



## ATLANTA

*Region Five Comes Alive in 1992*

**American Iris Society Convention**

**April 28 - May 2, 1992**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

Convention      The Stouffer Waverly Hotel      Directions: Off U.S.  
Headquarters—2450 Galleria Parkway      41 at I-285 in North-  
Atlanta, GA 30339      west Atlanta area.

Local (404) 953-4500.      Toll free (800) 468-3571

Rates: Single = \$105.00      Triple = \$120.00

Double = 109.00      Quad. = 130.00

All Rates are Exclusive of Motel, State and Local Taxes (13%)

Please make reservations directly with the Stouffer Waverly, using the card enclosed with your registration pack. If you reserve by phone, state that you are attending AIS Convention and this will assure you of reduced rates. All rooms blocked for the convention which are not reserved by *April 7, 1992* will be released to the general public. Hotel check-in time is *3:00 PM*, check-out *12 noon*. Free public parking is adjacent to hotel. Airport Transportation information will be sent with Registration Packet.

Registration fees: postmarked before *March 4* = \$162.50

received by *April 1* = 185.00

received after *April 1* = 205.00

Youth Registration (18 and under) = 120.00

Registrations are *closed* April 22.

Partial registration: specify if you don't plan to attend:

Welcome dinner, subtract - \$10.00 Awards banquet, subtract - \$25.00

All gardens (buses, gardens, lunches are package deal) if not attending subtract \$45.00.

Optional Tours:	Tour #1	\$35.00	Tour #2	\$18.00
	Tour #3	\$20.00	Tour #4	\$20.00

Optional Tours are based on demand and bus seating of people taking tour; your money will be refunded in case of cancellation of tour.

Make checks payable to *1992 AIS Convention* and mail to:

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 102 Blossom Cir.  
 Westminster, SC 29693

Refunds: If it is necessary to cancel a registration, full refund is assured if registrar is notified by March 4, and 50% refund if notified by March 24, 1992. **NO REFUNDS THEREAFTER.**

When making your convention registration, please indicate if (1) you are an AIS Board member, (2) you are a hybridizer who has introduced irises, (3) if you are current RVP, if you are a Judge. Give a nickname if you would like it used on Name tab, and indicate if special meals are needed.

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As a courtesy to garden owners, please consider the private convention gardens closed for viewing from April 19 to May 2.

Y'all come!  
 Jane and Frank Johnson

- Optional Tour #1—Full day (April 28th) trip to Callaway Gardens with lunch, bus and garden escorted tour—Cost = \$35.00.
- Optional Tour #2—1/2 day tour (a.m. April 29th) of Georgia Governor's Mansion, Atlanta Historical Center, Swan House and Tullie Smith House—Cost \$18.00.
- Optional Tour #3—1/2 day tour (a.m. and p.m. April 29th) of Cyclorama, Atlanta Botanical Gardens—Cost = \$20.00.
- Optional Tour #4—1/2 day (p.m. April 29th) driving tour of Downtown Atlanta, visit to World of Coca Cola, and CNN Center—Cost = \$20.00.

More tour information will be included in January 1992 Bulletin.

## **REGION FIVE COMES ALIVE 1992 CONVENTION PREVIEW**

Shirley Paquet (South Carolina)

Plans were set in motion in 1983 for Region Five to host its first National Convention in Atlanta in 1992. This spring the results of our planning were seen when we toured the twelve gardens. In spite of some rot caused by excessive spring rains, the gardens put on a great show. First year bloom and increase on the bearded varieties were good and the beardless plantings were showing good bloom on second year growth.

The gardens are located in the Greater Atlanta area, Athens, and Milledgeville, Georgia (Zone 7 and 8 plant hardiness) to insure optimum bloom.

The garden of Dean Day Smith, located north of Atlanta, is set apart in a split rail fence enclosed area with brick walks and gazebo. Surrounding her Dykes Medal bed are the guest irises among other perennial plantings. A short walk to the pond in front of the house rewards one with a view of Louisianas in bloom.

The city garden of Ken Duke has newly established timber-enclosed raised beds showing the irises off well. Next year's bloom should be outstanding.

Harry and Juanita Turner's garden in suburban Snellville is a well established garden filled with rhododendrons, roses, a large collection of his own irises and seedlings. The guest irises are along the driveway in special beds.

In the scenic town of Conyers is the Maurice and Laura Lewis garden. This is a nicely laid out iris garden with other plants interspersed. A decorative pond is being added to add to the beauty of the place.

Guest iris beds have been incorporated into the perennial garden at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia on the grounds of the University of Georgia. Jeannette Coplin, on the staff, oversees these plantings. These, along with the conservatory and native plant section, make an interesting stop.

In historic Milledgeville, Lockerly Arboretum has good bloom on the guest beds overlooking the large lotus pond where Louisianas and Siberians are planted on the banks and on a small island. A small museum and greenhouse may be seen, too. Elizabeth Threlkeld initiated the plantings now overseen by Murali Thirumal.

At the nearby gardens of the Yearwood and Watson families, the bearded and beardless irises grow very well. Spurias are a special treat. Their own irises, daylilies, and native azaleas add to the scene.

A trip through middle Georgia leads to Buck Creek Farm in Orchard Hill, south of Atlanta. The long driveway entrance is lined with Milt and Pauline Jellum's own collection of well grown irises with the farm's "pick-it-yourself" berry bushes and fruit trees behind. The guest irises are doing magnificently in raised beds between wide, straw-lined walkways.

Bill and Lucy Stewart's garden is located on two city lots in the Iris City of Griffin. Their garden is filled with well grown guests, their own irises, daylilies, and other perennials.

The Jean and Jerry Kopp home in nearby Jonesboro has landscaped beds with many unusual plants including a kiwi vine covering an arbor along with the guest irises. The home overlooks a large lake with a gazebo and dock. Whimsical topiary adorns the back lawn.

The Hawkins garden, also in Jonesboro, is planted with many varieties of irises and other perennials, making an interesting setting for special guest beds. Louisianas grow well here, too. Carolyn has many other convention "hats" in addition to tending a convention garden.

The guest irises planted at the convention hotel, the Waverly at the Galleria on the northern perimeter of Atlanta, are in a pleasant park adjoining the hotel. This should provide a chance to enjoy irises and exercise.

Guest irises in bloom here and in the Washington gardens that I found outstanding were: SUKY (Mahan '91); STARLIT VELVET (Stahly '91); SIGHS AND WHISPERS (Black '90); TRIPLE WHAMMY (Hager '90); ARIZONA HOLIDAY (Durrance '88); SUNPOLKA (Magee '91); OPEN ARMS (Byers '89); RAVEN ROCK (Carr '87); SMART ALEC (Gatty '88); ANN (Lineberger '88); AGNES HALE (Turner '86).

Others that were well received were: MOSTEST BB (Durrance '90); super with 3 stalks on 6 fans, 6-7 buds with blooms of rich gold; FASCINATOR (Hager '90); brown standards, bronze-gold falls, orange beards; GOD'S HANDIWORK (Ghio '91); very ruffled lavender with darker veins; CRYSTAL FLAIR (Stadler '91) well named and nice; FRENCH PERFUME (Moller '91); lovely pink CLUMP, first year! ALMADEN (Maryott '91) DARK and distinctive; GIRL NEXT DOOR (Black '91); older but still noticeable WINDSONG WEST (H. Nichols '88); DANCE WITH ME (Robinson '89); FROSTED SAPPHIRE (Niswonger '88); The MTB ZULA (K. Fisher '90) was lovely and growing well.

Some TB seedlings that were unique: 86-27D Keppel; 8404A Roderick; 84T19 Aitken; G 63-2 (Byers) did well in two gardens; H 80-3E (J. Hoage); 84-25-4 (J. Hedgecock); D 81-51-1 (Denney/McWhirter); D 86-40 (Durrance); B 84-858-10 (B. Dunn).

Beardless irises with distinction were: Louisianas: FLAME ON (Rowlan '87) dark rose-red with enormous gold signals; ICHABON (Faggard '86) rosy maroon with gold signals surrounded by cream echoing signal shape, ICE ANGEL (Faggard '88) a nice white; Spurias SONORAN CABELLERO, LOVE FOR LEILA, and PICHACHO PEAK by Floyd Wickenkamp were growing tall with large flowers; Siberian guests are establishing well, but bloom was late. CONTRAST IN STYLES (Hollingworth '89) with accent on the blue edged styles was striking.

We in Region Five feel sure our hospitality, gardens, and other convention surprises will make your trip memorable. Make plans now to join us in 1992.

## **“REGION FIVE COMES ALIVE IN '92” THE GARDENS**

Yvonne Ward Darnell

The 1991 pre-convention was enjoyed by all. The bloom was great and the guest irises showed excellent growth. The even dozen displayed gardens chosen for next year's convention are located throughout North Central Georgia.

1. Duke Garden—Ken Duke's front yard has been redone to accommodate all of his guest irises. Ken, in addition to being in charge of convention supplies, also designed the beautiful convention logo.
2. Smith Garden—The extensive, landscaped grounds at the home of Mrs. Deen Day Smith will feature a Dykes Medal Garden. Native plants and nature walkways surround the pond by the home.
3. Turner Garden—This is the garden of region five's best known hybridizer, Harry Turner, and his wife Juanita. They have an extensive garden which includes his seedling beds in Snellville. Their garden is sure to be a treat for viewing the latest irises.
4. Lewis Garden—Laura and Maurice Lewis have a garden that has been well cared for and additions have been made through the years. Laura was one of the first to offer a garden for the convention. Many beardless irises may be seen here in addition to the bearded.
5. Horticultural Gardens of the University of Georgia—Located 80 miles from Atlanta in Athens, this is a beautiful garden. After a short walk through the native flora garden, the annual-perennial gardens come into view. The rose and herb garden is on the left. As you continue by the many perennials bordering the walkways, you will see a display of AGNES HALE (Harry Turner) on your way to the Iris planting.

6. Lockerly Arboretum in Historic Milledgeville—The praise for this garden goes to Elizabeth Threlkeld, an Oconee Valley Iris Club and AIS member. Elizabeth has been instrumental in establishing, with Oconee Valley Iris Club help, several iris beds including Louisiana irises planted around the lake. The landscaped grounds include many trees, a small museum, and a greenhouse.
7. & 8. The Watson Garden and the Yearwood Garden—Also located in Milledgeville, these gardens will be a pleasure to visit. Siberian, spuria, Louisiana and bearded irises are growing well here. In addition, you will see daylilies, native azaleas, prize chickens and cows. They have done a lot of extra work to enhance their gardens for the convention.
9. Jellum Garden—This is a large farm devoted to pick-it-yourself berries of all varieties. Pauline sells irises and daylilies along with the berries ripe at their bloom time. The guest irises are in beds alongside the lush berry bushes and strawberry beds.
10. Stewart Garden—Bill and Lucy Stewart's garden is two nicely landscaped lots. Their own extensive collection of irises and daylilies makes a nice backdrop for the guest iris beds.
11. Hawkins Garden—Carolyn Hawkins is another Georgia Iris Society member who has been working in many capacities on the convention, yet she took the time to work on a tour garden. Carolyn has many unusual plants and many varieties of irises in addition to the guest irises which are planted in special beds.
12. Kopp Garden—Jean and Jerry Kopp are new AIS members kind enough to put their garden on tour. Besides the new iris beds, the garden includes many exotic plants such as a monkey puzzle tree, *Amorphophallus rivieri*, an odd type of arum that sends a five foot shoot that looks like a piece of dark red sculpture. Sprawling across the lawn is a larger than life topiary fox hunt scene. This garden is a real treat that will certainly be a topic for conversation.

The Waverly Hotel will have a master planting of guest irises. John Van Voorhis, horticulturist with the complex's staff, supervised these plantings.

Region 5 members have worked hard to make sure the 1992 convention will be a huge success. We would like to invite our fellow iris lovers to head south next April.