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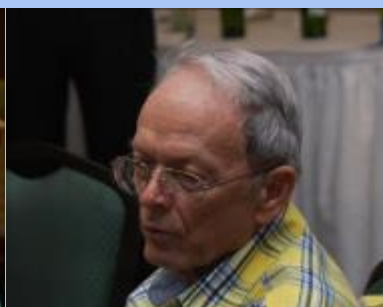
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IRISARIAN LAWS

Law number 1: A typical iris bloom season was experienced in 1923. There has been no typical year since that time.

Law Number 2: You can predict a rainstorm with 97% accuracy by checking when the next iris show is scheduled and predicting it will rain the preceeding day.

Law Number 3: Irises and weeds are companion plants and should be grown together. Many people refuse to believe this law, but end up practicing it anyway.

Law number 4: The more you pay for an iris, the more likely it is to die.

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Law #4 B: (Added 11 December 2021) Iris growers need guardians in the beds for protection against various critters, except the ones you want disposed of.

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An Iris Blessing

May your blooms be floriferous and in good form,
Distinctive, with good substance, flare, and airborne,
With standards and falls that endure, never torn.
May you display many buds and blooms sublime,
In graceful proportion on strong stalks each day,
Gently floating above the fans and the fray.
May you too reach toward the moon and stars,
Bloom after bloom, many seasons in the sun,
Enjoying your life, health, and each loved one,
Until your 'living days are artfully done.

- Georgia Gudykunst



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Notes From The Region 4 Vice President



Happy Winter everyone.

It has been a very cold harsh winter here.

In four years of having my greenhouse, this is the first year it was so cold that things froze. I lost my Begonias, Geraniums and the Amazonian irids. The South African Irids, Dietes were not bothered at all.

All our affiliates reported record sales at the Plant Sales. Please remember to donate to your local sales, and bring a plant or two to the regional auctions.

Welcome to all the new Region 4 members who have joined us! You will find that our Region is a friendly group of iris gardeners who enjoy sharing our plants and our iris knowledge.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Hunt Valley this May.

Cordially,

Dan Fetty

IRISARIAN LAWS (cont.)

Law Number 5: There are three types of iris growers : 1. The normal Gardener 2. the iris nut, and 3.) you . (You kid yourself my friend).

Law Number 6: No price is too high to pay for top grade iris borer food. (It is believed that this law was first formulated by Dr. D. C. Nearpass but this has not been completely proved.)

Law number 7: The only way we will get a truly red iris is through a gene mutation. (This law must be correct because it has been repeated 7,765,831 times---oops make that 7,765,835!)

Law Number 8: iris catalogues do not exaggerate---**about the color of the leaves.**

Iris graminea

by D. Kramb

Classification: Spuria

General Description: 8"-16" (20-40cm) tall, with very fragrant reddish-violet to purple flowers. Flowers have plum scented fragrance. *I. graminea* var. *achtaroffii* has yellowish-white flowers. *I. graminea* var. *pseudocyperus* has larger & more robust flowers than *I. graminea*, and is also unscented.

Comes in 3 main varieties: *I. graminea*, *I. graminea* var. *achtaroffii*, and *I. graminea* var. *pseudocyperus* which can be distinguished by flower size, color, and scent.

Hardiness: Estimated Zone 3-9

Native Range: Central Southern Europe, Spain to Russia, Crimea, Caucasus. *I. graminea* var. *pseudocyperus* ranges from Czech Republic, Romania, Transylvania, and Slovakia.



Iris graminea

photo by:

L. Bernler of Gothenberg, Sweden.

From The Editor

It was wonderful to finally get out among other iris people. My sons are wonderful but they zone out quickly. I put in the rest of the gardens I visited while in Oklahoma and Arkansas, but I would love for you to tell me how you spent 2020 and 2021 in your gardens. Mine is in complete disarray as I have been working on seventeen new beds. I am learning more about Hügelkultur, which is using large raised beds 24" tall, filled with logs and garden refuse and allowed to compost for six months, then compost is put over that. Then another six months of sitting; then finally filling with good compost. The nutrient rich soil could last with minimal need for artificial chemical fertilizers for up to five years.

We have scheduled Spring 2022 Regional meeting in Hunt Valley, Maryland, the Fall 2022 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Spring 2023 in Winchester, Virginia. Fall 2023 is open and Spring 2024 is scheduled in Charlotte, North Carolina. Fall 2024 is open. Fall meetings can be easy to set up by one person with the help of other Regional members or a group together can put on a fall meeting. Please let me know if you are interested.

I have been putting species profiles in the *Newscast* lately and if you are growing any species, please take a picture and let me know so others in the region know they can be grown here. I just heard from our RVP that he just had some *Iris pumila* seeds germinate. Way to go, Dan.

There are two important meetings soon: the Spring regional meeting in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and the AIS National meeting in Las Cruces, NM. Then there are your own local meetings and iris shows. Please attend and have a wonderful time meeting new iris friends and learning about the plant we all love. Once you do that, please write a short article about the gardens you saw, so it can be published in the *Newscast* for all to enjoy.

In Spring of 1986 the *Newscast* Editor Clarence Mahan began to publish *Irisarian Laws*. They were too cute not to reprint them starting in this issue. For those of you wondering where they came from I give you Clarence's words. "(ED. Many of Region 4 members have asked where the *Irisarian Laws* come from. Alas... your editor knows not where they come from, they come into your editor's head from out of the clear blue sky. Clarence Mahan.)"

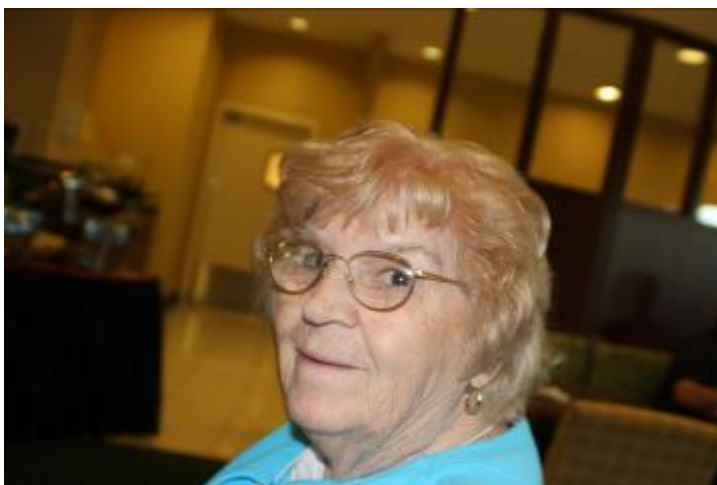
I hope you have a wonderful spring and will share your iris escapades with the rest of us.

Anita Moran
Newscast Editor



Hügelkultur bed #1

Ruth Brown Holbrook



January 18 1931 – July 11, 2021

Obituary

Ruth Brown Holbrook 90, of Charlotte died Sunday July 11, 2021, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House Southminster. She was born January 18, 1931, in Wilkes County, NC, daughter of the late Ambrose Floyd and Ollie Watson Brown. She retired from First Union National Bank after many years of service.

Ruth thoroughly enjoyed gardening and especially loved attending her iris and daylily garden. She was a long- time member of the Charlotte Iris Society, where she made many dear friends. She loved to return to what she called the old home place in the North Carolina mountains, where she grew up. She was a true Southern cook, and made delicious food from simple ingredients. She is survived by three daughters, Kim DeRhodes of Charlotte, Jan Ballerstein of Charlotte, and Sherry Rembert of Indian Land, SC; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and her beloved sister Irene Moose of China Grove. Memorials may be made to Levine and Dickson Hospice House or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Iris unguicularis
along Ruth's Drive-
way



Ruth's Carolina Chicken

- 1 chicken, cut up, or chicken pieces of your choice
- 1 28 oz. can whole tomatoes
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 large onion, diced
- Flour
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 tsp ginger,
- 2 tsp chili powder

Coat chicken pieces in flour and brown in a small amount of oil in a Dutch oven. Remove chicken and saute onion until soft. Add the buttermilk, tomatoes, 2 tsp. ginger powder, 2 tsp. chili powder, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir to break up tomatoes and return chicken to pot. Simmer for 1 hour. Serve over rice.



'Ruth Holbrook' 2014, Spoon

Ruth Brown Holbrook (cont.)

Remembering Ruth by Anita Moran

I remember Ruth when I first met her at the Region 4 regional meeting in Charlotte North Carolina. I was relatively new to the region, but was glad to meet and tour Ruth's garden. At the next regional Ruth, Katharine Steele, Carrie Winters, and Barbara Alexander needed a chauffeur and from then on, I was the driver for the Carolina girls no matter which configuration they came since occasionally June Wood would also join them. When I went to North Carolina in 2010, Ruth was my guide in the Charlotte area where we traveled to the gardens of Paul Furr, Barbara Alexander, Julia Hindle, Shirley Knox and of course Ruth's Garden. Beside meeting great people, I ended up taking cuttings from several plants in Ruth's Garden and when she learned I loved Trillium, she and Paul Furr took me in Paul's lower 40 woods to dig some specimens to return to Maryland. That was Ruth, her gardening ethos became my own; you see something you like? Wait a minute and I will give you a piece. I am forever thankful that I was able to visit Ruth's Garden a final time where I went for weeding duty and ended up taking more plants than I weeded. I will sorely miss my friend. Vaya Con Dios, my friend.



Ruth Holbrook and Carrie Winter resting from garden tours



Ruth Holbrook and Barbara Alexander



Ruth's Garden in bloom



2021 Median Trek: Part II

The Garden of Randy and Janet Moore Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

By Anita Moran

Finally, we are out and about, I have to thank the Oklahoma City Iris Society for all their hard work and dealing with delay, devastating loss of Perry Dyer, and the Covid epidemic. You provided us with a much-needed relief and an opportunity to talk irises.

When we arrived at the Moore Garden, we were met by the owner, Randy Moore. It continues to astound me how much garden can be concentrated into a city lot. As we entered the back yard there was bloom a plenty to enjoy but something else caught my attention first. It was not the COVID appropriate snacks; irisarians do love to eat but I noticed the noise. Ahhh, there along the side of the back yard was a small pond area. The tinkling of the waterfall gave a peaceful, relaxing effect for all the visitors. However, it was the irises we came to see. Although not in bloom, Randy's garden box in the rear of the back yard was filled with various pumila that he is waiting to play with.

Starting from the smallest, 'Mandy's Baby Blanket', was a cute Reiniet's miniature dwarf bearded (MDB) seedling. Winner of the Best MDB award, it was a lovely surprise to see it blooming among tall bearded. Among the standard dwarf bearded (SDB), bold coloring usually captures my attention. 'Mordor' (Black 2015) with its red-black coloring and bright orange beard, 'Pirate Baby' (Johnson 2018) moving from a black center to a white ground, and 'Honorary' (Johnson 2018), although pink, had a bright blue beard that called to you, and sure fit that bill. 'Color' (Black 2018), a pale orange with brown plicata markings, and 'Unwritten' with its white ground and various shades of purple plicata markings, made the softer colors very appealing.



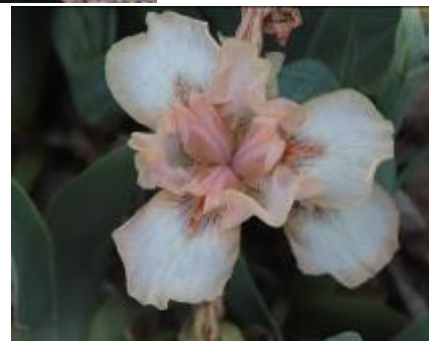
Moore Garden Entrance



◀ Moore Garden Pond

'Mandy's Baby Blanket'
MDB Rienets 2018 ▶

Voted Best MDB



'Pirate Baby'

◀ SDB Johnson
2018

'Color'

SDB Black 2018 ▶



'Unwritten'

◀ SDB Johnson.
2016

2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

Moore Garden (Cont.)

Two old standbys ‘Bahama Blues’ (Sutton 2008) and ‘Bottled Sunshine’ (Nichols 1994) were nice to see among the new intermediate bearded (IB). ‘Doohicky’ (Sutton 2009), a space ager with pink-yellow coloring and dark blue bards and horns made a good show and went on my list since it was the first time, I saw it. ‘Body Painting’ (Black 2014) was a complicated color shading of pinks and deep rose. It was striking.

The border bearded (BB) you either love or hated ‘Fried Green Tomatoes’ (Stout 2018) had the branching and buds that were outstanding on a strong stalk. The winner of the best BB, however, went to ‘Frosty Spirit’ (Tasco 2017) a bright white that could be seen everywhere in the garden. Again, it was nice to see the older BB ‘Dark Wonder’ (Tasco 2012) doing so well.

The Arilbred ‘Artful Accent’ (Black 2018) was glorious with its bright yellow flush up white standards and the dark yellow beards surrounded by an black brown signal that faded outward to a red-brown on a rose fall. I just loved seeing ‘Childsong’ (Jensen 1984) blooming nearby.

It was so surprising to see tall bearded (TB) blooming with SDBs and MDBs or vise-versa. ‘Captain Thunderbolt’ (Blyth 2011) was a standout, but Randy Moore’s seedling 13-7F stole the show and was eventually voted best seedling. It’s a creamy orange with a deep orange beard tipped with a white horn that put on quite the show for all the visitors.

On a quiet street in a quiet neighborhood who would think that such a treasure was hidden behind the fence. I would like to thank the Moores for all their hard work and allowing us to wander through their garden. After such a tough year as was 2020, it was a blessing to be among friends and tour gardens again.



Moore Seedling TB13-7 Voted Best Seedling



◀ **‘Body Painting’**

IB Black 2014

‘Artful Accent’ ▶

AB Black 2018



◀ **‘Frosty Spirit’**

BB Tasco 2017

Voted Best Border Bearded



‘Fried Green Tomatoes’



BB Stout 2018



◀ **‘Captain Thunderbolt’**

TB Blyth 2011



‘Black Bachelor Button’



2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

The Garden of Steve and Cynthia Wade Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

By Anita Moran

The Median Trek used car pooling and various schedules to move the guests around to the guest gardens. My trek partner Jane Denton and I arrived at the Wade Garden first. The Garden of Steve and Cynthia Wade was a divine collection of small gardens situated on a neighborhood plot so that nearly every inch was either a garden or path. Each gravel path was smoothly raked and every landscape stone level with its neighbor. From linear gardens to wide paths similar to an English garden portion, everything was neat and inviting with plenty of seating in the shade, so that the gardens could be enjoyed at leisure.

Hellebores surrounded a Red Bud tree in the shade portion of her garden. Garden art was also among the irises and other plants, including a large stone where Indians crushed maize. My favorite was a snail made from a large rock and metal stripping. A small gazebo on one side of the garden gave additional seating, but also added to the serenity of the garden.

Among the iris were everything from miniature dwarf bearded to tall bearded in bloom, including some Arilbreds. 'Kay' (Johnson 2017) was a personal favorite MDB of mine with its black red coloring and bright yellow beard. Arilbreds putting on a show included my own 'Anaheim Daughter' (2006), and the always stunning 'Eye To Eye' (Keppel 2009). 'Refiner's Fire' (McGrath 2007) was spectacular as always and the darker 'Sailing At Dawn' (Tasco 2018) was a great contrast to the lighter colorings of the others. The wind refused to stop every time I tried to take a picture of 'Sand Dancer' (Tasco 2010); still she was lovely to see. It was the first time I saw 'Sand Flush' (Ransome 2015) and I just loved it.

It was difficult to choose a favorite Border Bearded among the offerings, such as 'Baby Ribbon Pink' (Bryan Spoon 2017), 'Border Baby' (Aitken 2010), 'Broken Border' (Tyson 2016), 'Sorbet Swirl' (Keppel 2018), and 'Frosty Spirit' (Tasco

Wade Side Garden



Garden
Art



'Kay'

MDB Johnson 2017



'Anaheim Daughter'

AB (OGB) Moran 2006



'Sailing At Dawn'

AB Tasco 2018



'Sorbet Swirl'

BB Keppel 2018



**'Baby Ribbon
Pink'**

BB B. Spoon 2017



2017) which was eventually chosen as Best Border Bearded.

2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

The Garden of Steve and Cynthia Wade (Cont.)

The Intermediate Bearded (IB) showed the greater diversity of color. 'Crazy Over You' (Black 2017) was a deep rich velvety maroon with blooms filling the clump. Phillip Remare's bright orange 'Dalriada' stood out when ever you were in sight distance to it. I saw 'Dark Triad' in heavy rain and sunny skies and it impressed every time with its deep violet coloring and heavy ruffles. Ginny Spoon's 'Deimos' and Don Spoon's 'Gold and Rubies' were huge clumps filled with flowers and so complimentary growing next to each other. The violet luminata 'Leave The Lights On' (Probst 2013) drew me to it every time I saw it; it was so aptly named since it glowed from within.

The Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB) irises were well represented with the likes of 'Coral Sunrise' (Miller 2014) and 'Lucy Doodle' (Nearpass 2003).

There were a lot of Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB) irises in full bloom, despite the fact that there were tall bearded irises blooming at the same time. "Sherryl My Love" (Stout 2018), 'Cheerful Chipmunk' (Sutton 2017), 'Fire' (Black 2015), 'Sweet Pink' (Black 2017) and 'Yodel' (Johnson 2018) were among my favorites.

Even with Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB) irises blooming like 'Kay' (Johnson 2017), the Tall Bearded (TB) were also putting on a show. The rebloomer 'Daughter of Stars' (Spoon 2001) was in a huge clump and making a statement. 'Copper Angel' (Dash 2018), and 'Dragon Flight' (Nichols 2003) were all beautiful. Mike Lockatell's seedling 21429, a multifaceted raspberry with a bright yellow beard, was showing well in the Wade Garden. 'Midnight Toccata' (Kerr 2010), 'Notta Lemon' (Burseen 2010) one of my favorite yellows, and the violet and black 'Storm Rider' (Tasco 2013) were all wonderful to see.

The Wade Garden is a place you go to relax and enjoy quietly whatever is present. If I could have, I would have spent hours just sitting, but it was time to move to the next garden.



'Deimos'

IB G. Spoon 2019 ►



'Coral Sunrise'

MTB Miller 2014 ►



'Sherryl My Love'

SDB Stout 2018 ►



'Storm Rider'

TB Tasco 2013 ►

◄ **'Crazy Over You'**

IB Black 2017



◄ **'Leave The Light On'**

IB Probst 2013



'Sweet Pink'

◄ SDB Black 2017



'Daughter Of Stars'

◄ TB D. Spoon 2001



Cynthia Wade
and my
Traveling Buddy
Jane Denton

2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

The Will Rogers Garden

2880 N. Hwy. 66, Caloosa, OK

By Anita Moran

Unlike many civic gardens the 35-acre Will Rogers Gardens provides hands-on gardening classes available for every one of all ages. Instruction for gardening and home landscape, special events, and various other workshops and classes are available. Among the various garden highlights is the Iris Display Garden established in the 1950's. Of the over 700 irises in the garden, 250 of them are medians that are cared for by the volunteers from the Oklahoma Iris Society, who did a stellar job in preparing for the Median Trek.

The Gardens contained large ponds with timed fountains that were used by various ducks and geese. One goose seemed a little fearful of the water, as it would get near with its friends, then run away. Large stone and hidden garden arts made walking the garden an adventure. Both the general garden and Iris Garden sported stone and gravel walkways, making it easy to move around both.

Representing Arilbreds were 'Noble Warrior' (Tasco 2006) and 'Hannah's Prayer' (McGrath 2004), both growing well among the other bearded irises with apparently no change in conditions. The Border Bearded (BB) 'Frosty Spirit' (Tasco 2017) and 'Precious Halo' (Kerr 2012) were growing in great clumps giving bright spots to the garden.



'Hannah's Prayer'

AB McGrath 2004

'Noble Warrior'

AB Tasco 2006



'Precious Halo'

BB Kerr 2012



Wildlife at the Garden



'Stormbird' IB Smith 2018

Voted Best Intermediate Bearded

2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

The Will Rogers Garden (cont.)

The Intermediate Bearded (IB) irises ‘Stormbird’ (Smith 2018) and ‘Pop Culture’ (Black 2012) were among my favorites with ‘Stormbird’ blooming in a huge clump. The Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB) beside the Tall Bearded (TB) showed a greater number of blooming clumps. They included ‘Color Two By Two’ (Fisher 2009), ‘Dividing Line’ (Bunnell 2003), ‘Little Hero’ (Rieniets 2017), ‘Raspberry Shocker’ (Miller 2015) and ‘Florence French’ (French 2009).

In this garden the TBs were the majority of color. While the smaller irises, annuals, and small perennials edged the gardens plots, the TBs brought color to nearly every area, from amoenas like ‘Devil’s Intent’ (Blyth 2006), ‘Almost An Angel’ (Nichold 2006) and ‘Head Games’ (Lauer 2009). ‘Dots and Splashes’ (M. Sutton 2010) and ‘Divergence’ (M. Sutton 2011), ‘Lovely Senorita’ (Schreiner 2002) and ‘Marrying Kind’ (Keppel 2012), one of my favorites, were all blooming beautifully across the garden. ‘Wired’ (Sutton 2016), ‘New Found Glory’ (Kerr 2013) and ‘Orangelos’ (M. Sutton 2009) were great contrast showing with the irises surrounding them even though they were so different.

The Will Rogers Garden is a great way to spend a day with a picnic and a camera. When there are not plants to photograph, there are animals and birds to give you opportunities to enjoy the calming influence of the water and various garden areas.



◀ ‘Color By Twos’

MTB Fisher 2009



‘Dividing Line’ ▶

MTB Bunnell 2003



‘Devil’s Intent’ ▶

TB Blyth 2006



‘Marrying Kind’ ▶

TB Keppel 2012



‘Lovely Senorita’ ▶

TB Schreiner 2002

◀ ‘Raspberry Shocker’

MTB Miller 2015



◀ ‘Divergence’

TB Sutton 2011



◀ ‘Wired’

TB Sutton 2016



Region 4 Committee Reports

Fall Membership report, 2021

Fall Membership report, 2021

FAIS added 34 memberships during their membership drive in August, 8 of them dual.

Congratulations Fredericksburg!

We have 310 members currently in Region 4.

For those of you that remember Mac Shawe (our membership chair for Region 4 before me), his family sent me a notice of his passing. Mac did a wonderful job of keeping or membership and was a great friend.

Also, Dan Laing of the Central Virginia Iris Society passed away in June. Dan was an AIS judge and he

and his wife, Linda and daughter, Kristen have judged our show (S&P) many times.

Ginny Spoon

Region 4 Membership Chairman

Beardless and Species Report October 9, 2021

Carol Warner

The Siberian/Species Mini Convention will be held May 28th through May 30th 2022 in the Seattle area. Three gardens are growing guest plants from a large number of hybridizers. This should be an excellent convention since the Siberians and most species irises do so well in the Seattle climatic conditions. Garden Judges Training will be offered in the Spence Garden.

Since there will not be beardless irises in the AIS Convention in New Mexico or in Dallas, this will be an excellent opportunity to see a large number of well grown varieties.



'Judy, Judy, Judy' 2011, Hollingworth

Judges Training Report

Fall Regional Meeting Oct. 9, 2021

I would like to mention that we lost Master Judge Dan Laing this past April. He had served in Region 4 for several years. He will be missed. His wife Linda and daughter Kristen are still Master Judges.

Currently we have 2 Emeritus Judges, 10 Master Judges, 7 Garden/Exhibition judges, 4 Apprentice Judges and 4 Student Judges. Please welcome Heather Haley, Patricia Meagher and Marilyn Naylor as our 3 new Apprentice Judges. With the Handbook revision, Retired Judges can now serve on a judging panel when joined by an accredited judge. The newest revision of the AIS Handbook can be viewed online (irises.org/Hist/Info2021AISHandbook). You can also buy your copy at the AIS store. There is a lot of new information and many clarifications in it.

I would encourage others to enter the Judges Training program because we need more Judges to be able to cover all of the iris shows and be able to give the training sessions without having to rely on the same Judges all of the time. Our Region covers North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and DC. We have 7 affiliates that have iris shows and most shows have at least 2 and often 3 Judges at each show. The Judges Training forms have been updated on the Region 4 website and will give all of the information that is needed to begin the journey.

I have copies of the recently revised Judges Activity Record that is Appendix E in the new Handbook. This is YOUR record of what you have done so that at the end of July, you can fill out the Judges Activity Report easily and on time.

Please make use of the AIS training webinars. They are online presentations that make it possible for Judges to receive in-classroom training from a wide variety of presenters and on many subjects. Not all of the webinars count as Judges Training credit but many do and they are always interesting and informative. You must print out the test from the online invitation and send it to me for it to count. You may view the webinars presented so far and take the tests through December 31 of this year. For more information go to American Iris Society News & Notes or email at AISwebinars@gmail.com.

In Iris Friendship,

Sue Shackelford

AIS Region 4 Judges Training Chairman

Merrick 'Mac' Shawe



radios. He loved gardening, and sharing his beautiful roses and prize-winning irises with friends and colleagues.



Mac with Don Spoon, Jim Schroetter, and Ray Jones

Obituary

Merrick Edwin (Mac) Shawe, October 21, 1928 - September 6, 2021, of Silver Spring, Maryland, passed away peacefully from natural causes. Mac is survived by his wife Roney (Troxler) Shawe, children Merry Ellen McGown (Bill), Merrick Edward "Ted" (Robyn), and Melissa Jadlos, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A proud son of Baltimore, MD, Mac served in the Navy from 1948-53. He attended the University of Maryland where he met Roney in the coffee line at the cafeteria. Graduating as an Electrical Engineer, he worked for the government and had a long and fulfilling career at NASA, where he managed a team designing satellite communication systems, creating technologies still in use today. He was one of the first system engineers. Mac retired from NASA as the Head of the Laser Tracking Network for the Crustal Dynamics Project. The results of the Project confirmed the theory of continental drift.

Mac was known for his love for Roney, sense of humor, and love for his children and grandchildren. As an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Mac sang tenor in the choir. He was a long-time member of Prince George's Little Theater, running the lights. He finally made it on-stage with his grandchildren in a production of A Christmas Carol. He had a strong service ethic and often volunteered, teaching and helping others. One of his most fulfilling roles was assisting his father-in-law in the development and management of his antique-clock repair business. In retirement, he volunteered at the National Capital Radio and Television Museum, the Iris Society, and PC Seniors. He continued to repair antique clocks, watches, and vacuum-tube

Remembering 'Mac' Shawe

Mac was a quiet man, whether he was walking a garden, joining in with Judges training or judging a show. He was always learning and always quick to share that knowledge. I loved judging a show with him as he was thoughtful of each part of the irises and the conditions the growers were exposed to. Mac was losing his sight so he bowed out of judging, but his calm assurance was also missed. We all lost so much in these past months and the loss of Mac just makes the pain a little sharper. -Anita Moran



'Mac Shawe'
2005, Spoon

Memories of those friends we love and admire keep them alive for others. Make memories while they are with you!

Sue Grigg

Affiliate Reports

Affiliate Report Charlotte Iris Society

On April 8, 2021 the Board members met and made several crucial decisions:

1) To conduct a virtual iris show. This was done in April.

Winner: Tamara Hinson - TB Twist of Sheree

2) To open 4 gardens for members to enjoy irises in bloom

Ingrid Bray, Charisse Miller, Lewis Bozard and Grey Drum kept their gardens open at different times throughout April and May

3) To attend Region 4 meeting in Raleigh 5 members attended

4) To create CIS website, CIS business card, and conduct the Iris sale July 24 at the Farmer's Market. We have an ongoing website: charlotteirissociety.com, Beautiful business cards.. The July sale was the most successful ever, as we were able to accept credit cards. At the sale we signed on 5 new tty members.

5) Conducted our annual picnic lunch on August 28 to get together and to appreciate the generous donors and volunteers who helped with the sale.

Sadly, Ruth Holbrook died July 11. She was a long-time member of the CIS and AIS where she made many dear friends. Ruth was always kind, willing to help and share knowledge and experience. She will be missed.

Ingrid Bray
President

Eastern North Carolina Iris Society Report

Fall 2021

Since hosting the AIS Region 4 Meeting this spring, members of the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society (ENCIS) have been working hard to dig, divide, clean, and replant irises in our gardens. Members Chris Broberg, Diana Dudley, Susan and Glenn Grigg, Heather Haley, Susan Miller, Don and Mary Myers, Rebecca Pow, and Dean Richards donated many bearded and beardless irises for sale to the public. Our club also made a beardless iris purchase from Carol Warner of Draycott Gardens in Maryland, who sent a generous quantity and variety to round out what members had to offer.

Many hands processed donations, and we were happy to spend time together. Thankfully our usual meeting place—

the J. C. Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh—was able to host us for two rhizome sales. Our incoming Vice President, Susan Miller, served as Chairperson for the sale. Secretary Don Myers and Treasurer Glenn Grigg took cash and checks from customers. Donations and volunteer efforts literally “paid off!” Our Treasurer, Glenn Grigg, is understandably relieved. The combined income from summer and fall sales set a new annual record: \$4,376! Several members took unsold bearded beardless rhizomes home with plans to try our luck selling potted irises in the coming year. Unsold beardless rhizomes were donated to the arboretum.

We have been holding virtual meetings through Zoom. In July, Susan Grigg shared a program on Garden Tools and Iris Culture. In August, Region 4 Judges Training Chairman Sue Shackelford walked us through the new AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials. In October, we will host a virtual Harvest Dinner to share ideas for 2022 and invite some new friends to join. In December we will convene for planning social media, website updates, and our event calendar. Looking forward to the coming year and sharing delightful adventures in irisdom, in whatever form they may take.

Heather Haley, ENCIS President

FSK Iris Society Report October 9, 2021

Carol Warner, President

FSK has been fairly dormant except for our two summer sales which set a new record total income. People are more interested in gardening and are purchasing more plants than ever.

We did hold our summer picnic and board meeting on a lovely day in August. It was so nice to see everyone in person.

We are happy to be hosting the Fall Region 4 Meeting here in Hunt Valley and hope everyone will enjoy the scheduled events.

Affiliate Reports

2021 Fall President's Letter for Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society

The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society held their fall board meeting on

Saturday, September 25th at the home of Don and Ginny Spoon.

Attending were: Patti Meagher, Ginny Spoon, Rob and Sheryl Campbell, Ray Jones, Marilyn Naylor and guest Beth Orndorff (President of the Fredericksburg Iris Society).

The most pressing issue was the election of officers. Ginny has been president for longer than the bylaws allow, however since the COVID outbreak she was asked to serve a bit longer. No one wanted to step into the role of president at this time so Ginny agreed to another term.

The slate of officers presented to the general membership for the term: 2022-2023 are as follows:

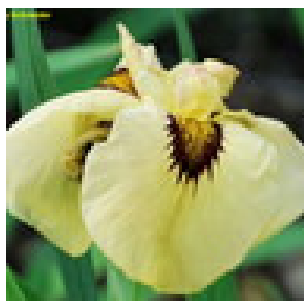
Ginny Spoon: President
Patti Meagher: Vice President
Marilyn Naylor: Secretary
Ray Jones: Treasurer

Other business of the board included the dates and places of the shows and sales and the spring regional meeting and schedule to be held by our S&P Iris Society on May 12th and 13th, 2023.

After the board meeting Ginny gave a classroom training on Awards and Honors.

Ginny Spoon
President, SPIS

THE RANDOLPH PERRY MEDAL Inter-species hybrid (SPEC-X) irises
RYUGAN (Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol Warner)



YARAI (Hiroshi Shimizu
by Carol Warner)



Region 4 Shows

Eastern North Carolina April 24, 2022

Charlotte April 30, 2022

Bayshore May 7, 2022

Fredericksburg Area May 8, 2022

Shenandoah and Potomac May 15, 2022

Francis Scott Key Regional May 21, 2022
Beardless June 18, 2022

Region 4 Sales

Eastern North Carolina :

Bearded July 16, 2022
Beardless September 10, 2022

Francis Scott Key :

July 9, 2022 Middle River MD
July 16, 2022 Fredrick MD

Fredericksburg Area

August 6, 2022

Shenandoah and Potomac

August 7, 2022



2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

Garden of Robert Treadway By Anita Moran

Well, you have seen a little bit of the convention gardens from the Median Convention, but I was invited to two additional gardens. White Rock Garden at the home of Phyllis and Odie Kirtley in Benton, Arkansas and the garden of Robert Treadway in Carlisle, Arkansas. Since I just began my interest in Louisiana Irises, I will start with Mr. Treadway's Garden.

The Treadway Garden is truly in the middle of nowhere. As we pulled into a long drive to a metal barn building, we saw Robert had his seedlings out and sunning themselves. I was surprised to see that among the flooded beds were two dry beds with tall bearded irises flourishing. They included 'Sneak A Peek' (Burseen 2013) and a beautiful Moore seedling 11-07-H.

But I was here to see Louisiana Irises. These were grown in large tubs and there were lots of them all lined up in rows each filled with composted soil and water. These gave me great ideas, since I had a pond that would soon need irises to fill it.

Along with the large pots there were also beds filled with introduced cultivars. I am not usually a white flower person, but the Louisiana iris 'Kinky' (M.D. Faith, 2008) was a clean white with green style arms and signals. It was such a contrast to the rich green of the leaves and the dark rich coloring of many of Mr. Treadway's seedlings. 'Maurepas' (Patrick O'Connor, 2016) was a beautiful lavender with bright yellow signals.



◀ Moore seedling
11-07-H



'Sneak A Peek'
(Burseen 2013) ▼



'Kinky' (M.D. Faith, 2008) ▲

'Maurepas' (Patrick O'Connor, 2016) ▼



2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

Garden of Robert Treadway (cont.)

Mr. Treadway's seedling were so beautiful it was hard to choose my favorites. I could not see the seedling numbers so you will have to deal with my numbering system. I wish I could put them all in this article, but there just is not enough space. The one seedling that had my heart beating hard was a variable red violet with varying shadows over the falls. The stalk was so beautiful that if I knew it would last until I got home, I could have asked to cut it to take with me. Another seedling was linen in color, edged in deep pink with a large lemon-yellow signal. There was also a red seedling with solid yellow style arms and signal to offset the main color. A dark blue violet was abused but on day three bloom was still holding up its falls and standards. The dark coloring was offset with wonderful red violet style arms.

On my way out, I still had a thousand miles to go, but stopped in my tracks when I saw a huge stalk with a deep maroon flower and lots of branches. 'Our Sassy' (Rudkin, 2006) sure stopped me in my tracks. I wish I had more time in this beautiful garden. Thank you to Robert Treadway for the invitation.



Treadaway Seedling #5



Treadaway Seedling #7



◀Treadaway Seedling #6

Treadaway Seedling #8 ▼



2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

White Rock Garden, Benton Arkansas

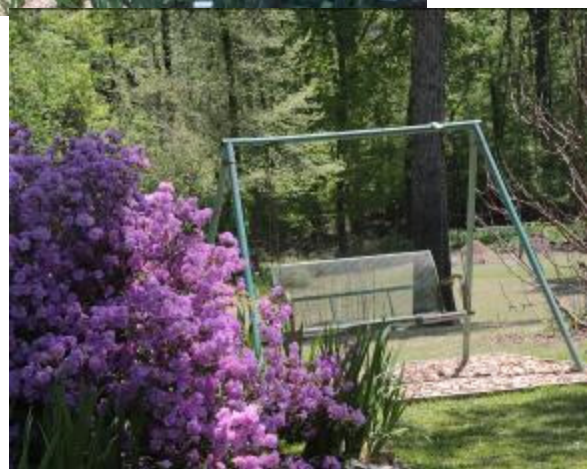
Phyllis and Odie Kirtley

By Anita Moran

At the Median Iris Society meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Phyllis Kirtley invited me to visit her garden in Benton, Arkansas. A little over three acres of gardens were too good to pass up. Unfortunately, Phyllis was unable to escort me thought the grassy paths which separated each section. Behind a large oak were palettes of stone waiting for their turn to become part of a flower bed. In every bed there were multiple plants and garden art, but in the rear gardens, irises were the focal point of most beds.

In the front under broad trees, were several mixed shade gardens which included azaleas, coral bells, hostas, and Japanese maples which edged the front area and were placed in many of the garden beds. The remnants of what must have been a spectacular daffodil display gave additional greenage to the irises like 'Clarence' (Zurbrigg 1991), placed perfectly to receive morning sun and dappled sun the rest of the day.

In the rear of the house were a plethora of garden beds with enough plant material to guarantee bloom from spring to fall. Paths of stone and grass led through arbors and arches as you moved along the beds. There was even a small wooden bridge to walk over. I was surprised to see the Aril-bred 'Rare Breed' (Tasco 2011) among other tall bearded irises like 'Notta Lemon' (Burseen 2009) and 'Bubble Baby' (Burseen 2013). As you wondered about, there were plenty of garden benches and even a swinging bench at the top of the hill to overlook the gardens where Mr. Kirtley was sitting enjoying the view of all their hard work.



Top: 'Rare Breed' (Tasco 2011),
'Bubble Baby' (Burseen 2013)

Left: 'Notta Lemon' (Burseen
2009)



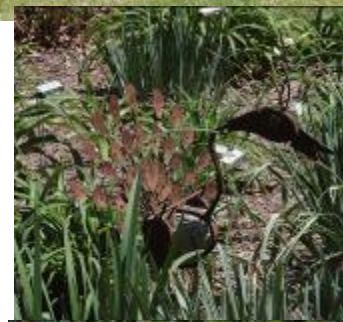
2021 Median Trek: Part II (cont.)

White Rock Garden, Benton Arkansas (Cont.)

Some other blooming iris included some I have not seen before; 'Howla Penna' (Burseen 2017), 'Pshaw' (Burseen 1993), 'Remember The Vee' (Price 2012), 'Taffeta Tantrum' (Blyth 2008), and 'Variety Show' (Sutton 2016) and the rebloomer 'Orange Juice' (Sutton 2009). These were scattered in various beds and were putting on a great show along with older varieties like 'Solomon's Seal' (Ensminger 1998).

As exhausted as I was, the presence of so many different types of garden art kept me moving to see what was in the next bed. I think some of my favorites were the metal lady bug, the metal and stone peacock and the surprised owl. The purple bee with his net was just too cute.

In a small out of the way shaded area was a small stone pond surrounded with what looked like Japanese irises, assuring that the bloom would continue into the summer. If you get a chance this is a garden that is worth the drive to visit.



'Howla Penna' (Burseen 2017),



'Pshaw' (Burseen 1993), ▲



'Remember The Vee' (Price 2012),



'Taffeta Tantrum' (Blyth 2008), ▼



'Variety Show' (Sutton 2016),



'Orange Juice' (Sutton 2009). ▼



Dan Laing



I was surprised to hear that we lost Dan Laing this past fall. Since I first met Dan, his entire focus was on his daughter Kristen in her journey with the American Iris Society and Region 4. As assistant RVP, the RVP, and the *Newscast* Editor, I enjoyed when Dan would come and sit with me during a meeting either before or after dinner or in the gardens. Many of Dan's complaints and suggestions, although geared to help his daughter, actually worked to help others in the Region. Just as likely Dan would tell a joke which made me laugh at a very inappropriate time. I am not the only one who was treated to Dan's particular brand of humor. This has been a horrible two years for the people of Region 4 and I hope that you gather around those who remain and give them your support.



c. Winterberry Iris Gardens

'Dan Laing' 2011, Spoon



Dan with Don Spoon, Byran Spoon, and Mac Shawe in Shackelford Garden



Dan with his daughter Krissy, Byran Spoon in Shackelford Garden



Dan with wife Linda. You know he said something bad.

Shirley Knox



'Sister Shirley' 2011, Spoon



September 15, 1934 to October 12, 2021

Shirley Knox, the sister of Dr. Don Spoon, passed away peacefully after a long battle with heart problems with her daughter and her herd of dogs by her side. I met Shirley when I was traveling around with Ruth Holbrook in 2010 and again in 2017 with Carrie Winter and my sister. Shirley had such a giving heart. At our first meeting I wrote that she had a herd of dogs. The first herd consisted of strays she took in, no matter their condition, from miniature to giant breeds. The second herd consisted of dogs with terminal conditions that she was determined that they have the best life left to them.

Shirley was so proud of her brother Don and always pointed out his introductions every time we walked her garden. She was also proud of her Knox Haven, her home she dragged into the modern times. Shirley asked both times I visited that I not take pictures of her, why I do not know, but she was beautiful in body as well as in spirit.



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page: <u>1</u> Year: <u>2022</u>			HYB	YEAR	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All TBs unless noted.	ST	GP								
Again and Again	VA		Innerst	1999				X X X		
Amazing Grace	VA		Rees	1959			X X			
Amazing With Grace	VA		Roberts	2012				X		
Another Bridge	VA		Wilkerson	2005			X X X X X	X		
Anxious	VA		Hager	1992			X X X X			
Autumn Circus	VA		Hager	1990			X X X			
Autumn Sky	VA		D. Spoon	2016				X		
Autumn Trist	MD		Weiler	1993				X X X		
Back Again	VA		D. Spoon	2020				X		
Bolder Boulder	VA		Magee	2000		X	X	X	X	
Born Again	VA		Miller	1978				X X X		
Bouncing Blue	VA		D. Spoon	2014				X	X	
Bountiful Harvest	VA		Hager	1991				X X X		
Brother Carl	VA		Zurbrigg	1983				X		
Cayenne Capers	VA		Gibson	1959					X	
Christiane Elizabeth	VA		Mahan	2001				X X		
Clarence	VA		Zurbrigg	1991				X		
Corn Dance	VA		D. Spoon	2008				X X X		
Corn Harvest	VA		Wyatt	1977				X		
Coronation of David	VA		Miller	1999				X X X X		
Daughter of Stars	VA/MD		D. Spoon	2001				X X X		
Dime Spot	VA		Moore	1985				X	X	
Double Time	VA		Hager	1984					X X	
Earl Of Essex	VA		Zurbrigg	1980					X	
Echo Of Spring	VA		Price	2013				X		
Emma Louisa	VA		Buckles	1969					X	
Feedback	VA/MD		Hager	1983			X	X		
Garden Club Delight	VA		Zurbrigg	1997					X	
Garden Grace	VA		Zurbrigg	1981				X		
Gate Of Heaven	VA/MD		Zurbrigg	2004			X X X		X	
Golden Encore	VA		Jones	1973		X				
Harvest Of Memories	VA		Zurbrigg	1985					X X	
Haunting	VA		Crump	2006				X		
I Do	VA/MD		Zurbrigg	1973			X X X X	X		
Iceland	VA		Byers	1991					X	
Il Stutter	VA		Kanarowski	2012				X		
Istanbul	VA		Byers	1990				X X		

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July Yellow	VA	Chadwick/ Werner	2001					X		
Lady Essex	VA	Zurbrigg	1991						X	X
Latest Style	VA	Zurbrigg	1979					X	X	X
Lest We Forget	VA	G. Sutton	2008						X	X
Lichen	VA	Byers	1989					X		
Liquid Amber	MD	G. Spoon	2003						X	
Lunar Autumn	VA	Thimsen	1985						X	
Lunar Whitewash	VA	Innerst	2003						X	
Mango Parfait	VA/MD	D. Spoon	2008				X	X	X	X
Margaret Wilson Thomas	VA	D. Spoon	2006					X	X	
Mariposa Autumn	VA	Tasco	1999						X	
Maryland Ho	VA	Hornstein	2003				X			
Matrix	VA	Hall	1991						X	X
Metro Blue	MD	Mike Lockatell	2015						X	
Mother Of Dragons	VA	D. Spoon	2019						X	X
My Friend Jonathan	VA/MD	Miller	1994				X	X	X	X
Northward Ho	VA	Zurbrigg	1991				X		X	
Over and Over	VA	Innerest	2001				X	X	X	X
Peach Echo	VA	B. Spoon	2016						X	X
Pearls Of Autumn	VA	Hager	1993						X	
Perfume Counter	VA	Zurbrigg	1972						X	X
Pink Attraction	VA	Hall	1988		X				X	
Polar King	VA	Donahue	1939						X	
Purple Magic	VA	D. Spoon	1997						X	X
Queen Dorothy	VA	Hall	1984				X	X	X	X
Rebound	VA	Wilkerson	1996						X	X
Redelta	VA	Smith	1994						X	X
Renown	VA	Zurbrigg	1992				X	X	X	X
Rosalie Figge	VA	McKnew	1993						X	X
Sarah's Laughter	VA	Miller	1988						X	X
Silver Dividend	MD	Zurbrigg	1989		X				X	X
Sister Helen	VA	Zurbrigg	1977						X	X
Soda Fountain Shuffle	VA	Loctatell	2015							X
Spirit Of Memphis	VA	Zurbrigg	1977						X	
Starring Encore	VA	D. Spoon	2008						X	
Summer Fantasy	VA	Brown	1964		X	X	X	X	X	X
Summer Green Shadows	VA	Brown	1965		X	X	X	X	X	
Summer Olympics	VA	Smith	1976							X
Summer Whitewings	VA	Brown	1960						X	X
Sunny Disposition	VA/MD	Zurbrigg	1991						X	X
Total Recall	VA	Hager	1992						X	X
Uriah The Hittite	VA	Miller	1979							X
Winterland	VA	Byers	1990						X	
Zurich	VA	Byers	1990						X	

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Anne Lowe	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011				X		
Autumn Jester	VA	SDB	Chapman	2000	X		X			
Autumn Surge	VA	SDB	Aitken	2005				X		
Baby Blessed	VA	SDB	Zurbrigg	1979			X	X	X	
Blueberry Tart	VA	SDB	Chapman	2002				X		
Cara	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011			X	X		
Dinky Pinky	VA	SDB	G. Sutton	2016				X		
Eric Simpson	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011			X	X	X	X
Forever Blue	VA	SDB	Chapman	1997			X			
Glitter Bit	VA	SDB	Weiller	1997					X	X
Lime Pie	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2017					X	X
Little Blackfoot	VA	SDB	Reinhardt	1966				X		
Plum Wine	VA	SDB	Weiler	1986						X
Pretty Girl	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2001				X		
Prince Lollipop	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2002				X		
Purple Joy	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2007				X		
Ray Jones	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2011			X	X	X	X
Rosalie Loving	MD	SDB	D. Spoon	2003				X		X
Sailboat Bay	VA	SDB	Zurbrigg	2001				X	X	X
Senorita Frog	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2002				X	X	
Sky Willow	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2005					X	
Smell The Roses	VA	SDB	Byers	1988			X	X		
Sweethearts Again	VA	SDB	Jill	2004				X		
Winter Embrace	VA	SDB	D. Spoon	2005				X		
Hilda's Gift	VA	MDB	D. Spoon	2002				X		
Pokemon	VA	MDB	G. Sutton	2003				X		
Royal Maroon	VA/ MD	MDB	D. Spoon	2001			X			
Storm Compass	VA	MDB	Chancellor/ Rust	2014				X	X	

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Blessed Again	VA	IB	Jones	1976				X	X	X	
Club Tattoo	VA	IB	Nichols	2000					X		
Constant Companion	VA	IB	Marsh	1995				X	X	X	
Double Your Fun	VA	IB	Aitken	2000							X
I Bless	VA	IB	Zurbrigg	1985				X	X	X	X
Low Ho Silver	VA	IB	Byers	1989		X	X	X			
Many Mahalos	VA	IB	Aitken	2003				X			
Midsummer Night's Drea,	VA	IB	Baumunk	1999		X					
Mulligan	VA	IB	M. Sutton	2015				X			
Precious Little Pink	VA	IB	Byers	1995	X		X				
Sipping Chartreuse	VA	IB	Crump	2015					X		
Tawny	VA	IB	Pray	1974					X	X	
White Autumn King	VA	IB	Sass	1935					X		
Cricket Song	VA	MTB	Silvers	2013						X	
Lady Emma	VA	MTB	Jones	1986				X	X	X	X
Autumn Ivory	VA	BB	G. Spoon	2001					X		
Autumn Orangelite	VA	BB	Brown	1962					X		
Double Dare	VA	BB	Lokatell	2014					X		
Flo	VA	BB	D. Spoon	2011	X					X	
Persimmon Pie	VA	BB	D. Spoon	2000				X	X		
Pink Returns	VA	BB	B. Spoon	2019				X	X		
September Buttercup	VA	BB	Brown	1962			X	X			

SEEDLINGS

11WEt01	MD	MDB	Moran							X	
11JLrI01	MD	SDB	Moran						X	X	
11JLrI09	MD	SDB	Moran						X	X	
11RRrI02	MD	SDB	Moran								X
11RRrI04	MD	SDB	Moran								X
11SMop02	MD	SDB	Moran				X	X			
11SMop04	MD	SDB	Moran				X	X			
Sunbeams Forever	VA	SDB	C. Campbell	R		X	X	X	X		
14-30-E	VA	TB	Yowell						X		
17-12-D	VA	TB	Yowell						X		
21231 Yellow	VA	TB	Lokatell							X	
PP61	VA	TB	Zurbrigg							X	

Region 4 Committee Reports (cont.)

Fall 2021 Newscast Report

First, I want to thank all those who wrote up gardens seen at the Spring Regional in Raleigh NC.

In the three days after the August 2021 *Newscast* was put on line it had 993 hits. Although 95% were from the US, Russia, India, Ireland and India show many visitors.

All *Newscasts* that are available are now accessible on the *Newscast* Previous pages either as an upload from the publications portion of the website or as a link to the *Newscast* in question from the AIS Wiki.

Looking back on some of the older *Newscasts* I found several articles we will be publishing in the future including the Iris Laws, which started appearing in January 1986. There are also very good articles on growing *Spuria*, and one on information for the beginners by Clarence Mahan. This historical search does not mean that I do not need articles. I do. I have talked with several people who grow *Spuria* very well in Region 4 while others are having extreme difficulty in just keeping them alive. If you can grow certain irises, please let us know your secrets.

Anita Moran

Fall 2021 Website Report

The Judges Page and the page containing on-line forms have been up dated.

CIS Affiliate page now has links to its own web page and its Facebook page

CVIS has links to its Facebook page

FAIS Also now has links to its Facebook page

The Happening page will change this winter. It will now be split into three categories. Meetings, Shows and Sales. Get your dates to me as early as possible so that I can post them. During your fall/winter meetings please look over your web pages and let me know what you want changed. Make sure your president knows what you want and I will call each affiliate president and talk about the changes as I make them. This procedure worked very well when Sue Shackelford and I worked on the two Judges pages.

Anita Moran

Epperson Committee Report

Fall Regional Meeting
Oct. 9, 2021

This year as last, was very unusual for the American Iris Society and Region 4 because of pandemic restrictions and concerns. We were able to have some shows and meetings but nothing like our usual schedule. So again this year, the Epperson Service Award will not be presented.

Sue Shackelford
Epperson Service Award Committee Chairman

The Iris Grower's Ten Commandments

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's compost heap nor his wheelbarrow nor his Bearded Iris.

Thou shalt not insult the soil, but always obey the laws of husbandry. If it be too wet, thou shalt drain it, and if it be too dry, thou shalt not court publicity but water it by night. At all times thou shalt return to the soil thy best efforts at humus.

Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's gardening pencil nor his special pumpkin seed nor any of his rare plants but shall give his of thy plenty, except it be of couch or oxalis.

Thou shalt not commit murder on thy neighbor's hens nor his cat nor his dog even though the bone be buried beneath thy best seedling.

Thou shalt be tolerant of thy brother gardener who hath no iris and shall listen to his tales of Dahlia and Gladiolus with sympathy and understanding.

Thou shalt not bury thy mistakes too deeply so that thou canst not find them easily and thou shalt not bury the same one twice.

Thou shalt not practice conceit when thine own seedlings flower but shalt restrain thyself yea even when the people shout, "Thou hast raised a winner".

Thou shalt not envy thy neighbor's soil nor his flowers nor his vegetables but shalt study thine own soil and handiwork to find wherein it may be deficient.

Three things thou mayst not have on it---gorse blackberry and unpaid rents.

Thou shalt not buy expensive iris whilst thou hast hordes of growing mouths to feed for great beauty lieth not always in the price tag and hungry mouths do not see beauty.

(The above was submitted by Tamara McBride of Roanoke VA with the note that she did not know the source but thought others might enjoy it. Thanks Tamara... ED.)

Region 4 Board Minutes – Hunt Valley, MD October 9, 2021

RVP, Dan Fetty, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and established that a quorum of officers was present.

Carol Warner made a motion that the minutes of the Spring 2021 Meeting be approved as printed in NEWSCAST. Tricia Taylor seconded and the motion was passed. Since our secretary, Diana Dudley, could not be present, Carol Warner was designated to take the minutes for this meeting.

RVP Report – Dan enjoyed his bloom season and attended a lovely show in Raleigh. He noted that we had some wonderful plants for our auction and encouraged all of us to pot up plants specifically for our spring and fall auctions.

Assistant RVP Report- Anita announced that FSK will be hosting the 2022 Spring Region 4 Meeting on Saturday, May 21st. This will be a one-day meeting with a schedule very similar to the schedule for this meeting, including a show. There will be open gardens on Friday, May 20th and hopefully a garden judges training session on Siberians in Carol's garden. The rest of the Region 4 Meeting Schedule is planned as follows:

Fall 2022 FAIS

Spring 2023 S&P

Fall 2023 Open

Spring 2024 CVIS

Glenn Grigg suggested that the fall meeting be done by zoom. Anita loves in-person meetings. Lois noted that our bylaws require in-person meetings. We may need to revise the bylaws to include an escape clause in case we don't have a host. Anita suggested that it is possible to have a hybrid meeting so that people who can't travel can attend remotely. There was a question if Region 4 wants to get a subscription for longer than the 40 minutes allowed on a basic Zoom meeting. Tricia made a motion to investigate changing the bylaws to provide for a full remote teleconferencing meeting, or hybrid, as physical conditions warrant. Susan or Heather seconded and the motion was passed.

Anita noted that smaller groups hosting a regional meeting can call on members of Region 4 to assist them in chairing parts of the meeting. Hopefully we can go to the Norfolk area or areas covered by some of our smaller groups.

Anita will follow up on procedures for changing the bylaws.

Treasurer's Report – Carol presented the treasurer's report from April 30 to October 9 noting receipts of \$1,497.88 and

expenses of \$904.30 and a final balance of \$16,951.94. The report was filed for audit.

Membership Report - Anita read Ginny Spoon's report which will be printed in NEWSCAST.

Judge's Training Report – Sue Shackelford reported that we have 7 garden judges, 10 master judges and 4 apprentice judges. She encouraged more members to become judges. All the forms are on-line on the website. There is a Region 3 Judges Training session on October 23rd if members are interested.

Webmaster - Anita noted that CIS has their own page and FAIS uses Facebook. Please send schedules for shows, sales, meetings, etc. to pilmore22@gmail.com and put "Website" in the subject line.

NEWSCAST – Anita thanked everyone who wrote articles on the tour gardens from the Spring Meeting. There have been 393 hits on the August NEWSCAST in 3 days. Clarence Mahan's Iris Laws will be in the next NEWSCAST, and some wonderful past articles will be reprinted. If you can grow specific types of irises well, please consider writing an article. Susan Grigg suggested that the new member section include the name and town or affiliate. Anita will ask Ginny to give that information.

Historian – Lois Rose had no report but noted that she has all the old records in her possession.

Auction – We have a nice selection of items for the auction including many beardless irises.

Epperson Award – Sue Shackelford announced that the award was not given this year due to the pandemic but hopefully will be awarded next year.

Nominating Committee – Susan Grigg announced that we need to appoint a new committee. David Bollinger (MD), Ingrid Bray (NC) and Tricia Taylor (VA) were appointed. They will select a chairman this evening when they meet.

Society Reports – All written reports will be printed in NEWSCAST. It was noted that the Eastern Shore Iris Society has been dropped as an affiliate since they have no members, but the web area will be left open.

News Business – Region 4 needs a new Youth Chairman. Heather Haley will take the position of Iris Program Resource Chairman. Hooker Nichols has a national list.

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Anita suggested that we have a Regional Iris Show Chairman to handle all shows at regional meetings. Lois Rose we will the chairman for all fall shows and will serve as a consultant.

Anita made a motion to amend the bylaws to change the quorum requirement. We now need 9 members, but the change would allow for 60% of the board members not board positions. Dan Fetty made a motion to that effect, Ingrid Bray seconded and the motion was passed.

Anita offered the following for discussion: In December of 1994, Region 4 changed the requirements for Judge's Training to requiring 3 hours of the training must be on beardless irises. She suggested that we go back to that policy for apprentice training to include training on species, Siberian, Japanese, Louisiana, etc. Each region can add particular requirements and it would be up to the Regional Judge's Training Chairman to see that these guidelines are followed. Anita said, "We need to go back to enforcing the original guidelines written by Roy Epperson. The judges need to grow beardless in their gardens."

National Baskets – AIS is asking each region to provide a basket for their silent auction at the national conventions. Kathy Huneycutt volunteered to make the basket. Anita may transport it if she attends the convention in New Mexico. A motion was made to include \$100.00 in the budget for 2022 and 2023 plus shipping. Heather Haley moved, and Beth Orndorff seconded and the motion was passed.

Carol Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Beth Orndorff seconded, and the motion was passed.



'Center of Attention'
1986 Rich

Region 4 Membership Meeting October 9, 2021

The general membership meeting was held after the buffet dinner at the Hunt Valley Marriott Hotel. RVP Dan Fetty welcomed all attendees.

The roll call for the affiliate attendees was as follows:

Bayshore Iris Society 0
Charlotte Iris Society 2
Central Virginia Iris Society 3
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society 5
Eastern Shore Iris Society 0
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society 4
Francis Scott Key Iris Society 5
Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society 1
Guests 2

Show Results:

Best in Show Winner: 'Silver Dividends', Carol Warner

Best Seedling 'Forever Together', Anita Moran

Silver Medal for Most Blue Ribbons - Lois Rose

Bronze Medal for Second Most Blue Ribbons- Carol Warner

Carol Warner invited everyone to the Spring Region 4 meeting to be hosted by FSK on Saturday, May 21st. There will be open gardens on Friday, May 20th.

Our guest speaker, Kathy Jentz, presented a very informative program on safe and humane ways to keep all types of critters out of your garden.



'Silver Dividend'
1989, Zurbrigg

Schedule of Events
Region 4 Spring Meeting - Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2022

Friday, May 20th

8:00 - 12:30 - Open Garden Visits - Moran, Miller

12:30 - 1 :00 - Lunch at Warner Garden (Extra Fee: \$8.00)

1:00 - 2:00 - Siberian Garden Judges Training - Warner Garden

5:00 - 6:00 - Registration Table Open Garden Foyer

Belmont Foyer

Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 21st

7:00 - 8:00 - Breakfast on your own

7:00 - Noon - Registration Table Open

Belmont Foyer

8:00 - 9:30 - Show Entries

Belmont Foyer

9:45 - 11 :00 - Judging the Show

Belmont Foyer

9:30 - 11 :00 - Judges Training

Belmont Room

11 :00 - Show Open

11 :30 - 12:30 - Lunch: Cobb Salad and Roll

1:00 - 2:30 - Region 4 Meeting

Belmont Room

2:45 - 4:30 - Region 4 Auction

Belmont Room

4:30 - Dismantle Show

6:00 - 7:00 - Evening Program, Doug Chyz

Belmont Room

7:00 - 8:00 - Buffet Dinner

Garden Room

REGISTRATION FORM**AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2022**

Convention Headquarters: Delta Hotels by Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD, 21031. Reservations may be made by telephone: 410-785-7000 – all rooms for Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 are \$150 plus tax per night if you mention FSK Iris Society.

Registrant 1:**Registrant 2:**

Preferred Name on Your Name Badge: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

A Confirmation E-Mail Will Be Sent To You When Possible.

Full Registration:\$80 postmarked
By May 7\$90 postmarked
After May 7

Registrant 1:

\$80 ☐\$90 ☐

Registrant 2:

\$80 ☐\$90 ☐**Youth Registration:**\$50 ☐\$50 ☐

How many plan on attending Garden Judges Training on Friday? _____

Optional Friday Lunch at Carol Warner's Garden:**+\$8 each** _____**Total Registration Fee:**

\$ _____

Dietary Restraints and/or Medical Concerns: _____

Make Your Checks Payable To: **FSK Iris Society** and Mail Form and Payment To:
David Bollinger, REGISTRAR, 16815 FALLS RD, UPPERCO, MD 21155-9445

Any Questions: Call Carol Warner: **410-374-4788** or E-Mail: **draycott@qis.net**.

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