



The Newscast

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Thank You

Several months have passed, but I am still excited and stunned to have been chosen as a recipient of the Region 4 E.Roy Epperson Service Award. Never would I have expected to be included in the company of the past recipients. Any success that occurred at the affiliate or regional level that led to my being selected was possible only because of the remarkable participation and support of the members. In that sense the award is truly an honor to each off the members of Region 4, especially those of the Charlotte Iris Society and the members from other affiliates with whom I have worked on regional issues. While I am filled with joy upon receiving the award, I am also humbled with gratitude. Thank you,

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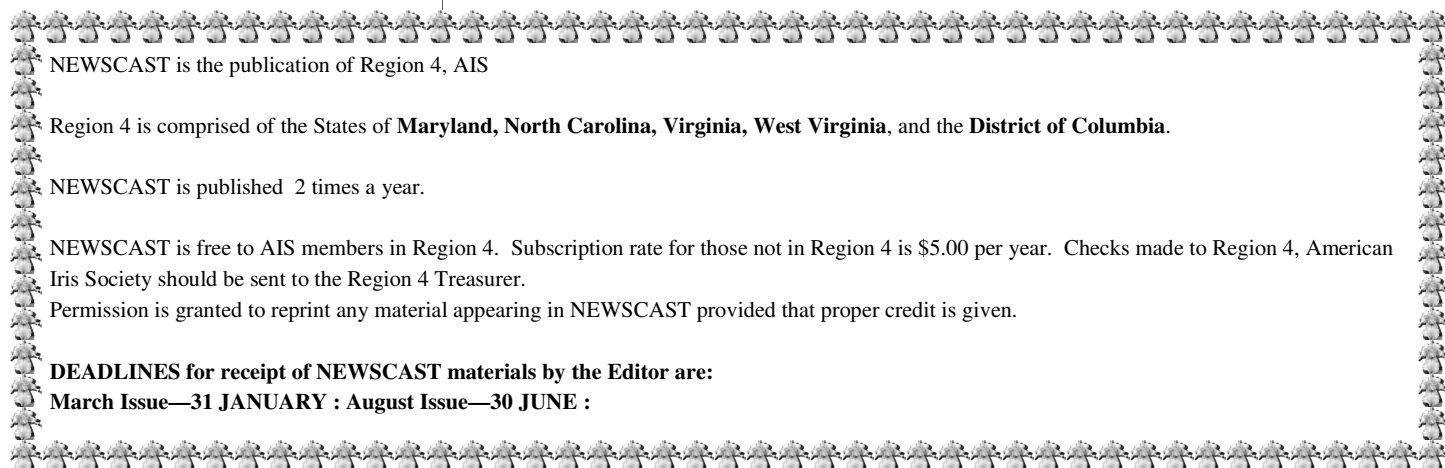
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Notes From The Region 4 Vice President

My Thoughts:



There is a loss, a hole, not only in the lives of her beloved husband Jack of 55 years, her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but also in the lives of so many others. In 2003 I was new to the iris society and at my first National Convention for the American Iris Society when my mother and I arrived at the Loving Garden. An explosion of color was heightened by the loving kindness of Rosalie as we invaded her and Jack's beautiful garden. As lovely as the flowers was the kindness and attention that Rosalie showered on every visitor to her garden. This was not an anomaly, not a show for the visitors but the norm.



The word "I" I do not believe was in Rosalie's vocabulary for I never saw any evidence of it. In the few years I knew Rosalie she went out of her way if it benefited someone, anyone, and it did not even have to be someone she knew. Laughter erupted around Rosalie for there was always joys of the moment and even in a serious situation such as Judges Training with Roy Epperson, there was always a word or gesture that had the rest of us with painful jaws trying to keep our smiles and laughter inside. Rosalie gave her heart to anyone in need as well. She was a confidant, a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold when nothing went right, a quiet presence as we looked over a garden.

Everyday spent in Rosalie's presence brought a peace to any and all and that is such a special gift that will be sorely missed as we continue our lives. Her excitement of any little kindness done for her made you feel larger than life. While she stayed in the background, Rosalie was the support that held so many of life's structure intact and strong. Thankfully just her memory and all the wonderful times we spent together strengthens and shores up the supports once again.

We love you Rosalie and miss you terribly.



In Remembrance

Evelyn “Rosalie” Fenwick Loving, 85, of King George passed away Tuesday August 9th at her home surrounded by her family. She was born and lived most of her life in Edgehill, King George County. She retired from NSWG Dahlgren as a Division Secretary in 1985 with 34 years of service. She was dedicated to her family, loved to travel in her retirement and enjoyed gardening, especially growing irises and was an active member in the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society since 1987. She loved sewing and made many quilts for family and friends. Rosalie is survived by her husband of 55 years Jack loving, her daughters Denise and Sonia and son Wayne, three step children Paul, Charles and Sherron, eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren.



“Rosalie Loving”
SDB RE
D. Spoon 2003

From The Editor

As we move through life there are those special people that touch us that give us hope and get a great effort out of us with a kind word or a sad look but with the determination and strength of iron. Rosalie Loving was such a person for me for she got much more out of me with soft words and quiet support in all I did. Although Rosalie is no longer with us, Region 4 has not lost this special power among us, for Rosalie passed the torch to another very special person - Sue Shackelford.

At the Spring 2016 Regional Meeting hosted by the Fredericksburg Area Iris Society, all knew that Rosalie would not be able to attend. Sue suggested that we find some way to bring the meeting to Rosalie who had rarely missed a meeting.

Although I could give some suggestions most of the information was collected by Sue so that when I arrived in the area a couple days early we were able to make plans and do some testing with our partners in crime Eileen Secrest and Janet Lejeune.

Using two tablets, some very cool connectors, the Loving big Screen TV, Sue's cell phone

we were able to make a connection between the meeting area and the Loving home. It was a great success with a lot of the attendees able to see and talk with Rosalie.

As hard as all of this was on Sue she put aside her feelings to get this done for Rosalie. There were other behind the scene plans that Sue brought up and I do not know many that have given so much of themselves for no attention no accolades.

Yes Sue is the perfect person to be Rosalie's successor. Sue you have my utmost respect and gratitude for all the help you have given to me and everyone else in the Region. Ray thanks for allowing us to borrow her.



Exploring Presby Memorial Gardens

Colin Campbell

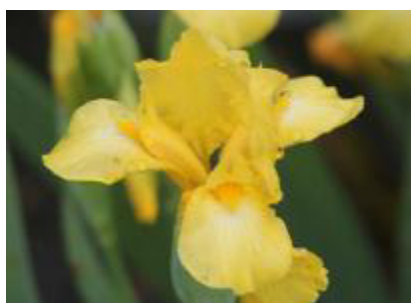


Destiny's Dream (2011) - a velvety red violet with pumpkin beards.

It was fun to see Elizabeth Adele (B. Hingiss 2014), after having just met the hybridizer. I loved the clean contrast of dark yellow and white on this variety. Two of my very favorite guest irises at Presby were Schreiner's introductions- Care to Dance (2013), and Twist of Sheree (2012). Care to Dance formed a massive clump with beautiful, distinctive flowers that called to you from across the garden. Twist of Sheree was also quite vigorous, with bold contrast between its cream standards and burgundy falls. Paul Black's aptly named Three Part Harmony (2014) kept on drawing me back to look at it again and again. The pink standards balanced the yellowish-tan falls and orange beards perfectly. Ghio's Magic Mirror (2015) really stood out with its white standards, red beards and dark coppery pink falls. Hugh Stout's 2016 introduction Luminager was performing nicely, both luminata pattern and space age the same flower.

Next I explored the historic Walther house, where Barbara Walther raised her eight children and lived til she died at the age of 101. The garden staff at Presby use a number of gardening techniques that Barbara Walther used when she cared for the iris gardens. The house was elegantly edged with peonies and what looked like *iris pallida*. I really liked how the shingles were different colors, and had small flower patterns every so often. Inside I found a painting of the iris gardens in the living room. A portion of the house has been turned into a gift shop, where you can buy many items with irises on them. There were garden buckets, beautifully painted with iris designs, as well as canes, brooms, hammers, and even plungers, all painted with iris patterns.

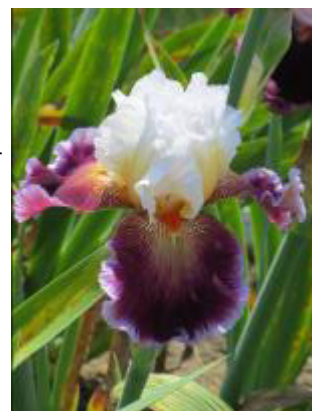
Lunch was held in a large tent with delicious food catered from local restaurants that ended with sugar cookies with an iris printed on them. Director Nancy Skjei-Lawes was a gracious host to all of the iris society visitors, and could be easily found in the garden with her festive iris hat. Presby has their garden staff dead-head the spent iris blossoms each day, so that the gardens will look their best for visitors all the time.



Exiting the bus onto the historic Presby Memorial Iris Gardens was a breathtaking sight. The gardens were laid out in long rows in front of the historic Walther House, and are fittingly referred to as "the rainbow on the hill". I started my exploration of the gardens by looking at the 886 guest irises. There were quite a number of MTB's in full bloom – Sun Charm (T. Varner 2013) formed a large clump of vibrant yellow flowers which caught your attention from a distance. Sari's Dance (G. Spoon 2008), with its butterfly-like yellow and lavender blooms was also performing wonderfully, as



it does everywhere. An MTB seedling, Stephanie Markham's 06-38A was my favorite seedling that I saw at the convention. It formed a floriferous clump with pristine, tailored white flowers with falls randomly speckled and streaked in purple. Many varieties with variegated flowers are lovely, but gaudy; this seedling was very elegant. Another median that caught my eye was Terry Aitken's IB



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Exploring Presby Memorial Gardens

The most striking clump in the gardens was the pure white iris named Barbara Walther hybridized by Arthur Casselman. A large space was devoted to this tall, striking flower. Barbara Walther had large blossoms and good bud-count for a historic. It was stunning planted *en masse*. I found it interesting that this variety was registered in 1959, but was not introduced until 2015. It would be humorous if Barbara Walther won the Walther cup for most HM votes for any class next year.

I was thankful that we got to come tour Presby Memorial gardens a second day at the convention. There were so many irises to see- it wasn't possible to look at everything in one day. The second day I focused some more on the many beds of historic irises, but I am sure that I did not see them all. I enjoyed getting to see a Dykes bed in full bloom, something I had never seen before. At one end of the gardens, an artist had his easel out and was painting the view of the gardens and Walther House. One of my favorite historic irises was South Pacific (K.D. Smith 1954), with tall stately blossoms that were intensely blue. There



were so many historic, that it was hard to pick favorites. I enjoyed Frances Kent's (F. DeForest 1948) yellow flowers with peach infused standards and shoulders, and the extensive reddish-brown

stitching on Tropical Butterfly (K. Carstensen 1963). An older historic that caught my eye was Flutter-by (G. Sturtevant 1924), a dainty light yellow that looked like a graceful butterfly. The variegated Accent (W. Buss 1953), and Flammenschwert (G. Koenemann 1920) formed attractive clumps. A very distinctive historic was Bertha Gersdorff (J. Sass 1942), a luminata with a yellow ground. The tall, elegant Sachem (P.A. Loomis 1930) had copper standards, red-violet falls and cheerful, bright yellow beards.

Back to the guest beds, some new varieties had opened up that had not been open the first day, while others I simply had not had time to admire yet. Why Cows Gossip (D. Kanarowski 2015) was one of my favorites of these. With lavender-blue falls with a brownish mauve border and mauve standards, good bud count and branching, this was



an impressive iris. Linda Laing (D. Spoon 2011) was looking good at Presby, a beautiful rosy-red self that also performs very well in my own garden. Some of my other favorite guest TB's at Presby were Christmas Eve (R. Van Lier 2010), a tall, impressive lacey white with orange beards, Atomic Fireball (S. Dailey 2015), a fancy plicata type with an intense yellow ground overlaid

with reddish-brown, and Glimmer of Hope (T. Johnson 2013), a gorgeous soft orange flower with a raspberry Emma Cook border. Swedish Lullaby (K. Keppel 2015) had huge yellow and lavender flowers on a big stalk with three well-spaced blossoms open at once.

Presby has now gone to using all organic gardening methods. At the convention I attended a presentation where one of Presby's former staff members, Linda Sercus told us all about how Presby started using beneficial nematodes to deal with iris borers. The nematodes get inside the iris borer, where they keep on reproducing until the iris borer eventually explodes. Using nematodes has worked very well for Presby, and they no longer have a borer problem. I was fascinated with the idea of using nematodes in my own garden instead of insecticides and am thinking about trying them out next year. You can find out more about the nematodes at www.biologicco.com. Presby was a spectacular garden with a vast array of irises to see. It was a delightful garden to tour, and definitely a garden that I would like to visit again.

George Boyce's Glenara Gardens

By Carol Warner

It was a long bus ride through some amazing countryside to get to the Boyce Garden in Palmerton, PA. I was impressed with beautiful sweeps of native Dame's Rocket or wild phlox along the sides of the road.

George's booming voice served him well in his career as a broadcast announcer and his wife Carol is the superintendent of schools. The Boyce's began to specialize in irises after a move to Maine and association with John and Ted White and Dr. Currier McEwen. They have a love for Siberian and Japanese irises and have a collection of all John White's Siberian and Japanese iris introductions and some unintroducted seedlings. Of course, this was right down my alley as a beardless iris enthusiast.

The numerous gardens are spread over a hillside which slopes down to a gigantic Koi pond. The Siberians that immediately caught my attention were: 'My Girl Emily', 'Sylvia's Love', 'Drink Your Tea',



"Who's On First" Hollingworth 2007 SPEC-X

Smith's 'Kaibab', Howard Dash's ADG 11-05-02, Linda Mann's 'Blue Mountain Cloud', Joe Ghio's 'Magic Mirror', and Robert Van Liere's 'Celtic Dancer' were all new to me and I gave each of these at least a couple of stars in my convention booklet.

It was hard to cover the whole garden which has a huge collection of lilacs, daylilies, hosta, rhododendron and unusual trees. There was a very interesting pinky-lavender magnolia near the front of the house.

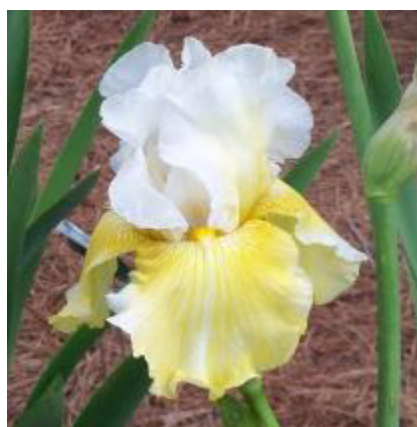
There were lots of signs of weather difficulties in this garden from the late freezes and lack of attention to division, replanting and weeding of many of the collections. I was fortunate enough to go back to this garden in late June and see the Japanese irises and the guest pseudatas in bloom. I should also mention that the refreshments in this garden were superb.



"Judy, Judy, Judy" Hollingworth 2010

'Ginger Twist', 'Lemon Mousse', 'Who's on First', 'Colorflash', 'Crimson Fireworks' in bud and 05Q10B2. I love 'Judy, Judy, Judy' and it was as beautiful here as the real Judy Hollingworth. There was a picture opportunity which might appear in IRISES with three Judy's standing in back of this special plant.

It is always a treat to see old favorites in a garden other than my own and I enjoyed a beautiful clump of 'Stairway to Heaven' with clumps of 'Victoria Falls', 'Silverado', 'Celebration Song', 'Melted Butter' and 'Jesse's Song'. Schreiner's 'Let's Boogie', Marky



"Melted Butter" Fan 1994

George Hildenbrandt Garden

Sheryl Campbell

Begun with a small collection in 1950, the George Hildenbrandt Garden's history spans seven decades and almost half the United States. The collection and burgeoning iris business were planted by George's father, blossomed under George, and cultivated by his daughter Jennifer. The family moved over the many years, always taking their iris with them. The iris virus is truly a family affair for the Hildenbrandts.

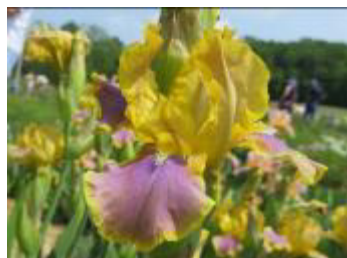
George's father was unable to continue gardening after age 90, but George, who had recently retired, now had the space and time to indulge his iris interests on his late wife's family farm he had inherited in Pennsylvania. That's when Jennifer, who was already living on the farm, got involved and began operating the iris sales when George moved Hildenbrandt's Iris Garden east. The commercial gardens closed in 2013 as Jennifer's family grew but the collection remains in beautiful display. George and his wife Carolee, who met due to the 2005 Saint Louis Convention, still enjoy the many blooms along with Jennifer and her young family.

The 2016 AIS Convention, Going East in 2016, couldn't have been more perfectly timed for the Hildenbrandt Gardens. Even with a fearsome storm that blew through the night before our tour, the busses disgorged hundreds of irisarians into brilliant sunshine and a sloping garden awash in color. Armed with cameras, notepads, and judging notebooks, most everyone headed for the guest bearded irises arrayed in terraced beds. Yet ever dancing to the beat of a different drummer, I headed downhill into the Siberian gardens to beat the crowds.

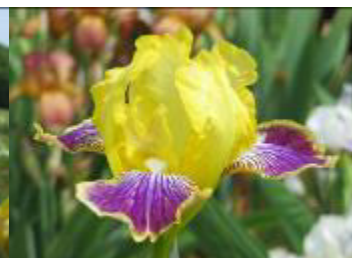
My downhill slide was brought up abruptly by a prolific bed of peonies in full bloom. Reluctantly leaving them, I came to the beardless guest bed containing nearly 100 varieties, followed by George's collection of Siberians. 'Pretty Polly' (Schafer/Sacks, 2007) had abundant flowers on display among the other Siberians, many of which were just starting to bloom. The majestically tall 'China Spring' (Bauer/Coble, 1999) fluttered elegantly in the breeze as two youth members, Claire Harding and Colin Campbell, determined its merits.

Returning up the gently sloping hillside I came to the MTB's and SDB's where 'Sari's Dance' (Ginny Spoon, 2008) was just beginning to bloom. 'Moose Tracks' (Lynda Miller, 2015) tickled my fancy as did her 'Plum Happiness' (Lynda Miller, 2014) which put on a vi-

brant display of purple and yellow. 'Hoosier Belle' (Charles Bunnell, 2012) caught my eye, and the purple falls with white stripes of Jean Witt's 2013 introduction 'Little White Tiger' were delicately beautiful. If an award were given for most appropriate name, 'Geshundheit' (Charles Bunnell, 2012) would get my vote! and flowers. The Hildenbrandts were gracious hosts and their multi-generational love for irises was evident.



'Sari's Dance' (Ginny Spoon, 2008)



'Plum Happiness' (Lynda Miller, 2014)



'Geshundheit' (Charles Bunnell, 2012)



'Art Festival' (Aitkin, 2012, BB)

George Hildenbrandt Garden

The upper portion of the main slope was filled with over 400 guest tall bearded irises, including ‘Taylor P. Made’ (John Van Hook, 2012) which was the tallest iris in the garden (with dinner plate sized flowers) and ‘Art Festival’ (Aitkin, 2012, BB) which was absolutely stunning. Meandering through the terraced guest beds I found a large group of irisarians startled by the vibrant yellow edging on the falls and standards of ‘Better than Butter’ (Paul Black, 2010). They moved on to hover over the deep, velvety purple flowers of ‘The King is Coming’ (David Headrich, 2014) which has such large, lush blooms. David’s ‘Loretta Ann’ is another 2014 introduction that was showing beautifully at Hildenbrandt’s. One of my favorites for being lovely in its uniqueness, ‘Allesandra’s Gift’ (Bryan Spoon, 2011), was in full floriferous display. Sometimes the placement of irises is what draws my eye. ‘Put Another Nickle In’ (Howard Bushnell, 2010) and Avant’Premiere’ (Michelle Bersillon, 2009) were made to be together. And the neon orange and violet hues of Hooker Nichols 2015 introduction ‘Honky Tonk Rumble’ showed to advantage against the green foliage and background of trees. ‘Three Part Harmony’ (Paul Black, 2014) with its striking colors and wonderful branching was my favorite iris of the entire convention. Lynda Miller is becoming one of my favorite hybridizers with her recent median work and her 2015 introduction of the TB ‘Football Hero’.

A hybridizer I was unfamiliar with had a number of wonderful irises in several of the gardens at this year’s national convention. Brett Butler is doing some amazing work, but so far is just registering his irises rather than introducing them. His irises drew excellent commentary everywhere I went, including his ‘One Trick Pony’ (2015 reg.) that got lots of visitors at Hildenbrandt’s.

Above the driveway another slope rose into the distance filled with the Hildenbrandts’ collection of bearded irises, a few seedlings, and more peonies. There was an arilbred bed, followed by several rows of medians. Above the row of peonies we came on dwarf, media, and bearded SPEC-X cultivars. And then the vast array of TB’s in ascending beds on up the hill. George continues to collect irises and we found his newest acquisitions in this area.

Something in the soil of the guest beds at Hildenbrandt’s made for extremely happy irises. We were treated to amazing show stalks, wide and thick, with candelabra branching. This made for an impressive display of stalks



‘Better than Butter’ (Paul Black, 2010)



‘Allesandra’s Gift’ (Bryan Spoon, 2011)

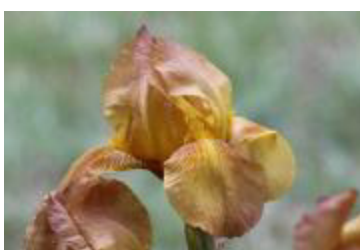


“Football Hero” (Lynda Miller 2015)

The Chyz Garden



In a quiet neighborhood of Stafford Virginia is the Chyz's home and garden. The front yard started the iris infusion with historic being the main theme of Doug's garden. A central bed with *Iris palida*, and "MMME Chereau" (Lemon 1844) and a liner bed with more historic including "Inca Chief" (Mitsch 1952), "Gracchus" (Ware 1884) and the beautiful "Faustine" (Lemon 1859).



"Inca Chief"
(Mitsch 1952)



"Faustine"
(Lemon 1859)



"Rikugi
Skura"
(Shidara 1988)

Along the driveway was an unusual bed which contained guest which only the Crump Seedling 09S9 was blooming but there was also some Siberians including the six fall "Rikugi Sakura" (Shidara 1988) along with



"Tobacco Chew" (Burseen 2008)

a few Burseen irises like "Maypearl" (Burseen 2009) and "Tobacco Chew" (Burseen 2008).

Finally it was time to move to the back yard, through the garage jungle that we were cautioned about getting lost. With a pool taking up much of the back yard area, Doug had irises in nearly every little hole and corner with the left overs placed in pots on the patio area. The collected tall bearded "Violacea Grandiflora" (DeBarry 1856) was just one of the spectacular standouts. Some newer irises were also on display like "Dandy Candy" (Ernst 2001), "Slovak Prince" (Mego 2003), "Entrancing" (Crump 2012), "Sunshine Of Your Love" (Schroetter 2009), "Pink Champagne" (Lauer 2001), and Vibrant" (Black 1999). But the historic were on display here as well with "Mady Carriere" (Millet et Fils 1905),



The Chyz Garden



“Sunshine Of Your Love” (Schroetter 2009),

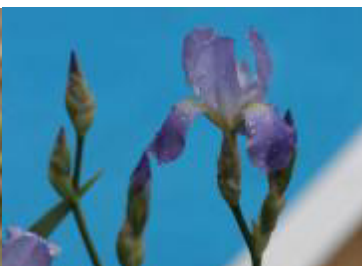
Katherine Steele in hope of learning what it was. Success, “Little Brown Jug” (Wild Evergreen Ginger). Doug was kind enough to add this little beauty to some other plants he shared with me from his yard.



“Little Brown Jug” (Wild Evergreen Ginger).

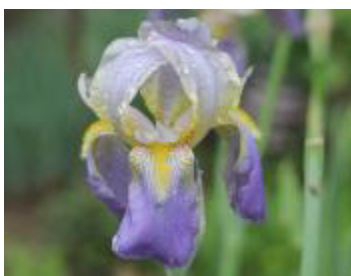


“Dandy Candy” (Ernst 2001)



Collected tall bearded “Violacea Grandiflora” (DeBarry 1856)

After a long day of garden tours this was the perfect garden to end with as we loaded up the bus and headed for the hotel to dry and rest.



“Mady Carriere” (Millet et Fils 1905)



“Snow Velvet” (Sass 1942)

“Snow Velvet” (Sass 1942), the IB “Gay Hus-sar” (Williamson 1929). The MTB “Opal Imp” (Dunderman 1972) was in a pot perfectly happy and putting on quit the show for us.

With rain threatening all day it finally struck as we got to Doug’s garden but as we were leaving a low growing thick variegated leaf caught my eyes. Doug was not sure what it was so picture taken it was off to find

The Garden of Jim Schroetter



I am sure you all remember the song: “Over the river and through the woods, To grandmother's house we go” (Thanksgiving Poem by Lydia Maria Child). Well that’s kind what it feels like when you go to Jim’s gar-

One of the first things you notice as you wonder around the garden is Jim’s love of all things Burseen. There is “Baditude” (2001), which was at the first convention I ever attended, “Beefy” (2013), “Cow Palace” (2012), “Din” (2011), “Dallas Done

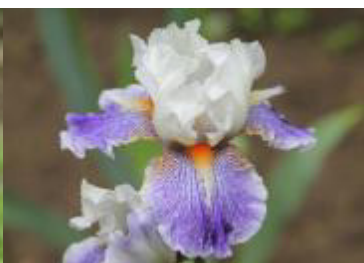


“Beyond Bubbles” Burseen (2014)

Right” (2013), “Global Warmer” (2008), “Hico Huggins” (2014), “Beyond Bubbles” (2014), “Don’t Doubt Dalton” (2015), “Walk That Walk” (2013), and “Sokitome” (2014). Yea I remember Rowan and Martin’s laugh in as well. Smattered among the Burseen irises were some well-known and some not so well know. As with the other gardens “Thornbird” (Byers 1989) was putting up a show.



“Dallas Done Right”
Burseen (2013)



“Din”
Burseen (2011)

den. The bus left us off at a stockade fence sporting an unknown tall blue iris the gravel drive that wound down a valley either into the woods and the pond at the end of the path or around and up to the other side of the small valley that is Jim’s garden to the house.



“Thornbird” (Byers 1989)

The Garden of Jim Schroetter

Much of Jim's garden are young plantings, still they were putting up an effort to show their beauty. There were a couple irises that were new to me like "Special Features" (Osborne 1988), some good old stand byes; "Durham Dream" (Zurbrigg 2000), "Lavender Lion" (Spoon 2000), "Ebony Angel" (Johnson 2000), "Grape Harvest" (Spoon 2005), "Hyperspace" (Jedlicka 2010) and "Istanbul" (Byers 1990). There were lots more than I can name here all



"Lady Sings The Blues"

Schroetter (2009)



"Sunshine Of Your Love"

Schroetter (2009)



"Durham Dream" (Zurbrigg 2000)



"Hyperspace" (Jedlicka 2010)

different all will be beautiful when the bed get more maturity on it even though it looked pretty good this year.

Jim's irises, including his introductions "Lady Sings The Blues" (2009) and "Sunshine Of Your Love" (2009), complimented his seedlings 2811 and 99A19. With Jim's cat following us around wanting all the attention he finally learned to stay with the irises to help get those scratches and pets. Among the shaded area of Jim's garden was a fabulous stump that if I had a trailer I would have placed in my own garden for it was truly stunning.



The Garden of Lois Rose



“Allegiance” (Cook 1958, DM 1964)

I have always loved old barns and even with the threat of rain increasing and the light intermittent three barns stopped me so I could take pictures. It was perfect in the back roads on the way to the garden of Lois Rose. I was coming into Lois’ garden from a new direction, a woodland drive that opened up at a lovely pond that was protection for a family of geese that were not

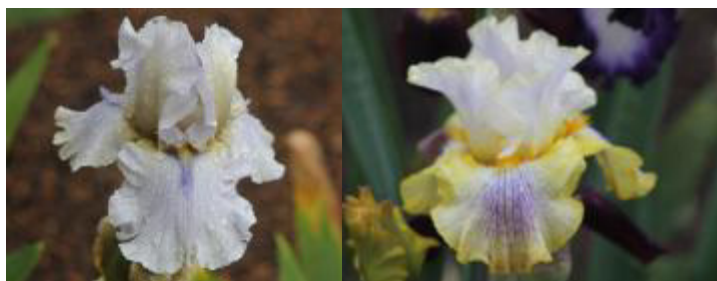
pleased by my presence. As I parked I was met but a none too shy squirrel that could care less whether I was there or not. Of course when the cat joined the walk in the garden Mr. Squirrel could not be found.

Whether you look out on Lois’ garden from the porch or beneath the sprawling shade trees the view is spectacular. There is something for everyone from historicals like; “Quaker Lady” (Farr 1909), “Helen Collingwood” (Smith 1949), “Shah Jehan” (Neel 1932), and Dykes Medal winner “Allegiance” (Cook 1958, DM 1964) that dotted the garden. Or you might like the more modern tall bearded like; “Iron Eagle” (Sutton 2000), “Asteroid Shower” (Hedgecock 2012), “Bel Espirt” (Keppel 2002), “Dracula’s Kiss” (Schreiner 2009), “Memphis Miss” (Wilkerson 2004), or “Wedding Night” (Ghio 2009). There was even a median bed which was also very showy including irises such as “Madam President” (MTB, Thurman 1998), “Oh So Cool” (MTB, Wulf 2001), “Think Spring” (MTB, Markham 2003), and “Molly Rouge” the Border Bearded from Griff Crump (2010).



‘Quaker Lady’ (Bertrand Farr, 1909)

The Garden of Lois Rose



“Iron Eagle”
(Sutton 2000)

“Asteroid Shower”
(Hedgecock 2012)

Ah but you think that is all then you would be wrong for there is the Dykes Bed with all the American Dykes Medal winners including “Brown Lasso” (IB, Buckles, DM 1981). Region 4 hybridizers were also having a great show in Lois’ garden. “Free Bird” (Schroetter 2009), Lezghinka (Crump 2013), Allegheny Rose (G. Spoon 2013) which just got an AIS Honorable Mention this year, Ashlee Noel (D. Spoon 2014), “Cinnamon Fringe” (Cross 1994), “Gay Doman” (Zurbrigg 2001) named after Lois’ mother, “Immortality” (Zurbrigg 1982), “Maryland Ho” (Hornstein R. 2003), “Metro Blue” (Locketell 2015), “My Ginny” (D.Spoon 2000), and “Spell Caster” (Crump 2015) and many more.

There were also beardless if that was the type of irises you prefer. “Skywing” (SIB, Peck 1971), “Summer Sky” (Sib, Cleveland 1935), the versicolor “Pink Peaks” (SPEC, Schafer\Sacks 1988) along with Mike Locketell’s Siberian Seedling 20150-26A2. Mike also gave judges training in Lois’ garden and did a fine job as we walked around the garden. Then there were the seedlings, always a pleasure to see.

The seedlings always get me for it shows the future of the irises whether it is at a Regional or the National level. The Seedling 19 won the Alice Bouldin Award and it was well deserved but that does not mean that the other seedlings were just as wonderful to see. Seedlings 02 [20150--11 Bicolor (Locketell) Rebloomer] , 04 [20150-21C (Locketell)] , 05 [20224B-2 (Locketell)], 08 [20267-1 (Locketell)], 13 [21026-2 RE (Locketell)] ,

and 24 [VV72 (Zurbrigg) RE] were all great to see along with Mike Locketell’s Siberian seedling.

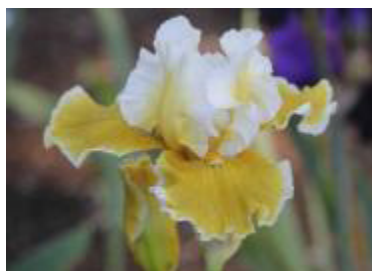
“Allegheny Rose”
G. Spoon 2013

“Free Bird”
Schroetter 2009

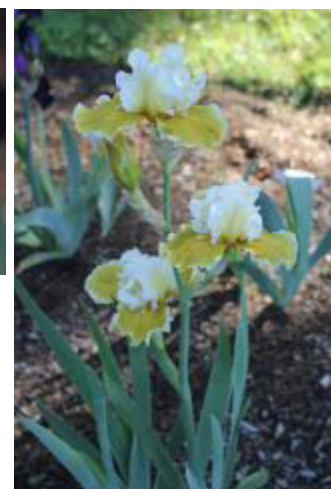


“Gay Doman”
(Zurbrigg 2001)

“Spell Caster”
(Crump 2015)

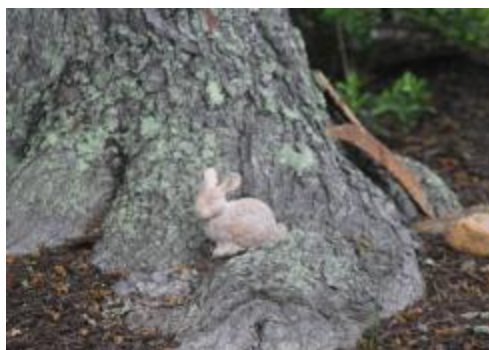


Seedling #19
“Trumpet Prelude”
Seedling 082L13 (Crump)



No matter what you are looking for it can be found in Lois’ Iris Garden even if it is just a quiet moment to reflect on the beauty on display.

The Shackelford Garden



the rain garden, the stump in the peony bed, the concrete rabbit on the oak roots of course the irises including a new Dykes Bed.



The last time I visited Sue's garden "Indian Chief" (Ayers 1929) was the thug of the garden showing up in nearly every garden bed and sometimes out of the beds.

This visit the beds are mostly "Indian Chief" free and there are more of them. The new Dykes bed caught my eye for it was beneath two towering pines but seemed to be in exceptionally good growth.

"Chivalry" (Wills 1944), "Dauntless" (Connell 1929),



If you want a garden where photographic opportunities abound then Sue's garden is the place to be. From the parking pad you don't want more than a few steps when the first opportunity occurs in the form of a small bird bath surrounded by the MTB "Frosted Velvet" (Fisher 1988) accompanied by another "Bumblebee Deelite" (Norrick



"Chivalry" (Wills 1944)

1986). Then there is the bike with baskets filled with flowers leaned up against the house, or the pond, or

The Shackelford Garden



“Golden Panther” (Tasco 2000),



SPEC maackii “Jin Yu” (Copland 2006)



“Thornbird” (Byers 1989)

2009), “Grand Bargain” (Sutton 2014), “Ricochet Romance” (Hill 2013), “Slovak Prince” (Mego 2003) and Region 4’s own Jim Schroetter’s 2009 introduction “Sunshine of Your Love”. I was very pleased that lunch was to be in this garden for it gave me extra time to take more pictures.



“Grand Bargain” (Sutton 2014)

“Golden Panther” (Tasco 2000), “Mary Francis” (Gaulter 1973), “Ola Kala” (Sass 1943) and “Winter Olympics” (Brown 1963) were a few of the Dykes Medal winners that were putting on a beautiful display. Of course like most of the other Fredericksburg gardens I had seen “Thornbird” (Byers 1989) the 1997 Dykes Medal winner had exceptional growth vigor and was at peak bloom.

In the rain garden the SPEC maackii “Jin Yu” (Copland 2006) was impressive. In other gardens some of the standouts included “Carnival Sunset” (Thurman 1997), the IB “Creative Accent” (Black

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The Taylor Garden



“Light of Heart” (Hollingworth 2007)

Despite the months of her home experiencing deep reconstruction, Tricia Taylor graciously invited me to her home. When driving up to the house it was obvious that the front garden was very young yet Tricia had irises placed at various areas.

With the Coral Bells (heucheras) in full bloom the tall bearded iris “I Pink I Can” (Schreiner 2013) was still in bud just waiting for a scant sunshine to pop open. The Siberian “Light of Heart” (Hollingworth 2007) was in full bloom.



“I Pink I Can” (Schreiner 2013)

In the center of the garden was a very cute concrete frog just waiting for the changes that age will give it. After a quick tour of the house, there is more that is keeping Tricia busy these days a new litter of beautiful Shelties.



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The Witter Garden

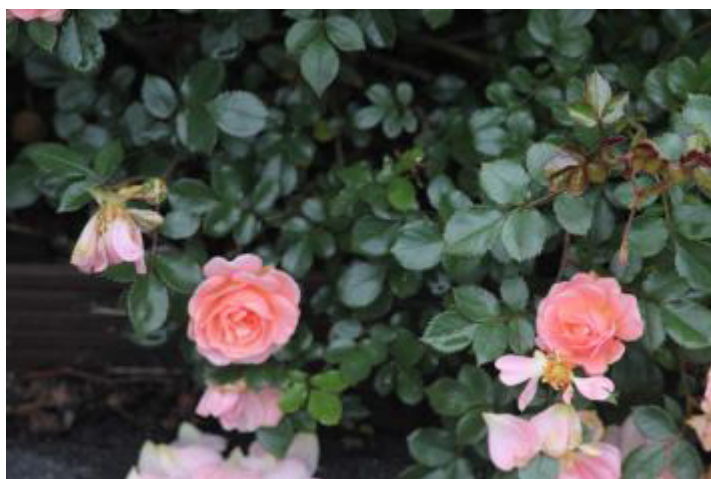


was “Vanity” (Hagar 1975) and the Siberian “Shaker’s Prayer” (Warner 1990).



MTB “Hot News” (Markham 2009)

Glenna’s garden is located in a gated community and is a mixture of known and the unknown. Iris, roses, and other perennials are accented by a smattering of garden art that you stumble on as you walk through the garden. Before you even enter into the garden you are met with a pair of low bush of baby pink Drift Rose “Apricot Drift” the entry way to the house.



In a center bed, blooming wonderfully despite the deep shade it was growing in was the MTB “Hot News” (Markham 2009).

Entering the back yard through a side gate the tinkling of water greets you as a small pond comes into view as soon as the gate is opened. An enormous crape myrtle and antique looking lanterns began and edge garden that included Japanese maple, azaleas and various potted plants. Near the house, in a bed dominated by an old pair of purple rhododendrons and white azaleas,

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Garden of Janet Lejeune



In an iris patch were several wonderful blooming irises including “Sambo’s Tiger Butter” (Kanarowski 2010) and “Jukebox Hero” (Lauer 2003). On the side of the house an unknown yellow amenoa was blooming perfectly for a variety of wonderful pictures backed by a wonderfully large white azalea. Just a few steps away was an unknown blue historic which drew your eyes to a white garden bench that you passed without notice until you saw the iris. A bird bath was accented with a yellow unknown iris that just brightened the entire area.



As we left the back yard I finally saw three flat stepping stones I had passed at least twice without seeing them. A cat curled in sleep, a frog and a turtle allowed you to step through the bushes to the garage but they were too cute to walk on so we went around over the grass.

Glenna’s and her husband graciously gave me an extra piece of the pink roses where it is happily blooming in my new garden. Thanks Glenna.

Janet and I have been at several National Conventions and Regionals but this was the first time I was able to visit her garden. In the middle of Fredericksburg Virginia, about a block from Roxbury Mills Garden Center, is the location of Janet’s garden. We were a match made in iris heaven for we got ourselves in a lot of trouble as we gallivanted around the



area but I digress. As I have said before unusual plants just get me going and as I pulled up to Janet’s home there in the front yard was a beautiful mahogany “Forest Pansy” redbud tree. So beautiful. I took cuttings but by the time I wrote this they had all failed but I am not giving up there is still winter hard wood rooting to try.

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Janet's garden is a backyard for bees, butterflies, cats, birds and of course Iris Lovers. A standout was a



"Afternoon In Rio" (Schreiner 2005)

large clump of "Shaker's Prayer" (Warner 1990) with its beautiful buds that look like a butterfly getting ready to open its wings swaying in the breeze that followed the rain. Even rain drenched irises were hold-



"Shaker's Prayer" (Warner 1990)

ing up well including the arilbred "DeNile" (Kasperek 2012). It always seems that this historic like "Faustine" (Lemon 1859) hold up under some of the worst conditions but the irises in Janet's back yard including the border bearded

"Whoopsidausy" (Hedgecock 2009) were holding up well in the rain and wind. Others that did well were "Afternoon In Rio" (Schreiner 2005), "French Horn" (Sutton 1999), "Bottle Rocket" (M. Sutton 2009), "Chasing Rainbows" (Hager 1998), and "Highland Games" (Aitken 2000).



Arilbred "DeNile" (Kasperek 2012)

As we got deeper into the garden "Lovely Senorita" (Schreiner 2002), "Let's Misbehave" (Baumunk 2014), "Solar Flare" (Tasco 2010), and "Tiger Honey" (Kasperek 1994) were all putting on nice displays. And the "Tiger Honey" clump made me jealous for I have never been able to grow it as well and with such a large clump as in Janet's garden. "Grape Expectations" (Maryott 2000) I never saw before I went to Janet's garden and her clump of "Hook" (Johnson 2001) had me panting for in the years I grew "Hook" the most I got were one or two increases. Janet's clump was massive.

I have to thank Janet for her taking me to Roxbury Mills, Ross Eagle's garden and all the other running and getting into trouble that we managed in a few short days.



"Tiger Honey" (Kasperek 1994)

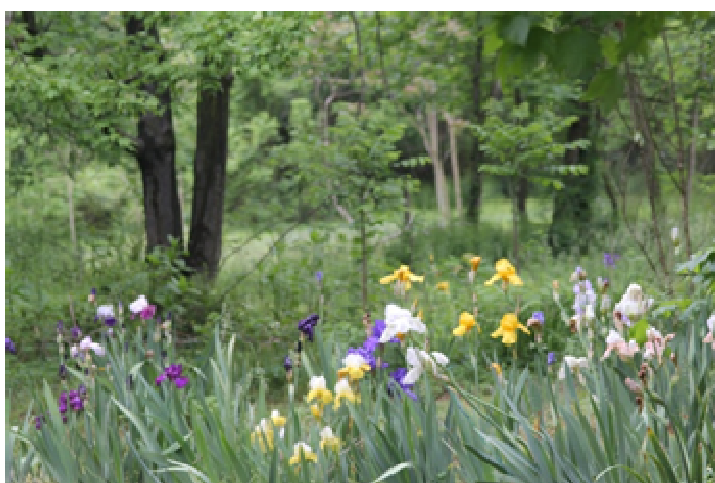
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The Garden of Eileen Secrest



“Thornbird” (Byers 1989, DM 1997)

It is always a pleasure when I am invited into a new garden, or rather a garden I have never visited before. At the 2016 Spring Regional in Fredericksburg Virginia, Eileen was the first to invite me into her garden, not accounting for the gardens on the Region tour. The garden went from bright sunlight placed among the Crape Myrtle to dapple sunlight among the woods. Despite much of her garden in between woods and trees there was no lack of bloom.



There were many outstanding blooms despite the sixteen, yes that was 16, days of rain. The tall bearded “Thornbird” (Byers 1989, DM 1997) and the Siberian “Shaker’s Prayer” (Warner 1989) were both outstanding clumps with lots of buds and blooms. “Shaker’s Prayer” for me has the most outstanding

looking bud seemed unaffected by the torrential rains. “Thornbird” showed why it won the Dykes Medal as all the stalked with flowers saturated from the rain remained standing tall.

Another great reason for visiting gardens is the chance to see irises and other plants you have not seen before. In Eileen’s garden that was shared by “Spring Madness” (Johnson 2009) a mixture of white yellow and brown with radiating lines over the falls and nearly pure white standards makes this a eye catching iris.



“Casting Crown” (Van Liere 2006)

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“Spring Madness” (Johnson 2009)



MTB RE “Maslon” (Spoon 2002)

“Casting Crown” (Van Liere 2006) was another iris that as new to me. A silver grey with bright yellow shoulders was enough to catch the eye the red beard as thick as a pinkie caught my eyes right away. It was a large bloom on a nice stalk and that it stood up to the torrential rain fall in Virginia made it a star in my book.

“Maslon” (Spoon 2002) Just as you thought there could not be more to see in the weather conditions we had “Concertina” (Sutton 2000) was putting on a show. I have seen “Concertina” in many gardens but never have the blue beards appeared so blue and so large.



“Lively Rose” (Fisher 1985)

The medians were not ignored in Eileen’s garden and putting on an exceptional show was “Lively Rose” (Fisher 1985). The huge clump was filled with bloom with so many waiting to open Eileen was looking at enjoying this beauty for quite a while. Another outstanding median was the reblooming MTB

Along with the iris and other plants and trees were some beautiful English Roses. So delicately pink tightly packed flowers filled the bushes and drew you in. An absolutely beautiful garden, thank you Eileen for the invitation.



English Rose “Heritage”

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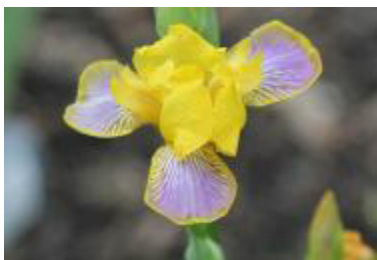
The Garden of Shirley and Teresa Hardisty



Shirley and her daughter Teresa have been long time friends but this is the first time I was able to see their garden. Battling garden helpers, moved garden markers or moved irises, unplanned lost irises and other disasters many of the irises have lost their name tags. Shirley's garden was lovely and we all know we love all our irises even the unnamed ones. To keep her hand in iris shows Shirley put in her "Spoon's Garden" a collection of iris



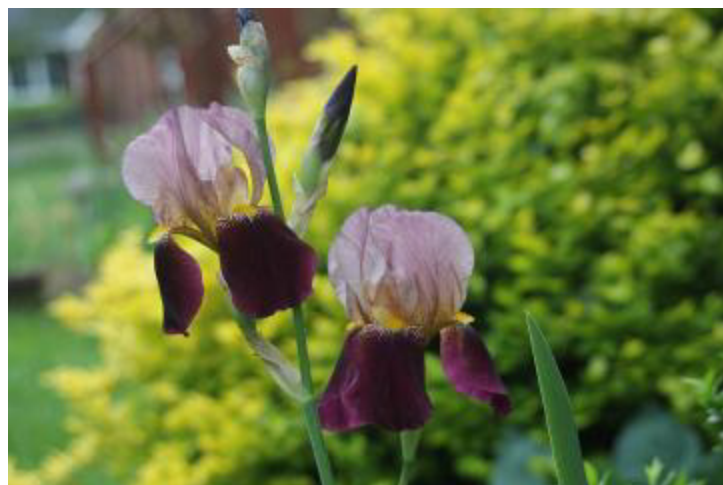
"Grape Harvest" (Spoon 2005),



"Madam President" (Thurman 1998)

from Winterberry Gardens that have their own location in the garden. The patch of irises from many different hybridizers was placed where the workers are not allowed to work except to weed.

For a young collection the "Spoon Collection" was blooming well and included irises "Grape Harvest" (Spoon 2005), "Knott's Landing" (Fan 1998),



"Lady Essex" (Zurbrigg 1991), "Living Legacy" (Gibson 1993), and the MTB "Madam President" (Thurman 1998) among others. At the corner of the house next to a very large euonymus plant was a clump of "Indian Chief" (Ayers 1929) growing well despite being next to the hose faucet. In the center of the back yard was a small garden around a bird bath were "Cayenne Capers" (Gibson 1959), "Chocolate Chess" (Moores 2002), "Brill Blue Yonder" (Chadwick 2002), and "Danielle's Love" (Ragle 2003).

Most of the unknowns ended up as a group planting along the street side of the yard between the yard fence and the curb. The few that were getting ready to bloom I would lay odds that this would be an exceptional display at peek bloom.

Iris pallida variegata was in a large planting in the front yard that was in full bloom now that the sun was out for a few minutes. I was laying odds that it would be gone by the time I got to my next destination.



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Sunnyside Nursery and Garden Center



Most of you know me, I always have my camera with me, for this visit I sadly forgot for this visit to Sunnyside Nursery and Garden Center in Stafford Virginia. Rock Animals, plants and planters galore, lots of garden art, much



of it unusual, and most important bonsai trees and supplies. Yes that is bonsai. I have always been interested

in bonsai and purposely bought two Japanese maples to start learning how.

Fred Sweat, the owner, spent nearly my entire visit talking and teaching me about bonsai. It was wonderful. He even looked at the two Japanese maples that I purchased, someplace else, and gave me ideas on how to start them on their way to becoming bonsai. Showing me several young Japanese maple seedlings he had been working on for four years, I bought one as a

guide.

Once that was completed, Janet Lejeune, who accompanied me, and I went inside. It took us forever to get to the register with all the items that caught our eyes. Rock turtles etches in several different patterns each about three inches long. A rock, about the size of a basket ball was etched and painted like a pumpkin. There were rock hedgehogs that really got me and one came home with me. After looking at every-



thing inside Fred and I got to talking about irises. He admitted that he was looking for Japanese Irises well I just happen to know where he could get some... (To Be Continued...)

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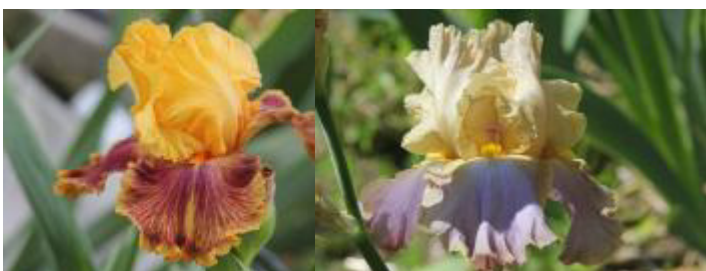
Ross Eagles



Do you have a steep slope in your yard and are positive there is nothing to do with it except keep it in grass and pray that it doesn't slide? Well you need to

to aide in his stabilization efforts especially along the steepest areas, milkweed, morning glory, and allium are the greatest cover but clover is also present.

Ross' collection includes a wide range from historic such as "The Red Douglas" (Sass 1937), "Floridor" (Cayeux 1927), and "Gracchus" (Ware 1884) to more modern varieties such as "Notta Lemon" (Burseen 2010), "Celtic Harp" (Stahly



"Bottle Rocket"
(M. Sutton 2009)

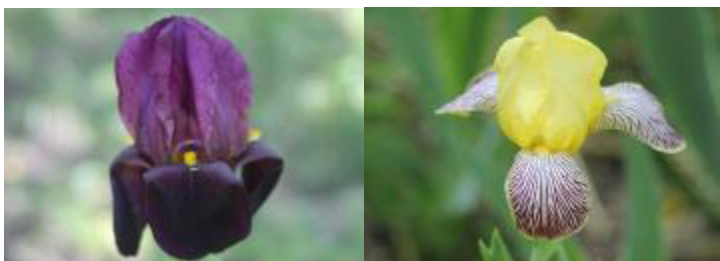
"Obi Wan Kenobi"
(Mahan 2003)

1998), "Bottle Rocket" (M. Sutton 2009), "Obi Wan Kenobi" (Mahan 2003) and "Navajo Jewel" (Weiler 1984). "Navajo Jewel" was a stand out for one clump was in sun while one was in shade and both did equally well. More of Ross' hill garden is in shade or dappled sunlight but "Thornbird" (Byers 1989, "Vanity" Hager 1975) and "Spirit Mountain" Schreiner 2002 all put on great shows of blooms.

It was a great garden to visit with lots of interesting features, thanks Ross for letting me visit.



have a talk with Ross Eagles who will dispel you of that notion completely. Ross Eagles garden was the last but not least of the gardens I visited in the Fredericksburg Area. Starting out with a fairly level playing field, much of which are Ross' seedling beds, Ross uses various geometric patterned beds to not only sta-



"The Red Douglas"
(Sass 1937)

"Gracchus" (Ware 1884)

bilize the hill but allow for paths that make it easier to see his collection. Using native grasses and perennials



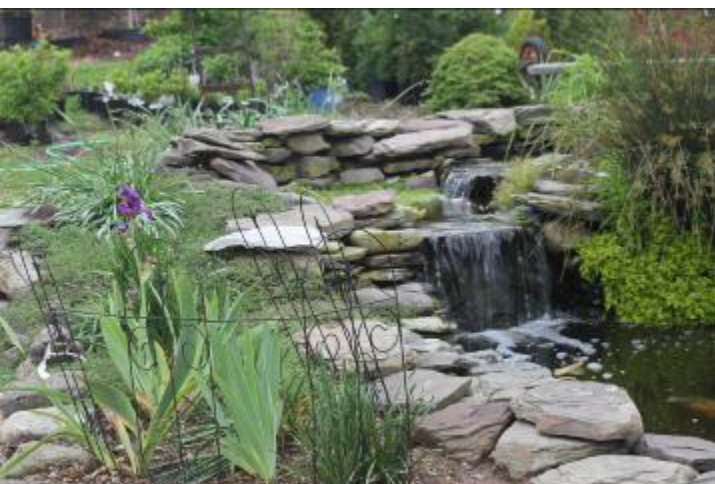
"Spirit Mountain" Schreiner 2002

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Roxbury Mills Farm And Garden Center



Literally in the middle of downtown Fredericksburg Virginia is Roxbury Mill Garden Center. Roxbury started as a feed store in 1929 and still carries hay and straw, and grains such as corn and oats. They have been catering to organic gardeners for over 25-years. With a helpful staff that would walk with you to help you find what you are looking to buy. Roxbury Mills is a wonderful place to visit. Annuals, perennials, trees, and pond supplies take up most of the outside area. Inside one of the greenhouses is packed with garden art both practical like thermometers and rain gauges, to the whimsical like glass animals.



There are tropicals, succulents, shade, full and part sun plants and then there are the strange plants that you have to question whether they will survive in your yard. I had been planning to travel to Asland to buy Japanese maples but Roxbury had just what I was looking for at a great price that saved me from a long drive.

Roxbury Mills was a fun place to visit and explore for you never knew what might be stuck behind a line of trees or in a darkened corner. Well worth the visit.



2015 Median Report

It was a banner year for medians in 2014, with the top award, the 2014 Dykes Medal awarded to MTB 'Dividing Line' (Chuck Bunnell 2005). This is the first time an MTB has ever received the Dykes Medal. Congratulations Chuck! The Williamson-White Medal was awarded to Carol Morgan for her MTB 'Rayos Adentro' (2007) - Spanish for "sunshine rays from within". 'Rayos Adentro' is one of my favorites also with its unique color pattern as is 'Dividing Line' a favorite as far back as our 2003 National Convention in Virginia when we saw it as a seedling in the guest beds.

The Median Medal winners for 2014 are:

Cook-Douglas - Paul Black for 'Eye of the Tiger' (2008) SDB

Hans and Jacob Sass - Paul Black for 'Dazzling' (2008) IB

Williamson-White - Carol Morgan for 'Rayos Adentro' (2007) (this was her first introduction) MTB

Knowlton - Paul Black for 'Lady of the Night' (2008) BB

William Mohr - Tom Johnson for 'Octave' (2008) OGB 15"

Lynn Markham of Region 1 received the 2014 Bennett Jones Award for Median Hybridizing. Congratulations Lynn.

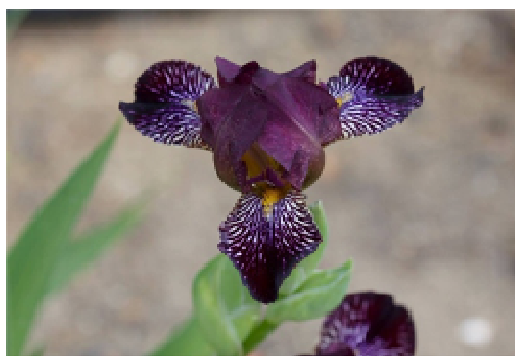
Last spring, 2014, the AIS National Convention was held in Dallas for the second year in a row. In choosing an earlier starting date, the medians were the stars of the convention. Some of my personal favorites were listed as favorites in the convention, the *Medianite*, and in the median symposium. They include, but are not limited to:

MTBs 'Tic Tac Toe' (T. Johnson 2010), MTB

'Florence French' (French 2009), 'Rayos Adentro' (C. Morgan 2007), 'Dividing Line' (C. Bunnell 2005), IB 'Dazzling' (P. Black 2008), IB 'Line Drive' (M. Sutton 2007), IB 'Zumba' (D. Spoon 2013), BB 'Raspberry Silk' (D. Spoon 2000), BB 'Moon and Stars' (Nearpass/Spoon 2005), 'Orinoco Flow' (Bartlett 1983), SDB 'Bluebeard's Ghost' (P. Black 2006), SDB 'Spiderman' (D. Spoon 2005), 'Eye of the Tiger' (P. Black 2008), 'Open Your Eyes' (P. Black 2010) and Arilbred 'Hammurabi' (Baumunk 2004). There are so many more listed in the *Medianite* that are just so beautiful you really need to see for yourselves what a rainbow of treasures these medians are to our gardens. Thanks to all the hybridizers who put in their time and effort to give us such beauty.



'Dividing Line' photo by Riley Probst



'Rayos Adentro' photo by Jeanette Graham

Jean Morris is asking if anyone is interested in hosting a Median Convention. The last one was in Oklahoma in 2011. If you are interested please contact Jean Morris at >jean6morris@aol.com>

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Spoon



BB

'Raspberry Silk' (D. Spoon 2000) photo in Wiki

2016 American Iris Society Awards in Region 4

Williamson White Medal (MTB)

Winner: "Sari's Dance" Ginny Spoon 2008

The Randolph Perry Medal (SPEC-X)

Runner Up: "Okagami" Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol Warner 2008

BB Award Of Merit

Runner Up: "Tina Louise" Bryan Spoon 2009

SPEC Award of Merit

Runner Up: "Cloud Of Dragons" Anita Moran 2009

TB Honorable Mention

Winners:

"Monet's Sky" Donald Spoon 2013

"Allegheny Rose" Ginny Spoon 2013

Runner Up:

"Ashlee Noel" Donald Spoon 2014

SDB Honorable Mention

Winner:

"Dazzle Baby" Donald Spoon 2013

Runners Up:

"Teal Lines" Donald Spoon

"Cara Cara" Donald Spoon

"Velvet Elvis" Ginny Spoon

MDB Honorable Mention

Runners Up:

"Sapphire Jubilee" Ginny Spoon 2013

"Dragon Flamedart" Anita Moran 2013

"Princess Pele" Donald Spoon 2014

SPEC-X Honorable Mention

Runners Up:

"Roryu" Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol Warner 2011

"Yotsugi" Hiroshi Shimizu by Carol Warner 2011

Beardless and Species Iris Report May, 2015

Carol Warner

The Society for Siberian Irises and SIGNA will hold their convention immediately following the AIS National Convention in Portland, Oregon this year. This always attracts a much larger attendance since many irisarians are already there and many of our region 4 members will be there. We will also have the opportunity to let the attendees know that the next meeting will be in Maryland in 2018.

I still would like to see more Region 4 members growing the beardless irises. For me they require so much less care than the bearded irises and many of them bloom later or earlier than the bearded giving a much longer bloom season. F.S.K. still holds a beardless show in June and it would be wonderful if some of the other affiliates could try to hold a show or a small exhibition of the later blooming varieties to create more interest. Some of the other Societies in other regions that only have a small number of growers do exhibitions instead of AIS sanctioned shows in local malls. They still get local interest with less pressure. Why not try one in your group?

Region 4 Membership Report, May 2015

As of March 31, 2015 the membership statistics show that Region 14 has 526 total members putting it in first place. Region 4 has 350 total members tied with region 17 for second place. It was interesting to note that region 14 has 136 youth members, 130 with no Bulletin (Irises). Region 4 has 7 youth members, 3 no Bulletin and 6 with Bulletin.

I am still showing the Eastern Shore on my database as an affiliate, as does our Newscast, separating them from the Bayshore Iris Society; however, they are no longer considered an affiliate by AIS. Since the members are still in the region of the Bayshore Iris Society they have the option of either joining Bayshore, reapply for affiliation with a set of bylaws that are acceptable by AIS, or else they can still meet as a non affiliated society. Several members of the Eastern Shore said that they will let their memberships to AIS expire and still meet as a group. We hope that they will still consider joining us in activities in the future.

I have been sending out updates to the affiliates by e-mail or post monthly as I receive them from Tom Gormley. It is much easier to send them by e-mail but several do not have internet service or else prefer to receive them by post.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Spoon

Region 4 Membership Co Chairman

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET FOR REGION 4

Expenditures	Dollars
Printing and Mailing two (2) Issues of Newscast	\$2000.00
RVP Travel Expenses	600.00
Membership Committee – Ginny Spoon	100.00
Memorials	300.00
Zurbrigg—Mahan Award	200.00
Epperson Service Award	100.00
Sunshine Fund	100.00
AIS Youth Program	100.00
Web Page	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$3950.00

Submitted by:
JACK W. LOVING

TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 4
October 10, 2014 to May 1, 2015

Checking Account Balance on October 10, 2014 **\$16,152.30**

Receipts:

Fall 2014 Regional Auction:	\$1,016.00
Checking Account Interest:	<u>\$0.89</u>
Total Receipts:	\$1,016.89

Expenditures:

RVP Gift	\$41.25
March 2015 Newscast Printing & Mailing:	<u>\$534.54</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$575.79

Checking Account Balance on May 1, 2015 **\$16,593.40**

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

Rebloom Report

Name of iris	Hybridizer	Class	Total # of gardens	Zone 6A	Zone 6B	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8A	States
Again and Again	(S. Innerst 1999)	TB	7		1	3	3		NC MD VA
Alabama Bound	(F. Foster 1979)	TB	1				1		MD
Alabanza	(B. Spoon 2013)	TB	1		1				VA
Alberta Peach	(D. Spoon 2012)	SDB	1		1				VA
Ann's Joy	(A. Playtis R. 2013)	IB	1	1					WV
Anne Lowe	(D. Spoon 2011)	SDB	2			2			VA
Anxious	(B. Hager 1992)	TB	1			1			VA
Autumn Bugler	(F. Jones 1986)	TB	1	1					WV
Autumn Circus	(B. Hager 1990)	TB	2			1	1		MD VA
Autumn Encore	(K. Mohr 1977)	TB	1		1				VA
Autumn Jester	(C. Chapman 2000)	SDB	1		1				VA
Autumn Maple	(J. Weiler 1992)	SDB	1		1				VA
Autumn Nectar	(J.G. Crump 2011)	TB	1		1				VA
Autumn Orangelite	(G.P. Brown 1962)	BB	1				1		NC
Autumn Surge	(J.T. Aitken 2005)	SDB	2		2				VA
Autumn Tangerine	(D. Spoon 2002)	SDB	1		1				VA
Autumn Tryst	(J. Weiler 1993)	TB	1				1		MD
Baby Blessed	(L. Zurbrigg 1979)	SDB	6		4	1	1		VA WV
Belvi Queen	(C. Jensen 1976)	TB	1			1			MD
Bethany Claire	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	TB	1				1		MD
Billionaire	(M. Byers 1987)	TB	1				1		MD
Blessed Again	(F. Jones 1976)	IB	2			2			VA
Blitz	(J. Weiler 1988)	SDB	1			1			MD
Blue Chip Pink	(O.D. Niswonger 1990)	TB	1			1			VA
Bonus Mama	(B. Hager 1990)	TB	1		1				VA
Born Again	(B. Miller 1978)	TB	1			1			VA
Bouncing Blue	(D. Spoon 2014)	TB	1				1		NC

Name of iris	Hybridizer	Class	Total # of gardens	Zone 6A	Zone 6B	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8A	States
Bridge in Time	(B. Wilkerson 1995)	TB	1				1		MD
Brother Carl	(L. Zurbrigg 1983)	TB	1			1			VA
Buckwheat	(M. Byers 1989)	TB	2				2		MD VA
Cantina	(M. Byers 1990)	TB	1			1			MD
Cara	(D. Spoon 2011)	SDB	2		1		1		NC VA
Cayenne Capers	(J. Gibson 1959)	TB	1			1			VA
Cee Cee	(S. Innerst 1996)	TB	1		1				VA
Champagne Encore	(J.T. Aitken 1997)	IB	1			1			MD
Christiane Elizabeth	(C. Mahan 2001)	TB	1			1			VA
Clarence	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	TB	3	1		1	1		MD VA WV
Constant Comment	(D. Hall 1954)	TB	1				1		NC
Constant Companion	(C. Marsh 1995)	IB	4	1		2	1		MD VA WV
Coral Chimes	(J.G. Crump 2007)	IB	2				2		NC VA
Corn Dance	(D. Spoon 2008)	TB	2	1	1				VA WV
Cornhusker	(T. Stanek 2005)	TB	1		1				VA
Coronation of David	(B. Miller 1999)	TB	2		1	1			VA
Cricket Song	(T. Silvers 2013)	MTB	2		1	1			MD VA
Dark Crystal	(M. Byers 1988)	SDB	2			2			VA
Darkling	(M. Byers 1989)	SDB	1			1			MD
Daughter of Stars	(D. Spoon 2001)	TB	4			2	2		MD VA
Deb Sunshine	(E. Lineburger 2000)	TB	1		1				VA
Deborah Dances	(B. Miller 1999)	TB	1		1				VA
Delta Lady	(L. Lauer 2009)	TB	1		1				VA
Diamond Blush	(D. Spoon 1998)	TB	1			1			MD
Double Dare	(M. Lockatell 2014)	BB	2			2			VA
Double Your Fun	(J.T. Aitken 2000)	IB	1		1				VA
Doubleday	(G. Sutton 2001)	TB	1		1				VA
Earl of Essex	(L. Zurbrigg 1980)	TB	1			1			VA
Earth and Sky	(D. Spoon 2006)	SDB	1				1		NC
Eleanor Roosevelt	(Sass/McDade 1933)	IB	1				1		NC
English Cottage	(L. Zurbrigg 1976)	TB	3		1	2			MD VA

Name of iris	Hybridizer	Class	Total # of gardens	Zone 6A	Zone 6B	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8A	States
Eric Simpson	(D. Spoon 2011)	SDB	3	1	1	1			VA WV
Feed Back	(B. Hager 1983)	TB	1				1		NC
Flower Shower	(J. Weiler 1990)	SDB	1		1				VA
Forever Yours	(B. Hager 1993)	TB	1		1				VA
Friday Night Chat	(M. Greenfield 2008)	IB	1				1		VA
Garden Club Delight	(L. Zurbrigg 1997)	TB	1			1			VA
Gate of Heaven	(L. Zurbrigg 2004)	TB	2		1	1			VA
Glacier King	(D. Carson 1986)	TB	1		1				VA
Glint	(B. Blyth 2001/02)	SDB	1			1			VA
Golden Encore	(F. Jones 1973)	TB	1			1			VA
Grape Harvest	(D. Spoon 2005)	TB	1			1			MD
Gray Poupon	(M. Byers 1989)	SDB	1		1				VA
Harvest of Memories	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	TB	6	1		1	3	1	NC MD VA WV
Haunting	(J.G. Crump 2006)	TB	1			1			VA
Hello Again	(J.G. Crump 2009)	SDB	1			1			VA
Hilda's Gift	(D. Spoon 2002)	MDB	1		1				VA
Hot Glow	(R. Tasco 2006)	IB	1			1			VA
I Bless	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	IB	2		1	1			VA
I Do	(L. Zurbrigg 1974)	TB	1			1			VA
I I Stutter	(D. Kanarowski 2012)	TB	2			1	1		NC MD
I Repeat	(J. Roberts 1998)	TB	1		1				MD
Iceland	(M. Byers 1991)	TB	1			1			VA
Immortality	(L. Zurbrigg 1982)	TB	8	2	2	2	2		MD VA WV
Istanbul	(M. Byers 1990)	TB	1			1			VA
Jack Loving	(D. Spoon 2006)	SDB	2			2			MD VA
Jewel Baby	(E. Hall 1984)	SDB	2		1		1		MD VA
Joyful Joy	(D. Spoon 2001)	BB	1				1		NC
Juiced Up	(C. Chapman 2003)	SDB	1			1			MD
July Sunshine	(G.P. Brown 1965)	TB	1		1				VA

Name of iris	Hybridizer	Class	Total # of gardens	Zone 6A	Zone 6B	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8A	States
Kind Candace	(D. Spoon 2012)	TB	2		1		1		MD VA
Lady Emma	(F. Jones 1986)	MTB	1			1			VA
Leah Traded	(B. Miller 1990)	BB	1				1		NC
Lilla	(D. Spoon 2000)	TB	1				1		MD
Liquid Amber	(G. Spoon 2003)	TB	1			1			VA
Little Blackfoot	(M. Reinhardt 1967)	SDB	1			1			VA
Love Goes On	(D. Spoon 2004)	BB	2		1	1			VA
Low Ho Silver	(M. Byers 1989)	IB	2		1	1			VA
Lunar Whitewash	(S. Innerst 2003)	TB	2			1	1		NC VA
Mango Parfait	(D. Spoon 2009)	TB	5		2	1	2		NC MD VA
Many Mahalos	(J.T. Aitken 2003)	IB	1		1				VA
Margaret Wilson Thomas	(D. Spoon 2009)	TB	3		1		2		NC
Mariposa Autumn	(R. Tasco 1999)	TB	2				2		NC VA
Maryland Ho	(B. Hornstein R. 2003)	TB	2			2			MD VA
Masterwork	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	TB	1		1				VA
Matrix	(E. Hall 1991)	TB	4		3	1			VA WV
Maui Moonlight	(J.T. Aitken 1987)	IB	1					1	NC
Metro Blue	(M. Lockatell 2015)	TB	1			1			VA
Midnight Vigil	(H. Stahly 2005)	TB	1			1			MD
Mulligan	(Sutton 2015)	IB	1	1					WV
My Friend Jonathan	(B. Miller 1994)	TB	1			1			VA
Northward Ho	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	TB	1			1			VA
Now and Later	(L. Zurbrigg 1972)	TB	1			1			MD
Over and Over	(S. Innerst 2001)	TB	1			1			VA
Pause	(B. Blyth 2001/02)	SDB	1				1		MD
Peach Parasol	(D. Spoon 1997)	BB	1			1			VA
Perfume Counter	(L. Zurbrigg 1972)	TB	1			1			VA
Persimmon Pie	(D. Spoon 2000)	BB	1		1				VA
Pink Attraction	(E. Hall 1988)	TB	3		1	2			MD VA
Plum Pink	(D. Spoon 2005)	SDB	1		1				VA
Plum Wine	(J. Weiler 1986)	SDB	4	1	2		1		MD VA WV

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Polar King	(T. Donahue 1939)	TB	1			1			VA
Precious Little Pink	(Byers/Dickey 1995)	IB	1		1				VA
Pretty Girl	(D. Spoon 2001)	SDB	1			1			VA
Priscilla of Corinth	(B. Miller 1994)	TB	1				1		MD
Purple Joy	(D. Spoon 2009)	SDB	1			1			VA
Purple Magic	(D. Spoon 1997)	TB	2				2		NC VA
Queen Dorothy	(E. Hall 1984)	TB	1			1			VA
Ray Jones	(D. Spoon 2011)	SDB	3		2	1			VA
Red Revival	(F. Preston 1977)	TB	1			1			MD
Refined	(J. Weiler 1987)	SDB	1			1			VA
Rich Blanquet	(D. Spoon 2012)	SDB	1		1				VA
Rosalie Figge	(J. McKnew 1993)	TB	6	1	2	2	1		MD VA WV
Rosalie Loving	(D. Spoon 2003)	SDB	2		1	1			VA
Royal Maroon	(D. Spoon 2001)	MDB	2		1	1			MD VA
Sailboat Bay	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	SDB	2			2			VA
Senorita Frog	(D. Spoon 2002)	SDB	1		1				VA
September Buttercup	(G.P. Brown 1962)	TB	1			1			VA
Sipping Chartreuse	(J.G. Crump 2015)	IB	2			1	1		VA
Sky Willow	(D. Spoon 2005)	SDB	2		1	1			VA
Smell the Roses	(M. Byers 1988)	SDB	1		1				VA
Soda Fountain Shuffle	(M. Lockatell 2015)	TB	2			2			MD VA
Solstice	(J. Weiler 1992)	TB	1		1				VA
Spring Again	(J.G. Crump R. 2007)	IB	1				1		VA
Starring Encore	(D. Spoon 2008)	TB	2		1	1			VA
Storm Compass	(Chancellor/Rust 2014)	MDB	1				1		NC
Strawberry Apricot	(D. Spoon 1999)	BB	1		1				VA
Sugar Blues	(L. Zurbrigg 1985)	TB	1			1			VA
Summer Fantasy	(G.P. Brown 1965)	TB	1		1				VA
Summer Green Shadows	(G.P. Brown 1965)	TB	1			1			VA

Name of iris	Hybridizer	Class	Total # of gardens	Zone 6A	Zone 6B	Zone 7A	Zone 7B	Zone 8A	States
Sun Doll	(B. Jones 1986)	SDB	1				1		MD
Sunny Disposition	(L. Zurbrigg 1991)	TB	1	1					WV
Surf's Up	(J. Weiler 1979)	TB	1				1		MD
Sweetheart's Again	(P. Hill 2004)	SDB	1				1		VA
Tara's Choice	(B. Wilkerson 2004)	TB	1		1				VA
Tawny	(T. Pray 1974)	IB	1			1			VA
Teagan	(D. Spoon 2009)	SDB	1			1			MD
Total Recall	(B. Hager 1992)	TB	2	1	1				VA WV
Trimmed Velvet	(D. Spoon 2006)	MDB	2			1	1		NC VA
Twilight Fancies	(L. Zurbrigg 2001)	TB	1			1			VA
Uriah the Hittite	(B. Miller 1979)	TB	1		1				VA
Violet Classic	(L. Zurbrigg 1976)	TB	1			1			VA
Winesap	(M. Byers 1989)	TB	2		1		1		VA
Winter Flame	(L. Austin 1953)	TB	1		1				VA
Youth Dew	(L. Zurbrigg 1980)	TB	1			1			VA
Zheng Elf	(A. Moran R. 2014)	MDB	1		1				VA
Zurich	(M. Byers 1990)	TB	1		1				VA

Affiliate Reports

BAYSHORE IRIS SOCIETY - Fall 2015

Bayshore Iris Society completed a fun and successful second year in October. Many thanks to the wonderful members who donated their time, talents and enthusiasm!

Highlights from May-October 2015 include:

A successful 2nd spring show in May – was reported on in our last submission for the Newscast. Many thanks to our Judges, Ray and Karen Jones and Colin Campbell for judging our show and teaching members how they judged them!

Pat McNeal entered five photos in the AIS Photo Contest in June and won with three of them: “Social Graces” won Runner-Up in the Closeup of an Iris category, and she won Honorable Mention for “Gull’s Wing at Day’s End” and “Judges Begin Their Task!” She received a 2014 introduction for her runner-up photo.

In July, club members prepared the ground for a garden project at the Miller’s House on the Historic Linchester Mill complex in Preston, MD, (<http://www.carolinehistory.org/places/linchester-mill-campus/>) and mulched it in preparation for planting it with irises, which was done later in September.

In order to increase the variety and quality of irises members have for our shows and annual sales, BIS ordered irises from Schreiner’s to be given out, one per member, to grow for future sales. In addition, members who wanted to purchase irises from Schreiner’s added their purchases to the club order, and BIS paid the shipping for all irises. That way the club was able to increase the number of irises ordered to maximize the number of bonus and extra irises sent to the club while members saved the cost of shipping. Those extra irises were auctioned off at the club picnic, giving members an opportunity to save on new and recent intros, as well as increase the number of varieties for our shows and sales.

- BIS held their annual rhizome sale at Boscov’s in the Salisbury Mall (The Centre at Salisbury) in August, spearheaded by John Iwanski and Chuckie Bosch, who followed it up with a club picnic at their home.

Club members planted irises that were left over from

the August sale at the previously-prepared Linchester Mill Garden in September. John and Chuckie also potted up additional left-over irises to place with nurseries on consignment, to sell for whatever they want and pay the club \$3 for each one sold.

Many thanks to Joyce Corrin of Region 3 for a very educational presentation on showing irises in November 2015.

Plans for the upcoming months include:

a business meeting on March 10th

a show prep meeting on April 14th – members will be assembling “Iris Transport Boards” to assist them with bringing irises to shows

setup and member entries on Thursday afternoon/evening, May 12th for our ...

Third Annual Spring Iris Show on May 13th

A business meeting and show critique on June 9th

a community project in July, putting in an iris garden at Preston Elementary School

annual rhizome sale in August, date TBT



BIS 2015 Spring Show Queen’s Table – (L-R) Maui Moonlight, IB Winner; Circus Circus, TB Winner; Jesse’s Song, Historic Winner and Best of Show; Daughter of Stars, Rebloomer Winner; Blue Chip Stock, MTB Winner; and Eramosa Skies, SDB Winner. All were shown by Pat McNeal

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“Judges Begin Their Task” - This entry in the AIS 2015 Photo Contest, taken at the BIS 2015 Spring show by Pat McNeal, won Honorable Mention in the “Irises at an Event” category. Many thanks to our judges who were, L-R, Karen Jones, Ray Jones and Colin Campbell.



BIS was invited to plant a garden around the porch in front of the Miller's House at the historic Linchester Mill complex in Preston, MD.



“Social Graces” - This entry in the AIS 2015 Photo Contest, by Pat McNeal, was Runner-Up in the “Closeup of an Iris or Irises” category.



“Gull's Wing at Day's End” - This entry in the AIS 2015 Photo Contest, taken by Pat McNeal, won Honorable Mention in the “Closeup of an Iris or Irises” category.

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Francis Scott Key Iris Society Report

May 1, 2015

Carol Warner

F. S. K. Iris Society was fairly dormant during the long cold winter.

Our spring meeting was held at the New Freedom Restaurant and we had a very good attendance with several newer members present.

Due to the timing of the AIS National Convention in Portland, Oregon, we will not hold our Spring Show until May 30th. The Beardless Show, including artistic arrangements, will be held on June 20th and our regular rhizome sales will be on the second and third Saturdays in July as usual. At that time we will be digging and selling the beardless guest irises received for the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting.

We are thrilled to announce that we have definite confirmation from AIS of our offer to host the Siberian/Species Convention on May 25 and 26, 2018! Guest iris requests have been submitted for publication in the Society for Siberian Irises and SIGNA publications. The committee and guest garden list is being finalized so much work lies ahead. It should be lots of fun!



President's Report, May 13, 2016

We have officially changed the name of our chapter from the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society to the Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society and have sent in our forms for the 501 (c) 3 Non Profit status.

Several of our members who live in Maryland and the District of Columbia have requested to be moved to the Francis Scott Key chapter and the membership chairman of region 4 has made that change. Our activities are mostly in the Winchester area now and include the State Arboretum in Boyce, VA and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester.

Our first meeting this year was at the Arboretum on April 16th, where we planted a large area with irises to be on display for the Regional tour in 2017. We had a potluck lunch afterwards and a board meeting. Our next activity was also at the State Arboretum on May 7th and 8th where we had an information booth on irises and we also sold some plants and took orders for more to be delivered at our August sale at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA. Our iris show will be at the State Arboretum on May 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Spoon

President,

Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society

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2016 AIS Region 4 Spring Conference Report

Eastern North Carolina Iris Society is having a successful albeit quiet year thus far. Due to my personal error and inexperience, our elections last year were not held, but our officers agreed to continue on until elections could be held this spring. My health issues have caused all my fellow officers to step up

and take over, much to my relief and everlasting gratitude. They will be submitting this report, as I cannot be there with you all.

New Officers are: President: Dr.Diana Dudley Richards, Vice President: Susan Grigg,our new secretary is Kim and our new treasurer, our very experienced Glenn Grigg. Our members voted to feature mostly purchased, bearded irises from a variety of growers and hybridizers at our successful July sale, and to hold a beardless sale,our first ever, in September. The beardless sale sold out, and has encouraged our members to vote for even more funds for our second beardless sale this year. Carol Warner and Lois Rose gave two of our excellent programs, and a member of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum staff gave another about his research project on coastal flora.

This year so far, the Griggs have been hosting the meetings in their home. We had a general meeting in March with open discussions about pre-bloom season tips and techniques. In April, Glenn Grigg gave an excellent program of photos from the Portland AIS conference last year. Unfortunately, we've lost our venue for our iris shows and have not yet located another. We are planning another bearded sale in July, and prior to that we will be organizing an iris dig in Creedmoor at the Richard's farm where some of the bearded sale leftovers purchased last year are planted. The Richards are kind enough to plant the leftovers and use the blooms for their bees come spring! We'll be looking for a new show venue for future years,because some of our newer members are really bummed about not having a show. And we are talking of sponsoring scholarships with NSCU and the Arboretum.

Submitted:

Bonita Jones Masteleler President, Eastern N.C. Iris Society

Charlotte Iris Society Report for the 2016 Spring Region 4 Board of Directors Meeting

The 2015 year for the Charlotte Iris Society (CIS) concluded with the popular Harvest Luncheon scheduled for November. Our February meeting kicked off our 2016 year with an excellent and detailed program on Adapting Carolina Red Clay for excellent iris culture. In addition a workshop was held so that each person was able to make at least 6 note cards featuring beautiful iris photographs from a collection of photos taken by Katharine Steele.

The April meeting continued with "the rest of the story" for getting the well grown iris from the garden to the "Queen's Table" at the Annual Show. The program must have paid off in that the Best Specimen of the Show and the Second- runner up were from relatively new members who were also fairly new to growing irises. This was the 2nd show for each of them. While the show was smaller than usual (due to early bloom), the show was lovely with 10 Exhibitors participating.

Our Annual Rhizome Sale is scheduled for July 16,2016 at the Regional Farmers Market. We provide demonstrations for proper planting of irises throughout the morning of the sale as well as Culture Sheets with each sale. This is generally our only Fund Raiser and we are proud that in addition to supporting various local projects,our Horticulture Scholarship held at Central Piedmont Community College is endowed to approximately \$35,000.

August will mark our 3rd Annual Picnic when we thank ourselves for the work of each member. Again it willfeature Price's Chicken with members bringing Picnic Sides and Desserts.Rather than think we are only about Food, there is always much discussion about Iris Culture, especially as it relates to the member's garden where we are having the picnic.

We continue to contemplate hosting the 2016 Fall Region Meeting. The date is still elusive as we work to avoid some weekend events and include others. We can,however,promise you a warm Charlotte Welcome whenever the meeting occurs. Charlotte is an interesting mix of the Old South with most of the visible evidence gone and the New South which is very visible with an engaging and interesting Skyline.

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JT Chair Report for Spring 2016 Meeting of Region 4 Board of Directors

Following the trend throughout AIS, Region 4 is experiencing a decrease in the number of Active G/E and Master Judges. During the AIS year of 2014-2015, Region 4 had 3 Active Judges request Retired Status and only one Active G/E judge added to the roster. Presently Region 4 has a total of 30 judges - included are 3 with Emeritus status, 9 Master Judges, 11 G/E Judges and 7 Retired Judges. In addition we have 1 Apprentice who hopefully will complete the requirements for G/E by 07-31-2016.

I would encourage each affiliate to designate a member to recruit students for JT who would also mentor students through the process of training. Each affiliate would benefit immeasurably by having at least one additional judge within the membership. A number of persons initiate JT each year but drop out for any number of reasons. A local support system might be useful in assisting these students to complete their requirements.

It should be pointed out that the decision to disallow Retired Judges from participating on a Judges Panel has been reversed to the older ruling which stated that a Retired Judge may participate on a Panel as long as they are serving with a currently Active G/E or Master Judge. Also the Retired Judge can return to Active Status upon application to the RVP or Regional JT Chair along with completion of the appropriate JT hours and the Annual Annual Report.

All Active G/E and Master judges have received an Email or telephone call re : ∴, their accumulated hours that were brought forward from the 2014-2015 AIS year. All hours received since August 1, 2015 until July 31, 2016 will be added to that number to compute the eligibility for reappointment as a judge. The Apprentice Judge has been made aware of the impor-

tance of completing the requirements by July 31, 2016.

Remember to vote the Ballot and to submit your Annual Activity Report.

Hopefully the Region 4 Report for next year will show a reversal of the trend to lose judges, but rather begin to show an increase.

Happy Judging Carrie Winter

Newscast Report Spring 2016

I must first apologize for the missing Summer Newscast. Life happens and mine came all in a few months. The Newscast is the highest hits on the Region 4 website and thought the March 2016 has the highest number of hits the highest number of downloads continues to be March 2005.

Let's make the future Newscast even better by sending me articles, the more personal the better. This national convention I will be there but I have too many meetings, giving a presentation and I must return to Maryland for work some of the time so I will not be going to the garden tours. I need anyone who is attending and going on the garden tours to please write up the gardens, the awards especially the Mahan/Zurbrigg award.

Any changes that you would like to see in the Newscast please let me know.

Anita Moran
Newscast Editor.

Webmaster Report

Region 4 and its activities is seen over the world. I am spending growing time this year to upgrade the website. Each affiliate will have three additional pages. Currently there are Main page, Board page, Schedule page, and Photo page. I am adding History page, Project page and Awards page. Please send me things to fill these pages. The website is fluid and expandable with lots of room for whatever you want others to see in your affiliate.

The Website is active in a special ways in that people who hit on Region 4 website do not just hit but stay a while and see what is going on. Pictures truly are worth a thousand words. Send me your pictures and I will post them. Remember I will not post anything not approved by the affiliate president or their designated representative.

Any member however can contact me for corrections and or ideas for changes. I am open for all ideas.

Anita Moran
Webmaster

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4	36	0.25%	206298	5.11%	/publications/AUG07.pdf
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7	193	1.34%	171839	4.26%	/publications/MAR2016.pdf
8	21	0.15%	158256	3.92%	/publications/aug2005.pdf
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**MINUTES OF REGION 4, AIS SPRING MEETING
May 13, 2016
Fredericksburg, Virginia**

Meeting was called to order at 1:15 by Anita Moran, RVP

Minutes of the fall meeting were read by Frances Thrash

Treasurer's report was give by Carol Warner. Bank balance of \$19, 120.96. Bank balance does not match the account balance. Motion by Doug Chyz to make the bank account match the actual balance – motion passed.

Assistant RVP Report – Carrie Winter & Charlotte Iris Society will host the Fall 2016

S&P will host Spring 2017, Fall 2017 is open, FSK in conjunction with Siberian & Species Convention will host Spring 2018..

Budget Report by Jack Loving – Budget is the same as last year.

Historian – Lois Rose – no report

Judges – Carrie Winter – need to get activity report completed & vote ballot. Region 4 is following the national trend of losing judges. Region 4 currently has 30 judges. No students currently listed. Status of retired judges has changed to allow them to judge if they are judging with an accredited judge. Can be re-accredited by applying to the RVP.

Membership: Ginny Spoon & Robert Campbell – reported, made adjustments to move members to closer club.

Beardless – Carol Warner – Siberian/Species National Convention in 2018 will be in the FSK area and guest plants are planted in the Miller, Moran, Summers, and Warner gardens. A joint Regional and National will be held spring 2018.

Median – Ginny Spoon – reported

Youth – No Report. Colin Campbell will be new chairman. Discussion was held about other states and their youth membership numbers.

Website – Anita Moran – requested pictures and articles for website.

Newscast – Anita Moran – requested pictures & articles for Newscast.

Conventions – Doug Chyz – report given under assistant RVP

Iris Programs Resource – Bill Smoot – no report

Public Relations – Bob Pries – no report

Reblooming Irises – Colin Campbell – detailed report given by Anita Moran, filed

Nominating Committee – Ginny Spoon, Lois Rose, Cheryl Campbell, Carol Warner, and Diana Dudley – no report

Epperson Award Committee – Chair Sue Shackleford, Bonita Masteller, Doug Chyz, Sheryl Campbell, Pat McNeal, Carol Warner, Carrier Winter, and Anita Moran – recipient to be given award at dinner for Fall 2015.

Affiliate Reports:

BIS – report given by Anita Moran

CIS – report given by Carrie Winter

SPIS – report given by Ginny Spoon

CVIS – Report filed

ENCIS – report given by Susan Griggs

FAIS – no report

FSK – report given by Carol Warner

OLD BUSINESS:

Region 4 needs a mission statement and a vision statement. Region 4 needs to be 501©3 – Doug Chyz will investigate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Changes to Bylaws redefining Spring and Fall meetings.

Section 1. There shall be one meting per year known as the ANNUAL SPRING MEETING. **Add – (This meeting can be hosted by an affiliate or individual or group of individuals.) – strike** *(These meetings shall normally rotate among the states which comprise Region 4 unless otherwise designated by the Board.)* While the main purpose of the meeting **strike** *(shall be to visit gardens, there)* shall be a business session held at some time during the meeting for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of the officers and committees and for conducting any other business of Region 4. **Add – (Besides the normal business meeting there shall be: (1) an auction/sale which helps defray the expenses of Region 4; (2) a Judges Training Course (In garden or classroom).)**

Section 2. There shall also be a FALL MEETING of Region 4. **Add – (This Meeting can be hosted by an affiliate or/and individual or group of individuals.)** Besides the normal business meeting there shall be: (1) an auction/sale which helps defray the expenses of Region 4; (2) a Judges Training course **Add (In garden or Classroom);** **strike** *(and (3) a Reblooming iris exhibition/show).*)

Section 3: **Add (Meetings may include the following, Iris Show, Garden Visits, a guest speaker, a silent auction or any other iris related activity.)**

Section 4: Neither the Spring nor Fall Regional meeting dates may conflict with the dates of the AIS meetings. Furthermore, chapter Activities should not conflict with either Regional or National conventions.

2. **Proposal** – It may be time to take advantage of modern technology to make it possible for people at a distance to participate in, or at least view, the proceedings at Regional meetings by video conferencing or Skyping meetings for those not present. Answer - Would cost a lot of money, preparation, and time. Died for lack of second.

3. **Proposal** – To allow flexibility in clubs being able to schedule their show dates.

Answer – No viable reason to change bylaws to accommodate one affiliate; others travel much further to come to Regional meetings.

Suggestion – Hold affiliate show on Sunday after the Regional meeting. Died for lack of second.

Adjournment – Ginny Spoon moved to adjourn; seconded. Adjourned at 2:30.

Minutes of Spring General Meeting

May 14, 2016

Fredericksburg, Virginia

RVP Anita Moran Thanked Eileen Secrest, FAIS, and garden owners for a wonderful regional.

Recognized first time attendees. 7 new attendees; Bob Van Deliere was guest.

Special thanks to Sue Shackelford for refusing to take no for an answer so Rosalie could see the awards banquet and Eileen Secrest who is with Rosalie this evening.

Plant auction took in \$546 as a final., Silent auction took in \$418.

Secretary – roll call

Bayshore Iris Society – 0
Charlotte Iris Society – 3
Central Virginia Iris Society – 3
Shenandoah & Potomac Iris Society – 1
Eastern North Carolina Iris Society – 4
Fredericksburg Area Iris Society – 17
Francis Scott Key iris Society – 3
Region 4 at large – 1
Out of region – 2

Invitation to Fall Meeting – by Carrie Winter, Charlotte Iris Society

Nearpass Medal – Lezhinka, Griff Crump, Runner Up – Rainbow Canyon

Alice Boulduin – 802L13 – Griff Crump, Runner Up - none

B.Y.Morrison Award – Firebird, Tompkins 1954, Runner Up - none

Drawing for quilt – Barbara Winston

Announcements: Epperson Award – presented by Sue Shackleford to Carrie Winter

Reminder to vote the Favorite Irises; centerpieces given away.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 by Lois Rose; seconded.

WELCOME TO A CAROLINA AUTUMN

Region 4 Annual Fall Meeting

Charlotte, NC October 21-22, 2016

The Charlotte Iris Society is delighted to invite you to attend the Region 4 Annual Fall Meeting in Charlotte. We have planned for opportunities to transact Region business and to increase your knowledge about irises with 2 sessions of Judges Training, one on “Novelty Irises” by Ginny Spoon immediately following the Board Meeting and a second one on “Using Irises in the Landscape” by Carol Warner on Saturday morning. In addition there will be a Special Report on Pest and Disease of Irises with Emphasis on Treatment by Glenn Grigg. To reach the Courtyard Charlotte located at 333 West W. T. Harris Blvd. from I-85, take exit 45-A and the hotel is on the right. We believe you will find the bedrooms as well as meeting room and common spaces very comfortable and inviting. The Bistro, located in the lobby, serves breakfast, dinner and evening cocktails, a convenient Cash Bar for Friday and Saturday evening. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are “On Your Own”, but arrangements are being made at nearby restaurants for everyone who wishes to gather as a group can do so.. Details will be available at the Registration Desk.

The Silent Auction promises to be exceptional and you will have a full 25 hour span to place your bid, from 5:00 PM Friday until 6:00 PM Saturday. And of course the Plant Auction will be Friday evening. The success of the auction depends on everyone sharing their irises and other interesting plants followed by friendly bidding “for the good of the region”. The auction is a significant source of funds for the region so prepare to dig deep for your purchases. You can acquire a special iris or other plant and help the region as well. It is helpful to let Anita know what you plan to bring so that the plant can be featured on the screen.

Saturday afternoon is open for garden visits. The University of North Carolina-Charlotte is nearby and features the McMillan Greenhouses, one dedicated to orchids and the other to a Rain Garden. Other gardens available on the Campus include the Van Landingham Native Plant Garden and the Susie B. Harwood Garden with an international collection of shrubs, trees and other plants providing year round bloom interest. There is also a special Mellichamp Native Plant Terrace. If you wish to drive into Charlotte, you might enjoy a stroll over the 4 plus acre recently renovated and restored gardens of the Duke Mansion. This was the childhood home of Doris Duke and she continued to use it throughout her life. After a series of owners following her death, it is now owned by a Foundation and serves as a Conference Center with hotel facilities. The Mansion is located on Hermitage Road just off Providence Road (Highway 16) and directions will be available at the Registration desk. Charlotte, a city of the New South, was described by George Washington in 1790 as a ‘trifling place’. There is little visual evidence left in Charlotte of its past, trifling as it was, but there was strong support at that time for the patriots throughout the area. We have persuaded Captain Jack, a Patriot from the Revolutionary era, to join us Saturday evening and remind us of the sacrifices made to achieve our independence.

In addition to all that is planned for your pleasure and enjoyment, we hope that you can find time to renew old friendships and make new ones. See you October 21, 2016.

CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY Presents

"Carolina Autumn"

2016 Region 4 Annual Fall Meeting

Friday October 21, 2016 and Saturday October 22, 2016

Courtyard Charlotte by Marriott

333 West W. T. Harris BLVD Charlotte, NC 28262

Phone 704 549 4888

Name (1): _____ Affiliate/Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (1): _____

Name (2): _____ Affiliate/Region: _____

Name Preferred on Nametag (2): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Full Registration:**Before October 10:** Full Registration: \$65 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____(Full registration includes all activities and Saturday evening dinner.) **All full registrants should indicate dinner choice below.****After October 10:** Full Registration will be \$70 x _____ person(s) = \$ _____**Partial Registration:****Saturday, October 22^h only** (includes all sessions and dinner) \$55 X _____ persons = \$ _____**Judges Training only:** \$10.00 per session. Two sessions are available. Both will be held at the Courtyard, one following the Board Meeting on Friday and the second on Saturday morning, at 9:30 am.

Session 1: (no. of guests) _____ + Session 2 (no. of guests) _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Dinner Only (please indicate meat preference below)

Saturday: No. guests X \$40.00 _____ \$ _____

Total amount enclosed for registration(s), dinner and/or judges training: \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner-(choose one)

☐ Roasted Chicken☐ Vegetable Lasagna

Do you have a special dietary need? If so, please describe and indicate which person. _____

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Last Day to Cancel with Refund: October 15.

Send completed Registration form with check made payable to CIS, to the following address:

CIS, c/o Ingrid Bray, 2515 Danbury Street, Charlotte, NC 28211.

For additional information contact: Carrie Winter, carriewinter@att.net, 704 542 3812 or Katharine Steele, KMSteele53@gmail.com 704 364 1639.

ROOMS

Room registration may be made by calling the Courtyard at 704 549 4888 or Marriott Reservations at 1 800 321 2211. CIS has reserved a small block of rooms for the meeting at the special rate of \$99 per night. To get the discounted rate you must **reserve by October 10** and mention that you are attending the Charlotte Iris Society Fall Meeting for Region 4 of the American Iris Society at the Courtyard Charlotte, located at 333 West W.T. Harris Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28262. Thursday night is also available at the special rate for those desiring to arrive early. A hot breakfast is included with the reservation.

Schedule

Friday October 21, 2016

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Board Meeting

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Novelty Iris Judges Training (Ginny Spoon)

5:00 PM Silent Auction Begins

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner on your own (Mass dinner might be arranged)

7:00 PM – End Plant Auction

Saturday October 22, 2016

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast Provided by the Hotel

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM “Using Irises in the Landscape” by Carol Warner

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Special Report on Pest and Disease of Irises with Emphasis on
Treatment by Glenn Grigg

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch on Your Own

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM Garden Visits (address to be provided)

6:00 PM Silent Auction Closes

6:00 PM – End Dinner, Awards, Business meeting, Captain Jack

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