



# The Newscast

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## Playing With Versicolors



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## The Region 4 Vice President Message

Here it is planting time again!

Like all of you, I have rhizomes to dig, divide and share.

But once again when planting time rolled around so too did accident time, and I broke my wrist! I fell while out walking the dog, tripping over her when she unexpectedly moved in front of me. This makes the third year in a row that an injury has interfered with my plans to revitalize my garden. But I have been surprised to see how much work I can do with my arm in a sling.

Whenever I go out into my garden, I am reminded of what a wonderful gift nature has given us in the iris. Named for the messenger of the Roman Gods, Iris, the plant truly deserves this honor, for the startling array of colors, and varied patterns of color on its blossoms. They offer enchantment to garden visitors and I am always delighted to have the opportunity to share these glorious flowers with other AIS members, neighbors, and friends whom I have interested in trying their hands at growing these lovelies.

One of my goals has been to encourage others to grow irises from our region 4 hybridizers. I am pleased to say that “Daughter of Stars,” “Autumn Rose,” and “Corn Dance” are on their way to South Dakota, Texas, and several other gardens in Virginia. I am eager to see whether my sister will have rebloom in her garden in Vermillion. I have added “Momma Rosemary” to my reblooming bed, and can’t wait to see if does as well as the other irises from Winterberry Gardens have done for me. Knowing the hybridizers is one of the special pleasures I have found in Region 4. So many fine plants have come out of gardens in the region, and Colin Campbell has sent pictures of his dozens of seedlings growing in pots. He certainly deserves all the support and encouragement we can give him, for he represents the future of our society.

I hope to that you will all attend the fall regional meeting which Mike Lockett is

planning for October. As the number of affiliates dwindles, it is more likely that regional meetings will be planned by individuals rather than by affiliates. I

know that Mike has worked hard to establish beds of rebloomers at various locations near his home, and we should all keep our fingers crossed that nature provides just the right weather for a spectacular fall display. It should be a colorful meeting.

And there is important business to attend to as well. The committee looking into the question of engaging a legal counsel for the region should have a report, and there are other bits of housekeeping that we need to attend to. Currently, for example, our bi-laws specify that the nominating committee should have representatives from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.. A careful check of the membership list finds only 2 members with D.C. addresses—one is a student soon to return to Texas and the other is the Smithsonian Institution, and of the four members .in

West., Va., none participates in regional meetings. Similarly, our bi-laws state that chairs of standing committees cannot also hold elective offices. Currently we are in violation of that rule. So the bi-laws need some tweeking. I guess I should appoint a committee and will try to have that done by the time we meet again.

So, happy planting.

See you in the fall.

Don Rude, RVP

## The Region 4 Assistant Vice President

Assistant Regional Vice President Report  
Region 4 AIS – Spring 2013  
Anita Moran

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those that will be putting on Regionals for Region 4 for the next few years.

-2013-

In Spring 2013—Don Rude and Ray Jones are hosting the Spring Regional in Christiansburg/Blacksburg, Virginia where we will be visiting the gardens of Don Rude and others in the area.

Fall 2013—Mike Lockett will be hosting the Fall 2013 Regional in Richmond, VA. Mike plans to have many of his public plantings open for us to see fall rebloom in the garden and plans several surprises.

-2014-

Spring 2014—The Francis Scott Key Iris Society will be hosting the Spring regional which will be centered in Timonium Maryland. There will be five gardens with a total of 177 cultivars from Region 4 to California.

Fall 2014—The Eastern North Carolina Iris Society will be hosting the Regional 10-11 October 2014 in Raleigh/Durham North Carolina.

-2015-

Spring 2015—The Central Virginia Iris Society will be hosting the Spring Regional from Richmond Virginia. This is exciting for we will be seeing all new gardens.

I am working to fill the schedule even more so think about what you would like to do to host a regional in your area. There are the following openings that I want to fill:

Fall 2015  
Spring 2016  
Fall 2016

We would love to come see your gardens and have some Iris fellowship with your members. Regionals are great places for your members to get to know their officers, board members and the many others members of the region. It also allows for the exchange of information, training not just for judges but those burning questions that your members might want answers to will have the ability to be answered just because of the font of knowledge of those that attend regionals. I hope you will all consider being a host of a future regional meeting.

During this Spring meeting hosted by Don Rude many were worried that there would be no bloom but Don's wife Carolyn provided us with another wonderful luncheon after looking at what was blooming in Don's garden. The tours don arranged were filled with wonderful ideas and plants we might have ignored if iris were blooming

Anita Moran  
Assistant RVP Region 4



Plants blooming at the Rude Garden Spring 2013

## FROM THE EDITOR

I need to ask each of you who belong to Region 4 of the AIS to think about the irises you have grown several time and have lost them or they have done poorly for you. Do you have an iris that does poorly but you are determined that it will live in your garden no matter what you have to do?

Please send me a note about your experienced. Give me facts, let others know how you have or have not been about to grow that special iris. That is task number one for all members.

Task number two is I want you all to think about the native soil you started with and how have you changed it over the year(s) to grow your bearded and beardless irises and have you found a mixture that works for all types of irises, please let me know and give me particulars. There are many new members that have the daunting task of creating new beds for their irises so let us help them out and give them a hand by telling of our experiences.

The Newscast is the number one download for the website and I would like you to understand that there are many people that have the same problems that you have and may

need your expertise in dealing with a particular situation. Think about it and please share your knowledge.

The Newscast is Region 4's bridge to the world and there is such a wealth of knowledge in this Region that it is a shame to waste.

As an addendum to this what are some information you would like? Bill Smoot is our Iris Program Resource Chair and if there is a program we need to make available to the membership we need to know that so let us know what you wish to learn about and let us help you.

Have a great fall and winter and I will write again in the Spring.

Anita Moran  
Newscast Editor

## Playing With Versicolors

By Anita Moran

I never thought much about beardless iris since most of my iris lust was geared toward arils and arilbreds and toward that goal I was determined that I would grow them in the Mid-Atlantic state of Maryland. It was suggested to me that I try



**Iris versicolor "Between The Lines"**  
Phot by Dennis Kramb



**Iris versicolor "Forest Hamaiti"**

some seeds from SIGNA (Species Iris Group of North America) and so I did. I was surprised that extra seed packets were sent one included a packet of versicolor seeds labeled 02N207 “Between the Lines” probably selfed. Okay, what the heck I was planting seeds anyway. I was surprised that I saw my first aril-bred seedling bloom a year before I saw a versicolor seedling bloom. I had not seen “Between The Lines” in person, or any other versicolor prior to seeing several of the seedlings bloom.

The first to bloom was a white with green veining that I had never seen in an iris and that drove me to investigate. “Between the Lines” was also a white versicolor with blue violet lines and dots and a very small yellow signal that did not detract from the pure white of the flower. “Forest Hamaiti” as the green veined one would be named

was dainty, white with a large bright canary yellow signal and green veining that turned to pale blue violet at the edges of the falls. It was so dainty that I immediately loved it.



**Iris versicolor 02N207 Seedlings**

The next several blooms were typical of versicolor or in the wild other than slight color variations ranging from dark violet to pale lavender. Some seemed more robust than others but still maintained the dainty quality of its white siblings.

Due to space concerns as they developed several of the seedlings were moved to a pond area. For some reason these bloomed a year later than the rest of the seedlings. I can only assume that it was because these were in pots. The first of these to bloom was also a white with pale lavender veins but unlike most of the versicolor this

## Playing With Versicolors (Cont.)



*Iris versicolor* "Angel Of The Pond"

seedling had flared falls and was later named "Angel Of The Pond" received the Region 4 "Alice Bouldin award sponsored by Eastern North Carolina Iris Society and given to best seedling seen growing in a garden at the regional meeting. The flaring of the falls of this seedling actually got me interested in seeing if it could continue this effect in its seedling.

After playing with seeds most seedlings were typical of *Iris versicolor* and found their way to compost or wetland areas around the property but I was discouraged by the three year wait to see the results of seeds which were dried and then potted for winter. Two years ago on Facebook and Iris Talk people began to talk about planting green seeds. Green seeds are those taken from a ripened pod and placed directly into soil for germination. Versicolors were the first iris I tried using this method on and again used seeds from "Angel Of The Pond" since it always seemed to set seeds. Two years later I got bloom and was extremely pleased with the results. The first seedling to open was again a white but with so much baby blue veining that the overall effect



"Angel Of The Pond Seedling "11AOPop01

looked like the entire flower was baby blue. The two other seedlings to bloom were sneaky as they bloomed in pots placed in a shade area awaiting a place in the garden. Unfortunately I was not expecting them to bloom and only saw them when the last blooms were on their last legs so I cannot include photos here. What was surprising was that one looked similar to its pod parent except that it was not flared but the other was red. Both of these have since been placed in more advantageous parts of the garden to see what happens.

Versicolors are a wonderful iris to start from seed either from dried or green. Even in their natural state they are elegant, and can withstand a wide variety of conditions. Mine started in regular garden soil and those in wetlands and ponds also did well. Other than maintaining the same or similar soil used for Siberians, Versicolors are a great addition to the garden.

**Region 4 Membership Report By Quarter**  
**As of March 31,2013**  
**By Mac Shawe, Membership Chair**

	Memberships	Members	Ememberships	Large Drops *
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012	296	338	7	*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012	305	357	14	*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012	330	378	17	*
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2012	316	366	24	18
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013	281	328	29	43

\* Not Available

\*\* Drops 2010-82

**PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET FOR REGION 4**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Printing and Mailing two (2) Issues of Newscast	\$2000.00
RVP Travel Expenses	600.00
Membership Committee - M. Shawe	100.00
Memorials	300.00
AIS Youth Program	100.00
Web Page	150.00
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3550.00</b>

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**A.I.S. REGION 4**  
**October 19, 2012 to April 26 2013**

**Checking Account Balance on October 19, 2012:** **\$14,782.22**

**Receipts:**

Fall 2012 Regional Meeting Registrations:	\$250.00
Fall 2012 Regional Meeting Auction:	\$728.00
Spring 2013 Regional Meeting Registrations:	\$1,110.00
Donations:	
Central Virginia Iris Society:	\$300.00
Charlotte Iris Society:	\$300.00
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society:	\$400.00
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society	\$500.00
Hampton Roads Iris Society Cessation Funds:	\$779.02
Newscast Subscription:	\$5.00
Checking Account Interest:	\$0.66

**Total Receipts:** **\$4,372.68**

**Expenditures:**

Fall 2012 Regional Meeting Expenses:	
Virginia Zoo:	
Meeting Expenses:	\$150.00
March 2013 <i>Newscast</i> Printing & Mailing:	\$852.55
Spring 2013 Regional Meeting Expenses:	\$641.65
Ribbons for Spring 2013 Show:	
Fall 2013 Regional Meeting Expenses:	\$63.00
Brighton Green Community Association - Deposit:	
	\$200.00

**Total Expenditures:** **\$1,907.20**

**Checking Account Balance on April 26, 2013:** **\$17,247.70**

## **JUDGES TRAINING REPORT Spring 2013**

### **by Carrie Winters**

Since the 2012 Fall Regional Meeting in Norfolk, the AIS Board has met and approved the recommendations from the region with one exception. Region 4 is proud that the exception was the election of Robert Pries to emeritus status. To achieve this status means that Carol Warner, Anne Lowe, Mike Lowe and now Bob Pries have each made substantial contributions to the iris world well beyond their affiliate and region.

Repeating information from the fall JT report is redundant, but bears repeating to continue to improve compliance with the rules and guidelines of AIS. For some time the web site has included a list of all Region 4 Judges as well as seven forms that will be helpful to judges to assure the accuracy of your annual Activity Report. There is a form to be completed by the Candidate (Student) when one wishes to begin JT, plus other forms re the various stages in the JT process. Finally there is a form for your personal record of training so that when the Activity Report is due, your classes will already be compiled. It will be helpful to get in the habit of using the web site, [www.IrisesRegion4.com](http://www.IrisesRegion4.com), for your JT experience.

An additional suggestion for improving the JT process includes checking with the Region 4 JT Chair before scheduling any JT, especially regional training. Not only is this indicated in the Handbook, but it helps assure diversity of topics and instructors – both of which contribute to improved quality of judging.

A clarification regarding what constitutes JT appears to be in order. I quote from the AIS Handbook, page 3: “An approved judges’ training class is defined as a structured in-classroom or in-garden instruction for two or more participants, presented by a fully accredited AIS judge.” A participant needs to be a member of AIS who is either a candidate or a judge receiving refresher training.

Our goal is to provide training opportunities for candidates and judges so that the overall judging process in the region is of high quality. This includes the judging that each judge does when completing the ballot. Remember the results from the ballot help determine the irises which I ultimately will be recommended to the public for growing.

Keep learning and keep growing.  
Carrie Winter, Region 4 JT Chair

# The Hahn by Anita Moran

Our Spring Garden tours began by driving to the Hahn Horticultural Garden on the Virginia Tech Campus. There visitors had an opportunity to buy plants offered for sale at the annual plant sale sponsored by the College of Agriculture to benefit the Hahn but the pond at the center held my fascination. After checking out the sale which was held at the



camellia "April Tryst"

As much as I loved watching the Koi spots of color caught my eyes like the camellia "April Tryst. The bright red against dark shining leaves really stood out. A large



Fothergilla major of these was very large and actually looked like the white koi was coming up for a treat.

Fothergilla major was planted next to the pond and took up a good portion of one end and was covered with white flowers with green centers. One of the coolest things around the pond are the rock formations. One

Could not stay long and as soon as we rounded up everyone we were on the go again.



Jacob A. Lutz Teaching Greenhouse Complex, I moseyed over to the pond where the Koi seeing all the people so near the water rushed between the groups looking for hand out. The pond is fed by a



spring that travels through the area lined by small gardens and other plantings. This was great for me since I was trying to photograph

them. Bonita Masteller and Griff Crump were pond edge for their discussion while Charlotte Kabler, Ruth Holbrook and Carrie Winter decided the benches were an ideal place to sit and relax and enjoy the quiet.



Bonita Masteller and Griff Crump



Ruth Holbrook and Carrie Winter



Charlotte Kabler

# Felice Proctor Garden

By Anita Moran

The home of Felice Proctor, a retired theater professor and president of Southside Garden Club, who maintains two gardens. Arriving at the first garden the day was overcast and chilly, with the threat of rain very real. The Proctor home would have looked perfect as a southern plantation house with its tall front columns and large windows. A dogwood created just enough shade to allow for a small shade garden in the front consisting of bleeding hearts that was offset with a single bright red tulip.

As we went to the back of the house we were under the close scrutiny of the Proctor Guard Cat. Using a large vase to peer at us in supposed secret just to watch to make sure nothing changed in his back yard. The rear garden beds show hellebores in full bloom along with a tree ring of grape hyacinths around a dogwood in full bloom. Among the mixes bulb bed along the entrance to the basement was the most gorgeous orange tulip I had ever seen. In fact I do not think I have ever seen such a clear orange color on a tulip. Across the patio entrance was another large clump of tulips except these were baby pink and I would guess they were the color of “Beverly Sills”. Along the edge of the lawn was a mixture of grape hyacinths, hostas and tall double white daffodils that split only to allow a walk way to intersect its simplistic beauty.

The birds could find food and bath in front of a newly established build bed where red and yellow tulips were making an appearance. Although there were no iris in bloom this visit was well worth it if only to see the tulips.



▲ Proctor House



◀ Bleeding heart bed with single tulip

Proctor Guard  
Kitty ▶



◀ Buld bed with orange tulips

## Felice Proctor Garden (cont.)

The second Proctor garden was just a quick walk down the rode but I drove instead. In the front of the house around a large oak, across the yard and down the street side of the property was a perennial bulb garden with tulips, daffodils, purple woodland hyacinths, and grape hyacinths. Among al these were iris leaves and a strange looking plant that looked like an umbrella without its cloth and just down from that it looked like a Texas milkweed. Thanks to Francis Thrash and Bill Smoot they identified it as a hellebore so it was easy to look up and find what type. After seeing the name “stinking hellebores” (*Helleborus foetidus*) I decided that perhaps I might not want it in my garden. It looked on the side of the house as if a new garden was in the works and close to being completed. As we came around the backside of the house the bed continued with hostas and bleeding hearts added to the mix.

Being across from a school I think this garden would be a great introduction to the students as they passed by and saw the seasonal progression of the garden. I have to wonder how many of the children were inspired.



▲ Stinking hellebores without bloom



▶ Stinking hellebores with bloom



New bed with new plants being placed



Tulips and wood hyacinths in roadside garden

# Elisa Steeves' Garden

By Anita Moran

Elisa Steeves' garden, a retired high school horticulture teacher whose gardens have been featured in *Southern Living* and *Horticulture*. She maintains a large garden extending over two properties and onto the bank of the creek that passes behind her home. Her plants include unusual Japanese maples, carnivorous plants, and tropical areas along with annuals and perennials and roses. Fanciful folk art and water gardens add to the appeal of this garden which is a "Blacksburg Treasure". All of that is perfectly true but it is not enough. All of you must realize by now that I am a garden art fanatic and this garden was fanatic's dream come true. By calling this a garden or even two gardens of the two properties is a misnomer, the Steeves' garden is a collection of many and varied gardens that takes you from fiction to fantasy to conventional beds. Although I will put as much as I can in this article there is just too much to see that no amount of pictures or descriptions could do it justice.

Before we even entered the properties (the second was purchased for her mother-in-law), a wooden mailbox post was decorated with ravens and a metal vine of the same color. Being a Baltimore Raven's fan thoughts quickly went through my head but those were broken up as more people arrived. Among both properties was a collection of various types of Japanese maples that Elisa said was for when she can no longer garden she still has the maples to enjoy. From small to state-ly, from standard to lace leaf, brown stems to red, and from the palest green to deepest red and just to offset these were a variety of dogwoods including a variegated species, all of that seen even before we entered wonderland.



Raven's Entrance at Steeves' Garden



Variegated dogwood tree at Steeves' Garden



Hypertufa Gardens

## Elisa Steeves' Garden (cont.)

Our first sight when we entered the space between the Steeves' home and the Mother-In-Law's home was an extensive collection of Hypertufa containers of various shapes and sizes filled with interesting plants and some included bones in or leaning against the small gardens. Throughout the gardens were containers of all sizes and materials from large Hypertufa with small pines to black garden pots settled within a sewer pipe awaiting a plant. As we entered the second property, as I stated before there was not just one continuous garden but several different gardens. Following a path between the two home you were met but leafing out hydrangeas, pines, lace leafed red Japanese maple and a dogwood all melding together in harmony and each with plantings around and beneath so that your eyes never stopped moving.

The first garden art that floored me were a pair of metal phoenix sculptured mounted on thick  $\frac{3}{4}$ " rebar which appears to be a favorite medium throughout the gardens but I digress. The largest feature in the front yard is a large shade garden under a sprawling oak. Hostas, bleeding hearts, trillium, ginger, hellebores, double hellebores and many other plants fill the area and at last everyone finally arrives for the tour. As we go back we see a very unique wine rack, maybe better said a rack for empty blue wine bottles just standing in front of another maple just to give an accent. Along the porch, in the beds, on the patio are multitudes of garden art from fish apparently swimming the edges of one small garden bed, a collection of monster mouths on the porch and an rebar spider in the middle of another bed.



Various Hypertufa gardens



Entrance to Mother-in-laws' gardens



Steeves' Garden Phoenix garden art



◀ Trillium



▼ Double hellebores



◀ Jack-in-the-pulpit



Garden wine rack ▶



Steeves' Shade Garden



◀ garden fish



Region 4 arrives at Steeves' Garden



Rebar spider ▶



## Elisa Steeves' Garden (cont.)

In the rear of the properties were a collection of gardens each different and unique and each with either a gazebo or arbor of some type all made of rebar, most had color coordinated towers of the same material.

The first garden was a green garden where the path was lawn with green painted heirloom chairs with a leaf and flower pattern and matching green container. This was the one that had a wood arbor with a wisteria just beginning to leaf out. Next to it was the blue garden with a large blue stylized gazebo, blue towers and blue bench seating. The flooring was a slab and though there were plenty of iris there was not a bloom stalk to be seen. Next to the gazebo was a large blue pot with 3" bamboo stalks each topped with metal objects like fish and feathers. The second green garden was next with a flagstone base a green bench with matching table and green rebar arch with a climbing rose nearly three quarters of the way across. Next to it was the red garden with a oriental style metal pipe arch, red towers and lattice wall but the red bench was not completely red but had slats that were green and yellow as well. The flooring of this area was so simple yet complete I had to take a close up to see how she got it to work so well. The area was edge with metal then red bricks were set in the pattern and between the bricks pea gravel filled the spaces.

There was also a Birdhouse garden with all shape, color and size with purple rebar towers for accent. Further into the woods at the back of the properties I found were old bowling balls go, to the bowling ball forest. I have seen people who have made the solar system were various size balls that float around each other well this is NOT like those. Each bowling ball, no matter the color or pattern, was set on thick rebar painted light green to match the early green color of new spring growth on the plants that surrounded the area, at varying heights that still gave you the impression of a solar system just not ours. This was very cool to see and not something I would ever think of.



Green Garden #1 and Blue Garden



Bambo and blue tower



Red Garden and Green Garden #2



Red Garden walkway



Bowling Ball Garden



Green towers with birdbath and bathtub



Birdhouse Garden

## Elisa Steeves' Garden (cont.)

As we came up behind the main house from the bowling ball garden we entered a more traditional garden build in layer with brick or stone paths which were the host of evergreens, the ever present Japanese maples, bulbs, annuals and even one unnamed standard dwarf that was attempting to open for us. At the upper reaches was the side yard that was filled with more plants than I could name, a pond with the afore mentioned metal fox, four chimney stacks with walkway stons topping them and with unusual stone display. As we were leaving we saw the solution that we all need and that was what to do with a dead plant. Alas I am sure none of us thought of this but why not pull it up clean it trim it and paint it with an appropriate color and stick it back in the ground. Works for me.

There were so many ideas in the Steeves' garden my mind was reeling by the time we left but I could not wait to get back to the hotel and look at the pictures. I just love regionals when we get to see such strange and spectacular sight as get ideas from so artfully inspired people.



Metal fox at water



Side of house Garden



Backyard Traditional Garden



◀ Unknown dwarf iris trying to bloom



Sewer pipe planters and dead tree art

# JSRCC SEES EARLY SUMMER REBLOOM

By

**Mike Lockett**

**AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman  
2013 AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting Host**

Nature can be cruel to dedicated iris gardeners. Growing conditions favored “once in a lifetime” rebloom in 2012. Spring bloom was a month ahead of schedule. Early tall bearded varieties saw early April flowering. Incredible!! Mild night temperatures in May and June allowed reliable reblooming bearded irises to bloom in summer and fall. Some standouts actually began their second flowering sequences towards the end of May. Their continuous bloom did not end until first hard frost in early November. Wow!!

Central Virginia saw more predictable bloom this spring stretching from late April through mid-May for the tall bearded class. Mild weather resulted in flower longevity, but peak bloom was somewhat diminished by nagging daily rain showers. The Richmond area

continued to experience below normal night temperatures in late May and early June, but rebloom has been sporadic particularly at my trial plantings at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Goochland, VA.



The late Sterling Innerst’s last tall bearded rebloom introductions continue their impressive performance there. Again & Again (Innerst, 1999), a blocky medium yellow with nice ruffling and Over & Over (Innerst, 2000) with lavender plicata blooms have traded bloomstalks on two clumps since the end of June. Pink Attraction (Hall, 1988) and Gate of Heaven (Zurbrigg, 2004) had developing bloomstalks in July’s final week. Median rebloomers in flower during this period were SDBs What Again (Ensminger, 1991) and Baby Blessed (Zurbrigg, 1979) plus IB I’ll Be Back (Aitken, 2004).



Again & Again  
(Innerst, 1999),

Over & Over  
(Innerst, 2000)



Pink Attraction  
(Hall, 1988)

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College early rebloom



## JSRCC SEES EARLY SUMMER REBLOOM (Cont.)

Consistent heat, humidity and moisture during June and July in the Richmond area have been a perfect environment for nasty bearded iris diseases. Southern Blight or Crown Rot (*Sclerotium rolfsii*) has been detected after being silent for many years.

Spherical sclerotia or mustard seeds appear on dead leaves or at the base of fans. These fruiting bodies must be eliminated to avoid future outbreaks. A chlorine bleach drench is the easiest way to obtain control without using fungicides. Repeat treatment is recommended. Consult your local Cooperative Extension Office for further information.

Bacterial leaf spot has also shown up in one of my rebloom plantings. According to John Weiler in the *World of Irises*, “it is easily confused with fungal leaf spot.” The difference between the two bearded iris afflictions is “the spots caused by (*Xanthomonas tardicrescens*) are larger and more confined to the leaf margins. In severe infestations, the entire upper leaf may die.” After consulting with Chesterfield County, VA Extension Agent, Dr. T. Michael Likins, I have been spraying affected plants with a copper fungicide on a seven day rotation. Bonide®

Liquid Copper Fungicide Concentrate is used by organic gardeners and also controls powdery mildew, black spot and rust. Treatments help, but don't eradicate the bacterium. Dry weather is the ultimate cure.

Bacterial Soft Rot (*Erwinia carotovora*) has been present too. Anti-Bacterial Soap with Triclosan® applied to affected areas is a good control measure. This bacterium favors acidic soils. Take a soil test and maintain a PH 6.5 to 7.0 with proper liming.

If current weather trends improve to put the above disease outbreaks at bay, there is still plenty of time for mature clumps to recover and initiate late summer and fall rebloom. I look forward to seeing you at this year's AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting to be held in Richmond on October 18th and 19th. There will surely be at least a surprise or two for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to bring bloomstalks for the flower show. It is a great way to encourage our fellow gardeners to try reblooming irises in the suburban landscape.



Examples of Southern Blight or Crown Rot (*Sclerotium rolfsii*)

## VIRGINIA HAS REBLOOM SPECTACULAR

From Mike Lockett  
AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman

Reblooming bearded irises still face obstacles towards their acceptance particularly by the general gardening public. Mass market distribution to big box retailers continues to further cloud the issue. Questionable selections end up discouraging enthusiastic homeowners and landscape professionals. Can reblooming irises be reliable or are they just another promotional gimmick? Garden results for 2012 provide a ray of hope.

This past year's growing season was unique. Winter was unseasonably mild. Spring came early, so perennials, shrubs and trees bloomed ahead of schedule. Tall bearded flowering on rebloom varieties commenced in early April. The consequences for early bloom are usually devastating, but my Central Virginia display gardens somehow seemed to sidestep mid-month late frosts.

Spring bloom was over prior to Mother's Day. By the third week in May, surprises awaited me in my rebloom display plantings at J Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Goochland, VA. Bloomstalks were emerging on tall bearded Again & Again (Innerst, 1999), Gate of Heaven (Zurbrigg, 2004), Northward Ho (Zurbrigg, 1991), Over & Over (Innerst, 2000), Pink Attraction (E. Hall, 1988), Queen Dorothy (E. Hall, 1984), Starring Encore (D. Spoon, 2008) and Sunny Disposition (Zurbrigg, 1991). Medians reblooming in late May were IB I'll Be Back (Aitken, 2004), MTB Lady Emma (F. Jones, 1986), IB Midsummer Night's Dream (Baumunk, 1999), Rosalie Loving (D. Spoon, 2003) and SDB Sailboat Bay (Zurbrigg, 2004). The final curtain on the show did not fall until early November hard frosts. Incredible!!

Rebloom Reports from Lois Rose (FAIS), Colin Campbell (C&P) plus Ginny & Don Spoon (C&P) indicated similar results in their gardens. The common threads in each case were tall bearded Again &

Again, Pink Attraction and Over & Over plus medians Lady Emma and SDB Senorita Frogg (D. Spoon, 2002). As in May, the night temperature trigger remained in place during June in Goochland. Distinct periods of 60°F or less appeared throughout the month in the Richmond metro area. Adequate moisture was another important ingredient driving performance. Twenty-six varieties out of 52 planted at JSRCC were in bloom heading into the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.



Starring Encore  
(D. Spoon,  
2008)

Sunny Disposition  
(Zurbrigg, 1991).



Senorita Frogg  
(D. Spoon,  
2002)

## VIRGINIA HAS REBLOOM SPECTACULAR (Cont.)

Temperatures returned to normal for the remainder of the summer, but daytime heat hardly curbed continued rebloom. C & P's Colin Campbell had summer flowers on TBs Feedback (Hager, 1983), Clarence (Zurbrigg, 1991), Starring Encore, Daughter of Stars (D. Spoon, 2001), Liquid Amber (G. Spoon, 2003), City Lights (Dunn, 1991), Cantina (Byers, 1990), Peachberry Swirl (D. Spoon, 2001), Tennessee Gentleman (S. Innerst, 1991) and Spirit of Figi (Zurbrigg, 1985). Colin had similar results on medians Senorita Frogg, SDB Baby Blessed (Zurbrigg, 1979), SDB Purple Joy (D. Spoon, 2009) IB Prince of Burgundy (Niswonger, 1993) and SDB Gingerbread Man (B. Jones, 1969). The Rose garden had summer bloomstalks on TBs Anxious (Hager, 1992) Immortality (Zurbrigg, 1985), September Replay (F. Jones, 1992), Golden Encore (F. Jones, 1973) and Northward Ho. Medians in flower were Senorita Frogg, Lady Emma, IB Hot Glow (Tasco, 2006), Sailboat Bay and IB Lo Ho Silver (Byers, 1989).

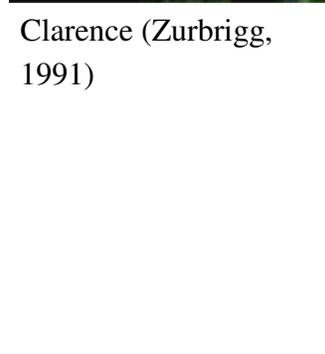
Heading into early fall, the Campbell and Rose gardens continued to sparkle. Colin found significant performance on tall bearded Daughter of Stars, Bountiful Harvest (Hager, 1991), Earl of Essex (Zurbrigg, 1980), I I Stutter (Kanarowski, 2012), Corn Dance (D. Spoon, 2008) and Margaret Wilson (D. Spoon, 2009). Lois found exceptional flowering on TBs Lunar Whitewash (Innerst, 2003), Queen Dorothy, Soda Fountain Shuffle (Lockatell, R2009), Born Again (B. Miller, 1978) and Gate of Heaven. Medians with solid performance were IB I Bless (Zurbrigg, 1985) and SDB Sky Willow (D. Spoon, 2005).

The JSRCC display planting reflects my efforts to place reblooming irises in public settings. Similar display beds have been planted at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden in James City County, VA and at Maymont Park in metro Richmond. All work, materials and travel expenses were donated. With the exception

of Maymont Park, your Region 4 Reblooming Chairman spent 100 plus hours caring for these plantings. Growing conditions varied at each location. There were however some interesting common denominators. TBs Lunar Whitewash and Northward Ho were consistent performers at all three sites. Likewise, only four varieties out of 52 failed to rebloom at JSRCC. Since the horticulture department faculty there is headed by landscape industry professionals, rebloom's outstanding performance did not go unnoticed.



Liquid Amber (G. Spoon, 2003)



Clarence (Zurbrigg, 1991)



Hot Glow (Tasco, 2006)



## VIRGINIA HAS REBLOOM SPECTACULAR (Cont.)

Despite having meager rainfall throughout the growing season in King George, VA, Rosalie and Jack Loving had mid-October flower on some familiar tall bearded and median remontants. TBs *Again & Again*, *Matrix* (E. Hall by Zurbrigg, 1991) & *Queen Dorothy* put on a nice show. Medians strutting their floral prowess were *Baby Blessed*, *I Bless*, *Lo Ho Silver* and *Rosalie Loving* (D. Spoon, 2003). Even though the FAIS members had later bloom due to weather, they still reported results on some of the best performing varieties in the Region. Well done!!

Nanette Morrison at Celtic Gardens in Charlottesville, VA had exceptional rebloom on *Immortality*. She reported bloomstalks in early May, late August and throughout September. The well-known Zurbrigg tall bearded variety definitely found a happy home at that address. Region 4 Treasurer and long-time FSK member Carol Warner had summer flower on TB *Silver Dividends* (Zurbrigg, 1991). Don Rude, Region 4 RVP and Blacksburg, VA resident started seeing initial fall bloom on *Gate of Heaven*. *Daughter of Stars* flowered for six weeks until early November frosts ended its stunning show. Don saw significant bloomstalks on *Corn Dance* and *Matrix*. He also reported flowering on two Lockett tall bearded seedlings sent for a recent Region 4 Spring Meeting. 20556 is a pale pink and 20229BB-P&T has a peachy coloring. The later was a guest in the 2012 AIS National Convention master planting in California. It rebloomed for Re-blooming Iris Recorder Carole Buchheim there.

Near perfect growing conditions drove substantial rebloom in Virginia and throughout Region 4. The big news is newer introductions released over the past decade are consistently showing up in yearly reporting. From a breeding standpoint, pollen daubers can be assured subsequent seedling populations will have more reliable fall blooming individuals from these varieties. These hopefuls will also reflect coveted mod-

ern flower form and a better range of colorings and patterns. As new seedlings have more generations of rebloom parents behind them, the late Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg's ultimate goal of reliable summer rebloom seems within reach. Rebloomers may have indeed finally turned the corner in their quest for public acceptance.



Rosalie Loving  
(D. Spoon, 2003)

Gate of Heaven  
(Zurbrigg, 2004)



Daughter of Stars (D.  
Spoon, 2001),

## AFFILIATE REPORTS



### C&P President's Report, May 2013

Our new youth member, Colin Campbell was named the first runner up for the Cosgrove Award this year. Congratulations Collin. Collin has only been a member of C&P and AIS for a short while, but already he has been active in recruiting new members, hybridizing, taking judge's training, writing articles and giving talks on irises to local garden clubs. Colin also had a Walk and Talk in his garden on April 13th, where he talked about irises and sold a good bit of them also.

C&P has had its first meeting this year on March 30th, at the Coach and Horses Tea Room in Winchester. Many of our youth members and their families attended, and after the delightful meal Ginny gave a presentation on how to groom and stage irises for a show. The show will be held this spring in Winchester at the Opequon Presbyterian Church in their Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 11th. We will have a potluck lunch and afterwards everyone is invited to come to the Campbell garden and Winterberry Gardens to see the irises in bloom.

Our plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th at Oatlands Plantation from 10-3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Spoon  
President, C&P Iris Society

### CVIS AFFILIATES REPORT

The Central Virginia Iris Society consists of forty members fourteen of whom are AIS members. Eight members of CVIS attended the fall regional in Norfolk.

CVIS held its annual harvest dinner in November followed by a round robin discussion of member's past years successes and failures in the garden.

Our January program was presented by Anita Moran on 'Aril and Arilbred Irises'. With the information that was provided by Anita, our members seem to be ready to try growing Aril's in the central Virginia area. Following the program a planning meeting took place to set the agenda for the coming year.

In March the program was on 'Species Iris' presented by Bob Pries. This appeared to be an eye opener to many of our members as to the diversity of the genus iris. Following the program a discussion on revising the by-laws and preparing for our spring iris show took place.

On the weekend of April 6th and 7th CVIS manned a booth at Strange's Florist and Gardening Center's "Blooming Days". Literature was available for public and CVIS members was available to answer question.

CVIS iris show is coming up on Saturday, May 4th and will be held at Strange's Florist and Gardening Center. The May program will be the annual picnic.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Rosini,  
President, Central Virginia Iris Society

## AFFILIATE REPORTS

### FSK Spring 2013 Affiliate Report

At our board meeting and pot luck in January, which was held in my home, we did a lot of work in finalizing our schedule for 2013 and finalized many plans for the 2014 Spring Regional. Ginny Spoon graciously consented to come to talk about Standard Dwarf iris and Miniature Dwarf Iris which was held at the Charred Rib in Timonium. We made sure that everyone attending had a current schedule including the regional information for the Regional meeting in Blacksburg. Our shows are scheduled for May 18, 2013 for the bearded and June 15, 2013 for the beardless. To give a preview to the FSK members we will have open gardens on Saturday May 25, 2013. The morning will be dedicated to Carol Warner's and Joan Miller's Garden then in the afternoon the gardens of Dave Oktavec, Dave and Vicki Piasecki and my own, will be open. It will give everyone a chance to see the guest irises we received. Our two rhizome sales will be July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Watson's Garden Center in Timonium and The Dutch Plant Farm in Fredrick respectively. Our Summer board meeting and picnic will be on August 3, 2013 at Carol Warner's home and our fall meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> which ends our meeting schedule for the year.

Of the 583 plants received for the 2014 Regional representing 177 cultivars, averaging 120 plants per garden, there have been very few losses over all so the Spring Regional in 2014 should have great bloom. We are excited since two new gardens will be on display. We received verification from Anna and David Cadd that they will be attending baring illness on Dave's part. I received power point presentations from Anna that she gave last fall and I am very excited to heard what she has for us.

### Francis Scott Key Iris Society 2013 Schedule

Spring Meeting -	April 6, 2013 - will be judges training on Dwarf by Ginny Spoon. The Charred Rib
AIS National Convention - Dallas Texas	April 15 – 20, 2013
Region 4 Regional - Blacksburg Virginia	April 26-27 2013
Spring Meeting	
Bearded Show – Shops at Kenilworth	May 18, 2013 – at
Garden Tours -	May 25, 2013 <b>9:30-12:00 Carol Warner, Joan Miller</b> <b>1:00-4:00 Anita Moran, Dave and Vicki Piasecki, Dave and Darla Oktavec</b>
Beardless Show – Shops at Kenilworth with artistic display	June 15, 2013 – at
Rhizome Sale Towson – Watson's Garden Center	July 13, 2013 – Wat-
Rhizome Sale Fredrick – Plant Farm	July 20, 2013 – Dutch
Summer Picnic and Board Meeting – Warner's home Upperco Maryland	August 3, 2013 – Carol
Fall Meeting – sibly New Freedom Café'	October 5, 2013 – Pos-
Region 4 Regional - North Chesterfield, Virginia	October 11-12, 2013

Respectfully Submitted

Anita Moran, President FSK

**NEWSCAST REPORT**

I have to apologize to all for I had a very good Newscast report all typed up and well after talking with several people and due to happenings during the winter I had to rewrite the entire report over again. I will not be stepping down as Newscast Editor.

Although I have not given up bothering the entire Region 4 membership to write something for the Newscast and it is a HUGE undertaking, it has come to mean something very special to me so I will continue.

Having said that I need to ask each of you what you would like to see in Newscast and what type of information do you need?

The Newscast does little good if you do not get something out of it so let me know what you need.

Respectfully Submitted  
Anita Moran, Editor Newscast

**Web Master Report**

Well we continue to have great traffic to the Region 4 website with an average of 7500+ hits a month to the sight and that is during the slowest part of the year, late Fall to Winter. The largest draw continues to be the board, affiliate pages and photo pages. The greatest number of downloads continues to be the News cast and in a month the March 2008 issue continues to draw big with 47 downloads in January alone. The February 2011 is second with 34 downloads in January. The Affiliate pages are getting hits as well from people searching and I expect to get more traffic from the contact page as soon as Spring arrives so be prepared to address questions from contacts in your area. I need people from Region 4 to post on the Region 4 Facebook page to draw even more to the site.

Respectfully Submitted  
Anita Moran, Webmaster

Summary by Month										
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# Minutes Spring 2013

## AIS Region4 Spring Board Meeting

Holiday Inn-99 Bradley Rd.

Christiansburg, Va.

April 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by RVP Don Rude at 2:30 pm. with a welcome to everyone attending.

### **Secretary's Report- Sue Shackelford**

The 2012 Fall Secretary's Report was published in the Spring 2013 issue of Newscast. RVP, Don Rude asked for a motion to accept the Fall 2012 minutes as they were printed in the Newscast. Lois Rose moved the minutes be accepted as printed, it was seconded by Anita Moran and RVP, Don Rude stated minutes stood as printed and approved.

### **Treasure's Report – Carol Warner**

Carol Warner read the treasurer's report . Beginning balance \$14,782.22. Receipts \$4,372.68 and expenditures \$1,907.20. Balance as of April 26, 2013 of \$17,247.70 in the checking account. Bill Smoot made a motion to accept the report and Carrie Winter seconded the motion. Report was accepted. There was discussion on what to do with the funds that had been sent to Carol as a result of the Hampton Roads affiliate disbanding. Anita Moran made a motion that we keep the money in our Region 4 treasury to assist the formation of a new affiliate if that should present itself. Ray Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Assistant RVP's Report- Anita Moran**

Fall 2013 Regional meeting to be hosted by Mike Lockett in North Chesterfield, Va. The Spring 2014 Regional meeting will be hosted by Francis Scott Key affiliate in the Timonium, Maryland area. The Fall 2014 Regional meeting will be hosted by Eastern North Carolina affiliate in the Raleigh/Durham area. The Spring 2015 Regional meeting will be hosted by the Central Virginia Iris Society in Richmond. The Fall 2015 meeting is still open for volunteers. The Spring 2016 meeting will be hosted by the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society and the Fall of 2016 is still open. Anita thanked Don for hosting this meeting in Christiansburg without a club to help him and thanked those who plan to host a meeting in the future. Ray Jones motioned to accept the report as stated and Carol Warner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RVP, Don Rude, called for the following Committee Reports:

**Historian- Lois Rose-** No Report

### **Beardless & Species- Carol Warner**

Carol requested Siberian and Species Iris guests for the Spring 2014 Regional in Maryland. The next national meeting is in East Lansing, Michigan June 6-8.

## Minutes (Cont.)

### **Budget- Jack Loving**

Carol Warner read Jack's report listing expenditures of \$3,550 for 2014. Bill Smoot moved that we accept the budget as proposed. Carrie Winter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Judges Training Chair – Carrie Winter**

There are 7 forms on the website giving the requirements for becoming and remaining an AIS judge. There is information there as well that will help define what is accepted as judges training. Region 4 has 4 Emeritus Judges with the most recent addition being Bob Pries.

### **Medium Iris Chair - Ginny Spoon**

Anita Moran gave report. Ginny and Don and Colin Campbell have lots of seedlings. There are many SDB blooms in both their gardens. Anita is flowering in Maryland.

**Membership Chair - Mac Shaw** - reported that Region 4 has 328 total members . We have 29 Ememberships and 43 dropped for the 1<sup>st</sup>. quarter of 2013.

**Re-blooming Chair - Mike Lockatell** - Written Report read by Don Rude. Great rebloom season. Mike has written many articles. He has made an important contact with the Hahn Horticulture center. Virginia Tech would like to have horticultural specimens to work with in their gardens. Contact Mike if you can help with this.

**Beardless Iris Chair - Carol Warner** - No written report, verbal report given by Carol stating the beardless show to have been held in Michigan in 2012 was cancelled because of this spring's weather. It has been re-scheduled for the same place in 2013.

### **Iris Program Resource- Bill Smoot**

Bill proposed that Region 4 submit a change of master judge definition to the AIS by-laws. He made a motion that we partition AIS that there be other requirements besides just the 15 year time frame. Anita Moran seconded the motion. The vote was three for and three against. Carrie was the tie breaker. She voted for the motion. Motion carried.

### **Youth Chairman- Ray Jones**

Asked all affiliates to encourage youth participation.

## Minutes (Cont.)

### **Newscast Editor & Webmaster- Anita Moran**

Anita stated that she had reconsidered and will NOT be giving up the position of editor of the Newscast. She was applauded. She requests articles from ALL members to help her produce a great Newscast. She mentioned that printing costs are down!!! She gave a report on the Website activities and stated that we continue to have an average of 7500 hits a month.

### **Nominating Committee- Bob Pries- No Report**

#### Affiliate Reports:

**Charlotte** - No one present, no written report

**Central Virginia** – No one present , report presented by Don Rude

**Eastern North Carolina** – No one present

**Chesapeake & Potomac –Report** Presented by Griff Crump

**Eastern Shore** - Gale Reily-Cross - No written report but oral update given

**Francis Scott Key** - Presented by Anita Moran

**Fredericksburg Area** - No report

**Hampton Roads** - Disbanded

#### Old Business

At the last Region 4 meeting, Anita Moran took the floor and recommended that Region 4 consider contributing an annual award for Best Seedling at the AIS National Convention each year. A discussion followed on the type of award that would be given, the cost of the award, and the name to be given the award. A declaration was made by RVP, Don Rude, that Anita should go forward in approaching AIS to discuss whether or not they would be interested in Region 4 making this award available each year at the AIS convention. Nothing has been done on this so far.

At the last Region 4 meeting, RVP, Don Rudd asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating for the 2013 officers. The committee formed is: from Maryland, Ann Dumier; from Virginia, Ray Jones; and from North Carolina, Glen Grigg. Nothing was reported on this at this meeting.

At the last Region 4 meeting, Anita asked for a Sunshine Committee to be set up for sending cards and keeping in touch members who have sickness or other causes in the region. Frances Thrash volunteered to take the responsibility but she asked for guidelines for who would receive cards or memorials and the amount allocated to be spent.

RVP, Don Rude appointed Frances Thrash and Karen Jones to put together some guidelines for a Sunshine Committee and to report back at the Fall 2013 Regional Meeting. Nothing was reported on at this meeting.

RVP, Don Rude made note of the time and adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Shackelford, Secretary

## Region 4 of The American Iris Society

*Presents*

# “Springtime in the Fall”



*A Reblooming Iris Show Accredited by*

***THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY***

**October 18, 2013**

**Brighton Green Community Center**

609 No. Pinetta Drive  
Richmond, VA 23235

*Open to the Public*

*4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

*No entry fee or admission charge*

Chairman: Lois Rose (540) 582-5799; lowy222@aol.com

### RULES FOR HORTICULTURE CLASSES

1. Anyone who grows iris can enter this show. No entry fee. All entries (except seedlings) must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden.
2. Entries must be made between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013.
3. Exhibits and ribbons must remain in place until 9:00 p.m. Exhibitors should remove their entries promptly. Those remaining after 9:00 p.m. will be disposed of.
4. Entry tags and containers for specimens will be furnished by the show committee. Both halves of the entry tag must be filled out with the correct name of the cultivar before it can be entered. Incorrectly named entries will not be judged. All cultivars must be registered with AIS and introduced (except seedlings, species, and natural hybrids).
5. Each specimen must be passed by the Classification Committee before being placed on the show table. Only full stalks will be judged. The Classification Committee will assist exhibitors in classifying iris whenever possible.
6. All seedlings must be named or numbered and entered in the name of the originator of the clone. Numbers/Letters must be used unless the name of the seedling has been registered with AIS.
7. Specimens will be arranged alphabetically by cultivar name within sections. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry of a variety in a section.
8. The Show Committee may combine or subdivide sections or create new sections as the number and type of entries warrants.
9. Specimens will be judged by accredited judges of the American Iris Society according to AIS rules and regulations. Decisions of the judges will be final. Any award may be withheld if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy.
10. Only authorized personnel will be permitted in the show area during judging
11. The Show Committee will exercise caution in safeguarding exhibits, but cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage.
12. Exhibitors who are also judging the show may choose not to judge when their own entries are being judged.
13. The official rules and regulations of the American Iris Society cannot be violated.

### HORTICULTURE AWARDS

1. Only one first, one second, and one third AIS ribbon may be awarded for each named cultivar. As many Honorable Mention ribbons may be given as quality merits.
2. An AIS silver medal, certificate, and HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES rosette may be given to the exhibitor receiving the most blue ribbons. In case of a tie for the Sweepstakes Award the second, then third place ribbons will be counted.
3. An AIS bronze medal and certificate may be given to the exhibitor receiving the second most blue ribbons.
4. The best specimen ("Queen") of the show will receive the AIS BEST SPECIMEN rosette and certificate.
5. AIS special award rosettes may be awarded to up to two runners-up to the Best Specimen.
6. The best specimen of each section may receive an AIS section rosette provided AIS requirements are met.
7. The best seedling of the show may receive an AIS BEST SEEDLING rosette if merited.
8. An Exhibition Certificate will be awarded for the best seedling. Additional EC's may be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from AIS judges attending the show.
9. Special Award AIS small rosettes and section certificates may be awarded for the most blue ribbons in each section provided AIS requirements are met.

**DIVISION I -- HORTICULTURE**

Section A Tall Bearded

Section B Other Bearded

Group 1 Miniature Dwarf Bearded

Group 2 Standard Dwarf Bearded

Group 3 Intermediate Bearded

Group 4 Border Bearded

Group 5 Miniature Tall Bearded

Section C Beardless Irises

Section D Dutch or bulbous irises (not eligible for best specimen of show but they may win ribbons or Section awards.)

Section E Any other, such as Aril, Arilbred, etc.

Section F Species or natural hybrids

Section G Historic Irises (any variety introduced before 1984) Note: These can be placed instead in other appropriate sections if preferred by exhibitor.

Section H A single stalk of an iris that is unknown and cannot be identified. Stalks that arrive too late to be properly entered for judging. awards given in this section. FOR DISPLAY ONLY

**DIVISION II -- SEEDLINGS**

Single stalks of un-introduced irises entered by or for originator under number or registered name

**Directions to AIS Region 4 Fall 2013 Show at:**

Brighton Green Community Center  
609 North Pinetta Drive  
Richmond, VA 23235

From I95 South: Take Exit 79 for I-195 S/I-64 W toward Powhite Parkway. At fork, keep left, following signs for I-195 S/Powhite Parkway and merge onto I-195 S. Go 2.5 mi., then continue on VA 76 S/Powhite Parkway (**toll road**) for another 5.7 mi. Take the US 60 W/Midlothian Turnpike exit (**pay toll**). Merge onto US 60 W/Midlothian Turnpike. In .2 mi. turn right onto N. Pinetta Dr. Community Center will be on right in .6 mi.

From I95 North: Take Exit 67B onto VA 150 N/Chippenham Pkwy toward US 60/US 360 W. In 8.5 mi take the US 60 W/Midlothian Tnpk exit toward Midlothian. Merge onto US 60 W/Midlothian Tnpk. In 2.4 mi. turn right onto N. Pinetta Dr. Community Center will be on right in .6 mi.

From I64 East: Take exit 186 for I-195 S/Laburnum Ave. toward Powhite Pkwy. Keep left at fork, following signs for I-195 S/Powhite Pkwy/Downtown and merge onto I-195 S. Go 2.3 mi., then continue on VA 76 S/Powhite Parkway (**toll road**) for another 5.7 mi. Take the US 60 W/Midlothian Tnpk exit (**pay toll**). Merge onto US 60 W/Midlothian Turnpike. In .2 mi. turn right onto N. Pinetta Dr. Community Center will be on right in .6 mi.

From I-64 West: Take Exit 200 toward US 60/Rocky Mt, NC. In 1.3 mi. follow signs for US 60/Seven Pines/Bottoms Br. In .5 mi. keep left at fork and follow signs to merge onto I-295 S. In 3.1 mi. and take exit 25 to merge onto VA 895 W toward Richmond (**toll road**). In 7.5 mi. continue onto VA 150 N (**toll road**). In 8.1 mi. take US 60 W/Midlothian Tnpk exit toward Midlothian. Merge onto US 60 W/Midlothian Turnpike. In 2.4 mi. turn right onto N. Pinetta Dr. Community Center will be on right in .6 mi.

**RICHMOND**

Presents

“SPRINGTIME IN THE FALL”

AIS REGION 4 FALL MEETING  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Richmond, VA's city flower is the iris. You are cordially invited to join AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman, Mike Lockatell for the AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting to celebrate reblooming irises in the suburban landscape. “**Springtime in the Fall**” will be held on **October 17 & 18 2013**. Please note this important date change. Our meeting site at the **Brighton Green Community Center, 609 North Pinetta Drive, Richmond, VA 23235** for our Flower Show and Evening Dinners offers easy access to hotel accommodations at the **Comfort Inn, 8710 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235** for out of town visitors.

Our guest speaker for Friday Night's Welcome Dinner at the Brighton Green Community Center will be **Dr. T. Michael Likins**, Chesterfield County, VA Extension Agent. Mike's topic will be “**Summer & Fall Diseases in Central Virginia.**” Prior to coming to Extension, Dr. Likins was a state plant pathologist for VDACS. He has developed a “one of a kind” diagnostic laboratory at his Chesterfield County office to help homeowners and landscape professionals with plant disease and insect identification. His informative programs are very popular with gardening groups around Virginia.

**Thomas Silvers** from Rohrersville, Maryland will present a program on **re bloom and purple based foliage development** at Saturday Night's Banquet at BGCC. Tom's groundbreaking hybridizing in these areas was outlined in an October 2011 article titled “**Not Just Green**” in the AIS National Bulletin. Silvers' first introduction was a SPEC-X creation called “**Clown Pants.**” His first rebloomer, MTB “**Cricket Song.**” was released last year through Iris City Gardens.

**Maymont Park** is a 100 acre Victorian estate willed to the City of Richmond. Director of Horticulture, **Peggy Singlemann** will lead us on a tour of their four acre “**Japanese Stroll Garden**” on Friday morning. Peggy is also the co-host of “**Virginia Homegrown**” on WCVE TV in Richmond. A reblooming iris planting installed in 2012 and replanted this spring will be available for viewing during our visit.

We will travel on Saturday morning to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in rural Goochland, VA to see Mike Lockatell's trial plantings for reblooming iris. Besides “**In Garden Judge's Training**,” a representative from the Horticulture Department will lead interested guests on a tour of their display garden and renovated landscaping around the College's main building.

A classroom Judge's Training session on **Ethics** is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at the Comfort Inn followed by the Region 4 Plant Auction. The Fall Meeting's Flower Show will be held on Friday at BGCC. Entries will be accepted from 9AM -2PM. After judging, the General Public will be invited to view specimens and award winners until the Saturday Night Banquet.

Richmonders are largely unaware of reblooming irises. Let's put our best foot forward on **October 18<sup>th</sup> & October 19<sup>th</sup>** and enjoy “**Springtime in the Fall.**” See you there.

Generous donations of manpower, hospitality and items for the AIS Region 4 Plant Auction from attending affiliate members will be greatly appreciated. Please contact: Mike Lockatell, AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman at [CMarti8855@verizon.net](mailto:CMarti8855@verizon.net) or 804-330-2916 for additional information.

## “Springtime in the Fall”

2013 AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Richmond, VA

### Comfort Inn

**8710 Midlothian Turnpike**

**Richmond, VA 23235**

**Phone: 804-320-8900**

**Fax: 804-320-0403**

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Room Rate:** for King Bed Non-Smoking Room is **\$85.00 plus tax per night**. If you need a room with two double beds, please ask for those arrangements when making your reservation. Reservations must be made with the hotel by **October 5, 2013**. Please remember to mention “**AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting**” to obtain the above discount rate.

#### **Check-in/Check-out:**

Guest accommodations will be available at 3:00 PM on the date of arrival and reserved until 11:00 AM on the departure day.

**Continental Breakfast** is available hot or cold 7 – 10 PM. A **Bob Evans Restaurant** is adjacent to the Comfort Inn as an additional morning option.

#### **For Further Information and Travel Directions:**

Here is the link to the hotel web site:

<http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-richmond-virginia-VA800?listpos=1>

**AIS Region 4 Fall 2013 Meeting  
Friday, October 18th, & Saturday, October 19th, 2013  
Richmond, VA**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY October 18, 2013**

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Registration at Comfort Inn</b> 6710 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23235
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Entries accepted for Fall Rebloom Iris Show Brighton Green Community Center</b> <b>609 North Pinetta Drive, Richmond, VA 23235</b>
10 a.m. – noon	<b>Tour of Japanese Stroll Garden</b> and rebloom display bed at Maymont Park
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Flower Show Judging Brighton Green Community Center</b>
2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Region 4 Board Meeting Comfort Inn</b>
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	<b>Flower Show Open to Public Brighton Green Community Center</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner Brighton Green Community Center</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Program:</b> Dr. T. Michael Likins, “Summer & Fall Diseases in Central VA Gardens

**SATURDAY October 19, 2013**

8:00 a.m.	<b>Leave Comfort Inn</b> for J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
9 a.m. – noon	<b>View Reblooming Iris Display Beds at JSRCC</b> In-garden Judge’s Training or Guided Tour of JSRCC Display Gardens Box lunch included at the garden
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Judge’s Training: Topic: Ethics Comfort Inn</b>
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Plant Auction Comfort Inn</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Dinner Brighton Green Community Center</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>Program:</b> Thomas Silvers. “PBF & Reblooming Iris Development

**AIS Region 4 Fall 2013 Meeting  
 Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Richmond, Virginia  
 Registration Form**

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Nametag (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter or Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Nametag (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

**Full Registration:** \$75.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

After September 30th, the Full Registration will be \$85.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Full registration includes Friday morning garden tour and welcome dinner on Friday evening, Saturday morning garden tour & box lunch, judge’s training sessions and awards banquet on Saturday evening.)

**Friday Only** includes garden tour & dinner \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Only** includes garden tour, lunch & dinner \$50.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**In Garden or Classroom Judge’s Training** \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Friday or Saturday Garden Tours** \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 11th**

**Meals: Please indicate your meal choices below. If responding for more than one registrant, indicate #1 or #2 to match names above.**

Friday: \_\_\_\_\_ Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Parmesan  
 Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_ Pork Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Chicken Rosemary

**If you have special dietary needs, please contact us, or give information on back of form.**

**Send completed Registration Form with a  
 Check made payable to “Mike Lockatell and mail to:**

Glenna & Bill Witter, Registrar  
 10903 Cedar Creek Drive  
 Spotsylvania, VA 22551-4687  
 540-972-6892

**For additional information contact:**

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 804-647-4734 (cell)  
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