it in bloom. We were worried that we would not have enough stalks for the show as we had an early freeze down to 28 degrees F in Northern Virginia in mid October, but it had warmed up in the preceding week before the show and the irises continued to open new blooms.

stalks shorter than they would have been had they not been reset.

The list of rebloomers for 2008 includes several seedlings that rebloomed. One was from one of our youth members in Region 4, Kristen Laing, and another, a white SDB, was from another Region 4 member,



Twilight Fancies TB (L. Zurbrigg '01)

down below 26 degrees at night while we were gone. We know this because Don had set his maximum-minimum thermometer he keeps on the porch. It is very winter hardy and the orchid-like substance of the flowers kept them from freezing. Those who attended the New



York regional meeting enjoyed the wonderful fragrance of MWT.

Another iris that impressed us in 2008 was the last introduction of Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg, 'Gate of Heaven' TB ('04). It rebloomed early in September for us and was by far the most beautiful medium

blue reblooming iris we have ever seen. 'Gate of Heaven' had perfect show stalks and the blooms were wide and fully ruffled.

This past October I was invited to give reblooming judges training in Salem, Oregon and also in Oswego, in the Southern Tier of New York. Thankfully, Don agreed to accompany me on the long drive to Oswego, and also, he gave me some help with my judges training talk. I gave these trainings using a digital projector and lap top computer, a gift from Bryan, and the color pictures were very close to their appearance in nature. It turned out to be easier than I thought taking the equipment on the plane to Oregon because they both fit into the carry-on luggage.

The members of both groups were really excited about some of our SDB seedlings that are royal blue, grass green, and intense turquoise blue-green, such as 'Teagan', one of our 2009 introductions. I was thrilled to go to both of these meetings and had a great time. Eating grapes in Tom Johnson's orchard, looking at all the new plantings at



Mariposa Autumn X Daughter Of Stars TB

Mid-America and talking with Paul Black, seeing Keith Keppel's garden (no weeds at all!), seeing the fall colors in New York, eating the most delicious apples I have ever eaten (Empire apples, a gift from Dorothy Stiefel and the Oswego members), and just the friendship of everyone at both places was wonderful.

When I mentioned that 75 percent of the iris sales for Winterberry Gardens were of rebloomers, the hybridizers took notice. Hope-



Gate Of Heaven TB (L. Zurbrigg '04)

rebloomers have just as modern form as the once bloomers.

Some think that the rebloomers are putting up



Midsummer's Eve BB (D. Spoon '99)

up a stalk during our major shipping time (July and August). Nearly all of our 1400+ reblooming cultivars don't rebloom until October and November. We have received iris plants from other suppliers with developing stalks that we planted and had no problems getting established with the stalk completing development and blooming, though with a somewhat shorter stalk with smaller flowers.

I did not list any of our seedlings in my rebloom report except 'Mango Parfait' TB ('09) and 'Margaret Wilson Thomas' TB ('09), but we had quite a few rebloom this fall. Several that we thought were quite beautiful were: Returning Rose X Twiggy, a lovely rose-pink plicata TB that rebloomed early in late August; 2006-135 (Mariposa Autumn X Zee), a plum plicata TB and white ground with 17 buds rebloomed in mid September; TB seedling out of Mariposa Autumn X Daughter of Stars, a dark Bishop's purple fanciata (luminata-plicata), 2005-575 (Hot Chic X Royal Maroon) a red SDB from

fully, we will have more interest in hybridizing rebloomers. Perhaps it is because the rebloomers bloom earlier in the Spring and can be nipped by late frosts more often than the later spring only bloomers that deters some hybridizers from working on them; or, perhaps, it is because they don't realize that now



Twiggy BB (D. Spoon '04)

stalks just when they need to be dug and shipped. We find that only a small number of our cultivars, such as 'Love Goes On', 'Twiggy', and 'Midsummer's Eve', sometimes put

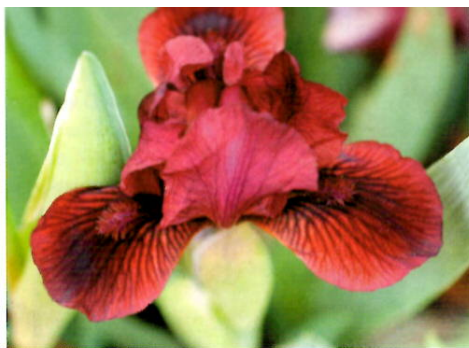


Love Goes On BB (D. Spoon '04)

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#575-2005 Hot Chic X  
Royal Maroon SDB

2005-416 ORG RE, an intense orange SDB.

This summer we ordered and planted in a pot Rick Tasco's SDB 'Carmel Celeste' that put up a stalk in October with four buds and bright yellow blossoms with very nice ruffles. Our MDB 'Trimmed Velvet' was our best



**Carmel Celeste**  
SDB (R. Tasco '08)

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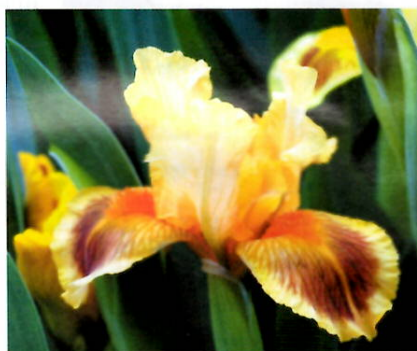
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Dashing, C. Buchheim

looking forward to crossing these dwarfs with multiple buds to produce new seedlings that extend the bloom season both in the spring and the fall. The earlier rebloomers were of special interest to the New York members as they are in a much colder zone than we are and have earlier freezes. Still, they are able to enjoy some rebloom in their Zone 5.

In the past, it was necessary to cross rebloomers on modern formed spring only blooming rebloom carriers with modern form to obtain truly modern formed rebloomers. Now, with so many new rebloomers with modern form to choose as parents, we are making more crosses of our best performing summer and fall blooming rebloomers and obtaining seedlings that bloom even earlier in August, September, and even in July. Our goal is to extend the bloom of our bearded irises throughout the whole bloom season.

gotten some nice red rebloomers from; 2005-582 (Hot Chic X Lumalite), a nice orange SDB with maroon spot; and



#582-2005 Hot Chic X Lumalite SDB

performing dwarf this fall with profuse bloom from early September until late November. 'Trimmed Velvet' can have stalks with 4 buds and has ruffled blossoms. Don is

most as many stalks in October as they did in May! Don and I had talked about this possibility ten years earlier and were overjoyed to witness this fall kaleidoscope wonderland. Now we are imagining the day, maybe in ten years, when the midsummer bloom equals the spring and fall in number of blooming stalks, when new multiple, all-season bloomers dominate our bearded iris plantings. While some of these varieties may be producing stalks at shipping time, it should still be possible to ship some of the lined out plants that have not become established enough to put up a rebloom stalk. This is a problem only for those who sell the plants but certainly not for the people who grow them to enjoy.

Several years ago we sold equal numbers of spring only bloomers and rebloomers to our wholesale buyers. These retailers found that their customers preferred rebloomers. Now, these retailers want just rebloomers and only order rebloomers at our wholesale rates. If the customer is always right, the future for rebloomers is bright. The last three years we



**Trimmed Velvet MDB** (D. Spoon '06)

have completely sold out of rebloomers with plants large enough for sale. Likewise, at our summer club sale the rebloomers continue to sell out first. Supply has not reached the demand for rebloomers. As rebloomers increase in beauty on the show bench and performance in the garden, the demand for them will continue to grow.



# Winterberry Gardens 2008 Rebloom Report

Se	Oc	No	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Color/Comments	Class
			Leah Traded (B. Miller '90)		lavender blue	BB
			October Splendor BB (G. Sides '97)		great pink	BB
			Patty Ann (T. Stanek '05)		great pink 1-yr plant	BB
			Peach Parasol (D. Spoon '97)		peach	BB
			September Buttercup (G.P. Brown '62)		yellow	BB
			Strawberry Apricot (D. Spoon '99)		peachy pink	BB
			Tink (J. Durrance '91)		lavender/gold	BB
			Champagne Encore (J.T. Aitken '97)		white/orange	IB
			Constant Companion (C. Marsh '95)		purple	IB
			I Bless (L. Zurbrigg '85)		cream	IB
			I'll Be Back (J.T. Aitken '04)		white w/orange B.	IB
			Precious Little Pink (M. Byers '95)		pink, multi RE	IB
			Sangreal (J. Sass '35)		yellow	IB
			Pokemon (G. Sutton '03)		yellow/green	MDB
			Trimmed Velvet (D. Spoon '06)		dark purple	MDB
			All That Magic (R. Tasco '04)		purple	SDB
			Carmel Celeste (R. Tasco '08)		great ruffled yellow	SDB
			Glitter Bit (J. Weiler '97)		old gold w/violet B	SDB
			Plum Perfect (A. Ensminger '84)		plum self	SDB
			Plum Wine (J. Weiler '86)		plum violet	SDB
			Pretty Girl (D. Spoon '01)		yellow w/white	SDB
			Replicator (R. Tasco '06)		purple	SDB
			Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon '03)		white w/maroon	SDB
			Sailboat Bay (L. Zurbrigg '01)		blue	SDB
			Sky Willow (D. Spoon '05)		greenish yellow	SDB
			Again And Again (S. Innerst '99)		yellow	TB
			Another Bridge (B. Wilkerson '05)		purple	TB
			Autumn Orangelite (G.P. Brown '62)		orange	TB
			Autumn Twilight (G.P. Brown '71)		brownish yellow	TB
			Bonus Mama (B. Hager '90)		white	TB
			Breaking Point (M. Sutton '07)		cream, vio, maroon	TB
			Caroline Gibbs (M. Byers '90)		apricot orange	TB
			Corn Dance (D. Spoon '07)		greenish yellow	TB
			Coronation Of David (B. Miller '99)		maroon w/yel B	TB
			Dashing (M. Byers '91)		large purple	TB
			Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon '01)		purple luminata	TB
			Dime Spot (W. Moores '85)		yellow, white below B	TB
			Double Shot (G. Sutton '00)		white, violet blue stripes	TB
			Fall Rerun (B. Hager '01)		medium ruffled blue	TB
			Gate Of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg '04)		lovely ruffled blue	TB

Se	Oc	No	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Color/Comments	Class
			Glacier King (D. Carson '86)		bluish white	TB
			Golden Immortal (G. Sutton '97)		golden yellow	TB
			Grace Thomas (L. Zurbrigg '82)		yellow	TB
			His Royal Highness (M. Byers '89)		purple	TB
			Iceland (M. Byers '91)		white	TB
			Jean Guymet (L. Zurbrigg '76)		pink	TB
			Jephtha's Daughter (B. Miller '86)		bronze edged rose	TB
			July Sunshine (G.P. Brown '65)		yellow	TB
			Lichen (M. Byers '89)		greenish yellow	TB
			Liquid Amber (G. Spoon '03)		amber	TB
			Luminosity (M. Byers '91)		yellow	TB
			Margaret Wilson Thomas (D. Spoon '09)		bluish white	TB
			Matrix (E. Hall '91)		creamy yellow	TB
			Mountain Sunrise (M. Sutton '07)		like Starship Enterprise	TB
			Now Or Later (L. Zurbrigg '72)		pink	TB
			Orchid Cloud (C. Applegate '74)		white/orchid	TB
			Over And Over (S. Innerst '01)		white/lavender plicata	TB
			Perfume Counter (L. Zurbrigg '72)		purple	TB
			Polar King (T.F. Donahue '39)		white	TB
			Poorman (K. Chadwick/T. DeRose '00)		blue touched gold	TB
			Purple Magic (D. Spoon '97)		purple	TB
			Radiant Bliss (B. Wilkerson '06)		orange/beetroot plic	TB
			Raspberry Frost (G. Sutton '01)		white/raspberry plic	TB
			Red Polish (T. Craig '67)		crimson	TB
			Return To Bayberry (M. Sutton '06)		greenish yellow	TB
			Roney's Encore (D. Spoon '97)		orange	TB
			Rotunda (M. Byers '91)		reddish violet blend	TB
			Season Of Mists (L. Zurbrigg '02)		white w/yel hafts	TB
			September Chereau (G.P. Brown '66)		white/blue plic	TB
			September Frost (G. Sutton '98)		white	TB
			Sister Helen (L. Zurbrigg '77)		blue	TB
			Star Gate (B. Wilkerson '05)		purple	TB
			Summer Green Shadows (G.P. Brown '65)		greenish brown	TB
			Summer Whitewings (G.P. Brown '61)		white	TB
			Then Again (M. Byers '89)		lavender blue	TB
			Twilight Fancies (L. Zurbrigg '01)		blue violet	TB
			UFO (D. Spoon '01)		BC purple novelty	TB
			Violet Music (C. Mahan '91)		violet	TB
			White Duet (R.G. Smith '66)		white	TB
			Zee (D. Spoon '04)		dk blue/white ground plicata	TB

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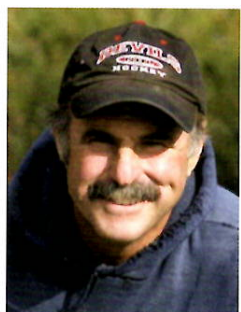
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**Dashing TB**  
(M. Byers '90)



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Leadership is a very special personal quality. Anyone embarking down this road needs to be bold and have the courage to stand by their convictions. The road can be lonely with one's followers failing to see your point of view particularly at "crunch time." It requires a dogged determination to see a course of action to its conclusion and accept any consequences. Some of the best leadership I have seen is by example.



Echo Location TB  
(B. Wilkerson '07)

Many of the original rebloom trailblazers followed this recipe. They persevered and found success. They have passed the leader's baton to their willing heirs. Some of the toughest riddles facing remontancy wait to be solved. Does the next generation have the "right stuff" to get the job done?

One of Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg's last acts was to get me involved in a nationwide rebloom forum. This discussion forged a friendship with Betty Wilkerson of Bridge In Time Iris Garden in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Bluegrass State still feels like a geographic eternity from the Old Dominion, but we were at least on the same side of the world. As our association has grown via E-mails and phone calls, Betty has offered me an intriguing "sneak peek" into the future of rebloom.

My Powhatan County, VA garden at the Cosby Diary Farm has a decided rebloom flavor to it. The main goal is to trial past and present bearded remontant varieties and seedlings for reliability and garden performance in our fickle Middle Atlantic climate. Another aim is to promote in real time the value of rebloom in the home landscape to the general public.

## Kentucky Rebloomers Find Success in Central VA

By Mike Lockatell

Betty Wilkerson has actively contributed to this effort. The end result is some encouraging summer and fall flowering results to report on 'Echo Location' TB ('07), 'Tara's Choice' TB ('04), 'Star Gate' TB ('05), and 'Summer Radiance' TB ('96).



Tara's Choice TB (B. Wilkerson '04)

Betty sent me bare root divisions of 'Echo Location' and 'Tara's Choice' back in the summer of 2004 for evaluation in my former garden site in the Flatrock Section of Powhatan County. Dr. Zurbrigg and I were excited to test the latest products of our fellow breeder's rebloom program. Each selection was potted up for later planting. Installation unfortunately never happened as I was forced to move my entire garden of irises and herbaceous peonies during the 2005 growing season.

The Cosby Diary Farm in western Powhatan County became the new home for my display, production, and breeding garden. 'Echo Location' and 'Tara's Choice' miraculously survived their long stints in one-gallon pots. They were finally planted in the main display area in mid fall of 2006. Thanks to a devastating early April 2007 freeze, I did not see maiden bloom on 'Echo Location' until late September. Fall performance was spectacular with three nicely developed bloom stalks to enjoy.

'Echo Location' came about after Betty joined the Iris Internet List back in January, 1999. "One of my consistent goals is to produce a modern red on yellow plicata rebloomer with good height, branching, and flower form." After making a request on the Iris List for breeding parent choices with this plicata pattern, Mike Sutton suggested 'Innocent Star,' Wilkerson recalled. After acquiring and planting the G. Sutton '99 introduction, it produced two flower stalks to try breeding ideas the following spring.



Two cross pollinations lead to seed. One was No.#1510 or Innocent Star X Radiant Bliss. 'Radiant Bliss' TB (B. Wilkerson '05) has tried to rebloom for me in 2007 and 2008. A child of 'Earl Of Essex' TB (L. Zurbrigg '80) and Hot Streak TB (J. Ghio '88), this neat plicata features greyed orange standards and falls



Star Gate TB (B. Wilkerson '05)

with beetroot edging and gold overlay accenting a white ground. This combination led to 'All Revved Up' TB (B. Wilkerson '06). The other cross was No.#1511 or Innocent Star X Rebound (Wilkerson '96). 'Rebound' TB (B. Wilkerson '96) is Highland Chief X Earl Of Essex. Four out of seven seedlings initiated fall flower. "They looked like 'Rebound', but 'Echo Location' was one of a kind," Betty mentioned fondly.

'Echo Location' reminds me of Frank Fan's 'Melted Butter' TB ('94). Butter yellow flowers are accented with brown haft lines and white beards tipped yellow. An explosion of bloomstalks started appearing in mid September 2008. It ended up blooming for almost a month and a half on fourteen nice-sized stalks. It was the envy of any typical spring bloomer and the best remontant in my fall garden.

'Tara's Choice' ('04) did not flower for me until this year. Its standards are greyed red-dish purple. Medium blue falls have shoulders and one-fourth inch edging of the same color as standards. This child of (Her Royal Highness x Inferno) X Feed Back was the result of Betty's attempts to create a red rebloomer. "Red rebloomers were, and still are, hard to find," mentioned Wilkerson. "It had fall bloom in

1994, and I stuck a flag on it." This seedling made the trip to Betty's new garden in Bowling Green. Her daughter Tara was living with her during the first fall at the new address. "I was bugging her one day to go out and look at the rebloom seedlings with me. She said, "I already told you which one I like!" It became 'Tara's Choice'.

'Tara's Choice' TB ('04) rebloomed this fall in mid October. Stalks were short with medium sized flowers. The contrast of coloring on the falls was quite distinctive. It has been a good breeding partner for Betty. She has high hopes for 'Tara's Choice' offspring. Like most iris breeders, Wilkerson anxiously awaits spring bloom. There is a good bet one of them will eventually make its way to the iris marketplace.

'Rosalie Figge' TB (McKnew '91) is one of the best purple remontants to date. As good as it is as a garden plant, this child of Dykes Medal winning 'Titan's Glory' TB (Schrein-ers '81) has been frustrating to use for breeding. Wilkerson tried using 'Violet Miracle' TB (L. Zurbrigg '79) pollen on 'Feed Back' TB (B. Hager '83).

'Star Gate' TB ('05) was the overall best of fifteen seedlings planted. Betty registered it back in 2002 as a medium-to-dark blue violet with white veining near old gold tipped white beards. Fall bloom had nice contrast next to one of my pale pink rebloom seedlings. 'Star Gate' flowered in my fall garden on two well-proportioned stalks during the bal-



Summer Radiance TB  
(B. Wilkerson '96)

ance of October after being planted out of a pot earlier in the year. Released in 2005 with little fanfare, rebloom enthusiasts should consider it a worthy alternative to 'Rosalie Figge'. 'Violet Miracle' has once again proved its value as an important remontant parent.

'Summer Radiance' TB ('96) always seemed to surface in my many conversations with Betty. It was a mystery iris to me. The late Dr. Zurbrigg never mentioned it in my constant deliberations with him before his passing in 2005. I figured this Wilkerson dandy must be a local phenomenon of some kind. My recent

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Summer Radiance, B. Wilkerson



Rosalie Figge TB  
(J. McKnew '93)



experiences growing it over the past year indicate Betty found the right name to describe its exceptional performance.

The parentage of 'Summer Radiance' is Lemon Reflection X Hidenburg. Betty made

five crosses on Dr. Raymond Smith's remontan- ('78) back in 1990. "I planted eight seedlings." A later note said, "E31-01=BRIGHT. I was most im-

pressed with the color (chrome-yellow) and branching. They were very good for a rebloomer. After spring bloom, E31-01 put up late stalks after six weeks. I was ecstatic!! July bloom usually creates talk."

'Summer Radiance' confirmed its Kentucky rebloom habits in my garden this past summer. It had been planted out of a pot at the same time as 'Echo Location' and 'Tara's Choice'. This Wilkerson beauty bloomed this spring and initiated flower stalks on two clumps from mid-to-late June. Bloom returned again in mid July. Its chrome-yellow coloring stood out during our hot summer days. A major obstacle

in fall rebloom is late bloomstalk development. 'Summer Radiance', like 'Gate of Heaven' TB (Zurbrigg '04), offers remontan breeders some interesting options to overcome this problem.

Recent Wilkerson rebloom introductions are not only residing in my Central VA garden, they have also been planted in four gardens for the AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting hosted by the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society in Northern VA this coming May. Summer and fall flowering results have in most cases been duplicated in these growing spaces.

Breeders are driven by endless expectations. They are the necessary fuel to keep a development program moving in a positive direction. The secret to Betty Wilkerson's recent rebloom conquests is meticulous research and careful planning of crosses to be made each spring. These practices become important hedges against countless disappointment. She has left few stones unturned over a twenty-five year hybridizing career.

Despite recent medical setbacks, she remains undaunted in her quest to put remontants on a level playing field with their spring-only flowering cousins. Thanks to Betty's recent contributions, the next chapter for rebloom will surely be an exciting one!

**Hindenburg TB**  
(W. Maryott '83)



**Lemon Reflection TB**  
(R.G. Smith '78)



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—Carole Buchheim, RIS Editor

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# Reblooming Iris Culture: Highlights from the Writings of Rosalie Figge

By Carole Buchheim

Rosalie Yerkes Figge

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RIS President 1996-1999

RIS Editor 1978-1983

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It is well to evaluate the culture of our remountant irises to encourage optimal growth for quality spring bloom as well as repeat bloom. Basic culture for bearded irises does not fully meet the needs of remountants because they are accelerated growers. Dr. Herb Holk used to tell me that reblooming irises needed more of everything: more food, more water, more space, and more TLC.

In reading over past issues of the *Recorder* I have found several articles with excellent tips on rebloom culture. Rosalie Figge's article, *Why Rebloomers? — Why Not?*, Vol. 48, Fall/Winter 1996/97 was filled with sage advice. Following is a list of key points from that article. (Statements in parenthesis are by the editor.)

1. Water is the key word. If rain is scarce extra water is needed to encourage rebloom. (The principal here is not to allow rebloomers to go dormant during the summer which is the natural inclination of an iris.)

2. For more successful rebloom, buy cultivars that are known to rebloom in your area. Rebloomers marked with 'RE' in supplier catalogs "known to rebloom in their own gardens" are more likely to rebloom for you than those marked with 're' which are "reported to rebloom elsewhere".

3. The growth cycle of rebloomers is accelerated and their peak bloom is a week to ten days before the spring-only bloomers. (It is rare for a "mother rhizome" to develop more than one bloomstalk in a season; therefore, rebloom actually occurs on maturing "daughter rhizomes" prior to the first hard frost. Reblooming irises grow twice and fast and bloom twice as often as "oncens".)

4. All irises need about a half-day of sun and bearded irises need well-drained beds.

5. Low nitrogen fertilizers such as 10-10-10 or 5-10-10 can be worked into the freshly tilled soil. Irises also benefit from a side dressing of superphosphate such as 0-44-0. A treatment of Miracle-Gro can also be of benefit. Other excellent additives include alfalfa pellets, horse feed is preferable to rabbit feed, peat moss, and horse manure. If using fresh manure, it should not be against the rhizomes. (If you have heavy clay or adobe soil, Dr. Rich Richards recom-

mends that you amend your soil every other year with up to a pound of gypsum per every square foot and up to a cubic foot of peat moss per 30 square feet of garden soil.)

6. When planting the irises, position the rhizomes even with the soil surface so that the sun can warm them. If planting in September, just barely cover the rhizomes so they won't heave during the freezing and thawing of winter. (In light, well-drained soils plant rhizomes up to an inch deep. This type of soil dries out much faster than heavier soils.)

7. The closer the plants are placed, the sooner they will need to be replanted. Rhizomes should be planted 10 to 24 inches apart. Irises should be divided and replanted every three to four years (every other year in west coast gardens).

8. Separate rhizomes carefully, discarding the old rhizomes and replanting the new fans. Cut the green fans to eight inches or so (and roots two to three inches). Routinely cutting leaves of all irises throughout the garden in August is not recommended.

9. Note that the fans grow from the center out, spreading at the top. When the outer leaves have turned brown, they will come off easily with a slight tug. Do not pull more strongly as it can cause plant wounds susceptible to disease or rot.

10. Keep iris beds clean of dead leaves in order to eliminate debris for egg-laying borers (as well as other insect pests, fungal leaf spot spores, or other disease). Cygon-2 can be sprayed for the borer and Benlate for leaf spot.

11. Remove spent bloomstalks with a quick back and forth snap movement or cut the stalks level with the rhizome so that a hard white area shows -- not tinged greenish which is softer and allows rot to set in. (Perhaps this is an eastern treatment for spent fall bloomstalks; I believe most west coast growers cut the bloomstalks 2" to 3" above the rhizome.)

12. Do not mulch irises. However, if you do mulch, leave the rhizomes exposed to the sun. Soaker hoses are a good method for supplemental summer watering. (Drip tape irrigation is also a water wise method of providing supplemental water.)



Center Fold TB  
(O.D. Niswonger '77)



Patty Ann BB  
(T. Stanek '05)



Concertina IB  
(G. Sutton '00)

(Rosalie had a passion for pink irises and one of her all-time favorites was 'Van-ity'. A photo of it was not available. Several other beautiful RE pinks have been pictured, all of which were photographed during fall and winter rebloom. —The Editor)





Alex Stanton

# Rebloom Report, Valley Center, CA By Alex Stanton

My wife, Kitty, and I finally ran out of room for growing irises at our residence in Escondido, CA. In March 2008 we purchased a 12-acre farm property in Valley Center, CA about 12 miles from our home. The sloping landscape and fertile soil provide excellent drainage. A portion of the new property was used for farming for many years and an excellent well and irrigation system were already in place.

We began transplanting our irises in June of 2008 with amazing results. Many of our cultivars began blooming just 90 days after transplant and 40% of my seedlings sent up maiden bloom between October and December.

I believe three things have contributed to our excellent rebloom. The first is our incredible southern Cali-



A stand of "Frequent Flyer" photographed 11-27-08

Au	Se	Oc	No	De	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class
					Chain Reaction (R. Tasco '07)		AB
					Autumn Wine (V. Christopherson '03)		BB
					Cameo Blush (J. Weiler '98)		BB
					Elegant Lass (V. Craig '02)		BB
					Eye Candy (K. Keppel '04)		BB
					Hasta La Vista (J.T. Aitken '04)		BB
					Lenora Pearl (H. Nichols '90)		BB
					October Splendor (G. Sides '97)		BB
					Up Tempo (H. Stahly '05)		BB
					Angelwalker (J.T. Aitken '04)		IB
					Bonkers (K. Keppel '06)		IB
					Champagne Encore (J.T. Aitken '97)		IB
					Constant Companion (C. Marsh '95)		IB
					Double Overtime (R. Tasco '05)		IB
					Double Your Fun (J.T. Aitken '00)		IB
					Ever Cool (J.T. Aitken '01)		IB
					Focus On Me (L. Lauer '05)		IB
					Garnet Slippers (K. Keppel '05)		IB
					Golden Gusto (G. Gaddie '90)		IB
					Good Day Sunshine (L. Lauer '98)		IB
					Honey Glazed (O.D. Niswonger '83)		IB
					Hot Glow (R. Tasco '06)		IB
					Hot Sauce (G. Sutton '07)		IB
					I'll Be Back (J.T. Aitken '04)		IB
					Jo Bangles (B. Blyth '07/08)		IB
					Limonada (K. Keppel '07)		IB
					Many Mahalos (J.T. Aitken '03)		IB
					Mariposa Wizard (R. Tasco '04)		IB
					Midsummer Night's Dream (L. Baumunk '99)		IB
					October Storm (G. Sutton '02)		IB
					Plasma (B. Blyth '06/07)		IB
					Sunbreak (K. Keppel '05)		IB
					Sunshine Boy (F. Foster '86)		IB
					Tripod (M. Sutton '06)		IB
					Waxen Image (J.T. Aitken '02)		IB
					Winged Angel (R. Tasco '03)		IB
					Puppet Baby (C. Boswell '82)		MDB
					Amazon Princess (H. Nichols '73)		SDB
					Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg '79)		SDB
					Baby Tears (J. Weiler '80)		SDB

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					Blue Que (G. Sutton '07)		SDB
					Canadian Kisses (P. Black '06)		SDB
					Dawn Hush (B. Blyth '05/06)		SDB
					Devil's Night (K. Keppel '07)		SDB
					Drawing Straws (D. Miller '04)		SDB
					Flower Shower (J. Weiler '90)		SDB
					Hot (M. Byers '91)		SDB
					Jelly Belly (G. Sutton '04)		SDB
					Little Blackfoot (M. Reinhardt '67)		SDB
					Little Blue-Eyes (J. Weiler '93)		SDB
					Micheal Paul (W. Jones '79)		SDB
					More Reign (D. Miller '07)		SDB
					Raindance Returns (J.T. Aitken '04)		SDB
					Refined (J. Weiler '87)		SDB
					Replicator (R. Tasco '06)		SDB
					Round Trip (L. Lauer '07)		SDB
					Rubies In Gold (T. Magee '03)		SDB
					Sitting Pretty (C. Sutton '07)		SDB
					Stash (B. Blyth '05/06)		SDB
					Sugar Maple (G. Sutton '03)		SDB
					Twice Blessed (D. Dennis '66)		SDB
					Two Thumbs Up (M. Sutton '08)		SDB
					Under My Thumb (M. Sutton '05)		SDB
					Aaron's Dream (G. Sutton '94)		TB
					After The Storm (S. Innerst '92)		TB
					Again And Again (S. Innerst '99)		TB
					All American (M. Byers '92)		TB
					Aunt Mary (T. Stanek '00)		TB
					Autumn Circus (B. Hager '90)		TB
					Autumn Rain (M. Sutton '08)		TB
					Barn Dance (M. Byers '91)		TB
					Beatrice Cherbuy (J. Cayeux '87)		TB
					Beautiful Friendship (F. Kerr '04)		TB
					Beg To Differ (F. Kerr '99)		TB
					Bel Esprit (K. Keppel '02)		TB
					Bernice's Legacy (B. Miller '00)		TB
					Billionaire (Byers '87)		TB
					Blatant (M. Byers '90)		TB
					Blue Kentucky Girl (Schreiner '12)		TB
					Blue Moonlight (M. Byers '98)		TB



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					Bolder Boulder (T. Magee '00)		TB
					Bonus Mama (B. Hager '90)		TB
					Buckwheat (M. Byers '89)		TB
					Casual Elegance (J.T. Aitken '04)		TB
					Chartered Course (F. Kerr '05)		TB
					Check It Out (L. Lauer '07)		TB
					Classic Bordeaux (R. Ernst '96)		TB
					Coral Chalice (O.D. Niswonger '83)		TB
					Corn Harvest (C. Wyatt '77)		TB
					Cozy Calico (Schreiner '80)		TB
					Creative Vision (F. Kerr '05)		TB
					Dashing (M. Byers '91)		TB
					Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon '01)		TB
					Disguise (T. Johnson '06)		TB
					Ditch Rider (J. Hoage '04)		TB
					Double Trouble (J. Hedgecock '92)		TB
					Doubleday (G. Sutton '01)		TB
					Duke Of Earl (M. Byers '87)		TB
					Duo Dandy (B. Hager '99)		TB
					Earl Of Essex (L. Zurbrigg '80)		TB
					Ethel Mae (L. Olson '06)		TB
					Fall Rerun (B. Hager '01)		TB
					Forever Yours (B. Hager '93)		TB
					Frequent Flyer (R. Gibson '94)		TB
					Gibson Girl (J. Gibson '46)		TB
					Glamour Pants (B. Blyth '06/07)		TB
					Glowing Seraphim (B. Miller '87)		TB
					Golden Immortal (G. Sutton '97)		TB
					Grateful Heart (B. Van Lierie '05)		TB
					Happy New Year (M. Byers '90)		TB
					His Royal Highness (M. Byers '89)		TB
					Irish Jig (K. Keppel '05)		TB

Au	Se	Oc	No	De	Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class
					Jennifer Rebecca (L. Zurbrigg '85)		TB
					Joan's Pleasure (L. Zurbrigg '93)		TB
					Jurassic Park (L. Lauer '95)		TB
					Lady Essex (L. Zurbrigg '91)		TB
					Lest We Forget (G. Sutton '08)		TB
					Looking Beautiful (B. Blyth '05/06)		TB
					Lucky Doris (D. Lutz '82)		TB
					Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst '03)		TB
					Masterwork (L. Zurbrigg '01)		TB
					Merchant Marine (K. Keppel '07)		TB
					Mesmerizer (M. Byers '91)		TB
					Misty Twilight (M. Byers '88)		TB
					Musician (K. Keppel '04)		TB
					My Friend Jonathan (B. Miller '94)		TB
					Ozark Rebounder (B. Nicodemus '03)		TB
					Peggy Sue (L. Lauer '06)		TB
					Pepper Blend (W. Moores '77)		TB
					Pure As Gold (W. Maryott '93)		TB
					Queen Dorothy (E. Hall '84)		TB
					Quiet Reflections (B. Van Lierie '05)		TB
					Recurring Fantasy (L. Lauer '00)		TB
					Renascent (B. Hager '05)		TB
					Renewal (G. Sutton '04)		TB
					Rio Vista (B. Brown '77)		TB
					Rock Star (M. Byers '91)		TB
					Shoot The Moon (M. Byers '87)		TB
					Space Traveler (D. Miller '05)		TB
					Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg '91)		TB
					Telepathy (K. Keppel '03)		TB
					Who's A Toff (B. Blyth '04/05)		TB
					Winter Horizon (O.D. Niswonger '06)		TB
					Wonderful News (J. Ghio '07)		TB



Wonderful News TB (J. Ghio '07)

fornia weather. Second is our ability to water twice a week because of our excellent drainage that produces



Jo Bangles IB (B. Blyth '07/08)

virtually no soft rot. Third is my use of Dyna-gro 7-9-5 fertilizer as a foliar spray. Mix the solution at the rate of three teaspoons per gallon (one teaspoon per gallon for roses). It nearly eliminates transplant shock and you can see the difference between treated plants and untreated plants within a week. This can also improve your show stalks and flowers by at least 20%. (I have two boxes of trophies and a Queen of Show from last year to prove it.) I fertilize my plants with this foliar spray every 1½ to 2 months. I first used Dyna-gro in my hydroponics garden but when

I received similar results in my normal garden by using it as a foliar spray, I terminated my hydroponics project.

We now have about four acres planted in bearded irises. I am focusing on developing modern form reblooming irises with the goal of merchandising them in local nurseries. Several of my new favorites that rebloomed this fall and winter are: 'Jo Bangles' IB (B. Blyth '07/08), 'Plasma' IB (B. Blyth '06/07), 'Tripod' IB (M. Sutton '06), 'Chain Reaction' AB (R. Tasco '07), 'Creative Vision' TB (F. Kerr '05), 'Merchant Marine' TB (K. Keppel '07), 'Peggy Sue' TB (L. Lauer '06), 'Puff The Magic' TB (B. Blyth '06/07), 'Red Hot Chili' IB (M. Sutton '08), and 'Wonderful News' TB (J. Ghio '07).



Chain Reaction AB (R. Tasco '07)

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## Early and Very Early Iris Crosses

By George Sutton

On December 2, our son Michael marked 100 plus very nice reblooming iris seedlings, bringing the total to well over 400 that we marked this year for further evaluation.

Our program started with the crossing together of early and very early clones for about four generations. In 2002, Michael introduced 'Tropical Delight'; in 2004, he brought out 'Bride's Blush', 'Return to Bayberry', and 'Snow Melt'. In 2000, I introduced 'Momentous Occasion' and in 2004, 'Grand Circle' and 'Soft Return'. Michael added 'Mountain Sunrise' in 2007, which has turned out to be a fantastic parent for producing very good reblooming seedlings. The varieties listed above are heavily in the background of many of this year's reblooming seedlings. This is not an exhaustive list of what we use, only the most heavily used ones.



Tropical Delight TB  
 (M. Sutton '02)

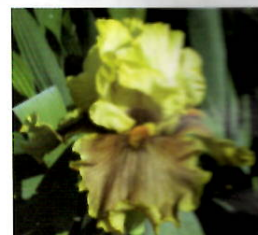
Most of the seedlings that we will see for the first time in 2009 are out of these lines. The crosses made this year, which we will see for the first time in fall 2009 or spring 2010, have some outbreeding done to keep up the vigor of the plants. We bring in new lines every three or four years.

It has been a long time

now since anyone has been justified in saying "it's very nice for a rebloomer". Rebloomers are now certainly the equal of any "oncercs" in form, branching, bud count, and growth habits. In fact, it looks like our 2010 catalog introductions may very well all be rebloomers, a first!



Mountain Sunrise TB  
 (M. Sutton '07)



Return To Bayberry TB  
 (M. Sutton '04)

## Garden Evaluation of Remontant Seedlings

By George Sutton

Our five-phase garden evaluation of remontant seedlings begins about four months after they have been planted out in the field. Seeds are originally planted in pots and transplanted when big enough, which occurs in March in our area.

### Phase 1: The plant on close observation

- vigor: number of increase from one rhizome
- hardiness: disease resistance, weather damage
- fan characteristics: thin, wide, tip droop, color, floppy, variegated

### Phase 2: Emerging stalks

- strength: too thin, overly fat
- balance and proportion of stalk to branches
- number of buds

- bud placement: above foliage, not crowded
- ratio of stalks to fans in a clump

### Phase 3: Flower

- balance and proportion to the overall plant
- substance and texture
- shape and positioning of standards and falls
- fragrance

### Phase 4: Color

- clarity of color: muddy, weak, fades
- hafts: detracts or not
- beards: an asset or not
- distinctiveness: color, pattern, combination
- individuality: presence and charm

### Phase 5: Reliability of rebloom



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We would like you to vote for your favorite remontant irises that rebloom for you or in your area.

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# Record Of Iris Rebloom

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Variety	Class	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Comments
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**Autumn Echo TB**  
(J. Gibson '75)



**Banana Cream TB**  
(M. Byers '89)



**Over and Over TB**  
(S. Innerst '01)

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Color Catalog: \$3.00

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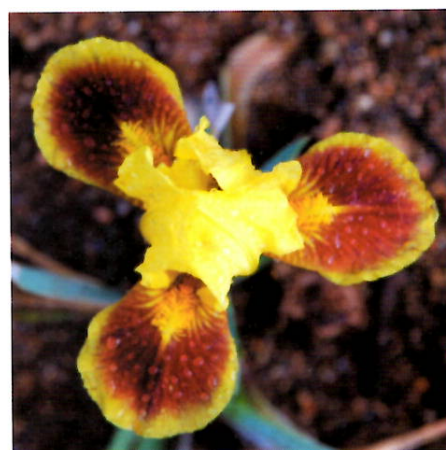




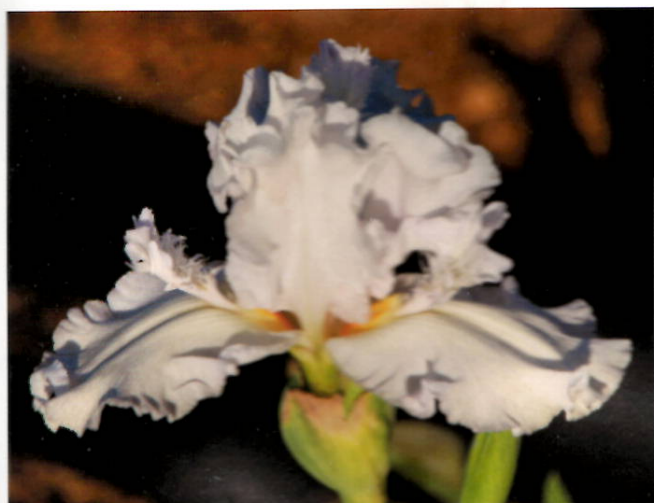
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