



# The Newscast

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If you are not sure of the lighting in a specific area that you are considering planting a "full sun" annual, perennial, rose etc. an easy way to figure out if there is enough sun for best bloom and plant health, put a solar powered patio light in the spot for a few days. If it appears that the light does not receive a full charge, then this would not be a good spot for full sun plants. "Fully charged" lights should illuminate for at least 6 hours.



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## The Region 4 Vice President

Today it is winter again - a high of 45; while yesterday was a delightful 71 degrees. Mother Nature is teasing again. I am trying to relax and wait patiently for spring while anticipating the lovely iris and other blooms to come.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the fall regional meeting due to the wedding of my first grandson, but all reports that I have heard was that it was an excellent meeting. A big thank you to June and John Rosini for arranging the meeting with their usual competence as well as thanks to all the others who helped with special tasks. From the affiliate reports that were presented, there should be many exciting events with the various groups in Region 4 for 2011. Please continue to share your successes and your less than stellar experiences (if there are any) so that we can all learn from each other.

One of the issues that we need to work on is the encouragement of more participation in the judges training program. As of January 1, we have 2 new apprentice judges, Sue Shackelford and Tricia Taylor. Bonita Masteller continues as a student judge. Judges training helps make us aware of the newest and best in irises. A special perk of being a judge is the opportunity and obligation to vote for the award winners from the various groups of iris - that means you get to help choose the Dykes winner.

"Daughter of Stars" was runner up for the Dykes this year, but for me she is tops. On Thanksgiving Day I had an almost perfectly straight stalk with 7 blooms/buds with a secondary stalk with 3 blooms. What more could you ask of a single rhizome?

I hope that you included attending the Spring Regional to be held in Blacksburg VA in your iris plans for 2011. Don Rude, with the help of others from various affiliates, has put together an outstanding meeting. There will be guest irises from a number of Region 4 hybridizers, show, judges training, historic irises in one garden, a silent and a plant auction, keynote address on color, and good food. You bring the fun and fellowship with your presence to complete the picture. There is no affiliate in Blacksburg so it is important that each of us accepts a personal responsibility to participate.

See you May 6 in Blacksburg.

Carrie Winter

## TREES

by: Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

I THINK that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth  
is pressed  
Against the earth's sweet  
flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow  
has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools  
like me,  
But only God can make  
a tree.



## FROM THE EDITOR

Well hello every one welcome to 2011 a lot is going on since you last saw a Newscast. During the meeting of the Region 4 board in the fall it was decided to reduce the number of time the Newscast would be published in a year from three to two times a year. They will be published in March to announce the happenings in the coming spring and again in August to give the affiliate presidents time to send me information on their shows and happening in their clubs and to notify you of the Fall Regional information. The results of the Regionals will also appear in these publications as well as any article you would like to write for me to publish (HINT). Also I will be sending a link to all who want full color editions of the Newscast that they can peruse at their leisure or save and read later or print as you wish. Those not choosing to have the electronic edition will receive the Newscast in black and white. Those who wish the electronic form must send me their e-mail address or give it to your affiliate president. Those who do not communicate their wishes and we have an e-mail address will be sent the electronic link, those whose e-mails we do not have will receive the printed form.

Though we are the pressing for electronic news letters to reduce our budget, this does not mean that the print version will disappear entirely, but we highly recommend that you choose for the electronic format. I will post the Newscast in its entirety on the Region 4 website in full color in PDF format. I will e-mail to all Region 4 members that I have an e-mail address for a link to get the electronic Newscast the same day as I take it to the printer so those receiving the paper copy will be delayed in receiving it by a couple of weeks.

All Forms and information on the Regional will be up loaded to the Region 4 website ( <http://www.irisregion4.com/> ) as soon as I get it and that is not dependent on the printing or putting together the Newscast. That way you can get the regional information quickly. Once everything is situated all region 4 members will receive notice when the Newscast is on the website and the Regional information is posted. If there are ANY concerns please contact me at: **avmoran1@earthlink.net** and let me know what they are and we will see if we can work it out.

Since the National is in Canada this year please make an effort to attend the Spring Regional in Blacksburg Virginia. Your voice on the direction of the Newscast and the Website is extremely important. There are many needs throughout the region that you can help with and the region members are always available to help you as well. Come and see gardens so that new ideas can be shared and you may be able to see irises you have not seen before. Any one is allowed to attend the board meeting and I try to be available for anyone who had something to say.

Have a Great Spring

Anita Moran  
Newscast Editor  
Region 4 Website

## Gardens of North Carolina (Part II)

### Commercial Plant Delights

Well after having a Plant Delights' catalog placed in our 2010 Spring Region packet and the suggestion from many at the regional that this was a must see, it was too much of a draw to miss. Not knowing anything about the garden the address went into the Garmin® so the day after the end of the Regional off I went to Raleigh. Found the place fine but it was closed for another two hours and waiting is not my strong suite so I went to the next on the list the Sarah P. Duke Garden which will follow this write up. When I returned there was a line of people waiting to turn into the garden/nursery so I waited my turn and when I went in I asked for and was given permission to take pictures. Plant Delights' display gardens are a collection of various habitats within a few acres where you can walk among cool shade gardens to the direct sun drenched area of the deserts. The first section I went to was the desert and being for southern California I have a fondness for the desert plants. A large century plant, various cacti, scrub plants and other drought tolerant plants, provided with sharp drainage on a steep mound among huge boulders and smaller rocks allowed many to grow to wonderful sizes.

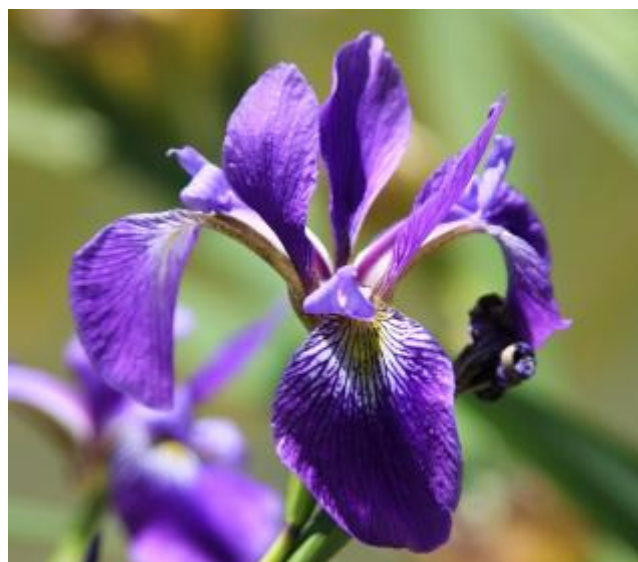


Desert Display Garden at Plant Delight

Following the path you entered the shaded woodland area and despite the presence of various arisaema (Jack in the Pulpit) and alstroemasia (Princess Lily), especially the "Tangerine Tango" there was nothing that could seem to take away from the smell of a blooming amorphophallus (Voodoo Lily) or better known as the Corpse Flower. Forgetting the camera I moved quickly from the area thinking this would probably be better visited after that particular flower faded. I was suddenly relieved by the most wonderful smell as I was escaping, enough so that I stopped to try and find it for once it was passed the obnoxious odor returned.



dianthus "Heart Attack" Protecks me from that BAD smell



'Dark Aura' SPEC-X

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Raleigh)

Unobtrusively was a stalk containing many dark red flowers that gave off a strong beautiful aroma and I was completely surprised to find it was a dianthus called “Heart Attack”. I was so relieved that I immediately looked for the plant for it was going to go home with me and I was going to carry it around for protection, just in case.

Thankfully the smell faded and I was faced with a pond area filled with irises and well I just had to stop. The pond was surrounded by Louisiana iris including “Cocktail”, Royal Ricochet”, “Red Velvet Elvis”, “Rocky Hunt”, “Venus Vortex”, and Geisha Eyes”. Among the various clumps were *I. fulva* “Lois”, *I. Pseudata* “Chance Beauty” and in a shaded area of the pond between clumps of Louisianas was several clumps of sarracenia (Pitcher plants). As I left the pond area, beneath a sprawling oak was *I. virginica* “Carl Amason”. Among the rest of the plantings were bearded iris such as “Mastery, but I found another shade area but before entering I went to get a pot of “Heart Attack” just in case. There in the leaf floor were trillium, as arum (Wild Ginger), farfugium (double flowered Leopard Plant) and several different Princess Lilies.

Finally with my dianthus in hand I headed for the check out only to find I was not the only one making the stop as Bill Smoot was also at the check out with his load. Plant in the car and I was ready for my next garden.

Just happened to meet Bill Smoot at Plants Delight



Jack-In-the-Pulpit ‘War Ship’



Sarracenia areolata Pitcher Plant



LA ‘Regal Ricochet’

LA  
‘Red Velvet  
Elvis’



## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Raleigh)

### Sarah P. Duke Gardens

While waiting for Plant Delights to open the Griggs recommended I visit the Sarah P. Duke Gardens in Raleigh. The first area you come to after walking down a steep incline is a circle of roses. The entire area was dedicated to a variety of roses including the Tea Rose “Dolly Parton” and a beautiful pink called “Fryxotic”.



Tea Roses ‘Dolly Parton’ (Top) and ‘Fryxotic’ (Bottom)

From this circle were a number of paths that circle around the center piece of the garden a small lake surrounded by picnic areas which many were taking advantage of when I was there. Taking a path that moved upward I encountered many plants most not identified in shade and part sun and ferns such as Japanese Painted Fern filled the area under evergreens and bushes of azaleas and rhododendrons. At the top of the

ginica. No matter where you walked in this area the lake was visible. On the lowest level of the terraced area was a Dwarf Hinoki (false cypress) that was huge and since my six year old plant is only about 18” tall I can only imagine the age of this plant. As I continued around the lake there were several magnolias the white we see everywhere but I saw a flash of red in bush I thought was a young tree and thought it was a cardinal but it was a flower of the Camellia Japonica called “Blood Of China”. On the back side of the lake I was treated to a spot of home as several redwood trees grew tall and stately along the path, a little further and the lake’s wild like became apparent as ducks slept in the open or moved through the underbrush to hide especially several Muscovy Ducks. As I moved into the open there were several unnamed Louisiana iris along the lake’s side and along a stream that fed the lake where there was also a clump of Iris pseudacorus. Finally as I was completing the circle there was a lily pond with benches to sit and enjoy the sights.



Iris virginica and Camellia japonica ‘Blood Of China’



Terraced beds at Sarah P. Duke Gardens

path was a terraced area filled with perennials, bulbs and annuals including allium, snapdragon beds shared with dianthus, foxglove and hidden in a corner Iris vir-



Redwood Trees in Sarah P. Duke Gardens



## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Raleigh)

### The Garden of Glen and Susan Grigg

After finishing at Plants Delight I was able to stop by the Grigg's garden for another peek. This was a treat to return to the Grigg's garden since I had seen it during a Regional I never got to the back yard but there was so much change since I was last there. The front



yard now had a large bed and the side garden was enlarged to include peony and roses. The front beds had both bearded such as 'Grape Harvest', 'Prince George' and beardless like 'Blackberry Jubilee' and 'Crème Carmel' both Siberians as well as 'JinYu' a SPEC-X by Jill Copeland.

The side bed had peony followed by several lovely roses including 'Strike It Rich' which was a brilliant orange as a bud and a soft sherbet orange fully opened. The rose 'French Perfume' caught my eye with it pale



'Grape Harvest', 'Blackberry Jubilee', 'Crème Carmel' and 'Jin'Yu' in the Grigg's Garden

linen coloring edged with bright pink. As we entered the back yard it was a shaded glen with Jack-in-the-pulpit, ferns and the versicolor 'Raspberry Slurp' and a wondering bed filled with Daylilies. I don't know how it was growing but the spuria 'Hickory Leaves' was growing well in a heavily shaded area and blooming. There was a comfortable bench that just



screamed to be sat on to enjoy the scenery but I had more places to visit. As I was leaving to follow the Griggs to the next garden a bee was working hard in the bed at the front walkway.

'Strike It Rich' rose bud



The Grigg's back-yard with wonderfully cool shade and plenty to see with the daylily bed and various other plants..



A busy bee on a pseudacorus bloom

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Raleigh)

### The Garden of Bonita Masteller

Unfortunately Bonita was not home when I arrived with the Griggs but we made do. In a front bed there was a beautiful yellow rose and a contrasting dark pink peony blooming wildly with geraniums and it was a bright invitation. The front yard edged in woods held the required garden bench backed by a blooming



Geraniums, Rose and Peony in front bed with Garden bench across the lawn in the shade



'Pure Romance' and 'Starship Enterprise' blooming while waiting for the new Garden to be complete

rhododendron begging to be used. Bonita's gardens are a work in progress and most of her collection are in pots but it did not seem to bother them since 'Pure Romance', 'Starship Enterprise' and 'Wench' were putting on a wonderful show. In the rear of the house, it was obvious Bonita was working hard to establish new beds to plant her collection with benches standing by to be placed once she is finished. Over the internet Bonita and I had several discussions mostly how Don Spoon taught me to hybridize and I was so please to see that she had taken the advice I had passed on.

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Raleigh)

### The Garden of Margaret Pearson

The Griggs kindly took me out to the Pearson’s Garden which was nestled in a wooded area surrounded by farms. Naturalized perianal beds were in full that edged the house and fences bloomed with everything from daisies to poppies with several irises adding to

entered tectorum was spread everywhere even across the path but after that was an area packed with trillium most of which was blooming.



Garden and Home of Margaret Pearson



Mixed perennial beds with iris, poppy, and many other flowering plants



the beauty. Lines of bird feeders floated over the beds as you approached the house with it gazebo sitting in a shaded area near the house which looked over the gardens. Among the other plants used in natural beds were Siberians and spuria iris that just added to the color of the entire area. Walking the iris bed which was pretty close to being finished with blooming this bed also included daisies, roses and other perennials and edged with lirioppe. In the back was a circular rose garden in full bloom that was heavenly to walk around and such unusual colors, “Moonstone’ and ‘Katherine Marie’ were my two favorites. Then Margaret took me to my favorite spot a shaded woodland walk as you



Roses ‘Katherine Marie’ and ‘Moonstone’



Blooming Trillium and Siberian iris ‘Ship Are A Sailing’

### Historian's Report Region 4 Fall Meeting, October 8, 2010

The discussion at the Board Meeting in the spring about articles from old Newscasts, and where those Newscasts might be found, prompted me to finally open the boxes I received from Margaret Stone when I became the new Region 4 Historian.

I can report that the boxes do not contain a full set of Newscast. I received four boxes of material. The oldest box was all the material that Clarence Mahan had received during his tenure as Historian in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The next box was one Margaret had set up with a file folder for each chapter. It contains what materials she had received from each chapter—mostly newsletters and show schedules, but a few clippings—and the issues of Newscast and the AIS Bulletin in the 1990's. There is another box of just Newscasts and Bulletins, mostly from 2000 on. And the final box was the materials Margaret had received from each chapter from about 2000 on. They are not organized in any way. She apparently put things in the box to be filed later. I will spend some time this winter trying to get those materials organized.

In August I received some old Newscasts, going back to 1977. I started combing through some of these issues and found a few interesting tidbits to report. I learned that the first Annual Fall/Winter meeting in Region 4 was held Oct. 14-15, 1977, in Charlottesville. The registration fee was \$5/person. Dinners were dutch treat.

In the April 1978 Newscast I read that the Spring Meeting that year was held in Roanoke on May 12-13. The guest speaker was Andre Viette, who also conducted judges' training. Registration was \$26/person. A room for two at the hotel was \$28/night. Times have changed.

In one of those older issues I also read about a Region 4 scrapbook or album that someone had put together and displayed at one of the Regional meetings. I was hoping that book would be in one of the boxes of materials—a second reason for finally looking through the boxes. I struck out. No album or scrapbook.

In looking through the materials I was aware that for quite some time the Historian received two issues of each Newscast. The mailing labels list them as "Copy 1" and "Copy 2." I assume that must have been a Region 4 policy that may have gone by the wayside with the changing of Newscast editors, as I have received no issues for the Historian's files during my tenure as Historian so far.

I also think that at one time, each Chapter was asked to send a copy of their local newsletter to the Historian. That practice also seems to have gone by the wayside. In recent years it appears that only F AIS, FSK, and C&P have sent their newsletter issues to the Historian. I have received none, except from F AIS, since I became Historian. Chapters were also encouraged to send the

Historian newspaper clippings, articles, or anything printed relating to their chapter. Some chapters were more faithful than others in this regard.

The Board may want discuss what kinds of materials they would like the Historian to collect and save, and remind Chapters to send this material to the Historian in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Rose  
Region 4 Historian

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### TREASURER'S REPORT A.J.S. REGION 4 May 7, 2010 to October 8, 2010

**Checking Account Balance on May 7,2010: \$2,572.84**

**Receipts:**

Spring Regional Auction:	\$506.00
Fall Regional Meeting Registrations:	\$1,380.00
Donations:	
Francis Scott Key Iris Society:	\$500.00
Carolina Mountains Iris Society:	\$100.00
Interest:	<u>\$0.22</u>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$2,486.22</b>

**Expenditures:**

Memorials to AIS:	\$500.00
E. Roy Epperson, Libby Cross, William Mull & Margaret Stone.	
RVP Expenses:	\$800.00
WEB Page Hosting:	\$95.00
August 2010 Newscast Printing & Mailing:	<u>\$1,129.38</u>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,324.78</b>

Checking Account Balance on October 8,2010:	\$2,734.28
Certificate of Deposit (M& T Bank)	<u>\$7,260.95</u>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$9,995.23</b>

**Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer**

### Median Report

There will be a Median Tour in Oklahoma next year, look for details in the AIS Iris Bulletin. A median, 'Starwoman' won the Dykes Medal for 2010. The dwarf iris society is thinking about joining the Median Society. If so, shouldn't it be renamed the Median and Dwarf Society?

Medians are becoming very popular as people have smaller gardens. Medians have great color patterns and most are vigorous and require little pampering. Why not some in your garden if you don't already grow them? There are many reblooming medians available in lots of sizes and colors

### JT Chair Report

The reporting process for 2010 to Judy Keisling AIS JT Chair has been completed.

The following have been recommended for action at the AIS Fall Board Meeting to become effective January 1, 2011.

Pat Bowen from G/E to Master  
Lois Rose from Apprentice to G/E

Sue Shackleford from Student to Apprentice  
Tricia Taylor from Student to Apprentice.

All other judges will continue with their current status.  
Carrie Winter

### Web News

There are changes to the website, you can still get to the American Iris Society Website by clicking on the AIS logo but now you can also go to the AIS Facebook page.

Guess what Region 4 now has a Facebook page and I have already started to post the Gardens of Virginia and Maryland and as soon as this Newscast is out I will add the Gardens from North Carolina as well. I also started a group page that allows for a conversation between people for meetings and such. This Group page is controlled by me and as it is needed please let me know.

There is also a Cubit page for Region 4 <http://cubits.org/Reg4/> This area allows only Region 4 members to post except in the main and general discussion areas. The rest of the Cubit is for Region 4 Members only to place pictures, ask questions, post happenings. I will also posts events in Region 4 as I am notified or any member of the region can post happenings such as judges training, sales, speakers etc. as you wish. This is a community page and in order for you to be identified as a region member by Cubits you must let me know you have joined the cubit.

In order to keep the website up to date I need to be notified when changes occur.

Anita Moran

### Proposed 2011 Budget For Region 4

Expenditures	Dollars
Printing and Mailing (2) Issues of Newscast	3000.00
RVP Traveling expenses	800.00
Membership Committee-- M. Shaw	250.00
Memorials	300.00
AIS Youth Program	100.00
Web Page	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00
TOTAL	5050.00

Submitted By: Jack W. Loving

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Charlotte)

### The Garden of Barbara Alexander

After a good night's sleep I was off to the Charlotte North Carolina area. This was a return trip for me to the garden of Barbara Alexander as it was on the region tour in 2006 at the Spring Regional for Region 4 hosted by the Charlotte Iris Society. This was where I first fell in love with species iris. As you pulled into the shaded driveway you were greeted by a bed surrounding stately trees in the front yard where iris



*Iris tectorum* and *Iris foetidissima*



The Garden of Barbara Alexander

*tectorum* peeked out from among the foliage. The large town lot was a serene setting that any one would find relaxing just to sit among the plants. As we walked into the back yard there was the first species I really liked *Iris foetidissima*. Although it is thought that the only redeeming qualities of this iris is the berries it produces, I find the soft colors and stately spread to be very appealing. For a small back yard, at least to me, this parkland area held so many hidden treasures among the large mature trees where you could sit and enjoy the world of peace is a haven in North Carolina. There were azaleas and rhododendrons still in bloom and vines covering many structures including the base which held a sundial. Again Japanese Painted ferns took a large area and nearby 'Lights Of Paris' was blooming and hidden in a small area were Jack-in-the-Pulpit in full bloom. It was hard to go to the next garden but off I went with many thanks to Barbara for putting up with me and my questions.



The Garden of Barbara Alexander

# Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Charlotte)

## Ruth Holbrook's Garden

After visiting Barbara Alexander, Ruth graciously offered to take me around to other gardens in the Charlotte area. Ruth's gardens are a complex mixture of perennials, though they are marked finding those markers to know what I was shooting was not always possible and I had to do a complete rethink and beat my brain to just enjoy what I saw. Louisiana iris, Pseudatas, tall bearded iris, peony, poppies, roses and columbine all flowering at the same time to give a riot of color that seemed to blend so beautifully as you walked through the back yard to the swing. But the color was not confined to the back yard the front beds were awash with rhododendrons and roses and in the center a Purple Smoke Tree and nearby *Iris virginica* blooming. I wish, as I had many times on this trip, that I had more time to just wonder about and enjoy the garden and the peacefulness of it.



Garden of Ruth Holbrook

in the center a Purple Smoke Tree and nearby *Iris virginica* blooming. I wish, as I had many times on this trip, that I had more time to just wonder about and enjoy the garden and the peacefulness of it.



Columbine and iris mixed with other perennials in a lovely combination



Peonies in the Holbrook Garden's mixed beds



'In Living Color' and Conjuring Cat'



Roses were so beautiful and all had buds to full blooms

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Charlotte)

### Julia Hindle's Garden

The first thing I noticed when I drove up to Julia's garden was "Where's The SUN?", but in a predominately shaded end of a cul-de-sac was a jungle of rhododendrons, azaleas, and various other plants with all but a



The Garden of Julia Hindle

few area outside the pathways filled with a bounty of plants blooming in their various area to contrast the dark leaves of the evergreens, and the lighter greens of the deciduous perennials filling every conceivable nook and cranny. At the junction of the street and her driveway was the sunniest part of the yard and in this section were a multitude of iris plants including aril-breds. Following the path that meandered among the rhododendrons and azaleas, and while the azaleas were mostly done blooming except for the deciduous azaleas, the rhododendrons were so varied that it took a long time getting through for I had to stop for each set of blooms to take a picture. Among the mature plant were several that had cuttings nestled in pots protected from most of the elements. As we came to the side of the house I got a quick lesson is producing new plants from cuttings and Julia's method was so different from what I could find on line I cannot wait to try it. Behind the house is a small stream and the path splits so that you can continue to brose among the shade loving plants or go by the stream were there were several Jack-in-the-pulpit plants, pots with baby plants, and to the other side of the house more shade where a few more irises were located. I could have spent so much more time here but unfortunately I had to get to my next destination.



Rhododendrons and azaleas Nursery



Several Rhododendrons with Johnny-Jump-Ups growing beneath them



Oh and Iris as well



Orange deciduous azalea



## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Charlotte)

### Garden of Paul Furr

Ruth guided me to a dead end street with deep woods and large houses and had me turn into a drive that was steep at the end of the road. Everywhere you looked there were gardens with such a variety of plant life and



The Garden of Paul Furr

garden art. Some edged with walls some with neatly trimmed shrubbery that it was hard to know where to go to first but thankfully I had Ruth with me and she introduced me to Paul Furr. There were roses and peony, evergreens, azaleas, Cupids and goddesses, and five foot tall cranes all collected in neat gardens and there were more being built. As we walked toward the back surrounded and stepped with red brick was a garden filled with bearded iris along the slope with peonies at the top. Along one edge where the garden drained were huge clumps of Louisiana iris. Among the tall bearded was 'Poem of Ecstasy' which was putting on quite a show along with Tom Johnson's 'Snapshot' which I had never seen before. 'Parisian Dawn', 'Black Suited' and 'Royal Sterling' also were doing well. I think Paul did some serious sweet talking because there was nary a weed to be seen in any of the garden. Talking about the various native plants in the area, Paul graciously dug me some variegated Solomon's Seal and trillium from his lower 40 of deep woods I can only pray that it takes in my colder climate. Another garden I could have spent many hours in but we had to get one the road again.



The Garden of Paul Furr and roses



'Cranberry Sauce', 'Dracula's Kiss', 'World Without End. and 'Snapshot' all blooming in the Furr Iris Garden

## Gardens of North Carolina (Continued - Charlotte)

### The Garden of Shirley Knox

Ruth took me WAYOUT into farm country until we came to a gate where we were greeted by a herd of dogs, none of them matched and all of them had different ideas on how to welcome visitors to Knox Ha-



Knox Haven home of Shirley Knox

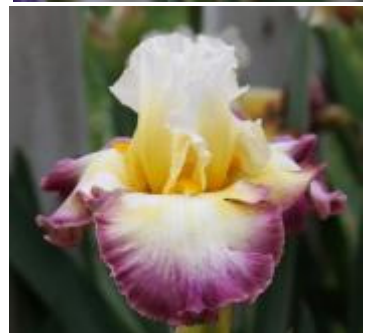
ven the home of Shirley Knox the sister of Don Spoon. A white picket fence surrounds the house and garden area that is filled with iris, garden art, trees, and a vegetable garden that was in the process of being established. The house was a restored Queen Anne Cottage they figured was built around 1874 and Shirley showed the pictures of its condition wow what a difference. As you enter the front has irises lining the fence but there is also a circular rock garden that is filled with various stones iris and garden art. There were many of Don's introductions like 'Champagne Waltz', 'Earth Song' and 'Signal Red' she also had many others including 'Owyhee Desert', 'Nita Bonita', and the best I have seen 'Starship Enterprise' anywhere. In the back yard Shirley was working on a vegetable garden that looked like the critters were getting the best of it but she was fighting back with a layer of tough wiring to protect the delicate lettuces. After a wonderful cup of tea it was time to get going and after dropping Ruth at her house I decided that I really wanted to get home so off to Maryland I headed.



Circle Garden



Some of the Garden Art



'Champagne Waltz', 'Earth Song', 'Nita Bonita', 'Starship Enterprise' and 'Signal Red'

## Affiliate Reports

**The C&P Iris Society** has had a busy year. We have had a median show in early May, a bearded iris show in mid May and have scheduled a reblooming show in late October. Our plant sale was held in late August and was not attended as well as previous sales we have held in July, but thanks to some of our members who took plants and sold them after the sale, we made just as much from that sale as we did in previous years.

At our September picnic we elected our new officers. Our new officers and committee chairs for 2011 through 2012 are:

Don Spoon, president

Griff Crump, vice president

Ray Jones, treasurer

Marilyn Naylor, secretary

Mac Shawe, membership chairman

Ginny Spoon, newsletter editor

Eric Simpson, show properties

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Spoon

### Central Virginia Iris Society

Our May meeting and picnic was held at John and June Rosini's home where everyone enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers in the presence of the late blooming irises. John gave a short hands-on introduction on how to hybridize irises to members that were interested in knowing how. We had twenty-five members and ten guest present at the May meeting.

Our July meeting featured Cameron Hall speaking on the history of irises up through the 1930's. The Rosinis put together a Power Point presentation of irises Cameron spoke of and it was presented as Cameron spoke. The idea is to use this program for presentation when ask to speak at other organizations. We had twenty-seven members present at the July meeting.

September was a busy month for CVIS. While working on coordinating the Regional Meeting to be in held in October the members were busy getting ready

for their annual plant sale. Five members volunteered to help the Rosinis dig and clean irises. The sale was held at Lewis Ginter Botanical gardens and was very successful despite the bad economy and the summer drought. We enrolled one new member and one returning member.

The CVIS September meeting featured a plant auction for its members using the guest irises that had been growing in members gardens for the last two years. Members seemed to enjoy the auction and the rhizomes that were not sold were taken to the plant sale. A short September program was presented by the Rosinis on Re-blooming Irises. We had twenty members present at the September meeting.

The November meeting will feature our Harvest Dinner which members enjoy annually. The committee working on a CVIS Spring Flower Show hopes to have a final draft of the plans to present to members at this meeting.

We will kick off 2011 by holding a planning meeting to layout plans for the year and for moving the affiliate forward.

Respectfully Submitted

John Rosini, CVIS President

## Affiliate Reports

### EASTERN NC IRIS SOCIETY REPORT

**OCTOBER 2010**

Although the hot July sun was relentless, the members of ENCIS were busy with our Annual Sale on July 17. We were successful in selling irises from Winterberry, from Vince Lewonski, and from our members' gardens. We made \$1,538.81, but more importantly, we gained five AIS members and five ENCIS only members. Thanks to Kat Causey, Glenn Grigg, Bonita Masteller, Mary Mitchell, Margaret Pearson, Donna Shields, and Melissa Young for their help in making our sale such a success.

The Monday after our Sale several of us traveled to High Point to help with the Epperson garden dig. Matt Mahoney, the Landscape Manager from High Point University, and his crew did the actual digging while the ENCIS members did the trimming, marking, cleaning and dipping of the bearded irises. The University has planned a Memorial Garden to Roy featuring almost all of his irises and other plants from his garden. Several groups that Roy belonged to and served so ably during his lifetime have also received irises and plants for memorial gardens.

Our members have been busy promoting the iris and teaching the public about culture. Kat Causey and Melissa Young took part in the Southern Ideal Home Show at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh on September 25, answering questions about irises, distributing culture information and AIS membership brochures. Triangle Gardener magazine offers us time in their booth for free, and this is the third time ENCIS has taken part in this event. The same weekend Bonita Masteller was at the Duke Garden Craft and Plant Sale in Durham with culture sheets, AIS membership brochures and selling potted irises to promote our club. Melissa Young has been guiding a group of preschool children in planting a flower and vegetable garden at the Bragtown Library in Durham. In an 8' by 8' plot the children were taught about planting seeds, the importance of the right soil mix, and about the differences in growing requirements for various flowers and vegetables. Bearded irises are a part of that garden and the children learned to weed and maintain the garden.

The Masteller family helped the family of Melanie Cramer dig and pot most of the Siberian irises from Roy Epperson's garden in High Point in September. The reminder of the beardless irises will be dug at a later date. Some of these are being donated to the fall Regional auction.

Our next meeting will be October 24 in Raleigh at 2:00 p.m. with Bob Pries and Margaret Pearson presenting "What to Do in Your Iris Garden in the Fall".

Susan Grigg  
ENCIS President

### FAIS October 2010 Report

Spring and Summer are over and winter is a coming. But while FAIS was ambling through those seasons and into Fall we had a wonderful and productive time. Since our last report we have had our show in May, in June we watched the AIS 2008 National Convention DVD, in July we had our sale at Roxbury, in August we rested, and in September Nick Kennedy hosted our annual picnic and plant exchange. And during that collection of activities we gained some new members and distributed our 2010 guest iris (our guest iris program this year is Louisianas (I got the LA Bayou Buckskin to grow) and Rebloomers), some of us did programs for other garden clubs, and FAIS continued to fund our two \$500.00 scholarships. And what we have left to do is go to the Fall regional meeting this month of October and have our annual Harvest Dinner in November, and then we will hibernate until March 2011; as always though during hibernation there is normally for FAISers not much resting going on. See you in Richmond!

Douglas Chyz

## Affiliate Reports

### Fall 2010 Affiliate Report From the Francis Scott Key Iris Society

Despite the horrid heat and lack of rain the Summer and Fall were good for the Francis Scott Key Iris Society. Our Bearded and Beardless shows were well attended and got new members from both events.

At our two annual rhizome sales at Watson's Garden Center in Timonium and The Dutch Plant Farm in Fredrick Maryland, there was plenty to choose from including Louisianas, Siberians, and all sizes of bearded irises and had Japanese as well.

Due to injury our Summer Picnic was moved from Dave and Vickie Piasecki to Carol Warner's home where we had wonderful food and fellowship and new introductions available to buy a discounted prices. It is hoped that these plants will thrive and the increases brought to our sales. Ten new members were garnered from both the sales and the shows this year. At the board meeting prior to the picnic we discussed the possibility of hosting the 2014 Spring Regional and also hosting the AIS National convention in 2015 or 2016. A tentative schedule was set for 2011 and will be finalized at our January Board meeting.

Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 2010: Regional Meeting in Richmond, VA

Saturday, January 15, 2011: Winter Board Meeting and Lunch

Saturday, April TBD, 2011: Spring Luncheon

Friday, and Saturday, May (TBD)-Regional Meeting in Blacksburg, VA

Saturday, May 21, 2011: Spring Iris Show at the Shops at Kenilworth, Towson, MD

Saturday, May 29-June 3, 2011: AIS National Convention in Victoria, BC, CANADA

Saturday, June 18, 2011: Beardless Iris Show at The Shops at Kenilworth, Towson, MD

Saturday, July 9, 2011: Rhizome Sale at Watson's Garden Center, Lutherville, MD

Saturday, July 16, 2011: Rhizome Sale at Dutch Plant Farm, Frederick, MD

Summer Picnic, TBD:

In Cooperation with the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Marjorie Schiebel recommended Emma Childs for a scholarship and it was agreed to give a \$500.00 donation to Ms Childs. At this fall meeting, President, Carol Warner received and read a letter of appreciation she received from Ms Childs.

Our final meeting of the year was a Fall Luncheon which was held at Cactus Willies in Fredrick Maryland. At this meeting a new slate of officers was elected for 2011. They include:

President:	Anita Moran
Vice President:	Barbara Hartge
Recording Secretary:	Robert Hartge
Corresponding Secretary:	Carol Warner
Treasurer:	Carl Rebert

This year FSK was pleased to donate \$200.00 to the AIS General Fund, \$500.00 to Region 4, and as \$500.00 to Ms. Emma Childs as a scholarship.

Respectfully submitted  
Anita Moran

## Minutes of the Board Meeting Region 4, American Iris Society

**Sheraton Richmond West Hotel Richmond, VA  
Friday, October 8, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Assistant RVP, Don Rude at 1:00 p.m. Minutes were taken by Carol Warner until the Secretary arrived. The meeting began with the reports from the affiliates.

Carolina Mountain – No report.

Charlotte – No report.

CVIS – John Rossini presented; see report submitted.

ENCIS – Susan Grigg presented; see report submitted.

C&P – Ginny Spoon presented; see report submitted.

FSK – Anita Moran presented; see report submitted.

FAIS – Doug Chyz presented; see report submitted.

Lois Rose read the Spring 2010 meeting minutes.

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Carol Warner presented; see report submitted. She further reported we are spending more than we receive. Discussion ensued and the following suggestions were made:

Limit the Newscast to two publications per year

Send electronic copies by choice of the members

Eliminate color in the mailed copies, with full color on the website only

Send to AIS Board Members, all RVP's and all editors.

It was moved by Bill Smoot to ask all presidents of the affiliates to collect email addresses of members and give them to the editor. Motion seconded by Ginny Spoon.

Bill Smoot noted that some companies are changing to all email addresses; some people will not be able to download it. Dave Bollinger suggested that we email a link to the website where they could access the Newscast. Don Rude suggested that everyone send the Editor their email address if they wanted to receive

an electronic copy. Jack Loving noted there a lot of older members who do not want this service. Editor should let member know why we are doing this and that they may have to pay extra to receive a mailed copy. It was noted that Mac Shawe and Mike Lowe have some of the email addresses, but that it is up to each member to keep their email addresses current. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Ginny Spoon to limit the Newscast to two issues per year – one in February and another in late July/early August. Lois Rose seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Judges Training – Carrie Winter sent her report stating the reporting process for 2010 to Judy Keisling AIS JT Chair has been completed. The following have been recommended for action at the AIS Fall Board Meeting to become effective

January 1, 2011.

Pat Bowen from G/E to Master

Lois Rose from Apprentice to G/E

Sue Shackelford from Student to Apprentice

Tricia Taylor from Student to Apprentice

All other judges will continue with their current status.

Beardless & Species Iris – Carol Warner, Chairman reported that the JI Convention will be in Portland, OR during the last weekend in June right after the AIS National in Victoria, BC.

Median Iris Report – Ginny Spoon, Chairman, reported that there will be a Median tour in Oklahoma next year and to look for details in the AIS Iris Bulletin. The Dwarf Iris Society is discussing joining the Median Society

Reblooming Iris – No report.

Historian Report – See written report submitted by Lois Rose.

Iris Program Resources – Bill Smoot would like all Region 4 affiliates to send him a list of the names of programs they have so that he can compile a master list for distribution.

## Minutes of the Board Meeting Region 4, American Iris Society

**Membership** – Mac Shawe reported that we now have 332 single, 65 dual for a total of 397 members. He noted that potentially 2 will drop off 1st quarter of 2011, 14 will drop second quarter and 32 will drop third quarter. Please encourage renewal with all your members. He also pointed out that FSK and FAIS were the largest local societies with approximately the same number of members. Mac mentioned that it takes about two to three months for all the drops and addition of memberships to be accurately reported.

**Youth** – No report.

**Newscast** – Anita Moran requested articles, Articles, ARTICLES – please! She also stated that her deadlines have to be firm. It really causes her problems that snowball in getting the Newscast out in a timely manner to all. So now the deadline is the deadline. If items, articles, pictures, etc. are not to her by the deadline it will have to wait until the next issue.

**Website** – Anita pointed out that other than emergencies, the website had not been updated since last winter, which is her personal slow time to get this done. If any of the affiliates needs their information updated, please send it to her now to get done this winter. With Acorn as our webhost, Anita noted that she has 17 free emails she can set up for officers and judges for Region 4. She mentioned this because several persons have requested their personal emails not be listed in the Newscast or on the website. By having specific emails, i.e. RVPRegion4@acorn.com this would always be the email for the Regional Vice President for Region 4 no matter who held that office. All in attendance agreed this was an excellent idea. Judges would be given the free emails on a first come first served basis.

**Budget** – Jack Loving presented the proposed 2011 Budget for Region4. Discussion ensued regarding the print and mailing costs of the Newscast be revised in light of the earlier motion passed to reduce the number of issues to two per year. Further discussion was had regarding the RVP Travel Expenses. The amount budgeted for RVP travel will stay at \$800. Carol Warner moved the budget now for two issues of Newscast be reduced from \$4500 to \$3,000 and that the overall total budget be reduced to \$5,050. Bill

Smoot seconded the motion and it was carried.

Carol Warner asked to withdraw \$4,000 on December 11th when the Region's CD renews to assist in the expenses of the budget as outlined. Anita Moran moved that Carol Warner be allowed to withdraw up to \$4,000 or as Carol sees fit to accommodate budget expenses. It was noted that the CD currently now contains \$7,265. Motion was seconded by Jack Loving and was carried.

### Old Business:

**Criteria for the E. Roy Epperson Memorial Award** – Susan Grigg pointed out that our motion for creating this award at the Spring 2010 meeting did not state what form this award should take, i.e. plaque, certificate, medal, etc. Susan felt it was necessary to have a decision made by the 2011 Spring Meeting in order to allow sufficient lead time for its physical creation. It was suggested that a permanent award plaque be created and then possibly have a certificate or something else given to the recipient. A few of the criteria for the award were discussed to possibly include: membership recruitment and retention efforts, offices held, chairing of a national convention. It was not a complete list of the criteria at this time.

**Regional Meetings Committee** – Susan Grigg presented several options the committee had come up with for the Fall Meeting as follows:

- Eliminate one meeting per year and go back and forth, i.e. Fall Meeting one year, Spring Meeting next year. It was noted that the By-Laws of the region would need to be changed if this option were chosen.
- Change the Fall meeting to a one-day meeting only
- Keep in mind the need for three years of preparation for Spring Meeting for garden guest irises
- Have the Fall Meeting in Richmond, Virginia every year
- Email or Mailing of information directly to members then put changes in the Newscast Advertise Regional Meetings on social networks on Internet

- Use own cars for regional meetings instead of buses to reduce costs
- Create a similar raffle to AIS National Convention for Region 4 Spring meeting to include registration and hotel.

Susan asked all members to email more ideas to her at irismom@NC.rr.Com.

#### **New Business:**

Nominating Committee – The current officers' terms will be expiring next year. Assistant RVP, Don Rude, asked for volunteers from each state to be on the Nominating Committee. The following members volunteered and were accepted by the Region to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2011 Officers:

Frances thrash – Virginia

Carol Warner – Maryland

Susan Grigg – North Carolina

No Active affiliate in West Virginia – no member needed.

2011 Region 4 Spring Meeting, Blacksburg, VA – Asst. RVP, Don Rude reported that the graduation ceremonies of Virginia Tech are the weekend of May 14, 2011. Therefore the Region 4 Spring Meeting would need to be held May 6th and 7th, 2011. Don also reported the following:

Price House has been confirmed for our tour. Mike Lowe and his committee are working on the historic irises. Frances Thrash and Bill Smoot will be co-chairing the flower show during the Spring Meeting. Plant Auction and Silent Auction chair person(s) still needed, and Garden Judges Training still need the details ironed out.

There being no further business, Mac Shawe moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by John Rossini and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Taylor  
AIS Region 4 Secretary

**The Nominating Committee** composed of : Frances Thrash, Chairman (VA), Susan Grigg (NC), and Carol Warner (MD) presents the following slate of Officers for Region 4 for 2011 -12.

**Regional Vice President:** Don Rude

**Assistant Regional Vice President:** Ramon (Ray) Jones

**Secretary:** June Rosini

**Treasurer:** Carol Warner

Officers are elected by the general membership at the annual spring meeting of Region 4 each year and assume office at the close of the fall meeting.



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## **SHOW COMMITTEE**

General Chairman	Frances Thrash (757-481-3484)
Schedule	Frances Thrash (757-481-3484)
Staging	Frances Thrash & (757-481-3484) Bill Smoot (757-393-4617)
Classification	Lois Rose
Entry/ Placement	(540-582-5799)
Awards Secretary	Frances Thrash (757-481-3484)
Judges	Bill Smoot (757-393-4617)
Properties	Ginny Spoon (540-888-4447)
Clean up	Region 4 members

## **OFFICERS OF AIS REGION 4**

Regional Vice-President	Carrie Winter
Assistant RVP	Donald Rude
Secretary	Tricia Taylor
Treasurer	Carol Warner

## GENERAL RULES

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 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2011. Judging will begin at 11:30 am.
3. Exhibits and ribbons must remain in place until 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors should remove their entries promptly. Those remaining after 5:00 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.

## DIVISION I -- HORTICULTURE

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| Section A | Tall Bearded  |
| Section B | Other Bearded<br>Group 1 Miniature Dwarf Bearded<br>Group 2 Standard Dwarf Bearded<br>Group 3 Intermediate Bearded<br>Group 4 Border Bearded<br>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 1982)<br>Note: These can be placed instead in other appropriate sections if preferred by the 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. No AIS 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.

## DIVISION III – ARTISTIC

Section A – Tricolor – all fresh materials are required. All designs will be displayed on tables covered with black cloth. Each design will have a space of 18” x 18” – height is the designer’s choice.

- Class 1 – Sunny Day
- Class 2 – Stormy Night
- Class 3 – Color Splash

**DESIGN DIVISION RULES**

1. **All designs must be previously registered with the Design Division Chairman, Frances Thrash at 757-481-3484, no later than April 22, 2011.**
2. Arrangements must be the work of one individual. Individuals have complete freedom in style of designs.
3. Designs will be checked for conformance to the schedule by the Chairman.
4. Fresh plant material may NOT be treated in any manner, including oils, sprays, or paint. Dried material MAY be treated.
5. An exhibitor may enter as many classes as desired, but may have only one exhibit per class. There will be four entries per class.
6. NO ARTIFICIAL material in any design allowed. Fresh materials do not have been grown by the exhibitor, nor must iris be named. There must be an emphasis on fresh materials.
7. Iris must DOMINATE the arrangement. Landscapes or scenes are not permitted. A 3 x 5 card must accompany each design with materials listed.
8. Artistic classes will be judged by National Garden Clubs, Inc. judges. The authority will be the *Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007*, with corrections. Decisions of the judges are final. Judging will begin at 11:30am. Only Chairman, Judges, and Clerk may be present during judging.
9. Designs may be entered between 10:00am and 11:00am, May 6. Entry cards will be available from the Show Chairman during the show and should be completed in waterproof ink, pencil, or mailing label. Arrangements must remain in place until 5:00pm but must be removed by 5:30pm, May 6.
10. Design Division is open to everyone.
11. Plants on the conservation list of Virginia used in arrangement MUST have been grown by the exhibitor and labeled as such, otherwise they should not be used. No members of the animal kingdom should be included in any design of this show.
12. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
13. Scale of Points for designs is listed below:
 

a. Conformance to schedule	20
b. Design (Elements, Principles)	42
c. Artistic Concept	12
d. Expression	10
e. Distinction	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**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.
10. Tricolor Award may be awarded to the design scoring the highest in Section A, Classes 1 – 3. To be awarded the Tricolor Award, there must have been 4 designs in each of the 3 classes and the design must have scored 95 or higher. Tricolor is a rosette of red, yellow, and blue. The winner of the Tricolor Award will also be awarded the Best Design of Show Rosette of the American Iris Society. The Best Design of Show Rosette is of all purple ribbons.
11. The Artistic Sweepstakes will be awarded to the individual who wins the most blues in the design division, provided the individual has won at least two blues ribbons.

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Send dues and membership information to:

Mac Shaw, Region 4 Membership Chairman  
 6405 Fairborn Terrace  
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**Directions to AIS Region 4 Spring 2011 Meeting**

This year's meeting will be held at:

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**900 Prices Fork Road  
 Blacksburg, VA 24060  
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**From North -**

**Take I-81 South towards Roanoke. Take Exit 118B onto US 460W toward Blacksburg. Merge onto Parkway Drive. Continue onto US 460W. Exit onto VA 412N (Prices Ford Road/State Route 685) toward Downtown. Make U-turn at W Campus Drive.**

**From East -**

**Take I-64 West to I-81 South toward Roanoke. Take exit 118B for US 460W toward Blacksburg. Merge onto Parkway Drive. Continue onto US 460W. Exit onto VA 412 N (Prices Ford Rd/State Route 685) toward Downtown. Make a U-turn at W Campus Drive.**

**From South -**

**Take I-77 North toward VA. Take exit 32 to merge onto I-81 N/US 11N toward Roanoke. Continue to follow I-18 North. Take exit 118B for Parkway Drive. Continue onto US 460W. Exit onto VA 412N/(Prices Fork Rd/State Route 685) toward Downtown. Make a U-turn at W Campus Drive.**



Region 4 of the American Iris Society

## REBLOOM SEARCHES FOR SILVER LINING

By  
Mike Lockatell

Rebloom was put to the test this past summer in Region 4. Record heat and dryness wilted many gardeners and their cherished plantings. Prospects for summer and fall flower were dim. Against all odds, consistent rebloom did materialize. Survival had some unexpected pleasant blessings.

The Richmond area saw its hottest summer on record. The National Weather Service considers summer to be June, July and August. The average daily temperature for the three month period was 81.3° F, which eclipsed the previous record of 79.6° F posted in 1900!!

Meager summer rainfall added to the misery. Only 5.93 inches were recorded during the span. Summers with drier readings were 4.46 inches in 1921 and 5.24 inches in 1912. Lack of rainfall was one factor contributing to abnormal summer warmth according to a meteorologist interviewed by Rex Springsten for the Richmond Times Dispatch.

The bleak growing conditions however did not discourage rebloom in my garden. My daily diary indicates summer flower began appearing during the second week of June. SDBs Double Overtime (Tasco, 2004) and Sailboat Bay (Zurbrigg, 2001) kicked off the early parade TBs Summer Radiance (Wilkerson, 1996), Anxious (Hager, 1992), Durham Dream (Zurbrigg, 2000) and Northward Ho (Zurbrigg, 1991) flowered on multiple bloomstalks until crushing heat arrived in early July.

July heat was oppressive. Daytime temperatures frequently hovered between 90° F and 100° F. As August approached, rebloom suddenly reappeared on both named varieties and seedlings. ‘Northward Ho’ without any prodding resumed summer flowering. The strawberry pink plicata has now turned in solid summer rebloom in consecutive years. A combination of ‘Northward Ho’ and Double Vision (Ghio, 1999) has produced children with summer and early September flowering. They had performed well during the same time frame in 2009. It was encouraging to see similar results under more challenging conditions during the past year.

The big surprise in August was finding bloomstalks on offspring featuring Gate of Heaven (Zurbrigg, 2004) mated with Zurbrigg Seedling Nos.# TT109 and 20360A-L. The extreme growing conditions clearly affected stalk height, branching and flower quality. An important Zurbrigg breeding goal was to develop reliable late summer and early September remontants. The performance of both ‘Northward Ho’ and ‘Gate of Heaven’ seedlings in my garden indicates future rebloomers can acquire this valuable genetic trait.

Double Overtime  
(Tasco, 2004)  
Photo by Rick Tasco



Summer Radiance  
(Wilkerson 1996)  
Photo by Betty Wilkerson

Low Ho Silver  
(Byers, 1989)  
Photo by Anita Moran



## REBLOOM SEARCHES FOR SILVER LINING (Cont.)

Lois Rose from Partlow, VA has dedicated a large portion of her bearded iris plantings to remontants. The FAIS member has worked with me over the years to use her garden results as an important check against mine in Powhatan, VA. We strive to test new selections and chart rebloom consistency on well known varieties. Micro climate quirks still confound our best intentions. Lois however was able to water, so she did have good fall results despite Dante's Inferno.

Outstanding rebloom was obtained during September on IB Low Ho Silver (Byers, 1989). The white median had a whopping eight plus stalks through October. The late Sterling Innerst's tall bearded rebloomers turned in solid efforts. Lois recorded four stalks on Again and Again (Innerst, 1999), seven on Lunar Whitewash (Innerst, 2003) and six on Over and Over (Innerst, 2000). Sterling effectively used Hager, Hall, Mahan and Zurbrigg breeding to create a rich rebloom legacy to benefit both iris gardeners and future breeders.

Solid September-October median performers were SDBs Rosalie Loving (Spoon, 2003) and 'Sailboat Bay', IB Tawny (Pray, 1974), BB September Buttercup (G.P.Brown, 1962) and MTB Lady Emma (F.P. Jones, 1986). Maryland Ho (Hornstein, 2003) was an exceptional Region 4 origination. A tall bearded plicata out of 'Northward Ho', it produced four stalks during the period. Past Zurbrigg TB favorites also did well. Earl of Essex (Zurbrigg, 1980), I Do (Zurbrigg, 1974), Jennifer Rebecca (Zurbrigg, 1985), Renown (Zurbrigg, 1992) and Youth Dew (Zurbrigg, 1980) had an average of three bloomstalks per clump. The late Bernice Miller's 'Born Again' (1977) was a prolific fall bloomer. The dark crimson bitone tall bearded had seven stalks!!

FAIS president Doug Chyz and member Sue Shackelford filed encouraging reports. Doug found median bloom on SDBs Blueberry Tart (Chapman, 2002), Giggler (Spoon, 2001), Pretty Girl (Spoon, 2001), Sky Willow (Spoon, 2004) and Smell the Roses (Byers, 1988). He also reported fall bloom on TBs Queen Dorothy (Hall, 1984) and Witch of Endor (B. Miller, 1978).

The Shackelford garden had rebloom on both older and recent releases. Four recent tall bearded introductions from Kentucky remnant breeder Betty Wilkerson made the grade. Fall flower occurred on Another Bridge (Wilkerson, 2005), Echo Location (Zurbrigg, 2007), Star Gate (Wilkerson, 2005) and Tara's Choice (Wilkerson, 2004). Zurbrigg releases reblooming for Sue were Clarence (Zurbrigg, 1991), 'Earl of Essex', English Cottage (Zurbrigg, 1976) and 'Gate of Heaven'. Innerst TBs mentioned were 'Again and Again' & Lunar Whitewash. Older selections in fall flower were TBs Buckwheat (Byers, 1989), Istanbul (Byers, 1990), Rosalie Figge (McKnew, 1991) and 'Queen Dorothy'.



Rosalie Loving  
(Spoon 2003)  
Photo by  
Anita Moran

Queen Dorothy  
(Hall, 1984)  
Photo by  
Kent Pfeiffer



Witch of Endor  
(B. Miller, 1978)  
Photo by  
Anita Moran

## REBLOOM SEARCHES FOR SILVER LINING (Cont.)

CVIS members reported the following fall bloom in their November 2010 Newsletter. June and John Rosini had June rebloom on IB Double Your Fun (Aitken, 2000). Other median rebloom in their garden was Plum Wine (Weiler, 1986) and MTB 'Lady Emma'. TBs Perfume Counter (Zurbrigg, 1972) and Iceland (Byers, 1991) reached fall flower. A number of additional remontants had developing stalks and buds. Jim Diggs enjoyed rebloom on TB (Daughter of Stars, 2000) and Shirley Shelton had multiple fall bloom on 'Again and Again'.



Earl Of Essex  
(Zurbrigg, 1980)  
Photo by  
Anita Moran

Don Rude from Blacksburg, VA saw rebloom on 'Gate of Heaven' for a month. Initial flowering started on September 1st. Don also saw fall bloom on TBs Mango Parfait (Spoon, 2008) and Frost Echo (Aitken, 1995). Linoa Adams from Raleigh, NC had November/December flowering on TB Matrix (Hall by Zurbrigg, 1992).

Jennifer Rebecca  
(Zurbrigg, 1985)  
Photo by  
Mike Greenfield



Extreme summer heat and drought for the most part delayed bloomstalk formation on most reliable rebloomers until the latter stages of October throughout Region 4 in 2010. Hard frosts started materializing in the beginning of November damaging most developing stalks. This report tried to focus on reports of actual bloom. We still however appreciate any emerging fall bloomstalk reporting. This information is still tabulated and available to any interested member or rebloom breeder. Results indicate many recent introductions seem to be consistent in any weather condition. Lets focus on the positives in an otherwise brutal year. If some of the current reporting trends continue, rebloom still has a great future ahead of it.



Matrix (Hall by  
Zurbrigg, 1992)  
Photo by  
Colleen Modra

## Welcome to Blacksburg!

As Assistant R.V.P. for Region 4 of the American Iris Society, I am delighted to have this chance to invite A.I.S. members to attend the 2011 Spring Meeting in Blacksburg, VA., Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, at the Holiday Inn in Blacksburg. While there is no affiliate in Southwest Virginia, members from throughout the region have banded together to assist me in planning a full schedule of programs for the weekend. Activities will include an Iris Show, planned by Frances Thrash, and programs presented by Robert Pries, and Dr. Donald Spoon. Ginny Spoon will provide judges training. Dr. Spoon and Lois Rose will be in charge of a plant sale, a silent auction, and a board meeting, and there will be visits to the historic iris garden at the Price Nature House in downtown Blacksburg and to my own garden where I currently have nearly 300 cultivars which will, I hope, cooperate us with bloom. I think we will have a wonderful time, and I look forward to having you once again in Blacksburg.

Don Rude



'Flying Down To Rio'



'Dracula's Kiss'





**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Holiday Inn**

**University**

**900 Prices Fork Road**

**Blacksburg, VA 24060**

**Phone: 540-551-7001 Fax: 540-552-3421**

**Room rate:** \$125.00 plus tax per night. Reservation includes breakfast. .

**You must mention Region 4 Iris Society when registering to get these rates and you must make your own reservations with the hotel no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Some additional rooms have been set aside at our special rate for Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for those who wish to arrive early.**

**Facilities & Services**

- Priority Club Rewards
- Attitudes Bar and Cafe Café
- Morning Coffee and Tea in Lobby
- Same-day Valet Dry Cleaning
- Guest Laundry
- Meeting Rooms
- Board Room
- Business Center with Copy and Fax Services

**Guest Room Amenities**

- Internet Service in the Rooms
- Telephones with Voice Mail
- Remote-Controlled Cable TV
- AM/FM Alarm Clock Radio
- Large Well-Lit Work Desk with Executive Chair
- In-Room Coffee, Hair Dryer, Iron and Ironing Board

**Directions:** Travelers arriving at Blacksburg from the North or South approach the city on US Highway 81. At Exit 118 leave US 81 and take US-460 West. Take the Virginia Tech Exit and continue straight on US-460 West. Exit on VA-412/ Prices Fork Rd. Take a left after the first stop light and enter the Holiday Inn Parking lot on the right.

**AIS Region 4 Spring, 2011 Meeting**  
**Friday May 6th and Saturday, May 7th**  
**Blacksburg , 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:** \$65.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Full Registration:** \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After April 15<sup>th</sup> the Full Registration will be \$70.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) =

(Full registration includes Buffet Dinner on Friday and Awards Banquet on Saturday)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preference for the banquet:

Veal Roma \_\_\_\_ Polenta Cakes \_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_

**Send completed Registration Form with a Check made payable to *Region 4, AIS*, and mail by April 15<sup>th</sup> to:**

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