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Dana Brown

President's Message By Dana Brown

It is with great expectations that I write to you this spring. Gardeners everywhere have put last year behind them

and are readying for a new year with excitement and interest. We are all praying that the weather problems that plagued us last year will be gone and that the elusive "perfect" bloom season is on the horizon.

I believe the fact that every year we pick our selves up, dust off our tools, and head back in to the garden is one of the things I like most about gardeners. We are basically optimists. I think rebloom fanciers even have a larger dose of that than others. We always hold out the hope that good weather will come and bring us abundant bloom and rebloom. I think this belief makes us better people, better friends, better citizens. We are willing to try again, to get out there and work to make happen what we want and if it doesn't go as planned then we water, fertilize, dig, plant, and try again.

It makes me think that the rest of the world could benefit from some time in the garden. What is more humbling than to spend an afternoon on your hands and knees pulling weeds out of a garden as it's been done for hundreds of years? What is more uplifting than to watch as the things you have planted grow and bloom? Additionally, it is therapeutic. I know that an hour spent pulling weeds can wipe out almost any frustration I am carrying around. I derive a pleasure from having my hands in the soil, from feeling the warmth of the sun on my back, and even occasionally some rain on my face. Finally, there is the excitement and anticipation of bloom. The urge to hurry home so that you can see if that new iris bloomed today or if an old favorite has graced you with its beauty once again can make your whole day better.

My wish this year is that we can share this joy with one another and find new friends to share this with. May you all have a bountiful bloom season!!

-Dana Brown

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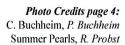
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Carole Buchheim

Editor's Note By Carole Buchheim

Welcome to Spring! We are just a few weeks away from the 2012 American Iris Society

National Convention in Ontario, CA. Our garden, Mystic Lake Gardens, is one of the convention guest gardens and on pages 22 - 24 you will find my guest iris rebloom report.

Congratulations to Carolyn Hoover of the newly founded Yosemite Iris Society for naming our RIS fundraiser iris. 'Summer Pearls' TB SA (G. Sutton 2012) is a lovely white summer rebloomer. By purchasing this iris at the convention or through the mail, you are helping raise much-needed funds for the RIS.

On pages 16 and 17 there is an article by George Sutton on growing remontant irises in acid vs. alkaline soils. Some reblooming irises may need a period of adjustment to bloom as well as rebloom in a new soil type.

Every year American Iris Society judges nominate irises for different awards and medals. For a full list of the 2011 AIS Award Winners and Runners Up, go to the AIS website: www.irises.org. In this journal you will find an article on the 2011 **Remontant** Award Winners and Runners Up, pages 18 - 21.

Thank you to all of you who have sent rebloom reports to our RIS Directors. Sharing information on what booms in your garden is an encouragement to fellow irisarians of what rebloomers to plant in theirs.

We have two long-time Directors stepping down after many years of dedicated RIS service. We give A BIG THANK YOU to Dave Silverberg and Tim Stanek. Their final reports are in this issue. Our proposed new Directors are Robin Shadlow for the Northwestern Directorship and Mary Lou Swann-Young for the Midwestern Directorship.

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Summer Pearls TB (G. Sutton 2012)

Nominating Committee Report By Barbara Aitken

We hereby submit the following nominations for directors to be elected at the general meeting of The Reblooming Iris Society in Ontario, California, April 2012.

Proposed Northwestern Director: Robin Shadlow, Salem, OR

Proposed Midwestern Director: Mary Lou Swann-Young, McCordsville, IN

Submitted March, 2012 by:

Barbara Aitken, Chairperson, Joan Roberts and Shirley Trio



Susan Grigg .

Eastern Report By Director, Susan Grigg

Genealogy is fascinating to me. I've done research on my own ancestors and have a

record of some lines back to England, Scotland, and Ireland in the 1500s. I guess that it's logical that I enjoy tracing the lineage of irises, especially reblooming irises. Recently, I spent some time looking at the parentage of the best rebloomer in my garden this past season, 'Matrix' TB (Earl Hall by Lloyd Zurbrigg, 1991).

'Matrix' is planted in a bed that gets too much shade in the winter and early spring, but this TB blooms reliably with the other rebloomers that have the luxury of plenty of sun all year. It also bloomed in late summer and still

had two quite nice bloom stalks after Christmas, even after our swings of temperatures this winter, 40 degrees one day and 60 degrees the next. It even continued to put up stalks after nights of below 30 degrees.

Research revealed to me that 'Matrix' reblooms in California for Sutton Gardens and in northern Virginia for Winterberry Gardens. What is in the parentage of this cultivar that makes it so reliable in such different circumstances? I turned to my Check Lists and began to research. The Iris Encyclopedia (Wiki) is also a quick

online resource for iris parentage, and most entries have several pictures to show you exactly how the iris looks, thanks to Bob Pries and his many volunteers. You can access the Iris Encyclopedia easily from the AIS website, www.irises.org.

The parents of 'Matrix' TB (E. Hall 1991) are 'Violet Miracle' x 'Brother Carl', both by

Zurbrigg. I won't go into too much detail, but in the 'Violet Miracle' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1979) lineage is 'Purple Duet' TB (R.G. Smith 1966) in both parents, as well as 'Sign of Leo' TB

(L. Zurbrigg 1977), 'Violet Classic' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1976), even 'Whole Cloth' TB (P. Cook 1958). The pollen parent of 'Matrix', which is 'Brother Carl' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1983), had 'I Do' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1974), 'Grand Baroque' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1969), and again, 'Purple Duet' TB (R.G. Smith 1966). 'Immortality' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982) is a seedling of 'I Do' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1974). What a distinguished ancestry 'Matrix' has!

In *The Reblooming Iris Recorder* of Fall 2002
Dr. Zurbrigg wrote that
'Matrix' was "an excel-

Matrix TB (E. Hall by Zurbrigg 1991) 'Matrix' was "an excels after Christinperatures this In the same issue Sterling Innerst and Clarence Mahan wrote about the wisdom of using

'Matrix' in rebloom hybridizing programs. Before you become too busy with chores in the garden, go to the Iris Encyclopedia or to your personal Check Lists (if you are an E-Member of AIS you

have access to them



Immortality TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982)

online), and spend some time researching the parentage of some of your favorite rebloomers.

The following rebloom reports are from USDA Zone 6:

Vincent Lewonski - Secane, PA
Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979).....SDB

Svetlana McCoy - Haddon, NJ Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985)... TB

Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 Parts of Canada

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Brother Carl TB (L. Zurbrigg 1983)



Violet Miracle TB (L. Zurbrigg 1979)



Harvest Of Memories TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)

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(L. Zurbrigg 1979)



Fast Forward, J.T. Aitken

Queen Dorothy, C. Chapman

Tim Stanek, Provided

Aunt Mary, R. Probst



Rosalie Figge TB (J. McKnew 1993)



Lunar Whitewash TB (S. Innerst 2003)



Sun Doll SDB (B. Jones 1986)



Fast Forward IB (J.T. Aitken 2002)

Carol Moyer -Springfville, NY Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB

Rosemary Trompeter - Darien, CT Tingle (*P. Black 2000*). MDB Jewel Baby (E. Hall 1984) SDB Sun Doll (*B. Jones 1986*) SDB Fast Forward (J.T. Aitken 2002) IB Concoction (*M. Byers 1989*)..... IB Rosalie Figge (McKnew 1993) TB

Joan Roberts, our faithful past Eastern Director, reports that "after 17 inches of rain we only had one iris rebloom for us. My seedling (which should be introduced in 2012) has been named 'Gettysburg Sunset'. It had three bloom stalks." We'll be eager to see this new Roberts' introduction.

Remember to send me your rebloom reports. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Regions 6, 8, 9, 18, 21 Parts of Canada Overseas

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Tim Stanek

Midwestern Report By Director Tim Stanek

Spring is just around the corner and by the time you read this report our favorite flower will be in good growth. Hopefully, good bloom

will reward all of our efforts.

Here in southwestern Iowa we have had an unusually mild and open winter. The ground has been blanketed with adequate snow to protect the vulnerable plants.



Queen Dorothy TB (E. Hall 1984)

Much reading and planning have been put into this year's garden plans. **Hybridizing** goals have taken a back seat in recent years. Selections will be lined out and evaluated with emphasis worthy garden presence. Families of

rebloomers will be brought together and new ones started.

The best results I have obtained from crossing rebloomers have come from very long crosses. 'Aunt Mary' TB (T. Stanek 2000) came from one of a number crosses involving 'Queen Dorothy' TB (E. Hall 1984).



Aunt Mary TB (T. Stanek 2000)

At that time 'Queen Dorothy' TB (E. Hall 1984) was one of the most reliable and adequately branched reblooming irises in the Midwest. Jim Ennenga, then living in Omaha. called me over to see his new seedling from the Queen. This small-flowered seedling had round flaring falls, very unlike its maternal parent. I was quite impressed and thought it would be a great parent.

I embarked upon a very ambitious goal of producing as many progeny from 'Queen Dorothy' as humanly possible. I made crosses with every flower and pollen I could afford time and tags for. Also, I thought to use its more reliable sibling 'Violet Returns' (E. Hall 1988).

There must have been several thousand seedlings involving these two parents with themselves and what ever they would cross with. Spring bloom two years later. . .what a mess. They were horrible. Not one introduction and the quality was so low that I wasn't sure what I had been thinking. Daily I cut out the

dogs as they bloomed in hopes that something would eventually show up and nothing really did that spring. The crosses between QD and VR were all runty and slow growing. The patch looked spotty with all the ones that had been cut out. I made crosses on about a half dozen for their seed.

I like to see the iris sit for a while to see what they will do under "normal conditions". So they sat in place. During the summer, more stalks and more disappointments. I came back

on Thanksgiving to check and to my surprise, 'Aunt Mary' was blooming on its terminal bud. What a sight, after all the disappointment, that one flower just made my year. It did bloom again in the spring and rebloomed the fall. That one flower that I had worked so hard to get from all those thousands of dogs really made me happy.

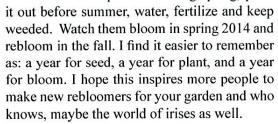
Needles to say, QD and VR are not great parents for form. What they are good for is passing the rebloom ability on to there descendants. The runty crosses from QD X VR seedlings bloomed the following spring and almost one hundred percent of them rebloomed the

next fall! Most, however, had snaky stalks but they did rebloom.

What was learned from all this? Choose your parents carefully. Like usually begets like. If you cross two dogs, more than like likely you will get a lot of dogs. Cross a dog

with a goat you'll get dugouts. Do cross the best formed rebloomers with the best formed rebloomers. Select for the best formed and best growing plants. Photo Credits page 7: Violet Returns, T. Stanek

I challenge all readers of this article to make at least one cross this year. If you have never crossed an iris or have never intended to make a cross, just DO IT. The work involves making a cross this spring and planting the seed in October. Water it well and mulch. When the seed comes up the following spring, plant



This will be my last report as your Midwest Director. It has been a rewarding experience that I have been fortunate to have been able to do. I hope that you will support your next Director with letters and reports of your reblooming irises throughout the year.

Sincerely, Tim Stanek



Violet Returns TB (E. Hall 1988)

Request for Guest Speakers

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Low Ho Silver TB



Violet Returns TB (E. Hall 1988)

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Riley Probst

Southwestern Report By Director Riley Probst

Our rebloom season this year in Modesto, CA was good news/ bad news. The rebloom season started out with good news. We had

great rebloom from May through November. This was better than last year when we had a killing freeze on 11-25. December even started out great. We hosted in the garden reblooming judges training on December 1st. Then we had a killing freeze on 12-4. This was nine days

> later than in 2010. Good news. Then the bad news, we had an extremely cold winter for this locale. In December and January we had 49 consecutive nights with lows in the 20's or 30's. The average low for this time of year is 41°. This included 27 nights of 32° or below. The lowest was 23° on 1-17. These cold temperatures almost eliminated any winter rebloom here.

There were unusual reports of rebloom in the area. Ray Vickers-Traft of Oakland,

CA reported and showed me a picture of rebloom on a PCI, 'Carmel Gem' (C. Jenkins 1992). Then about a month later Meredith Endsley also from the San Francisco bay area reported to me that



Lunar Whitewash TB (S. Innerst 2003)

she had rebloom on a Japanese and a Spuria. The Japanese was 'Prairie Glory' (A. Hazzard

1972). The Spuria was 'Blue Spiderweb' (W. Ferguson 1966). These three reports are the first beardless rebloom reports I have received from the Southwestern area.

I have observed that from year to year the rebloom stars of the garden are sometimes different. The following list consists of the top dozen rebloomers in our garden over the most recent two season pe-



Echo Location TB (B. Wilkerson 2007)



October TB (M. Byers 1989)

riod measured in average days of rebloom per season. All of these averaged two months or better. They are:

1. October	Byers	1989	100 days
2. Violet Return	s Hall	1988	96 days
3. Lunar White	wash Innerst	2003	86 days
4. Total Recall	Hager	1992	79 days
5. Low Ho Silve	er Byers	1989	77 days
6. Echo Locatio	n Wilkerson	2007	75 days
7. St. Petersburg	g Byers	1989	73 days
8. Over And Ov	er Innerst	2001	67 days
9. Zurich	Byers	1990	67 days
10. Summer Holi	days Zurbrigg	1979	66 days
11. Renown	Zurbrigg	1992	62 days
12. Autumn Trys	t Weiler	1993	59 days

Just another reminder, photos of most of the irises listed in the reports can be viewed on the Reblooming Iris Society Facebook page. There are now 666 photos in the photo section.

> We now have 137 members on Facebook as compared to 94 this time last year. Join the Reblooming Iris Society Facebook group, it is free, and look at the pictures, read the comments and maybe post some of your own. Just click on to Facebook.com and search for Reblooming Iris Society.



Cantina TB (M. Byers 1990)



That's Hot TB (L. Lauer 2008)



Mariposa Skies TB (R. Tasco 1996)



Forever Yours TB (B. Hager 1993)



Reiterate TB (J. Nelson 1988)

Napa Country Iris Gardens 2011 Rebloom Report

John & Leslie Painter - Napa, CA - USDA Zone 8

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		- 8				Reiterate (J. 1	Velson 1988)	TB
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						Struck Twice	(L. Lauer 2009)	TB
						Swordsman (B. Blyth 2004/05)	TB
						That's Hot (L.	Lauer 2008)	TB
						Trumped (T. I	Burseen 2008)	TB
						Violet Turner	(L. Lauer 1999)	TB
						White Hot (R	. Tasco 2008)	TB
							(B. Blyth 2004/05)	

AZ Rebloom Reports

Clemence Newcomb - Phoenix, AZ
Cloud Reflection (F. Edwards 2009) TB
Star Master (R. Dunn 1987) TB
Sharon Petterson - Phoenix area, AZ
Flight Of Fairies (F. Edwards 2009) TB
Marty Richards (R. Richards 2005) TB

CA Rebloom Reports

Nancy Burstein - Irvine, CA
Halloween Halo (J. Weiler 1991) TB
Harvest Of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB
Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) TB
Well Endowed (J. Ghio 1979) TB
Winter Waltz (Schreiners 2009) TB
Jim & Irene Cummins - Scott's Valley, CA
Canary Delight (J. Roberts 1997) TB
Champagne Encore (J.T. Aitken 1997) IB
Drinks At Sunset (B. Blyth 2002/03) TB
Fall Empire (G. Sutton 2002) TB
Perfect Couple (J. Ghio 1984) TB
Pieces Of April (T. Burseen 2005) TB
Reach For The Sky (D. Stewart 2010) TB

Meredith Endsley - San Francisco Bay Area, CA

Blue Spiderweb (W. Ferguson 1966) SPU
Prairie Glory (A. Hazzard 1972)JI
Renee Fraser - Simi Valley, CA
Amethyst Winter (R. Richards 1998) TB

John Pesek - Fremont, CA	
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB	}
Tennison Ridge (J. Begley 1989) TB	,
Recurring Dream (B. Hager 1993) TB	,
Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) TB	,
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Peggy Sue (L. Lauer 2006)
Robert Sutton - Tulare, CA
Banana Cream (M. Byers 1989) TE

Ray Vickers-Taft - Oakland, CA
Carmel Gem (B.C. Jenkins 1992)
Phyllis Wilburn - Rescue, CA

Blessed Again (F. Jones 1976)
Dark Crystal (M. Byers 1988)SDB
Doe Z Doe (B. Kasperek 2005)IB
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
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Smell The Roses (M. Byers 1988) SDB



Violet Turner TB (L. Lauer 1999)



Pieces Of April TB (T. Burseen 2005)

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City Lights TB (M. Dunn 1991) All American TB (M. Byers 1992)

Fleur De Lis Iris Garden 2011/12 Rebloom Report

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Variety	Hybridizer	Class	Dec	Jan	Feb
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All American (A	A. Byers 1992)	TB			
Angelic Wings	(B. Miller 1991)	TB			
Another Bridge	(B. Wilkerson 2005)	TB			
	er (G. Sutton 2000) .				
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Corn Dance (D.	Spoon 2008)	TB			
Daughter Of Sta	ars (D. Spoon 2001) .	TB			
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	. Sutton 2000)				
Double Up (B. I	Hager 1984)	BB			
Echo Location	B. Wilkenson 2007).	TB			
Fall Rerun (B. F	Hager 2001)	TB			
Fast Forward (J	T. Aitken 2002)	IB			
Feed Back (B. I	Hager 1983)	TB			HELS
Forever Yours (B. Hager 1993)	TB			
Fruit Stripe (M.	Sutton 2009)	BB			
Garden Club De	light (L. Zurbrigg 199	7) . TB		1	
Harvest Of Mem	ories (L. Zurbrigg 198	85) .TB			
I Repeat (J. Rol	pert 1998)	TB		tasi i	
Iceland (M. Bye	rs 1991)	TB			
Istanbul (M. By	ers 1990)	TB	and the same		
	G. Smith 1978)				
Lest We Forget	(G. Sutton 2008)	TB			
Low Ho Silver	(M. Byers 1989)	IB			
Lunar Whitewa	sh (S. Innerst 2003) .	TB			
Mariposa Autur	nn (R. Tasco 1999)	TB			A R
The state of the s	rd (R. Tasco 2004)				
	se (M. Sutton 2007) .		lor 355		
	ers 1989)		***************************************	15.5	
October Splend	or (G. Sides 1997)	BB			
	(G. Sutton 2002)				

Variety	Hybridizer	Class	Dec	Jan	Feb
Orange Portal (F	Kerr 2007)	TB			
	S. Innerst 2001)				
	2001/02)				
Purple Magic (D	. Spoon 1997)	TB	Sel 15		
	1. Sutton 2008)				
Renascent (B. He	ager 2005)	TB			
Renown (L. Zurl	brigg 1992)	TB			
Re-Treat (R.G. S	mith 1978)	TB			
Rosalie Figge (J.	McKnew 1993)	TB	Ewall of		
Round Trip (L. L.	auer 2007)	SDB			
	rseen 1991)		RVXIII		
Sea Double (R. C	G. Smith 1971)	TB			
Stanza (M. Byers	s 1991)	BB			
Star Gate (B. Wil	lkerson 2005)	TB			
	(D. Spoon 2008)				
St. Petersburg (A	1. Byers 1990)	TB			
Sugar Blues (L.	Zurbrigg 1985)	TB			
Sugar Maple (G.	Sutton 2003)	SDB			
Summer Holiday	s (L. Zurbigg 1979) TB			
Sunny Disposition	on (L. Zurbrigg 199	1)TB			M
Tara's Choice (B	. Wilkerson 2004) .	TB		HIGH	
Theme Master (A	B. Wilkerson 2004)	TB		neil	MA.
Then Again (M.	Byers 1989)	TB		1991	igi
Total Recall (B.	Hager 1992)	TB		130	146
Traffic (L. Lauer	· 2004)	TB	1657		
Two Different W	orlds (W. Moores 20	001).TB			Jn.
Violet Returns (E. Hall 1988)	TB		. 59	Mag
	(R. Tasco 1989)			5572	
Zurich (M. Byer:	s 1990)	TB			N.B
Irises with bud st	alks that froze in De	ec. & Jan.			
Aunt Mary (T. S.	tanek 2000)	TB			
Australian Rosé	(M. Sutton 2010)	TB	MI		
Billionaire (M. I	Byers 1987)	TB			277
	(agee 2007)		light.		- Pu
Halloween Treas	ure (B. Wilkerson 2	008). TB			181
Marty Richards	(R. Richards 2005)	TB			
Pure As Gold (W	V. Maryott 1993)	TB		1977	
Season Of Mist	(L. Zurbrigg 2002)	TB	No.		
Silver Dividends	s (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB			
Spring Bliss (F.	Kerr 2009)	TB			
UFO (D. Spoon	2007)	TB			
Ziggy (V. Keyser	r 2000)	TB			



Everyone wants their irises to be beauti-

ful, lush, and perfect.

And they would be if they were grown in the

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irises to grow and flourish.

environment. perfect But who has that perfect environment? I do not know. I sure do not have it, and the people in this area don't either. We are at the mercy of the weather and it wants to be erratic to the extreme. From too cold to too hot, too wet to too dry. Anything but the ideal environment for our

But irises are tough little items. They can and do grow and flourish where it is too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, and some even rebloom in the most adverse conditions. These are the ones that most people love and want to brag about. These beauties have withstood the heat and cold, the wet or the dry. These have given the extra effort to provide happiness for their human tenders and we want to share them with the world.

Two examples of these are 'Anxious' TB (B. Hager 1992) and 'Autumn Tryst' TB (J. Weiler 1993), both listed three times in the following reports.

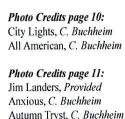


Autumn Tryst TB (J. Weiler 1993)

Nelda Moore – Austin, TX
Anxious (B. Hager 1992)
Three Oaks (C. Whiting 1940) TB
Debra Strauss - Midland, TX
Again And Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Anxious (B. Hager 1992) TB
Apricot Ala Mode (C. Boswell 1989) IB
Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990) TB



Anxious TB (B. Hager 1992)



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Mariposa Wizard IB (R. Tasco 2004)



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Again And Again TB (S. Innerst 1999)



Autumn Circus TB (B. Hager 1990)



Happy New Year TB (M. Byers 1990)



Total Recall TB (B. Hager 1992)

Summer Waltz (G. Sutton 2002)...... TB Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB Winesap (*M. Byers 1989*) TB Gordon & Happy Carver - Weatherford, TX Fall Rerun (B. Hager 2001) TB



Daughter Of Stars TB (D. Spoon 2001)



Off Broadway TB



Blatant TB







Priscilla Of Corinth TB (B. Miller 1994)

	June Hivnor – Hico, TX
Many Mahalos IB	Busy Being Blue (D. Denney 1990)TB
(J.T. Aitken 2003)	Walter Moores - Northern MS
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	Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991)TB
	Sugar Snaps (D. Pinegar 1999) IB
	Midsummer's Eve (D. Spoon 1999) BB
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(W. Moores 1992) (M. Byers 1990)
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Wayne & Gailmae Suite – Venus, TX
Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) TB
Billionaire (M. Byers 1987) TB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB
October Sky (L. Lauer 2000) TB
Priscilla of Corinth (B. Miller 1994) TB
Joe & Donna Spears – Argyle, TX
Double Shot (G. Sutton 2000)TB
Happy New Year (M. Byers 1990) TB
September Sailor (G.P. Brown 1960) TB
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB
Dell Perry – Plano, TX
Lady Emma (F. Jones 1986) MTB
Senorita Frog (D. Spoon 2002)SDB
Keith & Margaret Ann Smith
Fort Worth, TX
Country Dance (E. Jones 1997) IB
Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) TB
Flower Shower (J. Weiler 1990) SDB
Hawaiian Surf (W. Moores 1983) TB
Sugar Snaps (D. Pinegar 1999)IB

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Many Mahalos (J.T. Aitken 2003).....IB Sugar Blues (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB

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Dave Silverberg

Northwestern Report By Director Dave Silverberg

I have two reports from two very different climate zones. The first is from Delane Langton, President of the Big Sky Iris Club in Bill-

ings, Montana, USDA Zone 5. He stated that rebloom in the fall of 2011 was virtually nonexistent due to a wet spring, dry summer and late fall rains. Four of the BSIC club members did report the following:

Delane Langton - Billings, MTMasterwork (*L. Zurbrigg 2001*).....TB

The second report is from Terry Aitken of Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden in Vancouver, Washington, USDA Zone 8. Terry has some interesting observations on breeding for greater rebloom climate tolerance as well as what's been happening in his garden.

Champagne Elegance (D. Niswonger 1987)... TB

Rebloom at Aitkens, 2011 By Terry Aitken

Blend Of Blues SDB (J. McKnew 1993)

After two years of wet bloom seasons where nothing worked (wet pollen), 2011 was at least drier if cloudy through much of bloom

season. We could start to see where fertility was and it was surprisingly good.

Over the last five years, there seems to be some cultural patterns emerging which we need to harness for the benefit of the iris world. The dwarf bearded irises come from species that are native to northern Europe. That means they are in the habit of blooming early in spring time

when soils are cool. In our northwest case, bloom occurs between 50 and 60 degrees. They seem happiest after a cold winter. My speculation is that southern SDB's, like Sutton's in Fresno, California, might have a hard time finding ground that cool. George and Michael have done an amazing job of breeding these plants AND getting rebloom on some of them under warmer soil conditions. I consider this as very important.

For years, I have advocated utilizing plants from different climate zones as the way to gain climate tolerance for all parts of the country. We have been using Chuck Chapman's rebloom plants from eastern Canada and now the Sutton plants from California. There are significant

differences between Sutton's soils, both warm and pH-8 and Aitken's cool and pH-6. We have found that laying down a row of lime helps the

> Sutton plants adjust to our cultural conditions. The result is many rebloom seed pods. Stay tuned!

> Another observation is that crossing a rebloom plant with a spring blooming plant "usually" will not get you a reblooming plant. However, rebloom may be recovered in the second or third generation. There are always exceptions. Crossing

two rebloomers together stands a pretty good chance of getting results. Focusing on rebloom over three to five generations will get you a family tree in which most offspring will be rebloomers. It is a numbers game.

Many of our recent introductions involve crossing rebloom with spring bloom. Now if we can just break through this fertility issue, perhaps we can move on to more prolific results. The reason for using spring bloomers is to improve foliage, flower form and color. A good example is 'Blend of Blues' (Little Showoff x Forever Blue) X (Snow Season x Forever Blue) 'Snow Season' is in there to improve flower form. We have been pursuing this concept for about 10 years in all classes of iris.

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Masterwork TB SA (L. Zurbrigg 2001)



Immortality TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982)



Violet Returms TB (E. Hall 1988)

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Aitken Sdlg. # 09T? TB

It is about time I started breeding rebloomers together. The Aitken # 09T?—is a major breakthrough for me. (Breaking News (Meek-RE) X Autumn Sunburst (Aitken-RE) The other "sleeper" that showed up was Aitken # 03T25 which is (Cantina x Earthborn) and it looks like it is going to end up as a BB (This is why it takes 10 years to evaluate these things!) It took me 20 years to get a seed pod on 'Cranapple' so the lesson is —"NEVER GIVE UP!"



Aitken Sdlg. # 03T25 BB

A couple of pleasant surprises last fall were nice showings by 'Smoked Gouda' (F. Kerr 2007) and 'Cruise to Autumn' (L. Lauer 2001).

With our very unusual cool and moist summer, the Siberians continued blooming until they got tired. When the Siberian field got moved in September, we were still cutting bloom stems off of 'Sun Comes Up' SIB (Schafer/Sacks). It is the new "long time rebloomer" at Aitken's. Every year is a new adventure!



Smoked Gouda TB (F. Kerr 2007)



Cruise To Autumn TB (L. Lauer 2001)



Sun Comes Up SIB (Shafer/Sacks 2004)

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Air Force One	Chartered Course	Halloween Treasure	Northward Ho
All Revved Up	Check It Out	Harbor Skies	Oasis Bobwhite
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Amethyst Winter	Cornhusker	Haunting	Oasis Desiree
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Applause Line	Crackling Caldera _	House Guest	Oasis DooDa
Arctic Encore	Cruise To Autumn	I'm Back	Oasis Glacier
Augustine	Daughter Of Stars	It's Showtime	Oasis Mustard
Aunt Mary	Days Of Summer	Jet-Setter	Oasis Patches
Autumn Joy	Decadence	Joe's Gold	Oasis Pinto
Autumn Rain	Delta Lady	Juicy Fruit	Oasis Red
Autumn Rose	Double Click	July Yellow	Oasis Terry
Autumn Sapphire	Double Down	Just Call Me	October
Autumn Smiles	Double Exposure	Just Teasing	October Skies
Autumn Sunrise	Double Stitch	Kauai Gold	October Return
Avona	Doubleday	Kitty Kay	Orangelo
Bay Front	Drinks At Sunset	Kristen Faith	Oreo
Belvi Cloud	Echo Location	Lavender Reflection	Over And Over
Belvi Queen	Elmer's Mistie	Lest We Forget	Oxmoor Hills
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Berry Ripple	End Of Summer	Lord Of Rings	Peaches And Dreams
Bewitchment	Fall Enterprise	Lording It	Peggy Sue
Billionaire	Fall Rerun	Love Is All Around	Pleasant Peasant
Black Mercury	Falling For You	Lovely Senorita	Popstar
Blatant	Fancy Flirting	Lunar Whitewash	Porcelain Art
Blue Air	Fashionista	Mac Shawe	Powdered Sugar
Bold Move	Fiery Temper	Made Of Magic	Presby Honors September
Bounce Back	Firebeard	Mango Parfait	Prince Of Earl
Bowled Over	Flight To Mars	Marbella	Pure As Gold
Braggin' Rights	Florentine Silk	Mariposa Autumn	Purple Reprise
Breaking Point	Foggy Mist	Mariposa Skies	Qantum Leap
Breath of Dawn	Frosty Moonscape	Marty Richards	Radiant Bliss
Bremer Sunset	Galadriel's Ring	Masterwork	Rare Bouquet
Bride's Blush	Gate Of Heaven	Midnight Mink	Raspberry Frost
Broad Appeal	Giddyup To Go	Midnight Thunder	Raspberry Swirl
Broken Record	Gladiatrix	Mighty Cool	Recurring Dream
Bruce	Glitzy	Modern Era	Red Rock Canyon
Buckwheat	Golden Immortal	Mona Lee Fries	Reiterate
Café Bleu	Golden Panther	Mountain Sunrise	Renascent
Canaries And Cream	Gossip Column	My Generation	Renewal

Renown	Sky King Returns	Team Spirit	Winesap
Repeat Performance	Snow Melt	Theme Master	Wonder Woman
Return Of Innocense	Socialist	Tokatee Falls	Yosemite Star
Return To Bayberry	Soft Return	Total Recall	Zee
Return To Sender	Spot On	Traffic	Ziggy
Revere	Spouting Horn	Tribute To Rosalie	Zurich
Ring Around Rosie	St. Petersburg	Tropical Delight	Write In Votes:
Rio	Star Challenger	Two Different Worlds	
Royal Storm	Star Gate	UFO	
Royal Thunder	Stardock	Uplifting	
Say Goodbye	Starring Encore	Vanishing Act	
Sea Of Love	Straight Up	Violet Returns	
Season Of Mists	Struck Twice	Violet Turner	
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September Frost	Summer Tsunami	Wearing Rubies	
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Serenity Returns	Sunny Disposition	When She Was Good	
Shire	Sunshine On My Shoulder	Who's Your Daddy	
Sierra Mist	Tara's Choice	Wide Blue Sea	
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Don & Ginny Spoon

2011 Record of Iris Rebloom at Winterberry Gardens By Ginny Spoon

Irises that rebloomed in October at Winterberry Gardens were enjoyed by our members of Region 4 who visited the garden during our Fall Regional Meeting in Winchester.

We had a three-foot snowfall a few weeks before Thanksgiving that buried many of the TB stalks that would have opened if we had normal weather conditions for that time of year. It was mild after that and some SDBs continued to rebloom. Cold and snow prevented December TB buds from opening.

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Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class	Ma	Ju	Jl	Au	Se	Oc	No	De
Anne Lowe	(D. Spoon '11)	SDB								
Autumn Jest	er (C. Chapman '00)	SDB								
Autumn Ora	nge (D. Spoon '03)	SDB								
Autumn Sur	ge (J.T. Aitken '05)	SDB								
Baby Blesse	d (L. Zurbrigg '79)	SDB								
Blue Hues (D. Spoon '10)	SDB								
	(D. Spoon '08)									
Daughter Of	Stars (D. Spoon '01).	TB								
Eleanor Roc	sevelt (Sass-McDade	<i>33</i>)IB		-						
Eric Simpso	n (D. Spoon '01)	SDB	Sept.						1	
	wer (J. Weiler '90)						1			
Golden Chil	ld (M. Byers '89)	SDB						-		
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	dulgence (J.T. Aitken '05									

Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class	Ma	Ju	Jl	Au	Se	Oc	No	De
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Blue Hues SDB (D. Spoon 2010)



Istanbul TB (M. Byers 1990)



Eric Simpson SDB (D. Spoon 2011)



Renascent TB (B. Hager/Cooley's 2005)



Ray Jones SDB (D. Spoon 2011)



Traffic TB (L. Lauer 2004)



Eleanor Roosevelf IB (Sass-McDade 1933)

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Earl Of Essex TB (L. Zurbrigg 1980)



Bountiful Harvest TB (B. Hager 1993)

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George Sutton

Remontant Ramblings By George Sutton

ACID SOIL VS.
ALKALINE SOIL:
We grow irises in the southern San Joaquin
Valley of California in

an area that has quite alkaline soil, with an average of 8.0. Most tall bearded irises do quite well in soil that is on the alkaline side. We have found that when we send irises to places with soil that is acidic, it takes time for them to bloom, let alone rebloom. Likewise, when we receive irises from areas with soil on the acidic side, quite often it takes a couple of years for them to bloom. It doesn't mean they are poor remontants, just that they need time to adjust to the different soil.

There are also cases where a given iris does better in the pH it is used to. For example, some years back we had a large number of 'Immortality' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982) lined out. The first year only about fifteen bloomed and none of them rebloomed. So we experimented with it; we built a bed that we adjusted to 6.8 pH in which we planted ten 'Immortality'. Next spring all ten bloomed and that fall all ten rebloomed. Conclusion: you may have to adjust your soil pH to meet the conditions under which a given iris was hybridized. This is also true, of course, for oncers. Irises that we buy from certain areas routinely take a couple of years to bloom unless we adjust the soil.

REMONTANT HYBRIDIZING: We try to make as many remontant crosses as possible since this is our primary focus. Some crosses with only one remontant in the background will produce remontant seedlings. We have noticed that if we make a cross with only two remontants in its background, not considering just the immediate cross, 10% or less of the seedlings will turn out to be themselves remontants.

Following is a list of remontant irises with only one or two remontants in their background that we have had good luck hybridizing with:

Ahwahnee Princess (G. Sutton 2004) SDB
Autumn Rain (M. Sutton 2008) TB
Boundless (M. Sutton 2010) TB
Double Shot (G. Sutton 2000)TB
Frequent Flyer (R. Gibson 1994) TB

Honey Scoop (G. Sutton 1997)TB
Iron Eagle (<i>G. Sutton 2000</i>) TB
Lest We Forget (G. Sutton 2008) TB
Love Is All Around (J.T. Aitken 2005) TB
Mariposa Wizard (R. Tasco 2004)IB
Mountain Sunrise (M. Sutton 2007) TB
Popstar (<i>B. Blyth 2005/06</i>) TB
Pure As Gold (W. Maryott 1993) TB
Pushing The Envelope (G. Sutton 2008) SDB
Red Rock Canyon (M. Sutton 2008)TB
Spot On (<i>M. Sutton 2008</i>)

However, crosses made with three or more remontants in the background will produce about 40% remontant seedlings. The percentage of what we consider good seedlings, i.e., worthy of consideration for introduction, is the same in these remontants as in oncers—that is, about 2%.

Following are a few examples of introduced remontants with three or more remontants in their background as well as one seedling under consideration:

Double Stitch TB (G. Sutton 2005): Bountiful Harvest X (Garden Grace x Bountiful Harvest)

Duke of Earl TB (*M. Byers 1987*): Earl of Essex X (Sky Hooks x unknown remontant plicata)

Extra Charm SDB (J. Weiler 1990): (Third Charm x Plum-Plum) X (Watersmeet x Third Charm)

Flower Shower SDB (J. Weiler 1990): (Third Charm x Plum-Plum) X (Watersmeet x Third Charm), same cross as Extra Charm

Snow Melt X Mariposa Skies: Snow Melt (Mariposa Skies x Jurassic Park) Mariposa Skies ((Wedding Vows x Violet Miracle) X Glistening Icicle)

One last tip: remember to water remontants every three weeks during the summer for fall bloom!

If you have tried or would like to try this three-or-more remontant idea in your hybridizing, I would appreciate hearing your results. Let me know at info@suttoniris.com. Your information would be of interest to other remontant iris hybridizers and we could publish it in the *Recorder*.



Ahwahnee Princess SDB (G. Sutton 2004)



Autumn Rain TB (M. Sutton 2008)



Boundless TB (M. Sutton 2010)



Double Shot TB (G. Sutton 2000)



Frequent Flyer TB (R. Gibson 1994)



Honey Scoop TB SA (G. Sutton 1997)



Iron Eagle TB SA (G. Sutton 2000)



Lest We Forget TB (G. Sutton 2008)



Love Is All Around TB (J.T. Aitken 2005)



Mariposa Wizard IB (R. Tasco 2004)



Mountain Sunrise TB (M. Sutton 2007)



Pure As Gold TB (W. Maryott 1993)



Popstar TB (B. Blyth 2005/06)



Pushing The Envelope SDB (G. Sutton 2008)



Red Rock Canyon TB (M. Sutton 2008)



Spot On TB (M. Sutton 2008)



Duke Of Earl TB (M. Byers 1987)



Flower Shower SDB (J. Weiler 1990)



Snow Melt TB (M. Sutton 2004)



Mariposa Skies TB (R. Tasco 1996)

Ozark Rebounder TB (B. Nicodemus 2003)

As you can see by the table below rebloomers came up on the short end of top American Iris Society Awards in 2011. However, Honorable Mention Awards and the number of Runners Up in all three sections are remark-

able. As the general characteristics of flower

form, color pattern, and stalk/plant growth habits improve, demand for them will increase. Buyers will purchase them as they do oncers—for their sheer beauty as well as rebloom.

Ask yourself, what are the primary characteristics that put an iris on your "gotta have"



Mariposa Wizard IB (R. Tasco 2004)



Blueberry Tart SDB (C. Chapman 2002)



Pokemon MDB (G. Sutton 2003)



Z Z Zanzibar SPEC (B. Kasperek 2005)

Reblooming Irises in the 2011 AIS Awards and Runners Up						
MEDALS	AWARDS	RUNNERS UP				
Dykes Medal		Crackling Caldera* (J.T. Aitken)				
Wister Medal—TB		Ozark Rebounder (B. Nicodemus)				
H. & J. Sass Medal—IB		Mariposa Wizard (R. Tasco)				
Cook-Douglas Medal—SDB		Blueberry Tart (C. Chapman)				
Caparne-Welch Medal—MDB		Pokemon (G. Sutton)				
Signa Medal—SPEC		Z Z Zanzibar (B. Kasperek)				
CLASS	ASS AWARDS OF MERIT RUNNERS UP					
Tall Bearded	I'm Back (T. Johnson)	Casual Elegance (J. T. Aitken) Frosty Moonscape (J. T. Aitken) Achy Breaky Heart (G. Sutton)				
Border Bearded		Twiggy (D. Spoon) Hasta La Vista (J.T. Aitken) Minneola (G. Sutton)				
Intermediate Bearded		Doe Z Doe* (B. Kasperek)				
Miniature Tall Bearded		Maui Mango (J. T. Aitken)				
Standard Dwarf Bearded		Sugar Maple (G. Sutton) Betty Boop (G. Sutton)				
Miniature Dwarf Bearded		Mighty Mouse (G. Sutton)				
CLASS HO	NORABLE MENTION AWAR	RDS RUNNERS UP				
Tall Bearded	Fashionista (B. Blyth) Easy Being Green (R. Richards) Autumn Sunrise (G. Spoon) Mango Parfait (D. Spoon) Spot On (M. Sutton) Sunshine On My Shoulders (M. Sutton)	Mountain Sunrise (M. Sutton) Orange Portal* (F. Kerr) My Generation (L. Lauer) Bold Move (M. Sutton) Lady Baltimore (D. Spoon) Lemon Lollipop (D. Spoon) Orangelo (M. Sutton) Red Rock Canyon (M. Sutton) Lest We Forget (G. Sutton) Struck Twice (L. Lauer)				
Intermediate Bearded	Red Hot Chili (M. Sutton) Fall Line (M. Sutton)	Touch Of Tuscany (M. Sutton)				
Standard Dwarf Bearded	Bright Blue Eyes (M. Sutton) Carmel Celeste (R. Tasco) Pinkster* (M. Sutton)	Kumquat (D. Spoon) Ink Line (G. Sutton) Nassau Blue* (G. Sutton)				

RE Irises in the 2011 AIS Awards By Carole Buchheim



I'm Back TB (T. Johnson 2007)



Fashionista TB (B. Blyth 2009)



Easy Being Green TB (R. Richards 2009)



Autumn Sunrise TB (G. Spoon 2007)



Mango Parfait TB (D. Spoon 2009)



Spot On TB (M. Sutton 2008)



Red Hot Chili TB (M. Sutton 2008)

list? What compels you to fork out that \$50 bill for a new TB introduction? It's the beauty of the flower coupled with the hybridizer's name

and a glowing description. Rebloom adds a fourth dimension. And for some of us that "fourth dimension" has become a passion.

In the 2011 American Iris Society Awards, 12 remontant irises received awards and 31 were noted as runners up. These 43 rebloomers represent the work of 14 hybridizers. Both winners and runners up are listed according to the number of votes they received by AIS judges.

This "ranking" helps hybridizers, judges and concerned irisarians to know the popularity of a particular cultivar based on its overall beauty, performance and quality.

Remontants high on the Runners Up lists have the potential of receiving awards the following year (during their period of eligibility). For a complete list of the 2011 AIS award

winners, go to the AIS website: www.irises.
org. Click on "About Irises" then "Awards & Surveys" and then "AIS Awards". Scroll down

and you will find the last 13 years of AIS Awards listed. Click on any given year of interest.

Unfortunately, there were no remontant 2011 Medal winners but six commendable Runners Up were noted, one in each of six different categories. In 2010, two remontants received medals.

In the Awards of Merit section, 'I'm Back' TB (T. Johnson 2007) was the only reblooming TB AM

recipient out of 30 winners. These were chosen from a listing of 245 eligible Tall Bearded irises on the 2011 AIS Official Ballot. Only eight of the 245 were registered rebloomers and that boils down to a lowly 3% of the total. Until more quality reblooming irises are regularly introduced, we are going to come up short on awards. In 2010 we actually had six remontant



Crackling Caldera TB (J.T. Aitken 2003)

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Spot On, M. Sutton
Red Hot Chili, M. Sutton
Crackling Caldera, J.T. Aitken
Sunshine On My Shoulders,
M. Sutton

Sunshine On My Shoulders TB (M. Sutton 2008)



Fall Line IB (M. Sutton 2009)



Pinkster SDB (M. Sutton 2008)



Carmel Celeste SDB (R. Tasco 2008)



Twiggy BB (D. Spoon 2004)

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Bright Blue Eyes, M. Sutton
Champagne Elegance, J.T. Aitken
Frosty Moonscape, J.T. Aitken

winners receive AM awards though three of them were not registered as rebloomers.

The <u>Honorable Mention Awards</u> have 11 bearded remontant winners in three classes and 14 runners up for a total of 25. In the Tall

Bearded category 729 irises were eligible for votes on the official ballot and 79 were selected as HM winners. Only six of these were registered as rebloomers (about 1%). In two years these six TBs as well as the five Median HM winners will be added to the eligibility list for the Awards of Merit.



Bright Blue Eyes SDB (M. Sutton 2009)

After reviewing this information I ask myself, what strategy can we employ to increase

the number of awards given to reblooming irises? Following are ways I believe we can bring about change:

Introduce More
Quality Rebloomers:
A minimal number of reblooming irises are introduced each year in relation to the oncers.
When the number of remontant introduce-

tions increases there should be a reciprocal increase in the number of awards received.

Hybridize REs in All Bearded Classes: If a study were done on the number of awards received by reblooming Tall Beardeds vs. reblooming Medians, I believe you would find some interesting results. If a hybridizer introduces irises in different classes it increases his/her chances of receiving more awards.

Education: Some of the biggest reasons remontant irises fail to rebloom are: 1. They need regular watering during summer's heat or they will go dormant. 2. They need an extra helping of fertilizer after spring bloom to pro-

mote fall rebloom. 3. In cooler regions Medians might perform better than TBs. In spring Medians generally bloom earlier and thus have more time for growth and development for fall rebloom. 4. Soil type, acid vs. alkaline, can make a difference in performance of rebloomers depending on what type of soil an iris

was originally raised in.

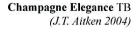
Supply and Demand: As the demand for quality rebloomers increases, more hybridizers will recognize the need and greater effort will be put into breeding new remontant cultivars. Commercial growers will follow suit and make more rebloomers available in their catalogs.

Improve Public Awareness: Every opportunity to showcase reblooming irises should be taken advantage of. At your spring iris show

put "RE" on the name tag after the title of your iris to alert fellow club members and the public of rebloom capability. Mark your bare root and potted club sale irises with RE as well.



Frosty Moonscape TB (J.T. Aitken 2006)





Hasta La Vista BB (J.T. Aitken 2004)



Minneola BB (G. Sutton 2005)



Doe Z Doe IB (B. Kasperek 2005)

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Orange Portal, C. Buchheim My Generation, R. Probst

Struck Twice, C. Buchheim

Maui Mango, J.T. Aitken

Enter More Rebloomers in AIS National Conventions: I have heard that some hybridizers hesitate to enter rebloomers in national conventions because remontant irises often bloom earlier in spring and might not be seen during garden visitation. Here is where the adage "nothing ventured, nothing gained" comes into play. I think it's better to hope for the best and go for the gold. Even if a remontant guest iris blooms early, it will be seen by garden owners and workers. Irises that rebloom during the two-year guest garden growing period will be noticed and word spreads. It would be helpful for rebloom of guest irises to be reported in local club newsletters accompanied with pictures if possible. Photos could also be shown as slide shows at local club meetings.

"RE" Posted on AIS Convention Guest Iris
Name Tags and in the Convention Booklet:
This would be a tremendous boost in awareness of newer reblooming iris introductions and

seedlings of promise. Remontancy is a quality of distinctiveness that is unobservable during a spring convention. To place "RE" on the name tag and in the convention booklet would build knowledge of and stimulate interest in rebloomers by convention attendees.

I would like to challenge you to grow some of the remontant irises listed as 2011 Award Winners and Runners Up. See how they per-

form for you in your home garden and share the increase with friends. Take extras to your iris club meeting and let them be given as door prizes. Help in sharing the joy of rebloom.



Ink Line SDB (G. Sutton 2009)



Orange Portal TB (F. Kerr 2007)



My Generation TB (L. Lauer 2009)



Struck Twice TB (L. Lauer 2009)

Request for Digital Images

Digital images of reblooming irises are needed to create PowerPoint programs. Please e-mail jpegs or mail CDs to Alex Stanton, RIS Digital Program Chairperson. High resolution, uncropped jpeg photos of individual flowers, floral stalks, and clumps are welcome.

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Maui Mango MTB (J.T. Aitken 2005)

Artisite Showoff TB (B. Wilkerson 2011)



Gate Of Heaven TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004)



Carla Beth MTB (B. Wyss 2008)

2012 AIS National Convention Reblooming Guest Irises By Carole Buchheim

In the late summer of 2010 my husband and I planted nearly a 1000 bearded guest irises and about a dozen guest Louisianas at Mystic

Lake Gardens in Nuevo, CA. For two years prior to this we prepared our sandy loam soil by adding compost and growing cover crops. This was well tilled in, raised beds were prepared and a T-tape drip irrigation system was put in. When the irises were planted we added a layer of mulch, wood shavings from a local horse ranch, to conserve moisture especially during the extreme heat of summer.

Needless to say, the guest irises have grown amazingly well with very few loses. In

southern California, USDA Zone 9, irises can grow year around and this is especially true of rebloomers. That first winter of 2010/11 I was not expecting bloom but to my surprise, 'Delta

Lady' TB (L. Lauer 2009) put on a lovely display. The earli-



Second Helping TB (M. Sutton 2010) Rebloom clump photographed 12-16-11

est harbinger of spring, 'Cloud Reflection' TB (F. Edwards) produced a fabulous show table stalk with more to follow later.

Remontant irises. particularly Tall Beardeds, often bloom very early in spring in order

for a second generation of rhizomes to mature for fall rebloom. We planted 110 guest reblooming irises, 77 named varieties and 33

seedlings. Only 74 guest rebloomers are noted in the following data tables (pages 24 and 25). Of those RE cultivars not listed, some: 1) failed

> to thrive, 2) were misnamed, 3) rebloomed prior to the dates listed on the table, or 4) some may have needed a longer period of adjustment to our weather patterns and soil type.

> Mystic Lake Gardens is on a north-facing gentle slope at about 2000 ft. elevation. The Sunset Western Garden Book places our property in Climate Zone 19 where cold winter air drains off at night into the lower valley. Even though temperatures dipped to freezing on several occasions this winter there was no appreciable

damage to the reblooming iris flowers. Peak rebloom was in late December/early January. It was truly amazing to have 40 guest irises flying their colors to welcome in the new year.

The cooler days of fall and winter can bring about features in remontant irises not prevalent during spring bloom. Flower stalks may

be taller with more buds. Blossoms may display richer color saturation and stay fresh longer. And because remontants mature faster you may have greater increase. More buds, longer lasting flowers and additional plants all contribute to the potential of a long and rewarding rebloom season. This, of course, is all dependant upon the weather. As we all know, adverse conditions and early frost can be a death knell for rebloom.

However, I am delighted to say that over this last year we have had close to perfect weather for growth and rebloom. Though we were short on rainfall, we had a rather cool spring, mild summer (less days of extreme heat, 105° and above), a lovely

fall and only a handful of winter nights down to freezing. Reblooming irises continued to grow and produce an abundance of flowers.



Sdlg. # **ST07-601** TB (A. Stanton)



Victorian House TB (M. Grumbine 2005)





ST07-240 TB (A. Stanton)



Wind Singer BB (A. & D. Cadd)



1907-01RE TB (B. Wilkerson)



Scone MTB (G. Sutton 2010)



Color Me Mysterious TB (B. Wilkerson 2010)

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2012 AIS Convention Guest Iris Rebloom at Mystic Lake Gardens								
Variety	Hybridizer	Class	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
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Radiant Bliss (I	3. Wilkerson 2005)	TB						
Rainlike (G. Su	tton 2010)	SDB						
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	n 2010)							
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# 201-33-1 (M.	Zurau)	MTB						
# 220229 BB-P	&T (M. Lockatell)	ТВ						
# 26-4 (R. Himn	nelberger)	ТВ						
‡ 27-2000-1 (A.	& D. Cadd)	TB						
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Lest We Forget TB (G. Sutton 2008)



Pretty Jazzy MTB (R. Probst 2004)



I I Stutter TB (D. Kanarowski 2012)

It was a pleasure walking through the guest beds and taking rebloom notes. About every two weeks I recorded the information and took photos. Some clumps had an amazing number of stalks (with more to come for spring bloom). Take a close look at the charts and see for yourself. Some had incredible successive bloom, that is, as one stalk began to decline another would come into its full glory.

In this issue of the *Recorder* I have placed as many guest iris rebloom photos as possible. I have ended the data in the middle of February because it is difficult to say when springtime for the RE irises actually begins. Many naturally bloom very early in the spring especially in southern California.

Pictured on the *Recorder* cover is 'Spring Bliss' TB (F. Kerr 2009). Though not registered as a rebloomer, it has produced magnificent bloom over the last four months. Among the named varieties that have put on an especially impressive rebloom show are: 'Cornhusker' TB (T. Stanek 2007), 'Fruit Stripe' BB (M. Sutton 2009), 'Gate of Heaven' TB (L. Zur-

brigg 2004), 'Lest We Forget' TB (G. Sutton 2008), 'Radiant Bliss' TB (B. Wilkerson

2005), 'Second Helping' TB (M. Sutton 2010), and 'Star Gate' TB (B. Wilkerson 2005). Seedling star performers include: # 05-06-9 BB (B. Tyson), # 27-2000-1 TB (A. & D. Cadd), # 20517-MB (M. Lockatell), #E90-21-B TB (J. Ennenga), and # ST07-240 (A. Stanton).

For those of you who attend the 2012 AIS Spring Convention, "RE" will be on the tags of every registered rebloomer and every seedling tag where remontancy has been indicated by the hybridizer. The Convention Booklet also has a column

where "RE" is noted. It is my hope that at future AIS Conventions rebloom information will become a standard feature.



Cornhusker TB (T. Stanek 2007)



Pink Reprise BB (W. Moores 1991)



Autumn Joy TB (D. Spoon 2001)



Winter Embrace SDB (D. Spoon 2005)



Suky TB (C. Mahan 1991)



Color Brite BB (A. Ensminger 1987)

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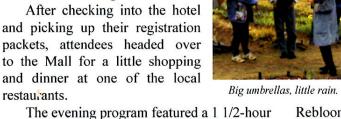
Region 15 Fall Meeting attendees participate in a 2-hour Garden Judges Training by Chuck Chapman at Mystic Lake Gardens. Afterwords they toured the 2012 AIS Convention Guest Irises where nearly 100 are noted as rebloomers.

Region 15 Fall Meeting: "The Miracle Of Rebloom" By Carole Buchheim

On Friday afternoon, November 11, 2011, iris devotees of Region 15 (southern California and Arizona) began to arrive at the Ayres

Suites Hotel at Ontario Mills Mall in Ontario, CA. The event—our annual Fall Meeting.

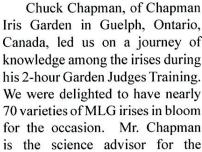
and picking up their registration packets, attendees headed over to the Mall for a little shopping and dinner at one of the local

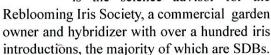


Judges Training session on reblooming irises by Riley Probst of Fleur De Lis Iris Garden in Modesto, CA. Mr. Probst is the SW Director of the Reblooming Iris Society, founder/ administrator of the RIS site on Facebook and a hybridizer with a special interest in MTBs. We were privileged to hear a lot of interesting facts and details about reblooming irises.

In spite of dismal weather predictions, on Saturday morning attendees braved the elements for a visit to Mystic Lake Gardens in Nuevo, CA owned by Paul and Carole Buchheim. Just as the bus arrived at the garden a light misty rain began to fall. Visitors crouded under the triple EZ-Ups to enjoy hot drinks, wholesome snacks and light-hearted bantor.

Umbrellas went up as people fanned out to enjoy the flowers. Just then the clouds parted and a beautiful rainbow crowned the sky. We all stood in awe. What a memorable way to begin a garden visit!

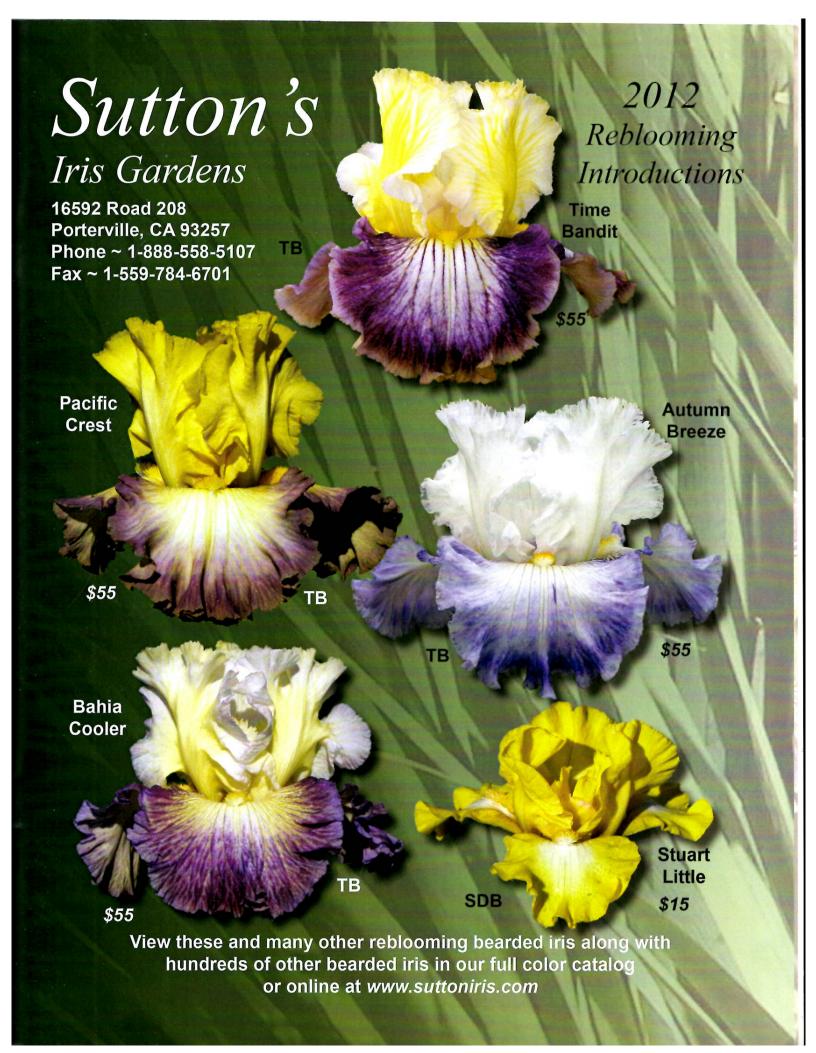




Mystic Lake Gardens is one of the master plantings of nearly a 1000 guest irises for the upcoming 2012 AIS National Convention. Garden visitors were privileged to have a sneak preview of the guest garden and 36 of the convention irises were showing their colors.

About noon it was time to head back to the hotel for a delicious buffet luncheon, Region 15 General Meeting and afternoon program by Chuck Chapman on "How to Grow Rebloomers for Maximum Rebloom". Raffle and door prizes wrapped up the closing activities. What a wonderful opportunity Region 15 Fall Meeting attendees had to learn about remontant irises and see convention guest rebloomers in their full glory.







Rare Bouquet TB (G. Sutton 2003)



Pure As Gold TB (W. Maryott 1993)



Zee TB (D. Spoon 2004)

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