

Come See the Stars

**2003 American Iris Society National Convention
May 12-17, 2003**

Convention Headquarters: Fairview Park Marriott

3111 Fairview Park Drive; Falls Church, VA 22042

Exit: Washington Beltway (495) at junction of Route 50

(703) 849-9400; Toll Free: (1-800) 228-9290

Rates: \$109 plus 6.5% tax for 1-4 occupants. Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel and state that you are with the American Iris Society. **All rooms blocked for this convention will be released after April 22.** Because May is full-bore tourist season in the D.C. area, room availability cannot be guaranteed after this date, so reserve early. Check in time is 4:00 PM; check out time is 12:00 noon.

Registration Fees: Postmarked by March 31, 2003\$198.00
 Postmarked after March 31, 2003\$230.00
 Youth 18 and under \$140.00

Partial registration rates are available as advance registrations only:

Welcome Banquet only\$35.00
 Awards Banquet only\$35.00
 Garden tours (includes lunch)\$128.00

As a courtesy to tour garden owners, there will be no garden visits prior to the convention.

Optional Tours: One daytime tour (\$28) and one night tour (\$20) on May 13, 2003. See details below. Please include payment for optional tour fees in your registration check. **Cut-off date for optional tours is March 31.** While every effort will be made to provide full refunds, late cancellations may receive less than 100% reimbursement. **Registrations postmarked after April 30, 2003 will not be accepted.**

The choice of entree for the Welcome Dinner is **chicken** or **sea bass**; for the Awards Banquet **chicken** or **beef**. Vegetarian and diabetic plates are also available. Please include these choices and/or special dietary needs with your registration.

Make checks payable to: AIS Convention 2003
Mail registrations to: Anne & Mike Lowe
 12219 Zilles Road
 Blackstone, VA 23824-9394

Optional Day Tour, May 13, 2003

Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Departure Time: 1:00 PM. Cost per person: \$28.00

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation and guide service with licensed Washington guide.

Lincoln Memorial

It exemplifies the solidarity of the Union. The 36 marble columns represent the states of the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. Simply to mount the steps and enter the spacious chamber is to feel an overwhelming sense of awe.

Vietnam Memorial

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a symbol of the Nation's honor and recognition of the men and women of its armed services who served in the Vietnam War. The memorial is inscribed with the names of those who gave their lives or remain missing.

Korean War Memorial

An enduring and vivid expression of America's gratitude to the 143,000 men and women who were killed, wounded or lost in action during the war from 1950 to 1953.

Jefferson Memorial

Honoring our 3rd President whose views on Liberty and Democracy are inscribed on the walls of this beautiful monument.

FDR Memorial

One of the newest memorials in Washington, this stunning monument of stone, pools, waterfalls and statues is both extra serene and incredibly moving.

Iwo Jima Marine Memorial

This impressive memorial depicts the triumphant raising of the U.S. flag over Mt. Suribachi in 1945.

Arlington National Cemetery

Resting on a lush green hillside overlooking the city, the site was chosen by Abraham Lincoln as a burial place for soldiers during the Civil War. You will visit the Kennedy gravesite where the eternal flame marks the final resting place of JFK. You will also see the Changing of the Guards at the Tomb of the Unknowns which honors all Americans who have died in service to our country.

Optional Night Tour,**May 13, 2003****Time: 6:00 PM–10:00 PM****6:00 PM Departure.**

Cost per person: \$20.00

Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation and guide service with licensed Washington guide.

Lincoln Memorial:

It exemplifies the solidarity of the Union. The 36 marble columns represent the states of the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. Simply to mount the steps and enter the spacious chamber is to feel an overwhelming sense of awe at the heroic figure of the seated Lincoln.

The Jefferson Memorial:

Honoring our 3rd President whose views of Liberty and Democracy are inscribed on the walls of this monument.

Vietnam Memorial:

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John F. Kennedy Center:

See this magnificent memorial to our 34th President whose bronze bust dominates the Grand Foyer.

The Iwo Jima Marine Memorial:

This impressive memorial depicts the triumphant raising of the U.S. flag over Mt. Suribachi in 1945.



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Triennial	\$27.00
Dual	\$15.00
Dual Triennial	\$41.00
Outside USA	\$25.00

There will be one vote per paid membership at all business sessions

Membership dues collection periods will be June 30 or December 31

Remit to:

Tall Bearded Iris Society
P. O. Box 555
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

The Friendly Ones