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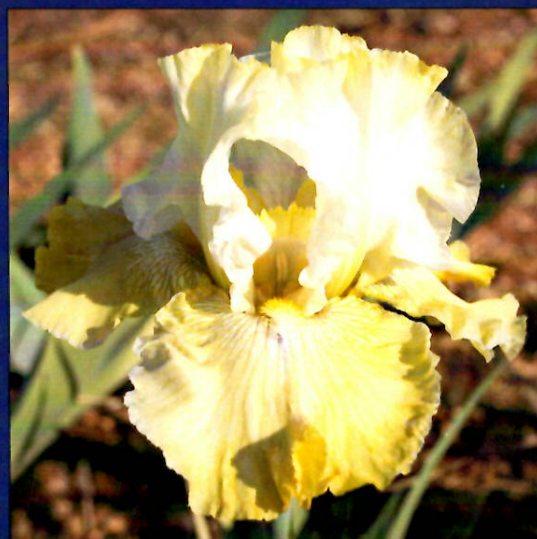
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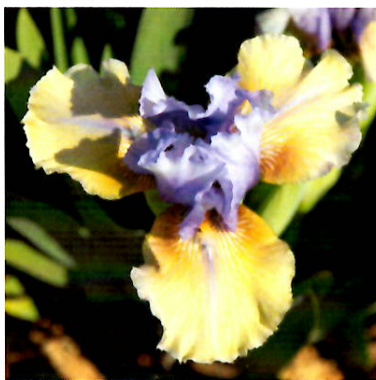
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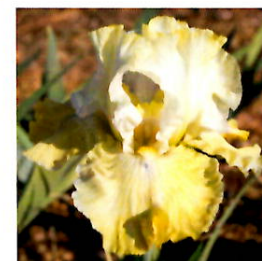
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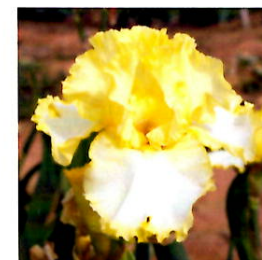
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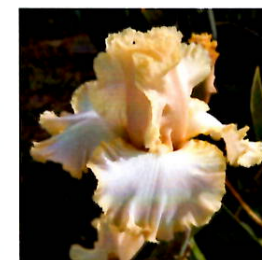
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Note:
 These three bearded
 reblooming irises received
 2013 Awards Of Merit



Easy Being Green TB
 (R. Richards 2009)



Maui Mango MTB
 (J.T. Aitken 2005)



Bright Blue Eyes SDB
 (M. Sutton 2009)

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It's time for another dose of Presidential ramblings. It is the start of another bloom season and the catalogs are coming in fast and furious. There are so many beautiful iris out there again this year and it's nice to see folks working on and producing rebloomers. There are so many color combinations, with beautiful form, gorgeous branching, good bud count and all the prerequisites for award-winning iris. How exciting! Be sure and look for those iris that rebloom when you are making up your list of "must haves" this spring. They're out there just waiting for you to find them and plant them for your very own.

One other thing I would like to encourage you all to try is hybridizing. The excitement of planning a cross, making that cross, waiting to see if it "took" and then harvesting those seeds is really awesome. All of that potential contained in a few small seeds. Knowing that the next Dykes could be sitting in your paper cup! Wow! Once planted then you wait for them to start germinating. As they poke their little heads above ground you once again get that

little thrill of excitement. Will it be what you hoped for when you made the cross? Will it be a totally new iris? There are so many questions to be answered, hopes to become realities and dreams to come true.

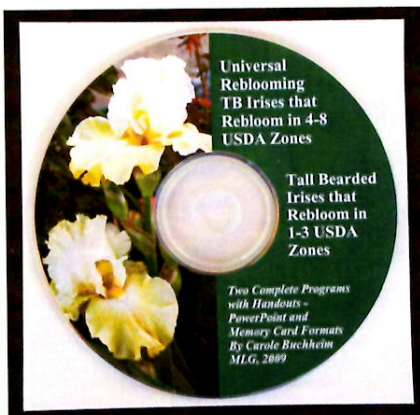
As the next spring rolls around you are hoping for bloom. Will the weather cooperate? Will the seedling put up a bloomstalk? Will it be beautiful? Will it rebloom? That first bloom is usually two years from when you made the cross. You still have years of growing, evaluating, culling, and decision making. Even after you choose a seedling for introduction, you still have a couple of years of growing before you have enough stock to introduce it. All in all, you have years wrapped up in each and every seedling. It will give you great pleasure to bring an iris to this point and it will give you a very real appreciation for the work that hybridizers do. So, get out there and create a new rebloomer!



Newly planted iris seedling bed at Mid-America Iris Gardens in 2011.

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Carole Buchheim

Editor's Note *By Carole Buchheim*

I think we're in for a very early spring bloom season this year in southern California. We've been getting temps in the high 70's and low 80's and drawing a line between late rebloom and early spring bloom is pretty nebulous. I've already had some surprising performances, like Paul Black's broken color 'Wizard Of Odds' TB (2009). It's been blooming since mid January and still going strong. Then there's Larry Lauer's 'Carry On' TB (2010). Talk about a tall, beautiful bloomstalk, this Fertile Myrtle is so loaded with bee pods that I had to prop it up. What secrets do those seeds hold? Not that I'm expecting a Dyke's Medal out of a crop of surprises, but, it would be entertaining to plant them. Another happy camper is Terry Aitken's vivid yellow 'Summer Sunburst' TB (2010). Many stalks started flowering in early January and she's still putting on quite a show.

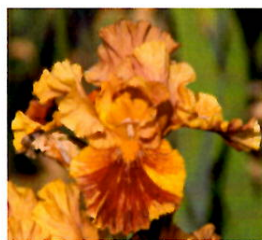
I am delighted with how many rebloom reports we received for 2013. Thank you! It's wonderful to know what's reblooming around the country. Your efforts are much appreciated and the information is important. (It makes me

want to start putting a "must have" list together. Help!—I already have too many irises! That's the trouble with being a collector; you always want more.) Now I guess it's time to get down to business. Take note of the Nominating Committee Report below. We have quite a few new names on the ballot this time around.

In the centerfold of the magazine you will find the 2014 RIS Symposium Ballot. We want you to VOTE the ballot by October 1st. Make a copy and take it with you to the back 40 and on your spring gardens visits. Highlight the ones you see and as well as your favorites. It will help you connect flower names with flower faces and make the voting easier when the time comes. Then when the flowers start reblooming, get out your tally and take a second

look. Whether you select three SDBs or 23, five TBs or 35, it's up to you. Then, get out a business envelope, stamp it and mail it off to Shirley Trio-Probst. Her address is right there on the back of the ballot. We look forward to your participation.

There are lots of color photos of rebloomers in this magazine. They're here to help you remember the stars of yesteryear and to get acquainted with newer varieties. Enjoy!



Wizard Of Odds TB
(P. Black 2009)



Ann Marie Adams TB
(M. Grumbine 2008)
Another January rebloom star in my garden



Summer Sunburst TB
(J.T. Aitken 2010)



Carry On TB *(L. Lauer 2010)*

Nominating Committee Report

We hereby submit the following nominations for officers for the Reblooming Iris Society.

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Resectfully submitted by Jim Landers, Chairman, Susan Grigg, and Barbara Aitken.

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Susan Grigg

Eastern Report By Director, Susan Grigg

Our Eastern report comes to us from three Region 4 states including Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

Many thanks to Colin Campbell, a hard-working AIS youth member from Middletown, Virginia who is the Region 4 Chairman for Reblooming Irises. Colin has produced a phenomenal report including rebloom information from 32 different gardens for a total of 317 irises cited. The varieties most frequently reported were: 'Rosalie Figge', ten times, 'Harvest Of Memories', seven times, and 'Daughter Of Stars', 'Low Ho Silver', and 'Senorita Frog', six times each.

Following is the rebloom data from 31 of the gardens. Colin's personal rebloom report will be included in an article about him featured in this *Recorder*. Thank you to all of you who took the time to submit your reports!

Pat Amato - Baltimore, MD

Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991)..... TB

Sharon Galloway - Davidsonville, MD

Autumn Bugler (F. Jones 1986) TB
Earl of Essex (L. Zurbrigg 1980) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB

Carol Gitter - Pikesville, MD

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990) TB
Autumn Twilight (G.P. Brown 1945) TB
Belvi Queen (C. Jensen 1976) TB
Cantina (M. Byers 1990) TB
Champagne Encore (J.T. Aitken 1997) IB
Diamond Blush (D. Spoon 1998) TB
English Cottage (L. Zurbrigg 1976) TB
Immortality (L. Zurgrigg 1982) TB
Istanbul (M. Byers 1990) TB
Little Showoff (E. Hall 1989) SDB
Luminosity (M. Byers 1991) TB
Matrix (E. Hall 1991) TB
Northward Ho (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Now and Later (L. Zurbrigg 1972) TB
Pink Attraction (E. Hall 1988) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
September Replay (F. Jones 1992) TB
Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB

Pat McNeal - Preston, MD

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) TB
Billionaire (M. Byers 1987) TB
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995) IB
Immortality (L. Zurgrigg 1982) TB

Joan Miller - Maryland Line, MD

Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) TB
Double Dare (M. Lockatell 2014) BB
Eternal Bliss (M. Byers 1988) TB
Love Goes On (D. Spoon 2004) BB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Soda Fountain Shuffle (M. Lockatell, R. 2009) TB
Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Twiggy (D. Spoon 2004) BB

Anita Moran - Pylesville, MD

Brighde (D. Stewart 2013) SDB
Double Dare (M. Lockatell 2014) BB
Metro Blue (M. Lockatell, R. 2013) TB
Soda Fountain Shuffle (M. Lockatell, R. 2009) TB

Tom Silvers - Rohrsersville, MD

Cricket Song (T. Silvers 2009) MTB
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) ... TB

Carol Warner - Upperco, MD

Autumn Nectar (J.G. Crump 2011) TB
Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Double Dare (M. Lockatell 2014) BB
Eternal Bliss (M. Byers 1988) TB
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
Foxy Ferret (B. Kasperek 2012) MTB
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB
Meerkat Manor (B. Kasperek 2008) BB
Metro Blue (M. Lockatell, R. 2013) TB
Night Bird (J.G. Crump 2012) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Silver Dividends (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB

Pat Cash - Hopewell, VA

Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) TB

Douglas & Mary Chyz - Stafford, VA

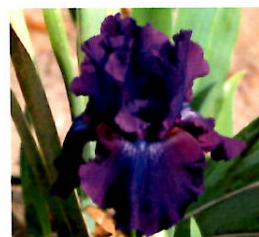
Black Magic (R. Wayman 1935) IB
Blueberry Tart (C. Chapman 2002) SDB
Pretty Girl (D. Spoon 2001) SDB
Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005) SDB

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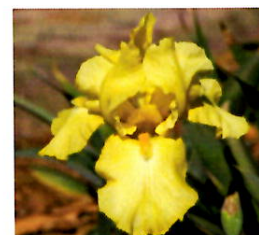
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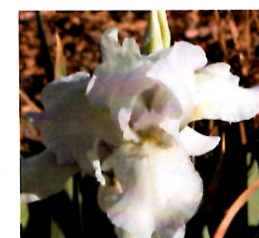
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Harvest Of Memories TB
(L. Zurbrigg 1985)



Daughter Of Stars TB
(D. Spoon 2001)



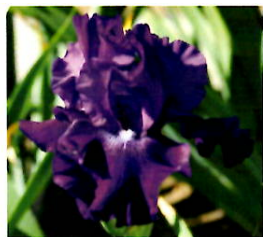
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Low Ho Silver, C. Buchheim



Senorita Frog SDB
(D. Spoon 2002)



Star Gate TB
(B. Wilkerson 2005)



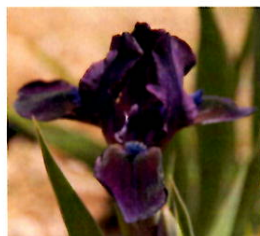
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Gate Of Heaven TB
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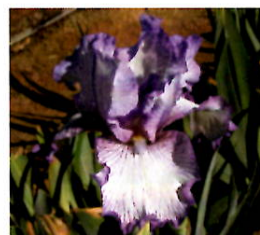
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Dark Crystal SDB
(M. Byers 1988)



Pink Attraction TB
(E. Hall 1988)



Autumn Circus TB
(B. Hager 1990)

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Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon 2001)..... TB
Jack Loving (D. Spoon 2006).....SDB

Griff Crump - Alexandria, VA

Autumn Nectar (J.G. Crump 2011) TB
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB
My Friend Jonathan (B. Miller 1996) TB
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001)..... TB

Diane Curling - Garden in Richmond, VA

Marita (L. Zurbrigg 1989).....SDB
Redelta (R.G. Smith 1994) TB
Royal Maroon (D. Spoon 2001) MDB
Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005)SDB

Ross Eagles - Woodbridge, VA

Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) ... TB

Ray & Karen Jones - Winchester, VA

Corn Dance (D. Spoon 2008) TB
Double Your Fun (J.T. Aitken 2000)IB
Frequent Flyer (R. Gibbs 1994)..... TB
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) ... TB
Liquid Amber (G. Spoon 2003) TB
Mango Parfait (D. Spoon 2009) TB
Margaret Wilson Thomas (D. Spoon 2009) ... TB
Pretty Girl (D. Spoon 2001)SDB
Purple Joy (D. Spoon 2009)SDB
Redelta (R.G. Smith 1994) TB
Silk and Velvet (A.&D. Willott 1992)SDB
Sunny Disposition (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Zurich (M. Byers 1990)..... TB

Nick Kennedy - Falmouth, VA

Lady Baltimore (D. Spoon 2008) TB
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB

Jack & Rosalie Loving - King George, VA

Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1985).....IB
Doubleday (G. Sutton 2001) TB
Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) TB
Jennifer Rebecca (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB
July Sunshine (G. Brown 1965) TB
Missish (D. Spoon 2013).....SDB
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001)..... TB
Perfume Counter (L. Zurbrigg 1972) TB
Purple Joy (D. Spoon 2009)SDB

Rhea Peerz (B. Kasperek 1999)IB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon 2003)SDB
Senorita Frog (D. Spoon 2002).....SDB

Rachel & Gabby Potter - Delaplane, VA

Coronation of David (B. Miller 1999) TB

Lois Rose - Partlow, VA

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Another Bridge (B. Wilkerson 2005) TB
Brother Carl (L. Zurbrigg 1983)..... TB
Brown Duet (R.G. Smith 1971)..... TB
Dark Crystal (M. Byers 1988).....SDB
Echo Location (B. Wilkerson 2007) TB
Eric Simpson (D. Spoon 2011)SDB
Flo (D. Spoon 2011) BB
Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) ... TB
I Bless (L. Zurbrigg 1985)IB
Just Call Me (B. Wilkerson 2008) TB
Lady Emma (F. Jones 1986) MTB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989)IB
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB
Maryland Ho (B. Hornstein 2003) TB
Northward Ho (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001)..... TB
Pink Attraction (E. Hall 1988) TB
Ray Jones (D. Spoon 2011).....SDB
Refined (J. Weiler 1987)SDB
Renown (L. Zurbrigg 1992) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon 2003)SDB
Sailboat Bay (L. Zurbrigg 2001).....SDB
Senorita Frog (D. Spoon 2002).....SDB
September Buttercup (G.P. Brown 1962)... BB
Sky Willow (D. Spoon 2005)SDB
Smell the Roses (M. Byers 1988)SDB
Soda Fountain Shuffle (M. Lockatell,
R. 2009) TB

Star Gate (B. Wilkerson 2005) TB
Sweetheart's Again (J.P. Hill 2004)SDB
Tawny (T. Pray 1974)IB
Winter Embrace (D. Spoon 2005).....SDB

Don Rude - Blacksburg, VA

Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990)..... TB
Corn Dance (D. Spoon 2008) TB

Double Shot (*G. Sutton 2000*)..... TB
 Gate of Heaven (*L. Zurbrigg 2004*) TB
 Low Ho Silver (*M. Byers 1989*)IB
 Matrix (*E. Hall 1991*) TB

Eileen Secrest, - Fredericksburg, VA

Violet Turner (*L.Lauer 1999*) TB

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 Autumn Ivory (*G. Spoon 2001*)..... BB
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 Autumn Surge (*J.T. Aitken 2005*)SDB
 Blue Hues (*D. Spoon 2010*)SDB
 Corn Dance (*D. Spoon 2008*) TB
 Daughter of Stars (*D. Spoon 2001*)..... TB
 Deborah Dances (*B. Miller 1999*)..... TB
 Doctor Alan (*G. Sides 1997*)..... TB
 Double Shot (*G. Sutton 2000*)..... TB
 Eric Simpson (*D. Spoon 2011*)SDB
 Flo (*D. Spoon 2011*) BB
 Hilda's Gift (*D. Spoon 2002*) MDB
 I Bless (*L. Zurbrigg 1985*)IB
 Northward Ho (*L. Zurbrigg 1991*) TB
 Peach Jam (*A. Ensminger 1989*)..... BB
 Pink Puppy (*D. Spoon 2010*) BB
 Polar King (*T. Donahue 1939*) TB
 Prince Pele (*D. Spoon 2001*).....SDB
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Glenna Witter - Fredericksburg, VA

Baby Blessed (*L. Zurbrigg 1979*)SDB
 Sailboat Bay (*L. Zurbrigg 2001*).....SDB

Beth Allen - Fuquay Varina, NC

Clarence (*L. Zurbrigg 1991*)..... TB

Kat Causey - Hillsborough, NC

Aunt Mary (*T. Stanek 2000*) TB
 Harvest of Memories (*L. Zurbrigg 1985*)... TB
 Renown (*L. Zurbrigg 1992*) TB
 Rosalie Figge (*J. McKnew 1993*) TB

Diana Dudley - Creedmoor, NC

Daughter of Stars (*D. Spoon 2001*)..... TB
 Disco Music (*B. Williamson 1976*)..... TB
 Double Your Fun (*J.T. Aitken 2000*)IB
 Harvest of Memories (*L. Zurbrigg 1985*)... TB
 Masterwork (*L. Zurbrigg 2001*) TB
 Matrix (*E. Hall 1991*) TB
 Renown (*L. Zurbrigg 1992*) TB

Shaub Dunkley - Chandler, NC

Autumn Bugler (*F. Jones 1986*) TB
 Autumn Circus (*B. Hager 1990*) TB
 Autumn Tryst (*J. Weiler 1993*) TB
 Autumn Wine (*V. Christopherson 2003*) BB
 Baby Blessed (*L. Zurbrigg 1979*)SDB
 Belvi Queen (*C. Jensen 1976*) TB
 Blueberry Tart (*C. Chapman 2002*)SDB
 City Lights (*M. Dunn 1991*) TB
 Claire Doodle (*D.C. Nearpass 2000*)... MTB
 Clarence (*L. Zurbrigg 1991*)..... TB
 Constant Companion (*C. Marsh 1985*)....IB
 Corn Harvest (*C. Wyatt 1977*) TB
 Crimson King (*P. Barr 1893*)IB
 Daughter of Stars (*D. Spoon 2001*)..... TB
 Earl of Essex (*L. Zurbrigg 1980*) TB

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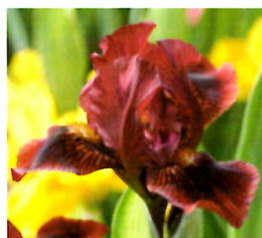
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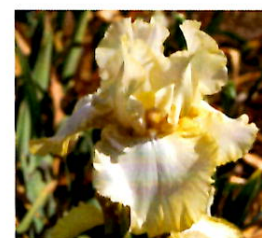
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Masterwork TB
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Storm Compass MDB
 (*S. Chancellor 2014*)



Matrix TB
 (*E. Hall 1991*)



Fast Forward IB
(J.T. Aitken 2002)



Feed Back TB
(B. Hager 1983)



Again And Again TB
(S. Innerst 1999)



Midsummer Night's Dream IB (L. Baumunk 1999)



Mango Parfait TB
(D. Spoon 2009)



Mariposa Autumn TB
(R. Tasco 1999)



Autumn Tangerine SDB
(D. Spoon 2002)



Momma Rosemary TB
(D. Spoon 2012)



Immortality TB
(L. Zurbrigg 1982)



Flower Shower SDB
(J. Weiler 1990)

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Ruby Haze, C. Buchheim
Crystal Ship, C. Buchheim

English Cottage (L. Zurbrigg 1976) TB
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Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
Flower Shower (J. Weiler 1990) SDB
Golden Encore (F. Jones 1973) TB
I Bless (L. Zurbrigg 1985) IB
Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) TB
Istanbul (M. Byers 1990) TB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB
Midsummer Night's Dream (L. Baumunk
1999) IB
Queen Dorothy (E. Hall 1984) TB
Raspberry Frost (G. Sutton 2001) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Smash (J.&V. Craig 2001) MTB
Summer Whitewings (G.P. Brown 1961) TB
Victoria Falls (Schreiner's 1977) TB
Winesap (M. Byers 1989) TB

Shirley Spoon Knox - Lawndale, NC

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Apollo's Robe (R. Carter 2003) TB
Autumn Ivory (G. Spoon 2001) BB
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Autumn Orangelite (G.P. Brown 1962) BB
Autumn Tangerine (D. Spoon 2002) SDB
Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) TB
Claire Doodle (D.C. Nearpass 2000) MTB
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995) IB
Coral Chimes (J.G. Crump 2007) IB
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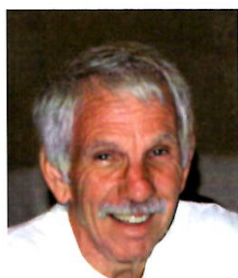
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Joyful Joy (D. Spoon 2001) BB
Leah Traded (B. Miller 1990) BB
Love Goes On (D. Spoon 2004) BB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989) IB
Mango Parfait (D. Spoon 2009) TB
Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) TB
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Rare Edition (J. Gatty 1980) IB
Returning Rose (W. Maryott 1998) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Senorita Frog (D. Spoon 2002) SDB
Trimmed Velvet (D. Spoon 2006) MDB
Twiggy (D. Spoon 2004) BB

Greg Schaffer - Huntersville, NC

Harvest of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB
Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) TB
Tremours (T. Johnson 2006) SDB

Carrie Winter - Charlotte, NC

Immortality (L. Zurbrigg 1982) TB
Queen Dorothy (E. Hall 1984) TB
Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB



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As I stated in my last Southwest Director's Report every rebloom season is different. I also stated that is the way we want it as rebloom enthusiasts. But different is sometimes bad. For example, calendar year 2013 turned out to be the driest year on record for the state of California in 119 years of record keeping. Here in Modesto, where we live has been no exception. In almost seven months since July 1st, we have received 1.74" of rain. For the same period, normal is 6.65". Normal rainfall for the full year here is 13.19". January is usually our wettest month with 2.61" of rain. This January so far thru the 23rd we have received 0.00" and the seven-day forecast shows no chance of rain. Our most recent rain was on December 6th when we received 0.25". This drought has definitely adversely affected our rebloomers. We have watered some but probably not enough. Which reminds me, don't forget to water your rebloomers when you do not receive adequate natural rainfall.



Blessed Again IB
(F. Jones 1976)

This year our rebloom was not as good as some years, probably due to lack of rain. It was going along pretty well with nothing close to a freezing night through December 3rd. Then the morning of the 4th was 31° and the 5th was 23° which ended all rebloom abruptly. At that time, in addition to everything that was reblooming (28 varieties), we had about 90 stalks coming on about 40 different varieties. For the first time, this year I cut about 30 stalks of 24 different varieties on December 4th, put them in water and stored them in our unheated insulated barn. The temperature in the barn has ranged from about 35° to 65°. Believe it or not, every stalk I cut went on

to open, even those that were showing no color and were still tight green buds. The last flowers were still blooming on January 22nd. We have had flowers every day between 12-5 and 1-22 for a total of 49 days. We have greatly enjoyed what would have been lost to

Mother Nature. I will be cutting some again next year before the first predicted hard freeze.

'Forever Yours' TB
(B. Hager 1993) was our top rebloomer again this year with 82 days of rebloom. It was also our top rebloomer last year with 134 days of rebloom. That is a total of 216 days of rebloom in two years!

Just another reminder, photos of most of the reblooming irises listed in the various reports can be viewed on the Reblooming Iris Society Facebook page. There are over 1000 photos in the photo section. We currently have 421 members on Facebook as compared to 225 members in March of 2013. Join the Reblooming Iris Society Facebook group, it is free. Look at pictures, read the comments and maybe post some of your own. Just click on to Facebook.com and search for Reblooming Iris Society. Then click on "like".



Forever Yours TB (B. Hager 1993)

Phyllis Wilburn - Rescue, CA

Blessed Again (F. Jones 1976) IB
Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) TB
Echo Location (B. Wilkerson 2007) TB
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001) TB

Russ & Fran Shields - Sacramento, CA

Fall Rerun (B. Hager 2001) TB

Kathy Oldham - San Ramon, CA

Living On The Edge (L. Lauer 2009) TB
Perfume Counter (L. Zurbrigg 1972) TB

Linda Woods - Livermore, CA

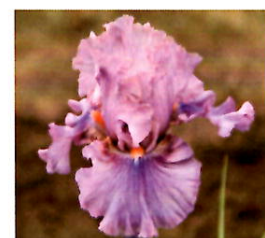
Autumn Breeze (M. Sutton 2012) TB
Crystal Ship (L. Lauer 2006) SDB
Juicy Fruit (M. Byers 1989) TB
Ruby Haze (B. Blyth 2006/07) TB



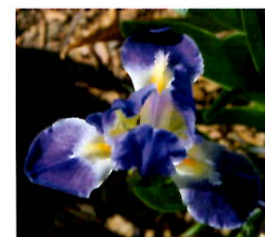
Some of the cut stalks that rebloomed in the barn



Fall Rerun TB
(B. Hager 2001)



Ruby Haze TB
(B. Blyth 2006/07)



Crystal Ship SDB
(L. Lauer 2006)



Zee TB
(D. Spoon 2004)



Sugar Blues TB
(L. Zurbrigg 1985)



Red Revival TB
(F. Preston 1977)

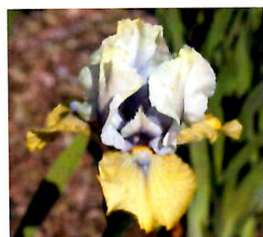


Golden Immortal TB
(G. Sutton 1997)



Pearls Of Summer TB
(G. Sutton 2012)

Probst/Trio Fleur De Lis Garden Rebloomers



Double Your Fun IB
(J.T. Aitken 2000)



Midnight Caller TB
(M. Byers 1990)

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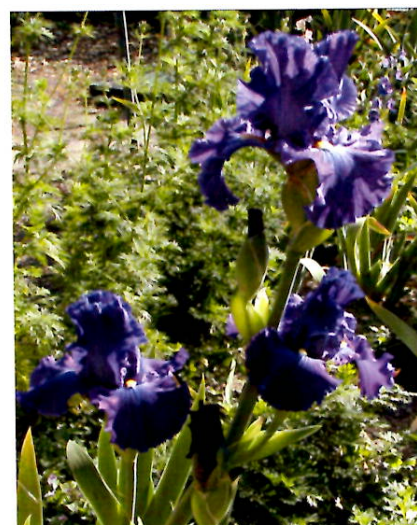
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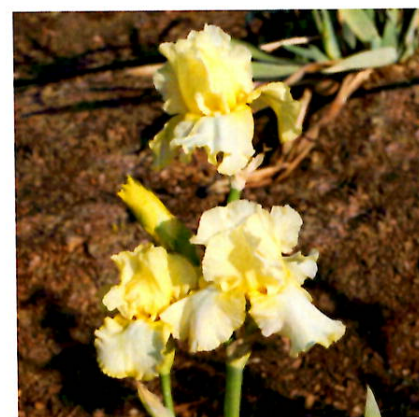
Rebloom from September 2013 through January, 2014				Number of Days in Rebloom							
Variety	Class	Hybridizer	Intro.	Days	Begin RE	Se	Oc	No	De	Ja	Last RE
Forever Yours	TB	B. Hager	1993	82	Aug 11	8	31	30	4	-	Dec 4
Corn Dance	TB	D. Spoon	2008	72	May 8	-	6	30	4	-	Dec 4
Zee	TB	D. Spoon	2004	71	Sep 3	28	18	21	4	-	Dec 4
Sugar Blues	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1985	62	Sep 23	8	31	23	-	-	Nov 23
Low Ho Silver	IB	M. Byers	1989	59	Aug 5	3	18	30	4	3	Jan 25
Red Revival	TB	F. Preston	1977	58	Oct 8	-	24	30	4	-	Dec 4
Sign Of Virgo	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1991	58	Sep 9	22	24	12	-	-	Nov 12
Anxious	TB	B. Hager	1992	57	May 2	-	8	30	4	-	Dec 4
Over And Over	TB	S. Innerst	2001	47	May 7	-	7	25	4	-	Dec 4
Next In Line	TB	G. Sutton	2001	44	Oct 4	-	22	18	4	-	Dec 4
Pearls Of Summer	TB	G. Sutton	2012	36	Oct 30	-	2	30	4	-	Dec 4
Golden Immortal	TB	G. Sutton	1997	33	Sep 24	7	22	2	2	-	Dec 4
Gold Reprise	TB	W. Moores	1998	32	Jul 8	6	9	4	-	-	Nov 13
Mariposa Wizard	IB	R. Tasco	2004	32	May 21	-	-	20	4	-	Dec 4
Sugar Maple	SDB	G. Sutton	2003	30	Oct 17	-	5	14	4	7	Jan 25
Double Shot	TB	G. Sutton	2000	29	Nov 6	-	-	25	4	-	Dec 4
Cornhusker	TB	T. Stanek	2005	28	Jun 28	-	-	13	4	-	Dec 4
Violet Returns	TB	E. Hall	1988	28	Nov 7	-	-	24	4	-	Dec 4
Juicy Fruit	TB	M. Byers	1989	27	Aug 29	-	24	-	-	-	Oct 30
Matrix	TB	E. Hall	1991	27	Aug 24	2	14	3	-	-	Nov 8
Double Your Fun	IB	J.T. Aitken	2000	23	May 5	-	-	6	4	-	Dec 4
Hemstitched	TB	B. Hager	1990	23	Oct 3	-	16	5	2	-	Dec 3
Silver Dividends	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1989	23	May 14	-	7	-	-	-	Oct 29
Violet Music	TB	C. Mahan	1991	23	Nov 6	-	-	19	4	-	Dec 4
Color Brite	BB	A. Enslinger	1987	22	Nov 13	-	-	18	4	-	Dec 4
Priscilla Of Corinth	TB	B. Miller	1994	22	Oct 24	-	8	14	-	-	Nov 14
Star Gate	TB	B. Wilkerson	2005	22	Nov 10	-	-	21	1	-	Dec 1
Duo Dandy	TB	B. Hager	1999	21	Nov 14	-	-	17	4	-	Dec 4
Star Kisses	TB	A. Stanton	2012	21	Nov 14	-	-	17	4	-	Dec 4
Bountiful Harvest	TB	B. Hager	1991	20	Oct 23	-	9	7	4	-	Dec 4
Midnight Caller	TB	M. Byers	1990	20	Aug 2	6	4	-	-	-	Oct 9
Rielle	BB	D. Spoon	1999	18	Oct 6	-	13	1	4	-	Dec 4
Autumn Tryst	TB	J. Weiler	1993	16	Nov 12	-	-	13	3	-	Dec 3
Plum Wine	SDB	J. Weiler	1986	15	Nov 20	-	-	11	4	-	Dec 4
Rosalie Figge	TB	J. McKnew	1993	13	Nov 6	-	-	13	-	-	Nov 18
Amethyst Winter	TB	R. Richards	1998	12	Nov 23	-	-	8	4	-	Dec 4
Corn Harvest	TB	C. Wyatt	1977	11	Nov 24	-	-	7	4	-	Dec 4
Autumn Wine	BB	V. Christopherson	2003	9	Nov 19	-	-	5	4	-	Dec 4
UFO	TB	D. Spoon	2007	5	Nov 25	-	-	2	3	-	Dec 4
Chartered Course	TB	F. Kerr	2005	3	Dec 2	-	-	-	3	-	Dec 4
Barn Dance	TB	M. Byers	1991	2	Dec 3	-	-	-	2	-	Dec 4

*NOTE: The number of "Days" is for the **whole rebloom season**, not just September through January.

Stalks Cut Before Hard Freezes that Bloomed in our Unheated Insulated Barn							
Variety	Class	Hybridizer	Intro.	1st Opened	BSC	GB	Last Opened
Amethyst Winter	TB	R. Richards	1998	Dec 6	1*	-	Jan 18
Anxious	TB	B. Hager	1992	Dec 15	-	5*	Jan 4
Autumn Tryst	TB	J. Weiler	1993	-	-	1	-
Barn Dance	TB	M. Byers	1991	Dec 6	1*	-	Dec 30
Bountiful Harvest	TB	B. Hager	1991	Dec 6	-	1*	Dec 26
Cameo Blush	BB	J. Weiler	1998	-	-	1	-
Color Brite	BB	A. Ensminger	1987	-	1	-	-
Corn Dance	TB	D. Spoon	2008	Dec 9	1*	-	Jan 15
Corn Harvest	TB	C. Wyatt	1977	Dec 22	3*	1*	Jan 9
Duo Dandy	TB	B. Hager	1999	Dec 5	1*	-	Jan 7
Forever Yours	TB	B. Hager	1993	Dec 5	1*	7*	Jan 16
Gold Reprise	TB	W. Mooores	1998	-	-	1	-
Golden Immortal	TB	G. Sutton	1997	Dec 6	1*	-	Dec 29
Harvest Of Memories	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1985	-	-	1	-
Low Ho Silver	IB	M. Byers	1989	Dec 22	1*	1*	Dec 25
Mariposa Wizard	IB	R. Tasco	2004	-	1	2	-
Matrix	TB	E. Hall	1991	-	-	1	-
Midnight Caller	TB	M. Byers	1990	-	-	1	-
Pearls Of Summer	TB	G. Sutton	2012	Dec 8	4*	12*	Jan 22
Priscilla Of Corinth	TB	B. Miller	1994	Dec 10	1*	1*	Jan 13
Rielle	BB	D. Spoon	1999	Dec 7	1*	-	Dec 31
Sign Of Virgo	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1991	Dec 15	1*	-	Jan 14
Sugar Blues	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1985	Dec 15	1*	-	Dec 28
Summer Holidays	TB	L. Zurbrigg	1979	-	-	1	-
Violet Music	TB	C. Mahan	1991	-	-	2	-
Violet Returns	TB	E. Hall	1988	-	-	1	-
Zee	TB	D. Spoon	2004	Dec 13	1*	-	Jan 7
Totals 27				21		40	



Amethyst Winter TB (R. Richards 1998)



Total Recall TB (B. Hager 1992)

BSC = Buds Showing Color; **GB** = Green Buds, * = Cut Stalks

Jim & Irene Cummins - Scott's Valley, CA

Bonus Mama (B. Hager 1990) TB

Ann Pike - Santa Cruz, CA

Teenybopper (K. Keppel 2009) TB

Urban Riot (T. Burseen 2012) TB

Ted Hawkins - Ceres, CA

My Generation (L. Lauer 2009) TB

Bruce Rybnikar - Tulare, CA

Plum Quirky (R. Probst 2005) MTB

Renee Fraser - Simi Valley, CA

Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) TB

Desert Legacy (M. Valenzuela 2012) BB

Jennifer Rebecca (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB

Total Recall (B. Hager 1992) TB

Wendy Spencer - Simi Valley, CA

Kiss Of Kisses (F. Kerr 1997) TB

Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) TB

Plum Pretty Whiskers (D. Spoon 2003) ... TB

Tennison Ridge (J. Begley 1989) TB

Violet Turner (L. Lauer 1999) TB

Geneva Coats - Los Angeles, CA

Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) TB

Daughter Of Stars (D. Spoon 2001) TB

Eternal Bliss (M. Byers 1988) TB

Hemstitched (B. Hager 1990) TB

Lady Essex (L. Zurbrigg 1991) TB

Peggy Sue (L. Lauer 2006) TB

Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB

Spirit Of Memphis (L. Zurbrigg 1977) TB

White Lightning (J. Gatty 1974) TB

Indra Howard - Peoria, AZ

Inner Space (R. Tasco 2009) SDB

Lynn Nau - Phoenix, AZ

Again And Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB

Jack Weber - Phoenix, AZ

Congratulations (K. Keppel 1983) TB

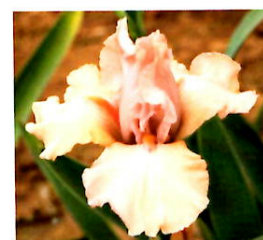
Egg Nog (M. Byers 1990) TB

Jamaica Me Crazy (B. Blyth 2006/07) TB

Kristee West - Green Valley, AZ

Delta Lady (L. Lauer 2009) TB

Gate Of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) TB



Cameo Blush BB
(J. Weiler 1998)



Jamaica Me Crazy TB
(B. Blyth 2006/07)

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Northwestern Report *By Director Robin Shadlow*

Fall brought some new additions to the rebloom line up in our garden.

'Class Clown'

TB (*P. Black 2010*) bloomed several times over the summer and again in the fall. **'Delta Lady'** TB (*L. Lauer 2009*) was an excellent performer. It had nice stalks with well-spaced blooms and is one of the better-formed rebloomers we grow. **'Living On The Edge'** TB (*L. Lauer 2009*) bloomed in September to provide a new pattern

for rebloomers in zone 8b. **'Struck Twice'** TB (*L. Lauer 2009*) went for round three with sequential stalks through the late summer and early fall. **'Double Platinum'** TB (*J. Ghio 2012*) was a real treat. It's the first year in our garden and we got to enjoy it with the spring bloom as well as late fall. Too bad it was

too wet to try a fall cross but we will be sure to hit **'Double Platinum'** this spring.

'Just Call Me' TB (*B. Wilkerson 2008*) rebloomed for the first time in Oregon for us. It had tall stalks with plenty of buds. We look forward to seeing it again as it appears to perform well for rebloom by reports from the east. **'Echo Location'** TB (*B. Wilkerson 2007*) did not disappoint. A friend had dropped by and noticed it blooming in an area where there was clearly sub par soil, and far enough away from where I water that it gets no pampering whatsoever. Of course, I had plenty to share.

Another newcomer in our garden is **'Emma's Laughter'** TB (*G. Poole 2008*) I took only rhizomes that had bloomed in 2012 when planting that fall. Come spring we had bloom, then again in the summer and more until fall. With more distribution, I expect that **'Emma's Laughter'** may perform like an updated **'Immortality'** TB (*L. Zurbrigg 1982*).

The pink and lilac **'Bolder Boulder'** TB (*T. Magee 2000*) joined the ranks of rebloomers in our Salem garden. It had not rebloomed

in Nebraska for us, but produced lovely stalks in the fall of 2013. **'Renascent'** TB (*B. Hager, by Cooley's 2005*) bloomed multiple times this fall. It may not have gotten as much distribution as it deserves.

Another very exciting new rebloomer is an iris named **'Metro Blue'** TB (*M. Lockatell, R. 2013*). It is a clear sky blue with wide falls and good ruffles. Lloyd Zurbrigg would be proud to see where Mike has taken the work he began. **'Double Dare'** BB (*M. Lockatell 2014*) also put up a number of stalks. It is a striking plicata with deep burgundy red colors, definitely welcome on round two. **'Under The Sun'** TB (*M. Lockatell, R. 2013*) is a future introduction from **'Cordoba'** TB (*J. Ghio 1998*). Its clear yellow blooms are very pleasing on excellent stalks. I am not sure that it has rebloomed in eastern gardens but it has rebloomed in 2012



Delta Lady TB (L. Lauer 2009)



Double Platinum TB (J. Ghio 2012)



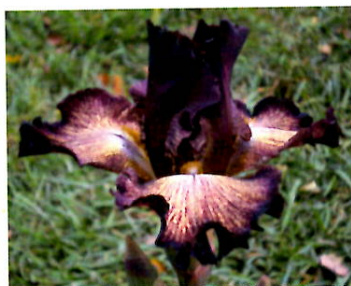
Just Call Me TB (B. Wilkerson 2008)



Renascent TB (B. Hager 2005)



Bolder Boulder TB (T. Magee 2000)



Double Dare BB (M. Lockatell 2014)



Metro Blue TB (M. Lockatell R. 2013)



Courtney Rucker IB
(M. Locketell 2014)



Carry On TB
(L. Lauer 2010)



Living On The Edge TB
(L. Lauer 2009)



July Yellow TB
(K. Chadwick/E. Warner 2001)

and 2013 in Oregon. Locketell's lovely mauve plicata **'Courtney Rucker'** IB (2014) has also rebloomed in late summer in zone 8b.

Following is a quick list of some of the tried-and-true irises that rebloom every year and this year was no exception:

Again And Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Autumn Wine (V. Christopherson 2003) . . . BB
Bernice's Legacy (B. Miller 2000) TB
Rosalie Figge (J. McKnew 1993) TB
Days of Summer (T. Stanek 2002) TB
Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB
July Yellow (K. Chadwick/E. Warner 2001) . . . TB
Gladiatrix (L. Zurbrigg 2003) TB

There are some new rebloomers in the works which can be found at Mid America this spring. **'Triple Dip'** TB (Paul Black 2014) O375AR: (Summer Luxury x Sweetly Sung) X Q16AR, **'Advantage'** sib is a TB with lots of color! And aptly named, **'It's Not Over'** SDB (P. Black 2014). (Jellie Cat X O262CR: (91246BR: (793A: (Puppet x Meadow Moss) x 89263A: (85388A: (Cindy Mitchell x 83132B: (B80-35: (Clay's Caper x Michael Paul) x Rainbow Music)) x 86356, Easy Style sib)) x Forever Blue)).



Triple Dip TB (P. Black 2014)

Larry Lauer reports that many of his recent introductions rebloom. **'Carry On'** TB (L. Lauer 2010) has white standards and bishop violet falls with a white rim. **'Delta Lady'** TB (L. Lauer 2009) is a white ground, sea lavender plicata with marking throughout. **'Living On The Edge'** TB (L. Lauer 2009) has yellow standards over yellow ground falls with a purple band and thin barium yellow rim. **'My Generation'** TB (L. Lauer 2009) has a white ground, heavily washed and lined aster violet.

'Oh Carol' TB (L. Lauer 2012) S. pale lilac; F. mallow purple. **'Struck Twice'** TB (L. Lauer 2009) has white standards with an orient pink cast at midrib over azalea pink falls with lighter shoulders. **'Rust Never Sleeps'** IB (L. Lauer 2013) has cinnamon standards with an aster-violet midrib over squirrel brown falls highlighted with bluebird blue beards.

Larry also reports that he has two new introductions that do rebloom (every summer and/or fall in Oregon) and he is using



Gladiatrix TB
(L. Zurbrigg 2003)

them in his reblooming lines. They are: **'Making Time'** TB (2014), 2205-4 ((double Dribble x 2003-2r (Clarence x Mariposa Autumn)) X Let's Be Friends)) and **'Tiff'** TB (2014), ((2031-1 (Red Rider x Heaven and Earth) x Ransom Note)).

A first-year seedling from **'Making Time'** that rebloomed for Larry last fall sent up several stocks again in the late fall. He's

looking forward to seeing what this year will bring.

Spring should be well on the way by the time this reaches you. It is always a very



It's Not Over SDB (P. Black 2014)

long wait but I remind myself that it has only been a few months since we last had bloom. Having bloom through November makes the time we have to wait a bit more bearable.

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July Yellow, R. Shadlow
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Triple Dip, R. Shadlow
It's Not Over, P. Black

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Southern Report By Director Jim Landers

These later rebloom events are always exciting and sometimes totally unexpected. Many late fall 2013 rebloom reports have been eagerly received.

I want to extend a big "Thank-You" and appreciation to Gailmae Suite for gathering and coordinating the rebloom information from the Cleburne club and area. She sent in ten reports from friends and members of the Cleburne group (Johnson Country Iris and Daylily Society).

To friends in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico, please send any report of rebloomers you have to your Area Director.

Dixie Griffis – Woodbine, GA

Buckwheat (*M. Byers* 1989) TB
Clarence (*L. Zurbrigg* 1991) TB
Harvest Of Memories (*L. Zurbrigg* 1985) TB
Misty Twilight (*M. Byers* 1988) TB
Rosalie Figge (*J. McKnew* 1993) TB

Elouise Young – Las Cruces, NM

Fruit Stripe (*M. Sutton* 2009) BB
Iron Eagle (*G. Sutton* 2000) TB

Joyce Hutchins – Rosewell, NM

Winesap (*M. Byers* 1989) TB

Jaime Hadley – Austin, TX

Autumn Circus (*B. Hager* 1990) TB

Ellen Singleton – Austin, TX

Daughter of Stars (*D. Spoon* 2001) TB
Fiery Echo (*M. Sutton* 2013) TB
Gate of Heaven (*L. Zurbrigg* 2004) TB

Harvest Of Memories (*L. Zurbrigg* 1985) TB
Hemstitched (*B. Hager* 1990) TB
Pure As Gold (*W. Maryott* 1993) TB

Delores Avram – Belton, TX

Cupid's Arrow (*J. Ghio* 1990) TB
Double Shot (*G. Sutton* 2000) TB

Brian & Janet Goodman – Cleburne, TX

Autumn Tryst (*J. Weiler* 1993) TB

Micki Nellis – Cleburne, TX

Autumn Tryst (*J. Weiler* 1993) TB
Palindrome (*F. Kerr* 2002) TB

McGregor Park – Cleburne, TX

Echo Location (*B. Wilkerson* 2007) TB
Ocelot's Lot (*B. Kasperek* 2013) BB
Soda Fountain Shuffle (*M. Lockatell* 2009) ... TB
Starfield (*R. Tasco* 2012) IB

John Parks – Cleburne, TX

Autumn Tryst (*J. Weiler* 1993) TB

Laura Smargiasso – Cleburne, TX

Glazed Gold (*O. Brown* 1985) TB
My Friend Jonathan (*B. Miller* 1994) TB

Randy Thomas – Cleburne, TX

Bonus Mama (*B. Hager* 1990) TB

Dan and Peggy Cathey – Covington, TX

Black Magic (*R. Wayman* 1935) IB

Hooker Nichols – Dallas, TX

For Dad (*H. Pryor* 1997/98) LA
Great White Hope (*D. Haymon* 2000) LA
Red Velvet Elvis (*K. Vaughn* 1997) LA

Frances Paterson – Ireland, TX

Say Okay (*T. Burseen* 1991) TB

Mary Wilber – Lubbock, TX

Autumn Rain (*M. Sutton* 2008) TB



Rosalie Figge TB
(*J. McKnew* 1993)



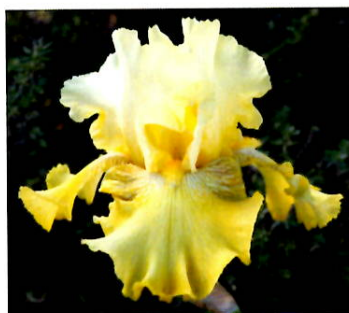
Fruit Stripe BB
(*M. Sutton* 2009)



Great White Hope LA
(*D. Haymon* 2000)

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Great White Hope, *J. Landers*
Buckwheat, *C. Buchheim*
Iron Eagle, *C. Russell*
Autumn Rain, *M. Sutton*



Buckwheat TB
(*M. Byers* 1989)



Iron Eagle TB
(*G. Sutton* 2000)



Autumn Rain TB
(*M. Sutton* 2008)

2014 Reblooming Iris Society Symposium Ballot

RETURN BALLOT BY OCTOBER 1, 2014

Name (X) _____ Name (O) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____ AIS Region _____ USDA Hardiness Zone _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Vote only for varieties that you have *seen* rebloom in your garden or in other gardens.

2. Families with two voters may use 'X' and 'O' on the ballot. If three people from the same household are voting, place an X, O and + beside the selection.

3. Be sure that each ballot is signed and that the number of votes does not exceed the required amount. If vote count is over allotted number stated, the entire section will be disqualified.

4. Please do not exceed the number of write-in votes as provided by the lines.

5. Any write-ins for irises introduced in 2013 or 2014 will be disqualified. Iris must be available for observation two years post introduction.

6. One does not have to vote the fully allotted number as no person can see everything introduced.

7. Upon completion, please mail to: **Shirley Trio, 2701 Fine Ave., Modesto, CA 95355**. Ballot may be turned in at the RE-BLOOMING IRIS SOCIETY table during the 2014 National Convention in Dallas, TX. Ballot may be scanned and emailed to shirleytrio@clearwire.net.

MINIATURE DWARF BEARDED

Choose Three (3) Total

_____ Aaah	_____ Pokemon	_____ Trimmed Velvet
_____ Bebeito	_____ Rustic Joy	_____ Youngling
_____ Forever Violet		

Write In Votes:

STANDARD DWARF BEARDED

Choose Seventeen (17) Total

_____ Ahwahnee Princess	_____ Eric Simpson	_____ Little Nugget	_____ Shakespeare's Sonnet
_____ All That Magic	_____ Flirting Again	_____ Little Sighs	_____ Short Line
_____ Anne Lowe	_____ Forever Blue	_____ Moss Spot	_____ Solar Max
_____ Autumn Jester	_____ Fourth Of July Kid	_____ Naples Syrup	_____ Spirited
_____ Autumn Orange	_____ Going Twice	_____ Pause	_____ Spring Into Summer
_____ Autumn Tangerine	_____ Golden Apricot	_____ Pinkster	_____ Sugar Maple
_____ Beat Goes On	_____ Golden Violet	_____ Pom	_____ Tabatha
_____ Bibbidi Bobbidi Blue	_____ Greenback Kid	_____ Props	_____ Teagan
_____ Blue Hues	_____ Gumby	_____ Ray Jones	_____ Tiny Tracks
_____ Blueberry Tart	_____ Here Come The Clowns	_____ Raymond	_____ What Again
_____ Bright Blue Eyes	_____ Ink Line	_____ Replicator	_____ Wise Willow
_____ Cache Of Gold	_____ Inner Space	_____ Rich Blanquet	_____ Wizard's Return
_____ Cara	_____ Jack Loving	_____ Rosaliece Loving	
_____ Carmel Celeste	_____ Jewel Baby	_____ Round Trip	
_____ Double Life	_____ Kumquat	_____ Sailboat Bay	
_____ Drop Of Sunshine	_____ LA Ballet	_____ Second Life	
_____ Earth And Sky	_____ Little Butterball	_____ Senorita Frog	

Write In Votes:

INTERMEDIATE BEARDED

Choose Nine (9) Total

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Abundant Sunshine | _____ Fast Forward | _____ Midsummer Night's Dream | _____ Tripod |
| _____ Animated | _____ Hot Glow | _____ October Storm | _____ Winter Pearl |
| _____ Captured | _____ I'll Be Back | _____ Precious Little Pink | |
| _____ Champagne Encore | _____ Intermediary | _____ Red Hot Chili | <i>Write In Votes:</i> |
| _____ Concertina | _____ Line Drive | _____ Second Date | _____ |
| _____ Doe Z Doe | _____ Low Ho Silver | _____ Spiked | _____ |
| _____ Double Overtime | _____ Many Mahalos | _____ Splat | _____ |
| _____ Double Your Fun | _____ Mariposa Wizard | _____ Spring Again | _____ |
| _____ Fall Line | _____ Midnight Ice | _____ Toe The Line | |

MINIATURE TALL BEARDED

Choose Five (5) Total

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Aglow Again | _____ Lucy Doodle | _____ Plum Quirky | <i>Write In Votes:</i> |
| _____ Claire Doodle | _____ Maui Mango | _____ Pretty Jazzy | _____ |
| _____ Coral Caper | _____ New Encore | _____ Return To Me | _____ |
| _____ Emma Doodle | _____ Newbie | _____ Scone | _____ |
| _____ Lady Emma | _____ Perfectionist | _____ Somewhat Quirky | _____ |

BORDER BEARDED

Choose Five (5) Total

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|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ Autumn Wine | _____ Love Goes On | _____ Pink Puppy | _____ Waiting For October |
| _____ Broken Link | _____ Minneola | _____ Raspberry Silk | <i>Write In Votes:</i> |
| _____ Flo | _____ October Splendor | _____ Special Blend | _____ |
| _____ Fruit Stripe | _____ Patty Ann | _____ Stanza | _____ |
| _____ Hasta La Vista | _____ Persimmon Pie | _____ Twiggy | _____ |

SIBERIAN

Choose Three (3) Total

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ Bright And Sassy | _____ Haleakala | _____ See Ya Later | <i>Write In Vote:</i> |
| _____ Encore Performance | _____ Majestic Overtures | _____ Tall Dark And Handsome | _____ |
| _____ Gone Plummin' | _____ Petite Purple | _____ Unbuttoned Zippers | _____ |

LOUISIANA

Choose One (1) Total

Write In Vote:

SPURIA

Choose One (1) Total

Write In Vote:

JAPANESE

Choose one (1) total

Write In Vote:

- _____ Red Repeater

ARILBRED

Choose Two (2) Total

Write In Vote:

- | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| _____ Chain Reaction | _____ Shabaza | _____ Walker Ross |
| _____ Return To Aga | _____ Ulalena | |

SPECIES CROSS

Choose Two (2) Total

Write In Vote:

_____ Eternal Summer

_____ Roy's Repeater

_____ Z Z Zanzibar

TALL BEARDED

Choose Fifty (50) Total

_____ Above The Rim

_____ Again And Again

_____ All Revved Up

_____ All Smiles

_____ Amazing With Grace

_____ Amethyst Winter

_____ Another Bridge

_____ Artistic Showoff

_____ Aunt Mary

_____ Autumn Breeze

_____ Autumn Colors

_____ Autumn Garnet

_____ Autumn Joy

_____ Autumn Nectar

_____ Autumn Rain

_____ Autumn Ring

_____ Autumn Rose

_____ Autumn Sunburst

_____ Autumn Sunrise

_____ Autumn Tryst

_____ Bahia Cooler

_____ Bandwidth

_____ Barbara Ellen Ware

_____ Battle Of The Bands

_____ Bay Sunshine

_____ Becky Miller

_____ Belvi Cloud

_____ Belvi Queen

_____ Bernice's Legacy

_____ Berry Ripple

_____ Billionaire

_____ Blatant

_____ Bold Move

_____ Bottle Rocket

_____ Boundless

_____ Breaking Point

_____ Breath of Dawn

_____ Bride's Blush

_____ Broke Again

_____ Broken Record

_____ Brouhaha

_____ Buckwheat

_____ By Golly

_____ Cameo Minx

_____ Carry On

_____ Casual Elegance

_____ Check It Out

_____ Coffee Song

_____ Cold Creek

_____ Cold Fusion

_____ Corn Dance

_____ Cornhusker

_____ Coronation Of David

_____ Crackling Caldra

_____ Cruise To Autumn

_____ Daughter Of Stars

_____ Days Of Summer

_____ Definiton

_____ Delta Lady

_____ Dots And Splashes

_____ Double Click

_____ Double Down

_____ Double Exposure

_____ Double Platinum

_____ Double Stitch

_____ Doubleday

_____ Duplication

_____ Easy Being Green

_____ Echo Location

_____ Edge Of The World

_____ Enchanted Way

_____ Encore Lady

_____ Fall Enterprise

_____ Fall Rerun

_____ Fashionista

_____ Firebeard

_____ Florentine Silk

_____ Frosty Mooncape

_____ Galadriel's Ring

_____ Gate Of Heaven

_____ Glitzy

_____ Golden Immortal

_____ Golden Panther

_____ Haba-Daba-Do

_____ Halloween Treasure

_____ Harbor Skies

_____ Haunting

_____ I I Stutter

_____ I Repeat

_____ Iceland

_____ I'm Back

_____ Immortality

_____ Juicy Fruit

_____ July Yellow

_____ Just Call Me

_____ Kind Candace

_____ Lady Baltimore

_____ Lest We Forget

_____ Lilla

_____ Liquid Amber

_____ Lunar Whitewash

_____ Mac Shawe

_____ Mango Parfait

_____ Margaret Wilson Thomas

_____ Mariposa Autumn

_____ Mariposa Skies

_____ Marty Richards

_____ Masterwork

_____ Miami Beach

_____ Midnight Thunder

_____ Momma Rosemary

_____ Mona Lee Fries

_____ Mountain Sunrise

_____ My Friend Jonathan

_____ My Generation

_____ Mystery Blush

_____ Next In Line

_____ No Doubt

_____ Northward Ho

_____ October

_____ October Sky

_____ Oh Carol

_____ On Delicate Points

_____ Orange Toffee

_____ Orangelo

_____ Over And Over

_____ Ozark Rebounder

_____ Pacific Crest

_____ Pearls Of Summer

_____ Peggy Sue

_____ Pink Attraction

_____ Prince Of Earl

_____ Pure As Gold

_____ Radiant Bliss

_____ Rare Bouquet

_____ Raspberry Frost

_____ Raspberry Swirl

_____ Recurring Dream

_____ Red Rock Canyon

_____ Renascent

_____ Renewal

_____ Renown

_____ Repeat Performance

_____ Return To Bayberry

_____ Rim Of Fire

_____ Rock Band

_____ Rosalie Figge

_____ Season Of Mists

_____ Second Helping

_____ Secondhand Rose

_____ September Frost

_____ Shire

_____ Sierra Mist

_____ Sky King Returns

_____ Snow Melt

_____ Soft Return

_____ Soft Side

_____ Spot On

_____ St. Petersburg

_____ Star Gate

_____ Stardock

_____ Starring Encore

_____ Struck Twice

_____ Summer Rain

_____ Summer Sunburst

_____ Summer Tsunami

_____ Sunday Concert

_____ Sunny Disposition

_____ Sunset Punch

_____ Sunshine On My Shoulder

_____ Tara's Choice

_____ Theme Master

_____ Time Bandit

_____ Total Recall

_____ Tremors

_____ Tribute To Rosalie

_____ Tropical Delight

_____ Two Different Worlds

_____ UFO

_____ Uplifting

_____ Violet Music

_____ Violet Returns

_____ Violet Turner

Over

_____ Wearing Rubies _____ Zee
_____ Welcome Discovery _____ Ziggy
_____ Winesap _____ Zurich
_____ Winterberry

Write In Votes:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Comments _____

Note: All comments are welcome and may be used in the Reblooming Iris Recorder for educational and informational use by our readers.

Ballot Must Be Received by Oct. 1, 2014

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Over the past two years there have been comments regarding the *Symposium* due date of October 1. Several have stated the date is too early for rebloom, that six months is not enough time to observe rebloom. We think it has been forgotten that an iris must be evaluated over a two-year bloom period. That is the reason that newly introduced irises are not accepted as write-ins and are not on the ballot. Introductions of 2013 and 2014 are not on the ballot.

Mail ballot to: Shirley Trio
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Modesto, CA 95355

This past year many hours were spent counting dozens of write-in votes that were disqualified. Several irises had write-in votes that were not yet registered, let alone introduced. Do not exceed allowable votes per section or all in that section will be disqualified.

If it is discovered that we missed including an eligible iris on this symposium, PLEASE let us know as soon as possible.

Please include your USDA zone on your ballot.

Or you may scan and e-mail your ballot to:
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Echo Location TB
(B. Wilkerson 2007)



Autumn Tryst TB
(J. Weiler 1993)



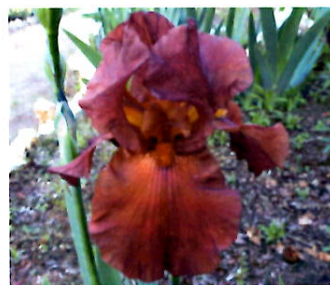
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Feed Back TB
(B. Hager 1983)



My Friend Jonathan TB
(B. Miller 1994)



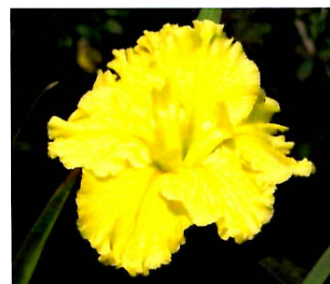
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(J. Gibson 1975)



Lady Essex TB
(L. Zurbrigg 1991)



For Dad LA
(H. Pryor 1997/98)



Marty Richards TB
(R. Richards 2005)



Over And Over TB
(S. Innerst 2001)

Gailmae Suite – Venus, TX

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Autumn Echo (J. Gibson 1975) TB
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
Glazed Gold (O. Brown 1985) TB
Harvest Of Memories (L. Zurbrigg 1985) TB
Jaunty Texan (C. Denman 1973)..... TB
Lady Essex (L. Zurbrigg 1991)..... TB
Low Ho Silver (M. Byers 1989)IB
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB
My Friend Jonathan (B. Miller 1996)..... TB

Hazel Haik – Waco, TX

Jaunty Texan (C. Denman 1973)..... TB

Mike Lowe – Waco, TX

Marty Richards (R. Richards 2005) TB
Over and Over (S. Innerst 2001)..... TB
Tenderly (D.C. Nearpass 2000) TB

Glen & Gloria Huddleston – Whitney, TX

Autumn Tryst (J. Weiler 1993) TB

Pearl Carter – Wichita Falls, TX

Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990)..... TB
Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) TB
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
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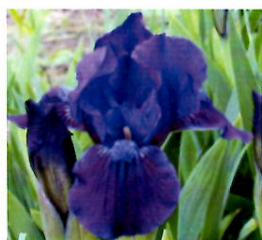
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Marty Richards, C. Buchheim
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2012 Cumulative Checklist of Reblooming Iris

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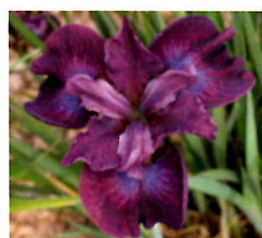
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Autumn Jester SDB
(C. Chapman 2000)



Many Mahalos IB
(J.T. Aitken 2003)



Devil's Dream SIB
(Schaffer/Sacks 1990)



Blushing Again TB
(M.L. Swann-Young 2012)

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M.L. Swann-Young



Mary Lou Swann-Young

Midwestern Report *By Dir. Mary Lou S.-Young*

After two years of drought, the iris began the 2013 season in depleted condition. For the most part, they spent the relatively cool, wet growing season recuperating slowly.

Melody Wilhoit reported that the following beardless irises repeated bloom at Redbud Lane Iris Garden in central Illinois, USDA zone 5.

Cultivar	Hybridizer	Class
Blue Burn	(W.G. McGarvey 1968)	SIB
Careless Sally	(Schaffer/Sacks 1996)	SIB
Devil's Dream	Schaffer/Sacks 1990	SIB
Percheron	(B. Warburton 1982)	SIB
Simon Says	(R. Hollingworth 2007)	SIB
Somebody Loves Me	(R. Hollingworth 1998)	SIB
Sprinkles TB	(Bauer/Coble 1994)	SIB
Sunny Episode	(H. Rowland 1983)	LA

Bearded irises did not get warm enough temperatures for optimal growth until late in the season. Several that reliably rebloom before a killing frost were either too late or bloomed on smaller rhizomes than usual. These were reported from around the region and nearly all rebloomed in USDA zone 5. Rebloomers in slightly warmer USDA zone 6 included: **'Bonus Mama'**, **'Emma's Laughter'**, **'Lunar Whitewash'**, **'Mango Parfait'**, and **'Mango Passion'**.

Cultivar	Hybridizer	RE Months
Again And Again TB	(S. Innerst 1999)	Jul thru Oct
Autumn Jester SDB	(C. Chapman 2000)	Jul, Aug, Oct
Autumn Tryst TB	(J. Weiler 1993)	Sep, Oct
Autumn Wine BB	(V. Christopherson 2003)	Oct
Baby Blessed SDB	(L. Zurbrigg 1989)	Oct
Blushing Again TB	(M.L. Swann-Young 2012)	Jul, Sep, Oct
Bonus Mama TB	(B. Hager 1990)	Oct
Bountiful Harvest TB	(B. Hager 1991)	Oct
Cantina TB	(M. Byers 1990)	Sep, Oct
Constant Companion IB	(C. Marsh 1995)	Aug, Sep, Oct
Daughter Of Stars TB	(D. Spoon 2001)	Sep, Oct
Decker TB	(M. Jameson 2001)	Sep, Oct
Delta Lady TB	(L. Lauer 2009)	Sep, Oct
Double Dare BB	(M. Lockatell R. 2009)	Sep, Oct
Double Your Fun IB	(J.T. Aitken 2000)	Aug thru Oct
Earl Of Essex TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1980)	Oct
Echo Location TB	(B. Wilkerson 2007)	Sep, Oct

Emma's Laughter TB	(G. Poole 2008)	Oct
Fast Forward IB	(J.T. Aitken 2002)	Jul, Sep, Oct
Feed Back TB	(B. Hager 1983)	Sep, Oct
Forever Blue SDB	(C. Chapman 1997)	Sep, Oct
Genteel TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Oct
Glitter Repink TB	(L.&K. Jedlicka 2007)	Oct
I Repeat TB	(J. Roberts 1998)	Aug, Oct
Immortality TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1982)	Jul thru Oct
Just Call Me TB	(B. Wilkerson 2008)	Sep, Oct
Latest Style TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	Oct
Luminosity TB	(M. Byers 1991)	Oct
Lunar Whitewash TB	(S. Innerst 2003)	Sep, Oct
Midsummer Night's Dream IB	(L. Baumunk 1999)	Oct
Mango Parfait TB	(D. Spoon 2009)	Oct, Nov
Mango Passion TB	(L. Lauer 2005)	Oct, Nov
Many Mahalos IB	(J.T. Aitken 2003)	Sep, Oct
Misty Twilight TB	(M. Byers 1988)	Sep, Oct
Nobody But Me TB	(M.L. Swann-Young 2011)	Oct
October Splendor BB	(G. Sides 1997)	Sep, Oct
Over And Over TB	(S. Innerst 2001)	Sep, Oct
Pink Attraction TB	(E. Hall 1988)	Jul, Aug
Precious Little Pink IB	(M. Byers 1995)	Jul, Aug, Oct
Purple Joy SDB	(D. Spoon 2009)	Oct
Raspberry Frost TB	(G. Sutton 2001)	Aug thru Oct
Returning Chameleon TB	(B. Wilkerson 1995)	Oct
Rosalie Figge TB	(J. McKnew 1993)	Oct
Sign Of Leo TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1977)	Aug, Sep
Snow Melt TB	(M. Sutton 2004)	Oct
Speeding Again TB	(L. Lauer 1998)	Oct
Star Gate TB	(B. Wilkerson 2005)	Oct
Sugar Blues TB	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	Sep, Oct
Total Recall TB	(B. Hager 1992)	Oct
Traffic TB	(L. Lauer 2004)	Aug thru Oct
Twilight Fancies TB	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	Oct
Winesap TB	(M. Byers 1989)	Sep, Oct

Of particular note are Betty Wilkerson's TB **'Just Call Me'** and Mike Lockatell's BB **'Double Dare'**, which qualified for zone 5 rebloomer status at their first opportunity as guest irises for the 2014 Region 6 spring convention in northeastern Indiana. Mike's seedlings 20517 and 20734 did as well.

Currently, a generous layer of white mulch is protecting rhizomes from sub-zero temperatures. Spring is finally on the way and the only concern remaining is the dreaded late spring freeze. Please, please, not another one like 2006, with five nights in a row down to 17° the first week of May.



Mike Lockatell

Rebloom Shines at Region 4 Fall Meeting

By Mike Lockatell

Spring flowering is not rebloom's finest moment. Coupled with once bloomers' dazzling colors and patterns, fall flowering varieties easily get lost in the crowd. Whites, blues, purples and yellows are a dime-a-dozen.

Thanks to a century plus of intense hybridizing activity, spring-only blooming bearded irises have set the bar for evaluation by American Iris Society garden judges. Thanks to



Show Tables at the 2013 Region 4 Fall Meeting

recent advances, cool season rebloom breeding has at least closed the gap in acceptable flower form. Newer reliable fall flowering introductions particularly in the tall bearded class sport wider petals, ruffles and lace.

As AIS Region 4 Rebloom Iris Chairman since 2003, succeeding the late Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg, it would later become clear to me that the best way to showcase rebloom bearded irises is through public display. As host for our annual Fall Meeting in South Richmond, VA on October 18th and 19th,



Iris planting at Maymont Park

fall bloom would have to be the main attraction. Thanks to a plan to group the most reliable cool season rebloomers into distinct display spaces, I could emulate spring-like flowering for the event. "Springtime in the Fall" was a huge gamble, but everything luckily fell into place.

Our Flower Show featured 36 bloomstalks from six exhibitors representing 31 different cultivars including five seedlings. Since the meeting had many one-day registrations, we tried to bring Saturday's Garden Tour to the show bench on Friday. Besides examples from the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College plantings, Lois Rose, show chairperson, also had a number of exhibit-



Best Specimen of Show
Gate Of Heaven TB
(L. Zurbrigg 2004)

quality bloomstalks to add further volume to the presentation. We were, however, grateful four additional exhibitors brought stalks to sanction our flower show. Well done!

Best Specimen of Show went to '**Gate of Heaven**' TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004) displayed by Mike Lockatell. 1st Runnerup and Best Median was won by '**Lady Emma**' MTB (F. Jones 1986) exhibited by Lois Rose. Lois also took 2nd Runnerup with '**September Buttercup**' BB (G.P. Brown 1962). '**Double Dare**' BB (M. Lockatell R. 2009) won Best Seedling in Show. Attending AIS Judges also awarded '**Soda Fountain Shuffle**' TB (M. Lockatell, R. 2009) with an exhibition certificate. Lois Rose also serving as an AIS Exhibitions Committee mem-

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Fall rebloom display beds at
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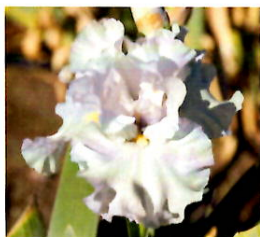
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Best Seedling in Show
awarded to '**Double Dare**' BB
(M. Lockatell, R. 2009)

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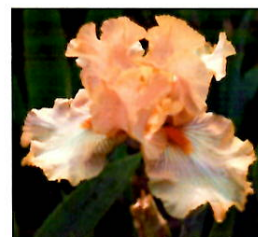
Lunar Whitewash TB
 (S. Innerst 2003)



Anxious TB
 (B. Hager 1992)



Renown TB
 (L. Zurbrigg 1992)



Twiggy BB
 (D. Spoon 2004)



A fall-blooming clump of My Friend Jonathan TB in the display beds at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

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 JSRCC Garden, M. Lockatell



Just Call Me TB in fall rebloom at the JSRCC Garden

ber receives a heartfelt thank you for agreeing to chair this event.

Friday morning activities featured a visit to South Richmond's historic Maymont Park. The Victorian estate



A fall-blooming clump of Lady Emma MTB at JSRCC

features sweeping lawn areas, formal gardens and restored buildings from the nineteenth century's Gilded Age. Horticulture Director and co-host of a long running local PBS gardening show, Peggy Singlemann, led us on a thought provoking tour of their popular Japanese Stroll Garden along the James River. Peggy pointed out the garden's harmony with nature. Eye catching water features were surrounded by attractive specimen trees and shrubs.

I planted reblooming tall bearded irises in perennial display beds around the estate's Carriage House in February 2012. Funds became available to the Maymont Foundation to address masonry issues on the building in late Fall. The irises were dug and placed in a holding bed and replanted in March. Remarkably, open blooms were found on 'Lunar Whitewash' TB (S. Innerst 2003), 'Gate of Heaven' TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004), 'Echo Location' TB (B. Wilkerson 2007), 'My Friend Jonathan' TB (B. Miller 1996) and 'Unchained Melody' TB (C. Mahan 1999) during our visit.

Saturday started with my in-garden judge's training class at J. Sargeant Reynolds Com-

munity College trial plantings in Goochland, VA. Visitors were treated to spring-like bloom on the most reliable rebloom varieties for the Mid-Atlantic Region. Twenty-four tall bearded and fourteen median varieties were in bloom. I was able to use abundant flowering to contrast new and older varieties such as TBs 'Lunar Whitewash' TB (S. Innerst 2003) and 'Queen Dorothy' TB (E. Hall 1984). Rebloom development was also highlighted using 'Clarence' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991), 'Anxious' TB (B. Hager 1992) and 'Renown' TB (L. Zurbrigg 1992). Once these breeding relationships were established, it was easier for guests to appreciate the improvements in 'Again And Again' TB (S. Innerst 1999), 'Daughter of Stars' TB (D. Spoon 2001), 'Gate of Heaven' TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004) and 'Just Call Me' TB (B. Wilkerson 2008).

Assistant Scott Burrell then took our group on an informative tour through the JSRCC Ornamental Horticulture Department Display Garden and renovated plantings in front of the main building on campus. Scott has used his experiences as the former Director of Horticulture at the historic Virginia House in Richmond to create a first rate diversified landscape presentation using annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs and trees. Despite a steady light rain, visitors gladly soaked in Burrell's observations and recommendations.

Dinner speakers each evening were exceptional. Dr. T. Michael Likins from the Chesterfield County, VA Cooperative Extension Service, gave an informative and entertaining program on troublesome diseases plaguing Central Virginia gardens. As a former plant pathologist for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Mike's Friday evening slide show presentation brought into focus the dangers of Boxwood Blight, Rose Rosette and Downy Mildew.

Region 4 Judge's Training Chairperson, Carrie Winter from Charlotte, NC, gave an in-

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Goochland, VA – 2013 Rebloom Report

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Variety	Hybridizer	Class
					Again And Again (<i>S. Innerst</i> 1999)		TB
					Anxious (<i>B. Hager</i> 1992)		TB
					Baby Blessed (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 1989)		SDB
					Christiane Elizabeth (<i>C. Mahan</i> 2001)		TB
					Clarence (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 1991)		TB
					Double Dare (<i>M. Lockatell R.</i> 2009)		BB
					Echo Location (<i>B. Wilkerson</i> 2007)		TB
					Fall Rerun (<i>B. Hager</i> 2001)		TB
					Gate Of Heaven (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 2004)		TB
					Hot Glow (<i>R. Tasco</i> 2006)		IB
					Iceland (<i>M. Byers</i> 1991)		TB
					I Do (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 1974)		TB
					I'll Be Back (<i>J.T. Aitken</i> 2004)		IB
					Jameson A88 (<i>Seedling</i>)		SDB
					Just Call Me (<i>B. Wilkerson</i> 2008)		TB
					Lady Emma (<i>F. Jones</i> 1986)		MTB
					Liquid Amber (<i>G. Spoon</i> 2003)		TB
					Lunar Whitewash (<i>S. Innerst</i> 2003)		TB
					Midsummer Night's Dr. (<i>L. Baumunk</i> 1999)		IB
					My Friend Jonathan (<i>B. Miller</i> 1996)		TB
					Over And Over (<i>S. Innerst</i> 2001)		TB
					Peach Parasol (<i>D. Spoon</i> 1997)		BB
					Pink Attraction (<i>E. Hall</i> 1988)		TB
					Purple Joy (<i>D. Spoon</i> 2009)		SDB
					Queen Dorothy (<i>E. Hall</i> 1984)		TB
					Renown (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 1992)		TB

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Variety	Hybridizer	Class
					Rosalie Figge (<i>J. McKnew</i> 1993)		TB
					Sailboat Bay (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 2001)		SDB
					September Replay (<i>F. Jones</i> 1992)		TB
					Soda Fountain Shuffle (<i>M. Lockatell R.</i> 2009)		TB
					Starring Encore (<i>D. Spoon</i> 2008)		TB
					Summer Radiance (<i>B. Wilkerson</i> 1996)		TB
					Sweethearts Again (<i>J.P. Hill</i> 2004)		SDB
					Trimmed Velvet (<i>D. Spoon</i> 2006)		MDB
					Twiggy (<i>D. Spoon</i> 2004)		BB
					Twilight Fancies (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 2001)		TB
					Unchained Melody (<i>C. Mahan</i> 1999)		TB

Maymont Park, Richmond, VA 2013 Rebloom Report

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Variety	Hybridizer	Class
					Echo Location (<i>B. Wilkerson</i> 2007)		TB
					Daughter Of Stars (<i>D. Spoon</i> 2001)		TB
					Gate Of Heaven (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 2004)		TB
					Lunar Whitewash (<i>S. Innerst</i> 2003)		TB
					My Friend Jonathan (<i>B. Miller</i> 1996)		TB
					Northward Ho (<i>L. Zurbrigg</i> 1991)		TB
					Star Gate (<i>B. Wilkerson</i> 2005)		TB
					Unchained Melody (<i>C. Mahan</i> 1999)		TB

teresting Saturday afternoon classroom training session on judging ethics. The program sparked good questions and comments. Tom Silvers from Rohrsersville, MD followed Saturday evening's dinner with an outstanding slide show highlighting diploid species rebloom and purple leaf foliage hybridizing. Tom's breeding ideas are a departure from current thinking but they represent some refreshing new avenues to explore.



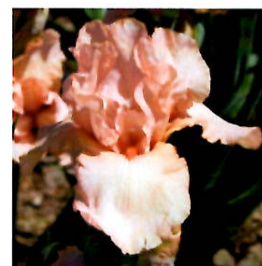
Trimmed Velvet MDB
(*D. Spoon* 2006)

"Springtime in the Fall" was my last hurrah as Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman. After ten years at the post, it was time for a change. Rebloom's best chances for wider acceptance in the iris world lie with annual fall meetings. The AIS Exhibitions Committee at present only receives three requests to stage sanctioned fall flower shows each year. Even though summer and fall weather can have a major impact on rebloom reliability and availability here, there is always more flexibility for autumn bloomstalk exhibi-

tion. The object should be displaying fall flowers on the show bench. The outcome in Region 4 is always in doubt, but the mid October date seems to have been a good choice for success.

The Metro Richmond landscape industry receives a huge thank you by extending generous perennial and shrub plants plus dry goods donations to support the meeting. These donations were used as entertaining raffles each evening to help cover meeting costs. My year-long care of the JSRCC trial beds was rewarded with two October peak bloom sequences around the Fall Meeting. Cool season reblooming bearded irises WERE the stars of the show. For two days in mid-October, it was truly "Springtime in the Fall" in Central Virginia.

Please visit www.springtimeinthefall.com for a recap of the 2013 AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting.



Pink Attraction TB
(*E. Hall* 1988)



Beautiful fall rebloom at JSRCC

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Rebloom's Alpine Connections

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Clown Pants clump, *T. Silvers*
Clown Pants, *T. Silvers*
I. cengialtii K-23A, *T. Silvers*
I. suaveolens v. m., *T. Silvers*
I. variegata, *R. Tasco*
Cricket Song, *T. Silvers*

Note: *I. cengialtii* K-23A is a species clone obtained from Terry Varner of Ohio Gardens and originally came from Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in London.



I. suaveolens var *mellita*



I. variegata



Cricket Song MTB
(*T. Silvers* 2012)

Breeding for rebloom takes stubborn determination. If someone has figured out a magic formula that guarantees a crop of 100% reblooming seedlings, they must be keeping that formula a tightly guarded secret. Even so, with all the brilliant minds working on this puzzle, the pieces are starting to steadily fall into place.

Over a decade ago, I set out to breed for rebloom in the 24 chromosome diploid bearded (a group made up mostly of histories, old-style MTBs and wild species). I had a plan, but as it so often happens, it didn't quite work out how I'd figured it should. There are always surprises! One thing that had always puzzled me, was how *Iris cengialtii* had given me four rebloomers (out of about two dozen seedlings) by using 'Clown Pants' SPEC-X (*T. Silvers* 2006) pollen on it. To my knowledge at the time, *I. cengialtii* was a once bloomer, and my Species-X 'Clown Pants' (from *I. variegata* X *I. suaveolens* var. *mellita*) would occasionally send up some repeat stalks right after main season bloom, but it never made any fall stalks like these new seedlings. Two of the best, I've registered as the MTB's, 'Cricket Song' (*T. Silvers* 2012) and 'Easy Smile' (*T. Silvers*, *R.* 2009). These have rebloomed reliably every October here in Maryland since 2006.

At first, I'd figured that 'Clown Pants' was the key ingredient in the parentage of these rebloomers. But with time, I've come to appreciate more the role *I. cengialtii* has almost certainly played in this lucky break. My first clue was that the old historic rebloomer, 'Mrs. Alan Gray' TB (*Sir M. Foster* 1909), is from the cross of *I. cengialtii* X 'Queen of May'. The



Clown Pants close up



Clown Pants SPEC-X (*T. Silvers* 2006)

second clue was that I got no other rebloomers from countless other crosses involving 'Clown Pants', even in the cross with a West Coast reblooming MTB 'Keirith' (*J. Witt* 1998).



I. cengialtii K-23A

(Recently, however, I have had two additional seedlings from a different *I. cengialtii* clone crossed with 'Clown Pants', that had repeat stalks after the main season.) A third and final clue showed itself this year, when an *I. cengialtii* X (*I. variegata* x *I. timofejewii*) seedling sent up two rebloom stalks.

Prompted by these clues and spurred on by the questioning mind of Mike Lockatell, a student and protégé of the well-known rebloom hybridizer Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg, I've spent many hours researching *I. cengialtii* and found some fascinating information.

I. cengialtii takes its name from a mountain in the Northern Italian alps, Monte Cengio Alto. The famed physiologist and first scientific hybridizer of irises, Sir Michael Foster, (William Rikatson Dykes was his pupil) describes *I. cengialtii* in detail in a lengthy article in the *Gardeners' Chronicle* in 1886.¹ In addition to the dwarf stature that distinguishes *I. cengialtii* from *I. pallida*, Foster reports that "while the leaves of *I. pallida* proper remain above ground and green all the winter, those of *I. cengialtii*



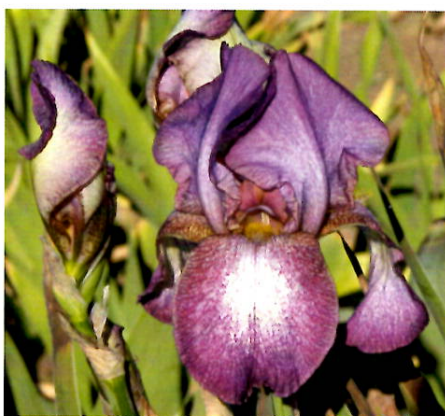
Easy Smile MTB (T. Silvers 2009)

die down altogether, so that if the rhizome be at all deeply buried the winter buds are completely hidden.” The seeds also are described as more like *I. pumila* than *I. pallida* in appearance.

Another interesting tidbit from that same article, is that Foster describes an *I. cengialtii* clone that had been given to him, “a plant from Mr. Ware”. This was undoubtedly Thomas S. Ware who was at the forefront of iris development in those early days. Foster writes that the clone of *I. cengialtii* given to him by Ware “flowers with great regularity a second time in autumn.” Take into consideration that Ware also introduced ‘**Gracchus**’ TB (T.S. Ware) in 1884. The still popular ‘**Gracchus**’ is a historic rebloomer with unrecorded ancestry. ‘**Gracchus**’ was used by Dr. G. Percy Brown of Barre, Massachusetts to breed ‘**Autumn Elf**’ IB (G.P. Brown 1935) which he combined with the Sass iris ‘**Autumn King**’ TB (H.P. Sass 1925) (descended from another Alpine species) to develop his influential cold-climate rebloomers.² Trace back the pedigree of almost any modern cold-climate rebloomer and you’ll find generous use of G. P. Brown cultivars.

Lately I’ve been thinking that many, if not all, of the major cold-climate reblooming lines might be traced back to original infusions from Alpine species. One example is the forty chromosome dwarf *Chamaeiris* complex, one of the earliest reported groups with rebloom. These dwarf rebloomers contributed their rebloom tendencies to the breeding programs of Nebraska brothers and iris breeders, Hans and Jacob

Sass. As Kelly Norris writes in his recent book, “The Sass brothers began their breeding work with IBs by crossing dwarf species from Europe with the modern TBs. . . these ‘dwarf species’ most likely were *I. lutescens* or other species in the *chamaeiris* complex”.³ The Sass intermediates have had a huge impact throughout the pedigrees of rebloomers and once-bloomers as well. ‘**Gibson Girl**’ TB (J.M. Gibson 1946), which shows up repeatedly in rebloomer pedigrees, was bred from the Sass *plicata* ‘**Tiffany**’ TB (H.P. Sass 1938). Sass irises ‘**Autumn King**’ TB (H.P. Sass 1926) and ‘**Autumn Queen**’ DB (dwarf bearded) (H.P. Sass 1926) were also used extensively by iris breeders. Many other Sass irises that were used by other breeders, may have been carrying genes for rebloom too.



Gibson Girl TB (J.M. Gibson 1946)

I. aphylla is another Alpine species of particular interest to the late hybridizer of rebloomers, Dr. Lloyd Zurbriigg. Mike Lockatell, iris hybridizer and former Rebloom Chairman for AIS Region 4, enjoyed weekly Sunday night phone discussions with Lloyd about his strategies. According to Mike, Lloyd had a growing appreciation

for the role *I. aphylla* seems to have played in the development of some important reblooming lines. Many of Lloyd’s rebloomers can be traced back to *I. aphylla* roots, especially through Schreiner cultivars. *The World of Irises* mentions that first generation rebloomers have been grown directly from *I. aphylla*. Median iris hybridizer, Jim Craig, mentions in his January 2001 AIS Bulletin article how several clones of *I. aphylla* have been shown to breed rebloomers.⁴ Considering all the use of *I. aphylla* throughout iris history to intensify colors and improve branching, who can say how much contribution it might have been making indirectly to rebloom all along.

Thus far, we have three interminglings of Alpine species that have lead to rebloom: the *lutescens*/*Chamaeiris* complex coming through the Sass intermediates, the widespread and diffuse influx from *I. aphylla*, and (if you take

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Thomas Silvers and Mike Lockatell at Mike’s seedling bed in Bon Air, VA.



Gracchus TB
(T.S. Ware 1884)

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Mrs. Alan Gray, R. Tasco

Note: Thomas has a blog titled, "Mid-Atlantic Plant Research Center" at <http://maprc.blogspot.com/>

the leap of faith that I have) also *I. cengialtii* through Ware's TB '**Gracchus**' which leads on to Brown's influential lines. Other Alpine species could have contributed and may still be used to our advantage. For example, on the "Iris-Talk" on-line forum, Paul Archer reports rebloom on *I. suaveolens* var. *rubromarginata* and Doug Chyz has reported the same occurrence to me. Coincidentally, the mellita form of *I. suaveolens* is a key part of the parentage of my reblooming diploid MTBs described earlier. It may also be enlightening to look more deeply into the contributions

of a few other dwarf species that have unquestionably made their mark in other ways. For example, *I. reichenbachii* (syn. *I. balkana*, *I. bosniaca*) has figured into the unfolding drama of iris development, most obviously by bringing in the dominant amoena pattern. Nobody knows how much it may have inadvertently also contributed towards rebloom.

What is it about these Alpine dwarves that spawns rebloomers? In researching adaptations of plants in general to these harsh mountain environments, you'll find certain trends. One adaptation is that Alpine plants often will keep their growing points underground (think about the habits of *I. aphylla* and *I. cengialtii*) as protection against winter cold. Another adaptation to the extremely short growing season is that Alpine species often will race to flower immediately after snow melt or soil thaw. This is possible because they form their flower buds in the season before. According to Marion Shull's 1923 *AIS Bulletin* article, all irises (even once-bloomers) form their flower buds in the season before bloom.⁵ He mentions August, September and October as the critical bud formation period. So, how do these Alpine species and rebloomers derived from them differ from the typical once-bloomer? Could it be that they simply form flower buds much earlier and/or faster than once-bloomers?

Another clue in solving that mystery can be found in something that Rick Tasco and Roger Duncan (of Superstition Iris Gardens in Cathey,



Mrs. Alan Gray TB
(Sir M. Foster 1909)

California) communicated to me, when I was searching for a source of '**Mrs. Alan Gray**' TB (Sir M. Foster 1909) and '**Gracchus**' TB (T.S. Ware 1884). Rick and Roger used to grow both of these historic rebloomers and were very kind to describe their experiences with the two irises. Neither iris rebloomed for them, but Rick and Roger discontinued growing the two histories for nearly opposite reasons. '**Mrs. Alan Gray**' grew well enough but hardly ever bloomed, even in Spring. In contrast, '**Gracchus**' formed flowerstalks on just about every increase as well as the main fans, leaving no saleable fans.

Rick and Roger told me that they dig and replant everything yearly and my theory is that maybe replanting time happened to be the critical time when '**Mrs. Alan Gray**' was getting ready to form flower buds. '**Gracchus**' evidently must have formed its buds before or after the yearly dig.

Maybe once-bloomers haven't typically developed their buds enough by fall to be able to respond to the temperature and/or light triggers that would normally induce those embryonic buds to expand into bloom stalks. Alternatively, the Alpine species may have lost any need for vernalization (cold conditioning) to be able to proceed to bloom. The high mountain climate would have such a short growing season that there wouldn't be much chance of blooming twice in the season anyway. Whatever the case, I'm hoping that some inquisitive minds might find other pieces to add to this puzzle. And meanwhile, I'll keep working the diploid rebloomer angle, with my newly adjusted focus on the "Alpine connection".

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Colin Campbell with 'Corn Dance' seed pods

Colin is a 15 year-old home educated, high school sophomore with a passion for growing, hybridizing and promoting irises. What began as a small garden in 2008 has blossomed into more than 3000 sq. feet of iris beds with an additional 300 sq. feet dedicated to seedlings. By 2011, Colin launched a commercial iris business, Iris Hills Farm, www.IrisHillsFarm.com, and joined the American Iris Society. He is an active participant in the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society and is currently training to become an AIS judge.

Educating the public about iris culture and the benefits of AIS membership are priorities for Colin. He has worked for two years with the Master Gardeners Association as the iris expert for their annual GardenFest in Middletown, VA. Colin designed a 45-minute PowerPoint program on 'Iris Culture and Hybridization' which he presented to three local garden clubs in 2013 as well as at last years AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting. He has trained a number of local youth in iris care and hybridizing through hands-on seminars given at his gardens in both 2012 and 2013. He has also designed and given presentations to school groups on 'Becoming a Young Entrepreneur' and 'Iris Genetics'.

Due to an increasing interest in SDBs (with 40 varieties currently), Colin gave his first SDB seminar at his garden in 2013. He covered the care and culture of SDBs and suggested ways in which to use them in mixed garden plantings.

This last summer Colin began giving one-on-one garden consultations with demonstra-

Colin Campbell, AIS Youth Member Gone Wild

By Sheryl Campbell and Anita Moran

tions on iris planting and division to local gardeners who were installing iris gardens for the first time. A full-page feature article on Colin and his interest in irises appeared last spring in the *Winchester Star* newspaper.

In 2013 Colin signed up five new adult members and one new youth member with AIS (adding to the four youth members he signed up in 2012). He is an enthusiastic recruiter inviting adults and youth to participate in various Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society activities with hopes of helping others discover the joy of growing irises and encouraging more individuals to join the AIS.

In addition to being an AIS youth member, Colin has memberships in the Reblooming Iris Society and the Median Iris Society. He has a strong interest in reblooming irises and recently became the Region 4 Rebloom Chairman and will be reporting for their Regional newsletter, *Newscast* (available online at www.irisregion4.com/). He is a docent for the AIS Encyclopedia and TWIKI. In 2012 he won the Ackerman Essay Award for his essay, 'What's So Great About An Iris'. In 2013 he was First Runner Up for the AIS Clark Cosgrove Award.

Colin grows over 300 iris varieties including TBs, BBs, MTBs, IBs, SDBs, ABs, Siberian, Japanese and Species irises. He has 20 hybrids which should bloom this spring and an

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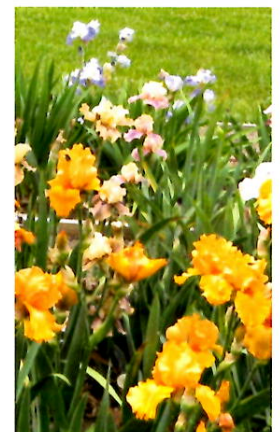


Part of Colin Campbell's iris display garden at Iris Hills Farm.

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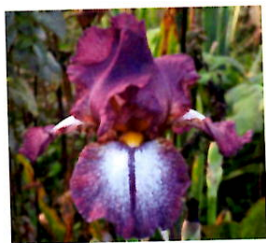
'Daughter of Stars' and 'Corn Dance' REs



Lovely spring bloom in Colin's garden



Autumn Circus TB
(B. Hager 1990)



Autumn Encore TB
(K. Mohr 1977)



Autumn Jester SDB
(C. Chapman 2000)



Blue Hues SDB
(D. Spoon 2010)



Cantina TB
(M. Byers 1990)



Corn Dance TB
(D. Spoon 2008)



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(D. Kanarowski 2012)



Pearls Of Autumn TB
(B. Hager 1993)



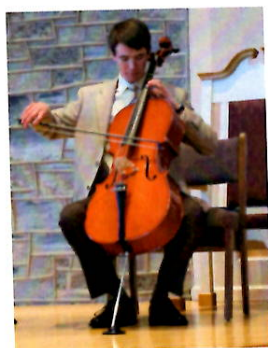
Kumquat SDB
(D. Spoon 2007)



Pretty Girl SDB
(D. Spoon 2001)

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Colin with cello



Colin at the piano

additional 800 seedlings planted for the 2015 bloom season. He has developed relationships with a number of iris hybridizers who mentor him, as well as his continuing studies on iris genetics with Dr. Don Spoon. Colin has set some pretty high hybridizing goals for himself which include:

- Reblooming SDB's with modern form and the color patterns of once-blooming SDB's
- Multiple rebloom in modern flowers with fun colors
- A reblooming 'My Ginny'
- A reblooming purple/black plicata like 'Oreo'
- A reblooming black self
- Good varieties with lemon fragrance
- An Emma Cook pattern with solid pink standards and white falls with a brown plicata band
- A reblooming SDB with yellow standards and green falls
- An orange ground plicata
- Improved plicatas/luminatas in yellow and dark brown
- General work for broken color, flounces, stripes, stronger reds, blues and greens

Colin's world includes more than high school studies and irises. He enjoys studying and playing classical piano, cello, recorder and dulcimer. He sings with his church choir and with a musical ministry he started three years ago that performs for various senior centers in the local area. He is a writer working on two novels, enjoys photographing irises, botanical drawing, and spending time with friends. His

business enterprise, Iris Hills Farm, is primarily a commercial iris and hybridizing garden from which he also raises and sells guinea fowl.

—By Sheryl Campbell

2013 Fall Rebloom at Iris Hills Farm

Again and Again (S. Innerst 1999) TB
Anne Lowe (D. Spoon 2011). SDB
Aunt Mary (T. Stanek 2000) TB
Autumn Circus (B. Hager 1990). TB
Autumn Encore (K. Mohr 1977). TB
Autumn Jester (C. Chapman 2000) SDB
Autumn Surge (J.T. Aitken 2005) SDB
Baby Blessed (L. Zurbrigg 1979) SDB
Blue Hues (D. Spoon 2010) SDB
Buckwheat (M. Byers 1989) TB
Cantina (M. Byers 1990). TB
Clarence (L. Zurbrigg 1991). TB
Constant Companion (C. Marsh 1995). IB
Corn Dance (D. Spoon 2008) TB
Feed Back (B. Hager 1983) TB
Gate of Heaven (L. Zurbrigg 2004) TB
I I Stutter (D. Kanarowski 2012) TB
Kumquat (D. Spoon 2007) SDB
Lunar Whitewash (S. Innerst 2003) TB
Margaret Wilson Thomas (D. Spoon 2009). TB
Mariposa Autumn (R. Tasco 1999) TB
Moss Spot (D. Spoon 2007) SDB
Pearls of Autumn (B. Hager 1993) TB
Pink Attraction (E. Hall 1988) TB
Pretty Girl (D. Spoon 2001) SDB
Purple Joy (D. Spoon 2009) SDB
Ray Jones (D. Spoon 2011). SDB
Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon 2003) SDB
Royal Maroon (D. Spoon 2001) MDB
Senorita Frog (D. Spoon 2002). SDB

Sky Willow (*D. Spoon 2005*)SDB
 Sonata in Blue (*R. Smith 1994*) TB
 Starring Encore (*D. Spoon 2008*) TB
 Total Recall (*B. Hager 1992*) TB
 Trimmed Velvet (*D. Spoon 2006*) MDB
 Winesap (*M. Byers 1989*) TB
 Zurich (*M. Byers 1990*) TB

The following article has been modified from Anita Moran's report highlighting a Spring Regional Tour visit to Colin Campbell's Iris Hills Farm. It was published in the AIS Region 4 newsletter, The Newscast, Vol. 54, No. 2, August 2012.

It is really a blessing to have youth members that are so excited about our favorite flower and Colin is truly an enthusiast. The Campbell home is nestled in the back country south of Winchester, Virginia. Colin's garden was featured on our 2012 AIS Region 4 Spring Garden Tour. I have



Guinea fowl observers

been to many youth gardens around the country and parents usually relegate a small patch for a passing interest somewhere in the yard. Well, that is not what I saw at the Campbell's residence.

The front yard was an expanse of lawn with neatly integrated small plots each containing irises and many companion plants in a very pleasing effect. After parking in the drive (having a background in agricultural sciences), my first attention was brought to the guinea fowl; blues and white sitting atop their pen watching everything we did and, of course, giving us their opinions on everything. Nearby was a pen with three sheep who watched us as we meandered around the yard but our destination was clear.

On a slight incline, Colin's father built a garden of raised beds. Now 2012 was not the best year for what should have been the peak of

iris bloom and I know Colin was disappointed with the lack thereof but invading his garden were iris enthusiasts, hybridizers and judges and there is always something to see.

Most youth members play at hybridizing. From east coast to west coast those I have talked with were into showing iris and the scientific portion of raising them. All of these are good and needed for the sharing of irises with the public. Colin, however, has jumped into hybridizing with both feet. What he learned from Don and Ginny Spoon in one of the youth hybridizing clinics was taken to heart. Nearly all the spent stalks were filled with seed pods and as I read the crosses I could not help but be impressed. Not only did Colin take to hybridizing on his own, but he taught the kids in his area to

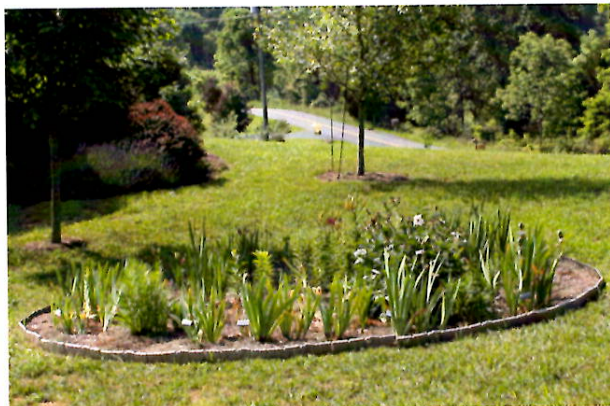
hybridize as well and allowed them to use his garden for their efforts.

Walking towards the front of the property we all stopped to admire the vegetable garden that the family was all involved with. How special it was to taste fresh strawberries, sun warmed right off the vine with a taste that exploded in your mouth and made you want to stay picking for hours but there was so much more to see.

Away from his iris beds, Colin included modern and historic irises, dwarfs and tall bearded in collections of plants in smaller, well-

groomed beds that allowed us to imagine how beautiful it could be at peak bloom. But, we didn't have to imagine for long. In the house, Colin presented a slide show he put together that allowed us to see his garden in peak bloom. He did a fine job with all and his work was well appreciated by those who attended. This is one garden I plan to come back to in the future.

—By Anita Moran



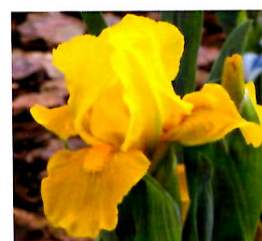
An island garden planting featuring irises



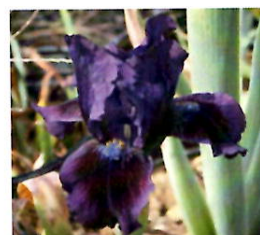
Flower beds around the Campbell home



Starring Encore TB
(*D. Spoon 2008*)



Ray Jones SDB
(*D. Spoon 2011*)



Purple Joy SDB
(*D. Spoon 2009*)



Zurich TB
(*M. Byers 1990*)

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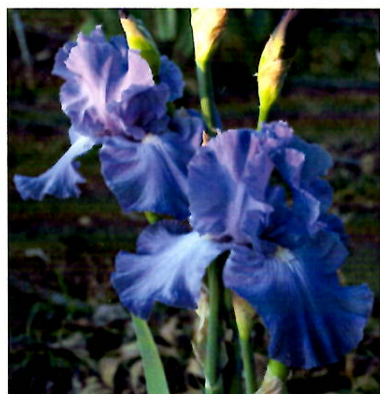
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Over And Over TB
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Echo Location TB
(B. Wilkerson 2007)



Fall Rerun TB
(B. Hager 2001)

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Whatever Inspires Us!

By Phyllis Wilburn

I was raking leaves last week, thinking about what I could write about for

this December *Iris Lore*, when I noticed my *Iris unguicularis* (also know as *Winter Blooming Iris* or *Algerian Iris*) blooming as if it were happy to be out in the cold. What an inspiration to see something so delicate and lovely at this time of year. I went on to check out my experimental reblooming bed where I have moved all my supposedly reblooming irises. In this bed I am trying to give them the water and feeding that they need to encourage them to rebloom in the fall. It is recommended that you water them in summer to keep them from going dormant, so I have them on a soaker hose. I was disappointed to see that there were only a few bloom stalks, even among the ones that bloomed last year in profusion. What gives?

I found blooms on '**Blessed Again**' IB (*F. Jones 1976*), which is a very reliable rebloomer, and bloom stalks '**Over and Over**' TB (*S. Innerst 2001*) and '**Echo Location**' TB (*B. Wilkerson 2007*). In my main garden where they do not get such tender loving care, I have '**Daughter of Stars**' TB (*D. Spoon 2001*) with a bloom stalk almost open. That is the total reward for all my effort.

I am beginning to think that I need to set a rule on when to give up on a variety. Do I give it two years, three years, or longer before I yank it out and replace it with something more promising like '**Fall Rerun**' TB (*B. Hager 2001*). Fran and Russ Shields have brought '**Fall Rerun**' blooms to our Sacramento Iris Society October Plant Sale, and again a huge bouquet for the November meeting. That is what I call a promising rebloomer.

According to Riley Probst, the bloom stalks will freeze if the temperature gets down to 28° F. That is a problem where I live in the foothills at 1200 ft. elevation, as we get temperatures like that very often. However, down in the valley around Sacramento or up into Roseville and Folsom, reblooming ought to be much easier to accomplish. Even though Riley lives in Modesto, he sometimes gets colder temperatures, and he admits to putting socks over the bloom stalks to protect them when the temps go down. Those are extreme measures, but I guess it works.

It is evident that in the warmer climates like the southern San Joaquin Valley and southern California, reblooming is much more successful. At the 2012 AIS National Convention in Ontario, one gardener claimed that Fred Kerr's '**Spring Bliss**' TB (*F. Kerr 2009*) had been blooming every month since November and was still blooming for the convention in April. I have hopes for '**Spring Bliss**' and have several clumps planted, but no success so far.

The only way we will ever know what reblooms in our area is through reporting our successes. It's those failures that I have not figured out what to do with. But don't get me wrong, I will continue to be inspired by the successes and philosophical about the failures. I will continue my reblooming experiment and add some new irises to the bed each year, replacing some that are clearly not going to perform.



Riley's socks over bloomstalks

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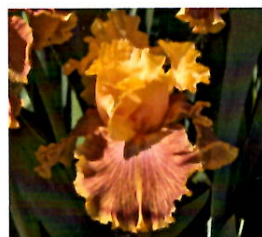
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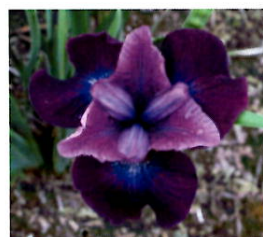
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(J.T. Aitken 2013)



Lest We Forget TB
(G. Sutton 2008)



Cool Character TB
(B. Wilkerson 2012)



Here Come The Clowns SDB
(J.T. Aitken 2011)

Why Should We Keep Rebloom Records By Carole Buchheim

I must admit that record keeping is not my forte. It takes time and effort and is not a top priority on my “want to” or “need to do” list. So why should I take a notebook with me into the garden and write down names and dates of iris rebloom? Does it really matter?

Once upon a time I was doing a little shopping at a local mall (in April 1988) and as I came to the center of the walkway, a shaft of sunlight from skylights above, illuminated a glorious display of irises. I was so mesmerized it took my breath away. *I fell in love!* I paid my \$5.00 and joined the Inland Iris Society.

Next, I discovered that a commercial iris garden happened to be on my route home from work. Springtime became magical and on Friday afternoons I’d enjoy a little taste of heaven in Herb and Sarah Holk’s Cal-Dixie Iris Gardens. *A hobby was born!*

Why do we collect stamps or coins, kachina dolls, books or whatever? *Because it gives us pleasure and we like to share that experience with others!* We make new friends, research information, collect things and perhaps journey on a whole new adventure apart from everyday responsibilities.

In the floral world, your hobby “grows” on you and you “grow” with it. When I discovered that some irises can bloom more than once a year, I wanted them. Why should I wait until spring for bloom when I can have multi-sea-

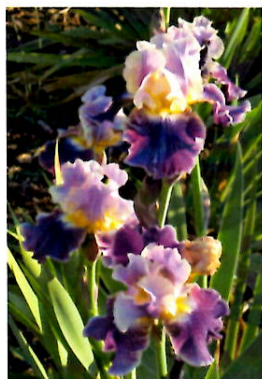
sonal bloom? It’s challenging but rewarding. To discover what reblooms where, we need data and keeping records boils down to *a labor of love. It’s just another part of the hobby.*

In order to collect rebloom reliability data we need information. Taking that notebook with you into the garden, recording rebloom and then sharing that information is beneficial on multiple levels. 1) It can provide a buyer’s guide to help others in similar climate zones make knowledgeable decisions on what cultivars will most likely perform well. 2) As popularity of a specific variety increases, so does the demand for it and more commercial growers will stock it. 3) AIS awards will follow adding to increased rebloom popularity. 4) Hybridizers will take note and more work by more hybridizers will ultimately lead to higher rebloom performance with modern flower form in a wider array of colors. In other words, it’s all about supply and demand.

If you go through the AIS “Registrations and Introductions” entries over the last five years, you will discover that only 30 to 36 rebloomers are annually registered. That’s not very many compared to the number of oncercs. Go for the gold and buy a few new REs each year. Experiment. Share, trade or sell your increase. Get some new blood into the system. Keep that notebook close at hand and let others know your successes and failures. We can work together for a more rewarding tomorrow.

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