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continued support!**



Mesmerizer
36"/Byers, 1991

Yes, there is no bloom data in this edition. As the new editor, I am experimenting with new formats. The biggest change is putting almost a year's worth of bloom data in one edition, the Winter 2022 Recorder. You can then track how a variety performs throughout the year and get the "big picture."



Anchor Bay
36"/Byers, 1991

2021 Fall Recorder

Jim Landers



Autumn Thunder
37"/Geo. Sutton, 2000

Reblooming Irises are the irises of the future. Everyone who loves irises should have the opportunity for the enjoyment and pleasure of reblooming irises. I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the beauty of the rebloomers in this fall season. They are out there if we just make the effort to find them. Every year there are more rebloomers available. Over the past five years, hundreds of rebloomers in all size categories have been registered. All bearded and non-bearded irises have reblooming varieties and capabilities. Most of us are members of the Reblooming Iris Society because we love irises and the special beauty they offer in addition to their spring appearances. We eagerly await the next Recorder to see the beauty from all parts of the country and appreciate all the work put in to get that information out to us. We need to offer total support to the Recorder editor, Mary Platner.

One way to keep our reblooming interest in high gear is to share information. Information on bloom, on color, on culture, on anything about irises. Someone will be interested in that little bit of info that you have seen or noticed in your yard on your reblooming irises. Share it with your Area Director, and they can share it with the Recorder editor, and then it can be shared with the world. It all starts with you in your own garden.



Mammoth Orange
38"/M. Sutton

Maybe the best way to keep our interest up in reblooming irises is to see them every day. Pictures and brief comments from all over the country are on the Reblooming Section of Facebook.

The next big iris event will be the Las Cruces National Convention. Las Cruces, New Mexico is a long distance away for many people and a long time away, but that convention will be extra special in the fact that there will be so many remontant irises on display. Check the calendar and make plans to attend. And



Cantina
36"/Byers, 1990

Editor's Note

Thank you for your continuing support of the Reblooming Iris Society. Acknowledging this, we worked hard at compiling this edition of the Reblooming Iris Recorder.

- Lots of color photos, larger than ever
- The 2022 Introductions
- Revised Guidelines for Judging Rebloomers at your fingertips
- Easier to read format

The Reblooming Iris Recorder is not only for *you* but *also by you*. Please volunteer to record bloom data. We have an easy to fill out form, without any need for recording beginning and end dates of blooms. No computer needed, just a pencil or pen. Easy peasy! Please . . .



I am always on the prowl for “good” photos that you took of an iris or a clump to add to my photo bank. The higher the resolution, the better the photo will look in the newsletter. Please send to: maryplatner@msn.com

Pertaining to the 2022 Introductions. . .I reached out to over three dozen hybridizers and commercial gardens in search of 2022 introductions of rebloomers and posted notices on different Facebook pages. But I am sure that I missed some. If you know about one of these, please let me know so we can showcase it in the March issue. The order in which the 2022 introductions appear was done by a drawing. No favoritism.

Many of you lost plants from wild swings in the weather. Far too much or too little rain. Late freezes. Record breaking heat. Very strong winds that flatten plants. Unfortunately, this crazy weather apparently may continue to be with us. If it does, do we need to respect these conditions and plant accordingly?

For example, my Phoenix friends do not plant late bloomers because of our intense heat. On a similar note, I experimented with planting five different varieties of SDBs. They also didn't enjoy the Phoenix environment. Although they bloomed, the blooms lasted only a couple of days; and the blooms' colors were quickly bleached. In addition, we don't plant irises until the temps are routinely under 100 degrees which is usually late September or early October.

Take care,
Mary Platner
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RIS Facebook Page

This is another reminder, photos of most of the irises listed in the various reports can be viewed on the Reblooming Iris Society Facebook page. There are now over 1000 photos in the photo section. We currently have 1179 members on Facebook. If you have not done so already, join the Reblooming Iris Society

Facebook group. It is free, look at the pictures, read the comments and maybe post some of your own. Just click on to Facebook.com and search for Reblooming iris Society. Then click on "like".

—Riley Probst,
RIS Facebook Administrator

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Virginia to Maine, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania

Canada: Newfoundland, Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, and Prince Edward Is.

Mike Lockatell

Limited Summer Rebloom Offers Hope

Summer is rarely comfortable in Central Virginia. Daytime temperatures are consistently in the nineties with suffocating humidity driving the heat index over one hundred. The only change in the script in the last few years has been significant rainfall. Metro Richmond has topped out at sixty plus inches in two of the past three years and easily made the all-time records list for the region. Disease and weed development become constant problems and rebloom results take a hit.

Some summer flowering was encountered on a few named varieties and seedlings. Most bloom was seen in early September as night temperatures dipped below 60° F on a few evenings. Customer reporting at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Plantfest event in Richmond on September 17th and 18th was particularly encouraging. My neighbors reported flowering on **TB Re Metro Blue** (Lockatell, 2015) and **TB Re Rosalie Figge** (McKnew, 1993). **TB Re Belvi Cloud** (Karl Jensen, 1988) has been blooming on a short bloomstalk at my BP Market display bed in North Chesterfield, VA.



Sailboat Blue
15"/Zurbrigg, R. 2000



Joy Returns
28"/Shadlow, 2016



Aaron's Dream
37"/Geo. Sutton, 1994



Belvi Cloud
31"/K. Jensen, 1988

Photos – Top: Mike Lockatell
Left: Mary Platner

Center: Debbie Fetner

Right: Mike Lockatell

Northwestern Area (AIS Regions: 11, 12, 13, and 20)

Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington,
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Canada: British Columbia and Yukon

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Cold Zone Rebloom

Thinking about our introduction to reblooming iris... Many years ago, I stumbled on to an iris blooming in the fall. It was called Tennessee Gentlemen by Sterling Innerst, 1991. We are in Montana, zone 4b, so rebloom is rather rare and never guaranteed. It's such a treat to get to enjoy an iris on its own instead of it being one of hundreds. As a matter of fact, for the last three years, we have had an iris blooming from early April, clear to our first freeze in October. Granted, we do grow thousands of irises to increase the odds. I think once people realize rebloom is possible, we all naturally are attracted to them. I'll list a couple of ideas that most reading this article will already be aware of but are worth mentioning.

To increase our odds of experiencing rebloom, we group the rebloomers together so it is easier to get them more water after their first bloom (which will be fairly early) and a little fertilizer. It also will help if you divide them more frequently (2 years verses 4). A lot of our rebloom is on brand new iris (to us) planted in July as they adjust to their new home. This experience is from over 20 years growing iris.

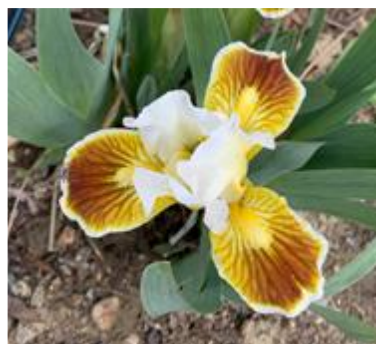
Favorite sources for reblooming iris are local clubs. Members will know which varieties are most likely to rebloom in your zone/area. For example, TBs, Immortality (Zurbrigg, 82), Belvi Queen (Jensen, 76), Rosalie Figge (McKnew, 93), English Cottage (Zurbrigg, 76), and Cantina (Byers, 90) rebloom for us regularly. An IB, Precious Little Pink (Byers, 95). SDBs like Autumn Jester (Chapman 00), Forever Blue (Chapman, 97), Blueberry Tart (Chapman, 02) also rebloom every year. Our favorite rebloom sources are Suttons, Winterberry, and Fleur de Lis. Many websites have a rebloom category. We especially appreciate



Baby Blessed
Cook Douglas Medal 1989
10"/Zurbrigg, 1979



Two Thumbs Up
10"/M. Sutton. 2008



Rosalie Loving
10"/D. Spoon, 2003

Sutton's website as they list known rebloom zones. This reinforces the idea that we must report rebloom zones to the society to help gather that information.



Forever Blue



Champagne Encore
24"/Aitken, 1997

As our research broadened, hybridizer names kept recurring. Zurbrigg, Byers, Innerst, Hall, Hager, Weiler, Wilkerson, Meek, Moores, Tasco, Lauer, Chapman, Spoon, Lockatell, and Sutton all successfully hybridize reblooming iris. (Disclaimer: this list is, by no means, all inclusive) . Rebloom seems to be the wave of the future. We are watching Mike Sutton, Mike Lockatell, Nancy Price, the Spoons, and Chuck Chapman to see what's coming.

Here at Eagle Ridge Iris Gardens, we recently added hundreds of rebloomers and are beginning to hybridize for cold zones. We are three years into raising our own iris, focusing on iris coming from known rebloomers. It will be years before we see consistent results. It is such a slow process. Our local club sells at our local farmer's market and the demand for rebloomers is huge! People love iris but say "they only bloom for a week then they're gone". I mention, "you're just not growing enough of them!", (we grow 5000 varieties). Don't get boxed in by known rebloom zone as I think many aren't reported.

On a side note, we cut ours as soon as they show color and then we can enjoy them in the house. They last a long time, and in our zone you never know when the frost/freeze is coming. We already had frost on the rooftops September 17th

Happy Irising and go get some more rebloomers!

Photos – Top: Mary Platner

Bottom: Elaine Garner

TB REBLOOM BREEDING GOALS

THE LONG HAUL FROM IMMORTALITY

LINDA MANN

Growing conditions in my east Tennessee zone 7b valley aren't optimal for bearded irises. Humidity and heavy dew is normally very high, soil moisture varies from month long drought to flood, and temperatures can go from a week in the 80s to below freezing, then back up again. Added to that, my less than 1/4-acre garden "soil" is old valley creek bed, making erratic freezes worse, high in both organic matter and gravel. It is shaded on the east and south by a high ridge blocking morning sun; heavy dew can stay until early afternoon.

When I first started buying irises in 1970, some grew well, but many died. A couple of early purchases included several rebloomers. IMMORTALITY, HARVEST OF MEMORIES, SIGN OF LEO, MATRIX, and VIOLET CLASSIC, not only often bloomed in spring despite late spring hard freezes, but also sometimes rebloomed and some were extremely fragrant!

In the mid-1980s, I met rebloom breeder Betty Wilkerson who encouraged me to start making my own crosses. In 1996, thanks to the new internet discussion group for irises courtesy of Tom Waters, I was able to talk to and learn from more iris breeders, some of whom, after reading my complaints, also encouraged me to breed my own irises that would be more adapted to my growing conditions. I especially appreciate the encouragement from Paul Black, who knew well the problems from late freezes after his experiences trying to breed irises in Oklahoma...I also met Lloyd Zurbrigg, breeder of IMMORTALITY, in the online iris forum, and will always be grateful for the advice and information he shared.

After meeting these iris breeders either online or in person, I made a few crosses but didn't begin breeding irises in earnest until after early retirement in 2000. With frequent poor breeding conditions and a small-scale garden, progress has been steady but slow, resulting in few introductions.

I have had 5 more or less consecutive goals in my breeding program. 1) to produce seedlings that would thrive here like those first rebloom purchases did. 2) to improve reliability of spring bloom. 3) to increase substance and widening form. 4) to add color and variety of pattern to seedlings derived from working towards the first 3 goals. And 5) most important of all, was getting everything to rebloom. This last goal as an eventual endpoint was kept in mind while working my way through the other goals, using reblooming parents whenever possible.



Immortality

Hybridizer: Zurbrigg, I. 1982

GOAL 1. During and after bloom season, IMMORTALITY stood out with its healthy green foliage while everything else here had the 'summer crud' (probably both fungal and bacterial leaf spot). That health plus the bonus of rebloom genes made it my first choice for breeding for this goal.

The first cross was a lucky chance; CELEBRATION SONG, recommended to me for its garden performance by Clarence Mahan. It made a beautiful clump that year, produced copious good pollen, and set two pods on IMMORTALITY. There were about 50 surviving seedlings, leaving me with the erroneous impression that IMMORTALITY was an easy breeder, that I would soon have a garden full of healthy, happy seedlings in all colors of the rainbow in constant bloom.



Coconut Ruffles Returns

Unfortunately, Immortality has many faults - it tends to be somewhat difficult to establish here, produces few stalks, which are usually short with few buds, has relatively poor substance, and never produces pollen, all traits that I hoped to improve. I have since made many crosses using IMM as the pod parent for maternal influence on plant health, only crossing with pollen from cultivars or seedlings with more modern form or better stalk to fan ratio than Immortality. Fortunately, it is reliably pod fertile here. Seed set has ranged from poor to below average; germination rate has been zero to average, with occasional exceptions to both. Survival of seedlings has been way above average. Quality of seedlings has been typical of

most types of crosses, ranging from really dreadful to mostly not any better form or substance to remarkably better. Few have produced seedlings that have been readily fertile and were kept for breeding, but only two so far have been worthy of introduction, COCONUT RUFFLES RETURNS and SUNLIT HAZE. Several cultivars were crossed onto Immortality X Celebration Song seedlings, producing one introduction so far, my first, LEMON RIPPLE

GOAL 2. This goal turned out to be very easy to accomplish as a result of the first goal. In addition to visible damage, late spring freezes often result in only the late midseason to late bloomers fertile. Even in the terrible late freeze of early April 2007 that killed some TB foliage to the ground, a few late bloomers managed to make fertile blooms, allowing 10 successful crosses.

GOAL 3. For this goal, I tried to grow a lot of award-winning recent introductions with very wide petals, plus traveled to local and regional gardens and shows to collect pollen. Many of the successful crosses from Goal 1 were used as pod parents. To improve the probability of getting pollen at least once from these new purchases, I grew them all in pots so they could

be brought indoors during severe spring freezes, starting 6 to 8 weeks before expected bloom. Temperatures below about 25o F during that time frame can disrupt bloom. Most did not produce better width than in the parents, but I thank Phil Williams for inviting me to collect pollen from his



Lemon Ripple

garden spring 2005 during a year when we had one of our usual late freezes. Joe Ghio's TREASURED was blooming happily for Phil, loaded with good pollen, and has been the most successful contributor that I've found for wide form and good substance in my Immortality and other rebloomer lines without reducing ability to thrive here. It reliably fattens up standards and falls on just about everything. TREASURED is in the ancestry of many of my breeding seedlings plus two current introductions, LEMON RIPPLE and COCONUT RUFFLES RETURNS.

GOAL 4. Adding a wide variety of colors and patterns combined with the first 3 goals has been **challenging**. The most successful rebloomers in zone 7 Tennessee, those that have been the initial foundation of my breeding work, tend to be in a limited range of color and pattern, and that was true of my first crosses. There were abundant whites, yet more whites, pale yellows, creams, a few light yellows, some medium yellows, an occasional pink, purple amoenas or neglectas, and, although I was avoiding breeding for plicatas, an occasional purple plicata. Although not rebloomers, a few of these have been nice and have been introduced, including the previously mentioned LEMON RIPPLE, SUNLIT HAZE, plus BLUE MOUNTAIN CLOUD. Getting more color and pattern into the mix has involved branching out into additional sources of possible rebloom ancestry to avoid completely losing rebloom genes. So far, keeping the reblooming pollen donors alive and blooming here for more than one season has not always happened, but has produced some seedlings that thrive.



Blue Mountain Cloud



Sunlit Haze

5. After 20 years into "retirement" my aging body complains about the work involved in reaching this final goal. There are basically two types of rebloom that I am interested in - cycle rebloomers that are capable of rebloom here early enough in the fall to escape early fall freezes, and rebloomers that can put up stalks at any time growing conditions are suitable. My preference is for rebloom, the way clumps of Immortality has occasionally performed, reblooming 5 different months before frost. My interest is not in having rebloom in the heat of summer, when branching tends to be dreadful in most rebloomers, but to have the genes needed to initiate stalk formation at least 8 weeks before frost, i.e., mid-October here.

This type of rebloom seems to be recessive and not all rebloomers of that type are fully compatible for clump rebloom. It isn't always obvious from ancestry or rebloom habit here which parents will produce seedlings capable of this type of rebloom. For example, among 4 varieties that can start blooming in August here, IMMORTALITY X MATRIX produced only one out of 12 healthy seedlings that rebloomed, while OXMOOR HILLS X GATE OF HEAVEN, produced almost 100% late fall cycle rebloomers and one August rebloomer.

Most of my non-reblooming seedlings from rebloom breeding have not been worthy of introduction and most of the survivors have been waiting for the right rebloom partners to show up in the rest of the seedling patch and from rebloom breeding programs of others. Many seedlings have been disappointing for most traits, including survival, form, or rebloom here, requiring outcrossing to non-rebloomers then backcrossing to rebloomers. The widest form, substance, and branching has come from having at least 3 grandparents with those traits.

Rebloom has been showing up in the seedling patch in recent years. In 2014, an exceptional year for rebloom here, I counted 98 different seedlings with rebloom stalks. Unfortunately, the form on most was worse than any of their recent ancestors and the majority put up very late fall stalks (late October through November) when they would normally be frozen here.

A few seedlings are finally starting to recapture the type of rebloom I had hoped for. AUGUST CELEBRATION has been a consistent early rebloomer. The pod parent, 03-15GAK, was a from a cross made just for the heck of it involving IMMORTALITY, CELEBRATION SONG, GOLDEN APPLE and CRYSTAL GLITTERS. It was one of the few seedlings that set any pods with DECADENCE pollen picked up from a local show. AUGUST CELEBRATION starts putting up stalks in August in a good year in east TN and continues to frost.



August Celebration



Afternoon Tea

Two other introductions that have rebloomed for me are COCONUT RUFFLES RETURNS, a fairly reliable cycle rebloomer here, and AFTERNOON TEA, not registered as a rebloomer, but often tries to rebloom in November here and has rebloomed in February in California. and early fall in zone 6a, Tennessee.

So far, REMEMBERING LLOYD (2022) (COCONUT RUFFLES RETURNS X TEA LEAVES) has been my best seedling for form and reliability of rebloom. It maiden bloomed August 2014, one year from seed. In 2015, the original clump put up a stalk in spring, again in August and September. The following year, it put up stalks for 5 months. After re-setting in late fall 2019 in a better location, it bloomed continuously, producing 11 stalks from June until frost in 2020. It is very healthy and has been fertile both ways but unfortunately is a slow increaser and branching could be better.

FOR THE FUTURE

After having beaten Immortality to death, so to speak, it has not been an easy path to more than the initial goals. IMMORTALITY quickly gave many healthy seedlings that thrive and reliably bloom here, but getting modern form has been more challenging, especially combined with diversity of color and pattern. The seedling patch is full of colorfully diverse seedlings these days, but to get

that much color and pattern, some of the breeding lines have moved farther away from the needed rebloom ancestry and those rebloom genes are probably lost in some of my seedling lines. It's too early in my work towards rebloom to guess how hard or easy the path to more reliable late summer/early fall rebloom will be going forward, but the early successes are encouraging. Although many seedlings have a pleasant fragrance, retaining the strong sweet fragrance of IMMORTALITY was not one of my goals, and sadly is absent in her current descendants here.



Remembering Lloyd

I continue to try to grow a few rebloom introductions from other breeders, always looking for sources of hot weather rebloom genes combined with reliable fertility and potential survivors here. The goal of a tough, modern-formed pink, hot weather rebloomer is getting closer, with lines involving IMMORTALITY, DOCTOR ALAN, RENOWN, CELEBRATION SONG, HARVEST OF MEMORIES, OCTOBER SPLENDOR and TREASURED. By crossing some of my oldest seedlings with reliable rebloomers, especially REMEMBERING LLOYD, I continue to work towards reblooming dark purples and colorful variegatas. Rebloomers IMMORTALITY, VIOLET MIRACLE, SIGN OF LEO, SUGAR BLUES, TWILIGHT FANCIES, VIOLET CLASSIC, OXMOOR HILLS, RENOWN, GATE OF HEAVEN, a blue Lockatell cycle rebloom seedling (LOVE LINES X METRO BLUE), and HARVEST OF MEMORIES combined

with non-rebloomers ABSOLUTE TREASURE, DUSKY CHALLENGER, DUSKY GRAPE, ABOUT TOWN, GYPSY LORD and EASY LIVING are in the mix for dark purple. AMAZING WITH GRACE is the only variegata registered as a rebloomer I've been able to use, combined with several of the other non-variegata rebloomers plus non-reblooming HALO EVERYBODY, MASTERY, CELEBRATION SONG, DIGNITY DANCER, DECADENCE, and GYPSY LORD look promising.

Fertility continues to be a major challenge most years, but I continue to chase my iris dreams, hoping my aging body can keep up. An annotated list of cultivars used in developing my breeding program is available: Linda Mann <my_order747@gmail.com>

**All these seedlings
are descendants of
Immortality.**

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Midwestern Area (AIS Regions 6, 8, 9, 28, and 21)

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, N. Dakota, Ohio, S. Dakota, and Wisconsin Canada: Alberta, Manitoba, Nunavut, NWT, and Saskatchewan

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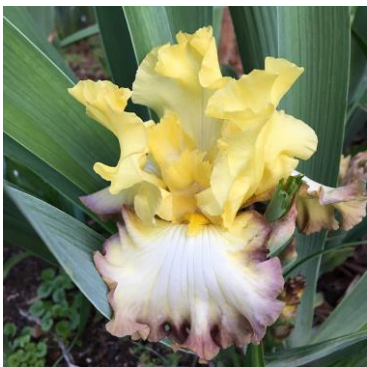
In Minnesota 2021 has been a tough year for growing re-blooming irises, and for bearded irises in general. Spring started positively with early rains which really helped the early bloomers primarily the MDB and 5 of the SDBs. One of the TB bloomed once in June. I watered the plants regularly, but weather went intense with drought conditions and higher temperatures than normal. I went on a week's vacation and couldn't find any one to do the watering. As luck would have it here, the temperatures soared around 100 for several days with no rain.

It stayed hot and dry; thankfully I kept the irises alive but no further blooms. I imagine several of the Directors have had the same situation. I wonder if this weather pattern of intense heat and drought will be with us next year as well, I hope not.

On a positive front, two new TB re-bloomers have been added to my collection: Best Bet and Autumn Ring.



Carmel Celeste
13"/Tasco, 2008/Zone 6



Autumn Ring
32"/M. Sutton, 2010

Photos:
Top: Ginny Spoon
Left: Debbie Fetner
Right: Ginny Spoon



Best Bet
36"/Schreiners, 1988

Please Welcome to the Iris World

The 2022 Introductions of Rebloomers



Bee Monster

Hybridizer: Anita Moran
Reliable Rebloomer in Zone 6
www.stoutgardens.com

'Bee Monster' ([Anita Moran](#) R. 2020) Seedling 11SMop01, SDB 12" (30 cm), EM. S.Peach (RHS 26D) dark violet (89A) base, SA. Peach with light violet lip (88B), F. Peach with light terracotta (186B) spot with darker veins (183A), B. Blue violet (107A) base tipped carnation pink (31D). (Named by James Stover) Sea Monster X Unknown



Short Stitched

Hybridizer: Don Spoon
Reliable Rebloomer in Zone 6
www.winterberryirises.com

Short Stitched (D. Spoon, R. 2018). Sdlg. 1998-302 MINPL/RE. TB, 36" (91 cm), 9 buds. EM& Reliable RE (September in zone 6b). S. white (RHS NN155D) with minimal lavender (76B) plicata borders; ST. lavender (76A) with darker midribs; F. white with minimal lavender (76B) plicata borders and veins around the beards; B. white tipped lemon yellow (3D); ruffled and fluted, closed and domed standards, wide arched falls, crenulated lace, laced crests, pleasant sweet fragrance. Northward Ho X Autumn Tryst.



Sutton 24A

Hybridizer: Mike Sutton
www.suttoniris.com



Remembering Lloyd

Hybridizer: Linda Mann

Reliable Rebloomer in Zone 7b

www.dancingdragonsiris.com

R. 2018. Seedling 13-skit-1re. TB, 30" (76 cm), Midseason bloom and rebloom. Standards very pale orchid fading to white; style arms pale orchid; falls very pale orchid fading to white, red haft lines hidden in throat, overlapping; beard hairs based white, tips orange in throat, yellow in middle, ends white; wide; ruffled; slight fragrance. 'Coconut Ruffles Returns' X 'Tea Leaves'.



Schreiners

<https://www.schreinersgardens.com/>



Hybridizer: Mike Sutton

www.suttoniris.com



Lemon Candy

Hybridizer: D. Spoon

www.winterberryirises.com

Sdlg. Unknown. . BB 24" (61 cm) with 5 buds, E & RE (late October in zone 6b). S, purest white (RHS NN 155D) with infusion of light yellow, darkest (3B) at centers; style arms light yellow (2D); F, light yellow (3C); B, light yellow with ends light yellow (2D), middles light yellow (3C), and deep in throat light yellow (3A/B); closed. domed . . .



11RRr104

Hybridizer: Anita Moran

Reliable Rebloomer in Zone 6

www.stoutgardens.com

11RRr104 SDB 11" S. pale charcoal rose with darker veining, F. Ox blood red with pale charcoal rose edge, bread bright yellow. (Red Rabbit X Rosalie Lovina)



Hybridizer: Mike Sutton

www.suttoniris.com

The Award Winning Augusto Bianco

Editor's Note: International iris competitions always interested me. Augusto is frequently mentioned in the awards announcements. He was kind enough to answer my questions via Google Translate. Maria Carla Monaco, AIS's Associate Registrar for Italy, was gracious enough to help Augusto and I communicate and then translated his article. Many thanks, Maria!

Augusto Bianco:



My company is located in the Italian north-western region of Piemonte, where the climate is continental more than Mediterranean: winters are really cold and summers hot and poorly rainy. Wine, hazelnuts and truffles are the typical products of the area.

My iris fields are located on the hills where the soil is rather loamy and alkaline.

My personal curiosity led me to start crossing bearded irises in 1986 using some tall bearded varieties I had in my garden.

Without any master to refer to, it took me several years and many crossings to achieve some skills and to understand if my efforts were following the good direction. In order to reach such a goal, I began to send the rhizomes of my crosses to different locations where competitions for new varieties were held.

Concerning reblooming irises, as they were hard to find in Italy, I first bought some varieties even from abroad to use them as parents.



Brigantino



Second Life



Bonet



Impressioni di Settembre

Soap Opera, Borderline, and Spirit of Memphis are among the first reblooming irises I used as parents

Their offsprings were: Bonet, Matra , Paso Doble and Treccia d'Oro. However, I must point that these tall bearded irises are not steady rebloomers and have not been tested enough in climatic and cultural conditions different from ours.

I tried to get reblooming varieties even with smaller irises and the results were fulfilling: Nava (SDB); Saldo d'Autunno (SDB); Second Life (SDB); Sangone (IB); Brigantino (BB); Sahariana (BB); Sopra il Vulcano (BB).



Seedling 201-3



Seedling 100-5

Over the years I had the pleasure to win not only in the Florence International Iris Competition (among many others I won two first prizes: in 2013 with Vento di Maggio and in 2020 with Dali) but also in United States, Germany and Russia.

At this time my most reliable creations as rebloomers, in our environment and with our climate, are: Second Life (SDB) and Impressioni di Settembre (TB) which I currently use as parents hoping to obtain new attractive reblooming varieties.

Augusto Bianco

Southern Area (AIS Regions 5, 10, 17, 22, 23, and 24)

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Texas

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Soft Return
34"/Geo. Sutton, 2004

In February most of Texas received snow two times and some areas, including mine, also experienced an ice storm. Any bad weather in this area usually lasts only one day. But this year, this snow and ice lasted for a full week. In addition, we broke several low temperature records.

This weather was devastating to our irises. At the time of this storm, I had 25 or more bud stalks on my rebloomers. Even though I covered them, the storm's destruction was very sad to look at.

After the ice and storm melted, almost all the irises had so much damage, they had to be trimmed back. Some were just mush so there was nothing that could be done for them. When I started trimming the irises back, I saw another 30 or so of my rebloomers had small bud stalks, which were starting to come up. These were destroyed.

I was heartbroken. I seldom cry, but that day I stood in my garden and cried.

All the iris societies in north Texas, that I heard from, reported some degree of damage. This included the three iris societies that I belong to: Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society in Cleburne, TX; Lonestar in Hico, TX; and Fort Worth, TX.

Several members in the iris societies that I belong were very generous in helping me replace my reblooming irises. A big thank you goes to Laura Smargiasso, Mary and Jerry Keeth, Laurie Paulson, and Naomi and LeRoy Nabors. Also, the editor of our Reblooming Iris Recorder was very kind to share some of her rebloomers with me, too.

This is another reason why iris lovers should consider joining a local iris society. Members are there to help you and offer support when you need it.

Photo: Debbie Fetner

Area (AIS Regions 14 and 15)

Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada

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Well, we had another really strange year. It was a little better than the previous year, but still strange. Thanks to the COVID Vaccine we were able to do a few iris activities this year. In our area of central California, we had a few in-person iris meetings, we went to one iris show, several iris club auctions and we had a Zoom Regional Meeting but with actual guest irises growing in one garden. We made appointments to visit it so not too many irisarians were there at any one time (usually six or less). It was certainly better than nothing, which was what we had in 2020 but certainly did not compare to the 2019 AIS Convention we had in San Ramon, CA.

Our weather here in Modesto is hot in the summertime. Our hottest day this summer was 114F! We had many days over 100F. Almost every day from June through September was over 90F with most in the upper 90's if not hotter. With this excessive summer heat, it is difficult for us to get summer rebloom. Our best rebloom is during October through March.

	2019	2020	2021
June	3	1	7
July	5	2	3
August	2	3	2
September	2	0	2

Here at Fleur De Lis Iris Garden in Modesto, CA this year we had the best repeat bloom in June we have had since 2018 with 7 different varieties. In July we only had one iris rebloom. In August and September we had two varieties each month to rebloom. See the table accompanying this article for a detailed rebloom report for Fleur De Lis Garden. Our two best rebloomers so far this season have been CANTINA, M. Byers 1990 August and SKYHOPPER G. Sutton 2003.



Brouhaha
34"/Ghio, 2021



Mad About Saffron
40"/Price, 2017

Also, included are a few rebloom reports from other gardens in the Southwest area. A reminder to all: please send your director your rebloom reports. Also, post photos of your rebloomers on the RIS Facebook page. Enjoy your rebloomers this fall and winter.



Reality Check
41"/Tasco, 2019



Champion Bloodlines
40"/McNeal, 2018



Autumn Shower
29"/Lockatell, R. 2019



Senorita Frog
10"/D. Spoon, 2002

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Back Again
36"/D. Spoon, 2020

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Reblooming Iris Society

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100.00 newsletter fund

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350.00

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Reblooming Iris Society
Financial Statements
January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

Balance Sheet

Cash	
Checking	5,373.40
Savings	-
Total Assets	<u>5,373.40</u>

Funds	
Beginning	3,387.14
Change	1,986.26
Total	<u>5,373.40</u>

Income Statement

Sources	
Memberships	2,299.00
Checklists/Programs	226.50
Back Issues	-
Raffle	-
Plant Sales	-
Postage	3.00
Advertising	-
Donations:	
General Donation	350.00
Interest	-
Other Income	-
Total Sources	<u>2,878.50</u>

Uses	
Copies - Recorder	285.49
Shipping - Recorder	202.00
ITJ	-
Supplies	100.80
Postage	243.95
Web Site	-
Bank Fees	60.00
Refunds	-
Total Uses	<u>892.24</u>

Net Change	<u>1,986.26</u>
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Reblooming Iris Society
 Budget To Actual
 January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021

Income Statement	Budget 2021	To Date Actual 2021	Compare	
Sources				
Memberships	1,600.00	2,299.00	699.00	includes late memberships from 2020 of \$1,281
Program CDs	-	-	-	included with checklists
Checklists	150.00	226.50	76.50	
Back Issues	-	-	-	
Postage	20.00	3.00	(17.00)	for checklists and CDs
Plant Sales	-	-	-	mostly included with checklists ?
Raffles	-	-	-	
Advertising	100.00	-	(100.00)	
Donations	200.00	350.00	150.00	
Other Income	-	-	-	
Total Sources	2,070.00	2,878.50	808.50	
Uses				
Copies of Newsletter	2,500.00	285.49	(2,214.51)	switched to copies vs printing
Checklist	-	-	-	
Shipping	300.00	202.00	(98.00)	includes copies to former members
Supplies	20.00	100.80	80.80	notices for loss of RIR / renewal
Postage	20.00	243.95	223.95	notices for loss of RIR / renewal
Web Site	100.00	-	(100.00)	
Brochure -ITJ	-	-	-	
Refunds	-	-	-	
Bank Fees	48.00	60.00	12.00	paper bank statements
	-	-	-	includes returned bad check fee
Total Uses	2,988.00	892.24	(2,095.76)	
Net Change	(918.00)	1,986.26	2,904.26	