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The More We Get Together

The more we get together,
together, together.
The more we get together the
happier we'll be.
Cause your friends are my
friends.
And my friends are your friends.
The more we get together the
happier we'll be.

—Traditional Viennese tune.
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Notes From The Region 4 Vice President

We enjoyed a wonderful spring show.

Our dear friend Anita had a wonderful program on photographing irises. This has helped me immensely this year. The three gardens on tour were beautiful, each unique. The Bee Happy garden of the Richards was a working nursery. Figs, grapes, blueberries, persimmons and asparagus are some of the crops they grow. They had beautiful daylilies and iris. I toured the propagating area.

The Myers garden was lovely. It featured beautiful roses, irises, clematis and lilies under a canopy of colorful Japanese maples. Our host was friendly and very knowledgeable.

The Grigg's garden featured lovely roses in jail, haha! Dolly Parton was particularly lovely. The iris beds were well cared for and in full bloom. Dutch iris tucked here and there were a delight. I was envious of their Iris japonica beds, just growing rampant. Narcissus were in abundance.

Our last stop was the Millers. The highlight was their hops garden. This featured iris, gingers and gladiolus. A very fun time was had by all, see you in fall.

Dan Fetty

2021 Regional Iris Show Report May 1, 2021, Hilton Garden Inn, Raleigh/Cary, NC

Thanks to all who brought stalks and entered designs that made such a successful Region 4 Iris Show. Special thanks to Lois Rose who chaired the show, to all who helped, and to the Judges.

Number of exhibitors:	16
Horticulture entries:	83
Seedlings:	2
Design entries:	2
Total exhibits:	87

Here is a summary of the Queen's Table. Congratulations to the winning exhibitors.

Best Specimen of Show:	'Daughter of Stars', exhibited by Lois Rose
1st Runner-Up (and Best Species)	'Woolong' (tectorum), exhibited by Robin Hough
2nd Runner-Up (and Best IB):	'Sonoran Sands', exhibited by Carol Warner
Best SDB:	'Just Looking', exhibited by Carol Warner
Best Seedling:	'Roman Fresco', hybridized & exhibited by Ginny Spoon (See Page 27.)
Silver Medal:	Heather Haley
Bronze Medal:	Carol Warner

Silver Medal Winner: **Heather Haley**



Best Specimen of Show:
'Daughter of Stars',
exhibited by Lois Rose



Iris setosa

Classification: Tripetalae

Common Names: Arctic iris

Chromosome Count: 2n=38

General Description: 6"-35" (15-90cm) tall, with blue or purple flowers, occasionally pink or white. The seeds have a distinct raised raphe the length of one edge.

Hardiness: Requires a cold dormant period in winter, does not do well in warm climates.

The shallowly rooted, large, branching rhizomes spread over time to create large clumps.[4][5][6] The rhizomes are grey-brown, thick, and are covered with old (maroon-brown) fibrous leaf remains (of last seasons leaves). It has branched stems, which are very variable in height ranging from 10 cm (5 inches) up to 1 m (3 ft) tall. The larger plants can grow beyond the height of the leaves. The roundish stems are between 1.5–9 cm in diameter with 1 to 3 branches.

Iris setosa has mid-green leaves, which are grass-like, and lanceolate (sword-shaped). They have a purple-based foliage (PBF) and the leaves can measure 30–60 cm (12–24 in) long.

The plant has 3–4 flowers per stem (between 6 and 13 for the whole plant, in groups of 3, and it blooms between June and July. The large flowers are between 5–8 cm (3–6 in) across, usually 7–8 cm, and come in a range of shades of blue, which can depend on the location. and range from violet, purple-blue, violet-blue, blue, to lavender. Very occasionally, there are pink or white forms.



'Aaron's Blue' (Gabriel Lecomte 2018) Photo Chad Harris



Iris setosa alba (phot Ken Walker)

References:

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iris_setosa

From The Editor

I want to thank everyone who took a chance and wrote up one of the regional tour gardens. For those who do not know what to do with such a task, I thought I would give you some hints.

Part one – name and owners of the garden and the one thing that really stood out for you, having a picture of the owner can help at the next meeting and the garden owners are present and can be recognized.



Ex. *The garden of Glenn and Susan Grigg in Raleigh, North Carolina, gave visitors everything they could want to see, an easily accessible iris garden at peak bloom.*

Ex. *At the entrance to garden of Mary & Don Myers is an area designated as the Blue Garden.*

Part two – a small history, age of garden or size, or something special just for that garden.

Ex. *The Myers' Garden, which began in 2005, displayed a wonderful variety of roses, irises, hostas and other perennials along the garden paths.*

Part three - introduce the irises that stood out for you and with a few words state why they impressed you. Make sure to add hybridizer and year of introduction or seedling identification.

Ex. *Among the irises that stood out were 'Paul Black' (Johnson 2003), which I have never seen grown so well, 'Rio Rojo' (Schreiner 2009),*

Ex. *The IB 'Concertina' (G. Sutton 2000) in a huge clump, 'Here Comes The Night' (Schreiner 2009), 'Montmartre' (Keppel 2008) and Roger Duncan's 'Arctic Burst' (2008).*

Part Four – this is a great place to add those extras in the garden such as garden art, special seating, etc., if you have pictures of them. This will help the reader to be in the garden with you.



Ex. *I saw some large flower jars and hidden metal garden art; I loved the aardvark.*

Ex. *Once I finally got past the pond, I saw a fallen log that was transformed into a garden bench*

Part 5 - once the piece is written, add the photographs of what you described. Put part of yourself in the piece. Send me the largest pictures you have and I will deal with cropping and sizing to fit into the Newscast.



Ex. *Intermediate Bearded 'Stormbird' (Smith 2018) was spectacular in every garden where it was blooming and well deserving of Best IB. It was immediately on my must have list. Its deep contrast between its bright yellow standards and black falls made it noticeable, no matter where it was planted.*

Ex. *a blue partner softly swinging in the breeze, was 'Richard's Joyous Love' (Katharine Steel 2009) observed the moves of the wind.*

While I may not be able to place all your pictures into a piece I will place as many as possible. If there was an iris that you particularly cared add it in and for the most part I will have a photograph. Not always, but if I am attending, I will usually take pictures of everything blooming. Now you are ready to give it a shot. Good luck.

My 2021 Introductions, and a Sampling of My Most Promising Seedlings

By Colin Campbell

I have two new introductions for 2021, 'Sugarplum Sunset', and 'Morning Has Broken'. Both are vigorous growers.

One bright May morning last Spring, local iris society members gathered around my seedling patch. Some of the seedlings had been growing in this garden plot for three years and had formed mature clumps. Ginny Spoon was attracted to a tall, graceful seedling whose flowers displayed shades of peach and pumpkin spice. As we had all agreed that it should be introduced in 2021, she put her name down to be the first to order this lovely iris. Later, I named this seedling 'Morning Has Broken', after the beautiful Gaelic hymn. Its soft orange blossoms seemed to go



'Morning Has Broken' (Colin Campbell, 2021)

well with the idea of the day dawning.

'Morning Has Broken' stands 40 inches tall, bearing two branches and a spur for a total of nine buds. This iris comes from one of the most rewarding crosses that I have made, 'Tobacco Chew' X my first introduction, 'My Missus Carter'. This cross has produced several fantastic seedlings of which 'Morning Has Broken' is the first to be introduced. Like many of its siblings, and its pollen parent 'My Missus Carter', 'Morning Has Broken' has triple socketed terminals. While its beards are not as rotund as those of its famous pod parent 'Tobacco Chew', this lovely iris has nice full orange beards. 'Morning Has Broken' has blossoms that are a soft mixture of orange and tan with a hint of peach. The edges of the falls deepen with a touch of cinnamon. The ruffled flowers have gently flaring form.

Moving to another portion of the seedling patch, we examined a seedling with ruffled blooms in delectable hues of rosy plum and pale cocoa. This seedling was also deemed worthy of introduction, and we set about the task of choos-



'Sugarplum Sunset' (Colin Campbell, 2021)

ing a name for it. Patti Meagher and Ginny Spoon noticed that the word 'sunset' fit this flower perfectly, then helped think of good words that start with the letter 's' to alliterate with 'sunset'. Over the next week, all sorts of sunsets began to mill around in my mind, until I had a name that described this flower exactly, 'Sugarplum Sunset'.

'Sugarplum Sunset' is 36 inches tall and sports seven buds. The standards and edges of the falls are a light cocoa brown, while a rosy plum overlay covers most of the falls, interspersed with lighter veining. Golden yellow beards add a finishing touch. As the flower matures, its form appears slightly more ruffled each subsequent day that it is open. 'Sugarplum Sunset' was voted an Exhibition Certificate at the 2019 iris show in Boyce, VA. Its parentage is 'Waiting for George' X 'Lullaby of Spring'. Both of these introductions are being offered for sale through my website, www.IrisHillsFarm.com.

I have two exciting seedlings slated for introduction in 2022. One is a sweet little reblooming SDB with exuberant vigor. Its cheerful yellow flowers exhibit a darker honey colored spot on the falls, and each stem produces two to three buds. However, this variety's penchant for perpetual rebloom is its most fantastic feature. In 2020, a row of this little iris rebloomed for me non-stop from August through early November. This year it has already sent up a few preliminary rebloom stalks in my garden. Because of its sunny color and inclination towards continuous rebloom, I am planning to register this variety as 'Sunbeams Forever'.

My 2021 Introductions, and a Sampling of My Most Promising Seedlings (cont.)



Campbell Seedling 'Sunbeams Forever'

A few years ago, I promised my mother that she could choose one of my best seedlings to be named in her honor. We have been waiting for just the right seedling, one that is both an exceptional plant and has flowers in her favorite colors. This Spring we found it. Now we are pondering what its name should be – something that celebrates my mother yet is more imaginative than Sheryl Campbell. Since a name has not been chosen yet, I will refer to this lovely iris by its seedling number, 34A12. Standing head and shoulders above the other irises in my garden at 44 inches tall, 34A12 forms a striking clump in shades of peach, mauve, and lilac. Peach pink standards are infused with mauve at the midribs, while the falls are a beautiful pinkish lilac, blending to mauve at the edges. Strong stalks bear nine to twelve buds, sometimes with triple socketed



Campbell Seedling 34A12

terminals, and even an occasional triple socket further down the stalk. To complete this wonderful package, 34A12 increases quite vigorously, forming a gorgeous

clump. Its lovely colors and impressive height make it immediately recognizable in the garden. I am looking forward to introducing this special iris next year!

One of my most unique seedlings is a sibling to 'Morning Has Broken'. This showy flower inherited its cranberry coloring from 'My Missus Carter', while its bright orange beards rival those of its other parent, 'Tobacco Chew', in plumpness. My first introduction, 'My Missus Carter', is named for my adopted grandmother. One of her favorite exclamations is 'Well, I mean'! This is the name I am planning to register this seedling under. What more fitting name could I bestow on this striking child of the iris 'My Missus Carter'? It arrests your attention in the garden. Bordering on gaudy, it is indeed worthy of an exclamation! Ruffled flowers are borne on 38-inch-tall stalks bearing eight to nine buds. 'Well I Mean' is a couple years away from introduction, but is definitely slated for introduction in the near future. This striking iris was voted an exhibition certificate at the 2021 Spring iris show in Winchester, VA. Anita Moran, one of the judges at the show, admired its striking coloring and showy beards.



Campbell Seedling 'Well I Mean'

It has been a joy for me to hybridize new varieties of iris, watching a flower unfold that has never before been seen. I especially enjoy making crosses involving different colors and patterns, because the seedlings can display such a wide range of colors, looking completely different from each other. I am currently evaluating nine seedlings that I feel will be worthy of introduction. Watch for the three mentioned in this article and others in upcoming years.

Epperson Awards committiee

Once again it is time to be thinking about nominations for this year's Epperson Service Award. There has been discussion about the Epperson Award and its failure to honor our older members who served AIS well but who may not be as active as they once were. The Board is working on this concern.

At this time, the committee is made up of affiliate presidents and a chairman who initiates the nominations and guides the process until a candidate is chosen and then forwards the name to Susan Grigg so she can get the Award engraved for presentation at the Fall Regional meeting.

Any Region 4 member may make a nomination for this award. Please write a letter to nominate your choice for the award listing the work that your nominee has done and send it to your affiliate President for submission. The criteria for the award have been sent to each affiliate president along with the names of those members who have received the award in past years.

We don't have to award the Epperson Service Award every year. It was not awarded last year (2020) but please don't miss the opportunity to recognize someone who has consistently supported the AIS mission.

Sue Shackelford

Epperson Service Award Chairman

Judges TRAINING REPORT

April 30, 2021 We have 2 Emeritus Judges, 10 master Judges, 6 |Garden/Exhibition, 2 apprentice, and 5 Student Judges. I would like to introduce the judges present and I ask that you show them your appreciation for their work. Alleah Haley, Ray Jones, Anita Moran (who just back from a presentation in Oklahoma), Bob Pries, Lois Rose, Ginny Spoon and Carol Warner. We will be joined shortly by Ingrid Bray and Diana Dudley who are Apprentices.

All (the necessary forms for the judges are on the Region 4 website When your affiliate hosts a judges training session, please go on the website and print out the Request for Approval of a Judges Training Session and send it to me.

I will circulate the information to all of the judges so they can make plans to attend if possible. Judges be aware that you should send a copy of the test answer sheet, class roster and all of the student tests to me after the session. I keep the tests in the permanent: record.

I sent out a memo from Bonnie Nichols to all judges stating that the 2021 requirements will be suspended like the 2020 were because of COVID. You are still encouraged to do whatever Judges training you can. There are on-line training sessions and some off affiliates are still able to conduct sessions.

Youth Report

Looking back on when I was a youth member in AIS, one of the biggest things that helped me feel like an integral part of the iris society was being given meaningful jobs, both at a local and regional level. At the regional level, being given the roles of rebloom chairman and youth chairman while still a youth member myself, helped me connect with others in the region and let me be very involved with Region 4.

Now that I am no longer a youth member, I think that it would be encouraging to our youth members for Region 4 to consider passing on the youth chair position to a current youth member who is actively involved with irises in our region. Reading Darby Redman's winning Ackerman Essay this year, she came to mind as an excellent candidate. In her essay, she even mentioned the importance of youth members having meaningful jobs within the iris society as a way to get youth members more involved.

If the board concurs, and the Redmans are at this meeting, would one of you on the board be willing to ask Darby and her mother Jodi if she would be interested in being the youth chair? Lois Rose, if the Redmans don't come to this meeting, would you be willing to follow up with Jodi and Darby Redman about this idea? I want to give a big thank you to everyone in the Region who helped involve me in the iris society when I was a youth member!

Colin Campbell

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

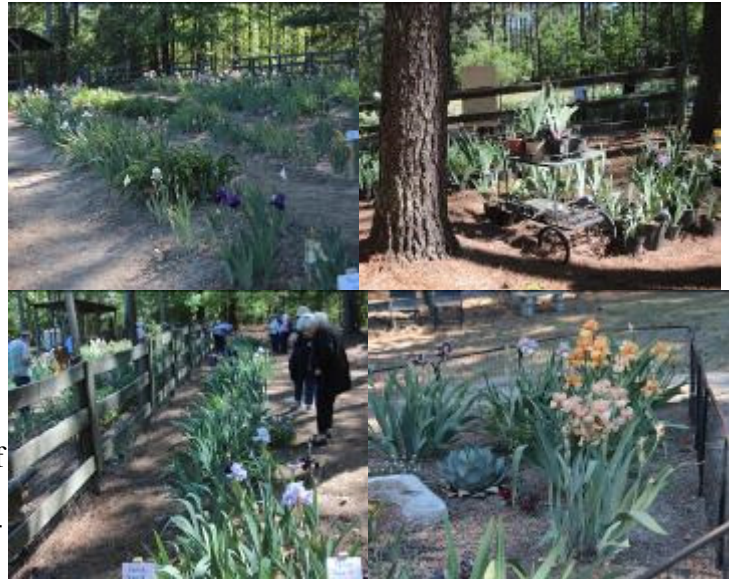
Region Four 2021 Spring Meeting

A Visit to the Susan and Pete Miller Garden in Apex, NC

By Ray Jones



Sue Miller in her garden



Susan and Pete started their garden in 2013 with tomatoes and yellow squash vines. Pete is a brewer of beer and has a patch of hops growing on a pole at the far end of the garden. The next year they added a few irises and the number of them has grown every year since, a familiar pattern as the iris virus takes hold. Susan has also developed a map of her garden which identifies each iris and where it is in the garden and had the map mounted on a fence next to the garden.



▲ Doug Chyz and his 'Bear' tree

◀ Miller Garden Map



'Blackbeard's Daughter' (Crump 2009),

As we disembarked from the bus, we were treated to shade, a pleasant relief from the warm day. Within the shade were potted irises waiting for their place to be planted along with other plants waiting for the same reason. We also noted that a tree was freshly scared and although Doug Chyz would have us believe that it was due to a very large bear (at least 20 feet tall), Susan told us that the tree had been struck by lightning in a recent storm.

the tall bearded 'Blackbeard's Daughter' (Crump 2009), 'Dracula's Kiss' (Schreiner 2009), 'Dugly Uckling' (Filardi 2009), 'Quik' (D. Spoon 2011) and of course 'Thornbird' (Byers 1989), 'Custom Rim' (M. Sutton 2015). Other tall bearded I was not so familiar with included 'My Embrace' (Van Liere 2015), 'Will You Be Mine' (Black 2018). Mike Lockett's seedling 21325, a brilliant yellow, stood out in the garden with its rich color.

Susan's garden now has over 500 irises growing in well planned, numbered rows. The beds were located along a pasture fence and in the interior of the pasture. The garden is neat and well maintained and deadheaded, so you can easily get a good bud count, which is also a photographer's dream. Among the irises that were like familiar friends was

A Visit to the Susan and Pete Miller Garden in Apex, NC (Cont.)



'Custom Rim' (M. Sutton 2015).



'Quik' (D. Spoon 2011)



'Dugly Uckling' (Filardi 2009)



'Will You Be Mine' (Black 2018)

The ever-lovely miniature tall bearded 'Frosted Velvet' (Fisher 1988), was blooming beautifully, as usual. Susan had an unknown MTB she called 'No Name Grandpa Iris' which was also beautiful. If you know the name of this iris drop her a line so she might get a piece to grow with her 'Grandpa' iris.

Adding variety to the viewing of the irises, other flowering plants were placed among the rows. The Miller garden was a great place to take an iris break and sit enjoying the cool of the shade and the beauty of the irises blooming.



Locketell's seedling 21325



Miller MTB 'Grandpa Iris'

Membership Report for Region 4

April 30, 2021 Spring Meeting Our Region 4 has a total of 279 members at present. That puts us in second place behind Region 14 with 319 total members. We have 268 adult members and 2 youth members, 7 affiliates and 2 Garden, Library, Business or Associations.

We also have 25 judges and 15 hybridizers. AIS has a total of 3,009 members.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ginny Spoon
 Membership chair, Region 4

Newscast Report

Newscast still dominates as the most visited page on the website. No matter what meetings I attending having Newscast online spotlights the happenings of Region 4. Now that garden visits are allowed as we move about the country, please send me articles about what you saw and experienced. Many people want to see what is growing and thriving in our region because of its diversity of conditions and zones. Please help those in Region 4 and other locations see which are the sturdiest irises for their gardens.

Anita Moran

Website Report.

The website has been completely moved into its new area for Non-profits. The host company thankfully did most of the work.

Since the move we have had no spam alerts. We continue to be a worldwide presence with the most hits coming from commercial accounts but from foreign countries the Czech Republic, Germany, Russian Federation, China and the European Union give most activity.

Website updates are difficult but they are made harder I discovered when PDFs or DOCs are sent as Pictures of how you want your site to look like. Both are fine to give me the idea of how you want your pages but I need the JPG picture files individually sent and the wording sent as a word or text document so the word-

ing is exactly how you want it. I work on the website January and February. Most of the sites were up and running with a few little glitches which I hope are now completed. The exception is Charlotte Iris Society web pages. We discovered the flaw in the website as we tried to use imbedded photos to place on a page. Using three different web publishing programs I finally discovered why I was getting the errors I was getting. So please send pictures as Jpg files and text separate. If you want your site a certain way, please feel free to send me imbedded docs or pdf just let me knew they are imbedded.

Anita Moran

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2021 Rebloom Report for Region 4 2020 Reblooms

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Autumn Surge, SDB (J.T. Aitken 2005) – Nov
 Baby Blessed, SDB (L. Zurbrigg 1979) - Sep
 Blueberry Tart, SDB (C. Chapman 2002) - Sep
 Cara, SDB (D. Spoon 2011) - Oct
 Eric Simpson, SDB (D. Spoon 2011) - Oct
 Mango Parfait, TB (D. Spoon 2008) - Sep
 Mariposa Autumn, TB (R. Tasco 1999) - Oct
 Prince Lollipop, SDB (D. Spoon 2002) - Oct
 Purple Joy, SDB (D. Spoon 2009) - Oct
 Rosalie Loving, SDB (D. Spoon 2003) - Nov
 Senorita Frog, SDB (D. Spoon 2002) - Oct
 Smell the Roses, SDB (M. Byers 1988) - Nov
 Trimmed Velvet, MDB (D. Spoon 2006) – Sep

Anita Moran, Aberdeen, MD

Bright Mite, MDB (J.T. Aitken 2019) - Nov
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 Immortality, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982) - Oct-Nov
 Mango Parfait, TB (D. Spoon 2009) - Oct-Nov
 Metro Blue, TB (M. Lockatell 2015) - Nov
 Silver Dividend, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1989) - Oct-Nov
 Trimmed Velvet, MDB (D. Spoon 2006) - Oct
 Zheng Elf, MDB (A. Moran 2020) – Nov

Moran Seedlings:

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 11BPrI06 MDB OCT
 11SMop04 MDB NOV
 11SMop03 SDB NOV
 11JLr101 SDB OCT - NOV
 11JLr108 SDB OCT

Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce, VA

Autumn Jester, SDB (C. Chapman 2000)
 Baby Blessed, SDB (L. Zurbrigg 1979)
 Mango Parfait, TB (D. Spoon 2009)
 Purple Joy, SDB (D. Spoon 2009)
 Ray Jones, SDB (D. Spoon 2011)
 Smell the Roses, SDB (M. Byers 1988)
 Total Recall, TB (B. Hager 1992)
 Zurich, TB (M. Byers 1990)

Colin Campbell, Middletown, VA

Amazing With Grace, TB (J. Roberts 2012) - Oct
 Autumn Jester, SDB (C. Chapman 2000) - Jun
 Feed Back, TB (B. Hager 1983) - Oct-Nov
 Margaret Wilson Thomas, TB (D. Spoon 2009) - Nov
 Pink Attraction, TB (E. Hall 1988) - Oct
 Repetition, TB (W. Moores 2013) - Aug
 Royal Maroon, MDB (D. Spoon 2001) - Oct-Nov
 Total Recall, TB (B. Hager 1992) – Aug

Campbell Seedlings:

'Sunbeams Forever' call, SDB - Aug-Nov
 1B12, IB - Sep-Nov
 3B13, SDB - Nov
 5A14, TB - Nov
 1A18, TB - Nov
 Sheryl Campbell Seedling, TB – Nov

Judy and Griff Durant, Mechanicsville, VA

Rosalie Loving, SDB (D. Spoon 2003) - Oct
 Smell the Roses, SDB (M. Byers 1988) – Oct

Marcia Feldman, Colonial Beach, VA

Midsummer Night's Dream, IB (L. Baumunk 1999) – Aug

Suzan Kosch, Fredericksburg, VA

Garden Grace, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1981) - Nov
 Gate of Heaven, TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004) - Oct
 Jean Guymer, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1977) - Oct
 Lady Emma, MTB (F. Jones 1986) - Oct
 My Friend Jonathan, TB (B. Miller 1994) - Oct
 Northern Spy, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1961) - Nov
 Spring Again, IB (J.G. Crump 2008) - Nov

Leisa and Braxton Mullen, Falmouth, VA

Autumn Circus, TB (B. Hager 1990) - Oct
 Autumn Tryst, TB (J. Weiler 1993) - Nov
 Earl of Essex, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1980) - Nov
 Sipping Chartreuse, IB (J.G. Crump 2015) - Nov

2021 Rebloom Report for Region 4 2020 Reblooms

Beth Orndorff Amissville, VA

Lady Emma, MTB (F. Jones 1986) - Sep

Lois Rose, Partlow VA

Again and Again, TB (S. Inherit 1999) - Aug,Oct-Nov

Another Bridge, TB (B. Wilkerson 2005) - Oct

Autumn Nectar, TB (J.G. Crump 2011) - Oct-Nov

Autumn Tryst, TB (J. Weiler 1993), - Oct

Baby Blessed, SDB (L. Zurbrigg 1979) - Sep-Oct

Born Again, TB (B. Miller 1978) - Nov

Brother Carl, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1983) - Oct

Buckwheat, TB (M. Byers 1989) - Jul

Champagne Elegance, TB (O.D. Niswonger 1987) - Jul

Constant Companion, IB (Marsh 1995) - Jun, Sep, Nov

Corn Dance, TB (D. Spoon 2008) - Jul, Nov

Coronation of David, TB (B. Miller 1999) - Jul

Cricket Song, MTB (Silvers 2012) - Jun

Double Dare, BB (M. Locketell 2014) - Oct-Nov

Echo Location, TB (B. Wilkerson 2007) - Nov

Gate of Heaven, TB (L. Zurbrigg 2004) - Sep-Nov

Golden Encore, TB (F.Jones 1973) - Aug-Nov

Haunting, TB (J.G. Crump 2006) - Oct-Nov

I Do, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1974) - Oct-Nov

Iceland, TB (M. Byers 1991) - Oct-Nov

Immortality, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982) - Oct

Jack Loving, SDB (D. Spoon 2006) -

Jun Just Call Me, TB (B. Wilkerson 2008) - Oct-Nov

Lady Emma, MTB (F. Jones 1986) - Sep-Oct

Liquid Amber, TB (G. Spoon 2003) - Sep-Nov

Low Ho Silver, IB (M. Byers 1989) - Jul

Lunar Autumn, TB (Thimsen 1985) - Nov

Lunar Whitewash, TB (S. Innerst 2003) - OctNov

Mango Parfait, TB (D. Spoon 2009) - Sep-Nov

Maryland Ho, TB (B. Hornstein, R. 2003) - Oct

Masterwork, TB (L. Zurbrigg 2001) - Oct

Matrix, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991) - Nov

Midsummer Night's Dream, IB (L. Baumunk 1999) - Jun

Northward Ho, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991) - Jun

Over and Over, TB (S. Innerst 2001) Sep-oct

Queen Dorothy, TB (E. Hall 1984) - Sep

Ray Jones, SDB (D. Spoon 2011) - May

Renown, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1992) - Oct

Rosalie Loving, SDB (D. Spoon 2003) - Oct

Senorita Frog, SDB (D. Spoon 2002) - May-Jun

September Buttercup, BB (G.P. Brown 1962) -Aug -Oct

September Replay, TB (F. Jones 1992) -Jul-Nov

Spirit of Memphis, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1977) - Oct - Nov

Spring Again, IB (J.G. Crump 2008) - Oct-Nov

Star Gate, TB (B. Wilkerson 2005) - Nov

Starring Encore, TB (D. Spoon 2008) - Oct

Summer Radiance, TB (B. Wilkerson 1996) - Jul, Sep

Sweetheart's Again, SDB (P. Hill 2004) - May

Tara's Choice, TB (B. Wilkerson 2004) - Nov

Zurich, TB (M. Byers 1990) - Sap-Nov

Seedlings:

Locketell 20734, TB - Sup-Nov

Locketell 21231, TB - Sep

Locketell 21026-1RE, TB - Oct-Nov

Locketell 20227A, TB - Oct-Nov

Zurbrigg PP61, TB - Jun

Don and Carolyn Rude, Blacksburg, VA

Mango Parfait, TB (D. Spoon 2009) - Oct

Matrix, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991) - Nov

Rosalie Figge, TB (J. McKnew 1993) - Oct

Don and Ginny Spoon, Cross Junction, VA

Anxious, TB (B. Hager 1992)

Baby Blessed, SOB (L. Zurbrigg 1979)

Barn Dance, TB (M. Byers 1991)

Hilda's Gift, MDB (D spoon 2002)

Mother of Dragons, TB (D. Spoon 2021)

Purple Joy, SDB (D. Spoon 2009)

Ray Jones, SDB (D. Spoon 2011)

Rosalie Figge, TB (J. McKnew 1993)

Royal Maroon, MDB (D. Spoon 2001)

Storm Compass, MDB (S. Chancellor/C. Rust 2014)

Summer green Shadows, TB (G.P. Brown 1965)

2021 Rebloom Report for Region 4
2020 Reblooms

Geraldine Blake, Charlotte area, NC

Harvest of Memories, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)
Lewis Bozard, Charlotte area, NC
Earl of Essex, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1980)
My Friend Jonathan, TB (B. Miller 1994)

Ingrid and Phillip Bray, Charlotte, NC

Pretty Girl, SDB (D. Spoon 2001) *
Grey Drum, Charlotte, NC
Harvest of Memories, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)

Iris Grieswell, Charlotte, NC

Immortality, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982)
Sugar Maple, SDB (G. Sutton 2003)
Charisse Miller, Charlotte, NC
Autumn Circus, TB (B. Hager 1990)
Baby Blessed, SDB (L. Zurbrigg 1979)
Clarence, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991)
Harvest of Memories, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)
Kind Candace, TB (D. Spoon 2012)
Pretty Girl, SDB (D. Spoon 2001)

Greg Schafer, Huntersville, NC

Harvest of Memories, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)

Virginia Thompson, Charlotte area, NC

Angel Walker, IB (J.T. Aitken 2004)
Clarence, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1991)
Harvest of Memories, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1985)
Immortality, TB (L. Zurbrigg 1982)
Lilla, TB (D. Spoon 2000)
Many Mahalos, IB (J.T. Aitken 2003)
Mariposa Wizard, IB (R. Tasco 2004)
Summer Olympics, TB (R.G. Smith 1976)
Tenderly, TB (D.C. Nearpass, by D. Spoon 2000)
Twice Blessed, SDB (D. Dennis, 1966)
Violet Turner, TB (L. Lauer 1999)

Beardless and Species Report –

April 30, 2021

Carol Warner

The Convention for the Society for Siberian Irises in Seattle has been postponed until 2022. Hopefully many more people will be willing to travel by then and the guest plants will have an extra year of growth.

The Convention for the Society for Japanese Irises in Nova Scotia was postponed last year and with the restrictions at the Canadian border it could not be re-scheduled this year. Duplicates of the guest plants stayed in the US and were grown by Ensata Gardens. Those were put up for sale to members of the Society and were sold out almost immediately. I emailed my list of plants that I wanted within an hour of the notice being posted and I was number four and was only able to get five varieties. Those plants will be shipped in September.

There will not be any beardless irises at the next two AIS Conventions so we will have to visit local gardens to see these in bloom.

Several of us saw some Siberian seedlings from Paul Black at Mid-America Garden when it was on tour for the AIS Convention. Paul had some incredible plants, which were given to Schreiner's for increase and introduction. There have been many delays in getting stock but three are available this year through the Schreiner's website.

I am happy to introduce Mike Lockett's lovely tetraploid Siberian seedling this year, 'Midnight Tide'. I am also honored to introduce three new Siberians for Dean Cole of Maine. If you are in northern Maryland at bloom time, be sure to stop and see these new beauties.

Visit to Bee Happy Farm

By Iris Grieswell

When I arrived at Bee Happy Farm, it was obvious that there were many things to investigate, but the beds of iris were the strongest pull. My path planned, I proceeded to view the many beautiful blooming irises. Unusual for this time of year, the garden of Diana Dudley and Dean Richards had blooms from Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB) irises and Tall Bearded (TB) irises.

Of the SDBs ‘Bluebeards Ghost’ (Black 2006) and ‘Painter’s Touch’ (Johnson 2017) were blooming beautifully, even if they were on their last blooms. The Intermediate Bearded (IB) varieties that made the biggest impact were ‘Calypso Heatwave’ (Black 2014), and ‘Dark Avenger’ (M. Sutton 2003), which bloomed with so many buds it was like a bouquet. ‘Man’s Best Friend’ (Black 2008) put on a great show, as it always does.

Among the Miniature Tall Bearded one of my favorites is the historic ‘Josephs Coat Katkamier’ (Katkamier 1930). Like many of the sport of ‘Honorable’ (Lémon 1840), its pattern of coloring can change between each flower. ‘Holiday In Mexico’ (Probst 2012), and ‘Tic Tac Toe’ (Johnson 2010) both fought off the wind to give us a great display.



‘Painter’s Touch’ (Johnson 2017)



‘Calypso Heatwave’ (Black 2014),



‘Dark Avenger’ (M. Sutton 2003)



‘Josephs Coat Katkamier’ (Katkamier 1930)

Visit to Bee Happy Farm (Cont.)

As in nearly every iris garden in Region 4, 'Thornbird' (Byers 1989), showed why it won the American Dykes Medal in 1997 with its 9-10 buds per stalk, beautifully proportioned. 'Are You Crazy' (Black 2012) was just starting to bloom and that thick bright orange beard could be seen across the garden. It was the first time I saw 'Back By Demand' (Price 2017) and look forward to seeing it in other gardens. Don Spoon's 'Cobra's Eye' (2000) was loaded with bloom, catching your eye with mahogany coloring and blue beards. There were two seedlings blooming: Lloyd Zurbrigg's older seedling 08T2A, and Mike Lockett's seedling 21261, which appeared white as you approached, but as you got closer you could see the green flush of color and the wonderful red beard.

I especially enjoyed the koi ponds and bee hives. The large koi were easy to see but difficult to count because they just wouldn't hold still. The smaller koi remained in the bottom of their tank, maybe thinking we were big bad predators. Several of the koi came to the top of the tank, even looking above the water as if asking for food or petting. I'm betting it was food they were after. They ranged in color from black to nearly all white, including some that looked like they sported armor



'Are You Crazy' (Black 2012)



'Cobra's Eye' (D. Spoon 2000)



'Thornbird' (Byers 1989),



'Back By Demand' (Price 2017)

Visit to Bee Happy Farm (Cont.)

From a slight distance bees could be seen entering and leaving the bee hives, placed on many areas of the farm where the bees were working to pollinate crops. Located throughout the farm were statues and garden art that were a delight to the eyes. There were statues of boys at a drinking fountain, unusual windmills, metal bees and tulips to full sized farming equipment placed next to the rode to prove this was actually a working farm. There were water jars bubbling and small clay bee hives. As you walked between the koi ponds and the iris gardens, a large stand of butterfly lavender (*Lavandula stoechas*) was absolutely stunning. Included in the tour to Bee Happy Farm was the option of learning to blow glass objects. Since it was safest to blow Christmas tree ornaments, many took the opportunity to give it a try. With all that was happening on the farm, our visit was an especially enjoyable one.



Mike Lockatell's seedling 21261



Lloyd Zurbrigg's seedling 08T2A



**TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 4
April 30, 2020 to September 22, 2020**

Checking Account Balance on April 30, 2020		\$17,548.68
Receipts:		
Donation - sap Iris Society:	\$300.00	
Checking Account Interest:	<u>\$0.65</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$300.65	
Expenditures:		
Doug Chyz - Scan Newscasts:	<u>\$540.06</u>	
Total Expenditures:	\$540.06	
Checking Account Balance on September 22, 2020:		\$17,309.27

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT
A.I.S. REGION 4
September 22, 2020 to April 30, 2021**

Checking Account Balance on September 22, 2020:		\$17,309.27
Receipts:		
Donation - FSK Iris Society:	\$300.00	
Checking Account Interest:	<u>\$0.97</u>	
Total Receipts:	\$300.97	
Expenditures:		
December NEWSCAST:	\$462.60	
March NEWSCAST:	\$489.28	
AIS Foundation (Memory Anne Lowe):Total	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Expenditures:	\$1,251.88	
Checking Account Balance on April 30, 2021:		\$16,358.36

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

Garden of Mary & Don Myers at Spring Region IV Meeting 2021

By Beth Orndorff



At the entrance to garden of Mary & Don Myers is an area designated as the Blue Garden. A garden with flowers, garden art, and irises displaying many shades of blue including the tall bearded

'Clarence' (Zurbrigg 1991) blooming better than I have ever seen it bloom. The garden was created in memory of Mary's mother, Joan Russick. Joan loved blue and had many shades of blue in her own garden.

Currently in the Myers' Garden there are about 400 roses, 150 irises, 150 daylilies, hostas in the shaded areas, as well as daffodils, various shrubs, and flowering trees in their garden. When you walk into the backyard, you walk into another world, a tranquil, beautiful, romantic world of irises, roses and many other flowers. The Myers started their garden from nothing but bare ground when they moved into their



'Clarence' (Zurbrigg 1991)



Myers' Shades of Blue Garden

home in Wake Forest, North Carolina in 2005. They did however, bring many of the original roses from their former home in upstate New York.

Among the irises that stood out were 'Paul Black' (Johnson 2003), 'Rio Rojo' (Schreiner 09), The IB 'Concertina' (G. Sutton 2000) in a huge clump, 'Here Comes The Night' (Schreiner 2009), 'Montmartre' (Keppel 2008) and Roger Duncan's 'Arctic Burst' (2008).



'Concertina' IB (G. Sutton 2000) Photo by Beth Orndorff



'Paul Black' (Johnson 2003),

Garden of Mary & Don Myers at Spring Garden, W.M. Va. 2021



'Rio Rojo' (Schreiner 2009)



Myers' rose hybrid 'Contrary Mary' photo by Beth Orndorff

In North Carolina, growing roses can be quite a challenge due to the summer heat and the occurrence of black spot due to excessive moisture. Don enjoys growing new varieties of roses, and actually hybridized a rose he named 'Contrary Mary', it was named after his wife, Mary. It was a cross between Veteran's Honor & Ty (a small miniature rose). The wonderful opportunities to see roses from buds to bloom. The pink rose 'New Zealand' had so many buds just waiting to open. The buds on 'Regina Lee' (R.B.Wells 2005) displayed an open bud that hinted at its bicolor nature. The deep red of 'EasyToPlease' was such a contrast to the dogwood like flower of the rose 'Mrs. Robinson (Orent 2008).



Don has also tried his hand crossing Daylilies, and hopes to introduce one soon. Currently he has one awaiting approval from the Daylily Society.

If you have the opportunity to visit this garden you should. It is lovely mind calming garden with its hidden seats and various garden art that took some investigations to find but then there were those that were in obvious display.



'Montmartre' (Keppel 2008)
photo by Beth Orndorff



2021 Budget

Expenditure	Contact	Description	Dollars
Printing and Mailing of Region 4 Newscast	Anita Moran	2 issues March 2021 August 2021	\$ 1500.00
RVP Travel Expenses	Dan Fetty	AIS Convention stipend	\$600.00
Membership Committee	Ginny Spoon		\$100.00
Memorials	Dan Fetty/Board	In Memory Donations	\$300.00
Zurbrigg Mahan Award	Susan Grigg	Engraved Cup	\$300.00
Epperson Award	Sue Shackelford	Engraved silver bowl	\$140.00
Sunshine Fund	Sheryl Campbell	Cards/Flowers	\$100.00
AIS Youth Program	Colin Campbell		\$100.00
Region 4 Website	Anita Moran	Webhosting	\$100.00
Zoom Account	Doug Chyz	Annual Pro Sub	\$170.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	Dan Fetty/ Board		\$300.00

Submitted by
Doug Chyz

The Alice Bouldin Cup, presented to a Region 4 hybridizer for the best seedling in Convention gardens
Mike Lockett Seedling 21325



◀ Lockett Seedling 21325

The Nearpass Award for best Region 4 iris in Convention gardens
'Cobra's Eye' Don Spoon 2000



◀ 'Cobra's Eye' (D Spoon 2000)

The Morrison Award for best out of Region iris in Convention gardens
'Wishful Thinking' Keith Keppel 1996



'Wishful Thinking' (Keppel 1996) ▼

Historian's Report
Region 4 Spring Meeting, Raleigh, NC
May 1, 2021 Submitted by Lois Rose

Yes, I actually am submitting an historian's report this year. Last year, Sue Shackelford helped the Loving's daughter, Sonia, clean out the Loving's house before it was sold. She saved a number of iris publications which she has been storing. I have offered to take them off her hands and store them until Region 4 decides how we should dispose of them. I don't want to store them forever.

An inventory of those publications appears after this report. I have included notes regarding availability of any of the publications online, or availability of more recent editions, online or in print.

These are all more "modern" publications, i.e. AIS *Bulletins* from 1982-1999; *Newscast* from 1987-1998; other miscellaneous section checklists and publications from 1990 to about 2002. (*The Siberian Iris* goes to 2006.) There are some gaps in the holdings. The AIS Library undoubtedly already has them and doesn't need more. However, I could inquire to make sure that is correct. Then what? Donate them to the AIS Silent Auction? That involves shipping, and since they aren't really rare or historic publications, they might not sell for enough to cover the shipping costs. Distribute them to anyone who wants any of them and donate the rest to the local landfill?

Please give me some guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lois Rose, Historian
 Region 4, AIS

Median Report for Region 4
April 30, 2021 Spring Meeting

Thanks to Anita Moran who attended the Median Trek this past week we have the winners of the popular votes:

MDB - 'Mandy's Baby Blankie' (E. Rienets 2018)
 SDB - 'Cher's Delight' (Paul Black 2917)
 IB - 'Stormbird' (M. Smith 2018)
 MTB - 'Black Cherry Sorbet' (Harries 2004)
 BB - 'Frosty Spirit' (Tasco 2017)
 AB - 'Perry Dyer' (Paul Black 2017)
 Guest - 'Perry Dyer'
 Seedling - Moore 137F (Moore)

Respectfully submitted,
 Ginny Spoon

REGION 4, FALL 2020
meeting minutes from November 10, 2020
Zoom meeting only

Attendees: Doug Chyz, Carol Warner, Anita Moran, Ginny Spoon, Sue Shackelford, Dave Bollinger, Lois Rose, Bonita Mastellar, Diana Dudley, Beth Orndorf, Ray Jones, Patsy and Heather Haley.

- Attendees surpassed the minimum number for a quorum.
- 2) no new members or visitors
 - 3) Approval of Fall 2019 minutes was unanimous. There was no meeting or convention in 2020 due to Covid.
 - 4) RVP Report— Doug read report.
 - 5) Asst RVP- No report, Dan Fetty absent
 - 6) Secretary Report— Diana Dudley had nothing to add
 - 7) Treasurer's Report— Carol Warner reported that our balance is a healthy one. see report.
 - 8) Budget Report— Van Ferguson— no report
 - 9) Past President- Anita Moran. No report
 - 10) Legal Counsel— Open
 - 11) Membership— Ginny Spoon reported that we have a healthy presence in AIS.
 - 12) Judges Training— Sue Shackelford reported that 2020 has been quite the challenge for JT but many have taken advantage of the Zoom meetings for JT. AIS is not penalizing anyone if they couldn't partake in Zoom meetings since in person get togethers were impossible this year.
 - 13) Convention report— Dan Fetty— no report since we have no idea what the future will be even in 2021. ENCIS will host the 2021 Spring meeting if possible. Decision will be made in early 2021.
 - 14) Youth report— Colin Campbell. No report.
 - 15) Webmaster Report- Anita has been very busy since everyone is stuck at home. Lots of activity including foreign countries.
 - 16) Newscast Editor— Anita Moran begs people for articles or photos to enhance the newscast.
 - 17) Iris Program Resource— Sheryl Campbell is working hard to get various program that are sharable" with other affiliates.
 - 18) Historian report-++ Lois Rose has nothing to report.
 - 19- Public Relations— Bob Pries has nothing to report.
 - 20) Sunshine report— Sheryl Campbell— no report
 - 21) auction report— no auction, no report. Doug Chyz was sad.
 - 22). Parliamentary— open.
 - 23) Beardless and Species Report— Carol Warner and the rest of AIS hopes that 2021 will allow group meetings to occur.
 - 24) median Iris— Ginny shared the same sentiment.
 - 25) Reblooming report— no report
 - 26) Epperson Award— Sue Shackelford stated it will be tabled til we can meet in person again,
 - 27) Nominations for officers— Dan Fetty as RVP, Anita Moran as ARVP, Carol Warner as treasurer and secretary is Diana Dudley.

Affiliate Reports

Affiliate Report Charlotte Iris Society

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

- 1) To conduct a virtual iris show. This was done in April.
Winner: Tamara Hinson - TB Twist of Sheree
- 2) To open 4 gardens for members to enjoy irises in bloom
Ingrid Bray, Charisse Miller, Lewis Bozard and Grey Drum kept their gardens open at different times throughout April and May
- 3) To attend Region 4 meeting in Raleigh
5 members attended
- 4) To create CIS website, CIS business card, and conduct the Iris sale July 24 at the Farmer's Market

We have an ongoing website: charlotteirissociety.com, Beautiful business cards. The July sale was the most successful ever, as we were able to accept credit cards. At the sale we signed on 5 new members.

Invitations have been sent out for our annual picnic lunch August 28 to get together and to appreciate the generous donors and volunteers who helped with the sale.

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

Ingrid Bray
President

SPRING 2021 ENCIS REPORT

ENCIS and the rest of the world are all thrilled that 2020 is over! This Spring, ENCIS members have had some phenomenal speakers and topics as well as working very hard to prepare the Region 4 2021 Spring Convention. WE were worried that it would need to be postponed again.

In January 2021, we had an organizational meeting about the convention. We were still unaware if it was going to happen, but we all tried to stay positive. Members were getting excited and very happy to see each other even if it was just on Zoom. In February 2021, we chatted more about the convention and watched a recorded video on his-torics presented by Jean Richter. We were heartened that

people were getting vaccinated and hoped that restrictions would be lifted to allow larger groups that 10 to gather.

The next 2 months brought even better news. The March 2021 meeting showcased Ashley Troth, a Durham county Extension Agent. Ashley shared her passion about soil, and I must admit we all learned more than anyone expected to learn. In April 2021, our own Don Myers gave a stellar presentation of flower arrangements. We were even happier that we also got to meet in person! A big thank you to Chris and Heather for being such gracious hosts. Sadly, I had to miss the meeting since pets don't know to not get sick on Sundays.

We are so happy to be spending the weekend with so many of our friends as well as meeting new ones. We will be even happier if the Raulston Arboretum decides to open on weekends so that we can have our meetings there as well as the sales in July and September.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Dudley Richards
President, ENCIS

Francis Scott Key Iris Society Report

Our group has been fairly dormant, but we were able to hold our two sales last year. We are planning to hold both sales again this year.

Instead of holding our regular Spring Iris Show and Beardless Iris Show, we are planning to do a small exhibit on May 22nd of blooming stalks at Richardson Farms. We are planning to exhibit some of the varieties that we know will be available in our sale so that customers can see the beautiful blooming stalks and return to buy rhizomes in July. Hopefully, we can do that again during bloom time for the Japanese irises. Not too many people are familiar with the Japanese. We will not have any judging but may have the public vote for their favorite using some little stickers.

A couple of gardens will be open on Sunday, May 23rd for tours. Being outside and socially distanced should be safe for visitors.

We are working on preparations for hosting the Region 4 Fall Meeting on October 9th at Hunt Valley, Maryland. Postponement from last year gave us the opportunity to reserve larger spaces for our show and meetings. If anyone has a suggestion of an excellent speaker for the meeting, please speak to me at this meeting. We look forward to a great time when we can all be safe and enjoy gathering with friends.

Carol Warner, President

Affiliate Reports

2021 Spring Report for the Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society

The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society held their board meeting on April 5th, 2021 at the home of Don and Ginny Spoon in the garden area. We will be having our spring show at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley on Sunday, May 16th to include a garden judge's training session during the show judging.

We voted to have our current officers continue until the next election cycle which will be in 2022. Our sale will be held in mid August during the peach festival TBA at the West Oaks Farm Market in Winchester.

Several of our members will be attending the spring regional meeting in Raleigh, NC this spring and we are looking forward to seeing our iris friends and the gardens in bloom.

Ginny Spoon, President
Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society

2021 Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society Club Schedule

Monday, April 5th 10 a.m. Board Meeting, Winterberry Gardens

AIS 2021 Convention Las Cruces, NM Las Cruces, NM Postponed until April 11-16 2022

April 22-24, 2021. Median Iris Society Convention from in OKC, Oklahoma

April 30, May 1 Spring Regional Meeting, Eastern North Carolina Friday and Saturday

Sunday, May 16 Spring Iris Show, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester *(see note below) Setup 11 a.m. - 12:45 pm Judging 1-2p.m. Open to the public until 3:30

There will be an in garden judge's training from 1-2 p.m. Please register with Ginny Spoon if you would be interested. vspoon@aol.com

August, Saturday TBA West Oaks Farm Market Peach Festival and Iris Sale 9-4

September, Saturday 25th Judges Training - Awards and Honors- 11-2 p.m. Winterberry

Saturday, October 9th Fall Regional meeting, FSK (Baltimore, MD area)

Central Virginia Iris Society Report Spring 2021

We have gotten a late start having meetings this year. One thing we missed was having our flower show in May. Since then we have had a Board meeting in June to plan the rest of the year. In July we enjoyed guest speaker, Anita Moran's program on how to take better iris pictures. In August our meeting will be planning for our plant show at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on September 17th and 18th. In October we will have our annual picnic and some of us will attend the Fall Region 4 Meeting in Hunt Valley, VA. Our Harvest Dinner will take place in November to complete our year. Then plans begin for CVIS next year.

Kathy Huneycutt
President

Spring 2021 Report-FAIS (Fredericksburg Area Iris Society)

FAIS had a busy and productive Spring. A judged Iris Show was held May 15. Open gardens Day was held on May 9, Mother's Day. Gardens open to the public included: Leisa Mullen, Falmouth, VA, Ross Eagles, Diversity Acres, Woodbridge, VA, Lois Rose, Partlow, VA, as well as Ray & Sue Shackelford, Fredericksburg, VA.

A successful Iris sale was held at Meadows Farm on Rt. 3 in Fredericksburg on Aug. 7. This was especially encouraging because it was pouring down rain the entire morning of the sale. Luckily the sale was under cover. Efficiency reigned at the sale with sale Chair, Tricia Taylor providing visual instruction on planting various types of irises while people waited in line. Volunteers did a great job of keeping a steady stream of customers checking out the entire time.

The Garden of Susan and Glenn Grigg

By Ingrid Bray

Where do I begin to tell the story of how great a garden can be - are you already humming the tune?

As soon as I got out of the car I knew I was attending a Great Ball of Gardens. Beardless irises in a bed parallel to the street opened the first dance: yellow 'Dixie Deb' (Chowning 1950) with a blue partner was softly swinging in the breeze, while 'Richard's Joyous Love' (Katharine Steel 2009) observed the moves. Pseudatas 'Himebotaru' (Shimitzu/Warner 2014) and 'Unexpected Surprise' (Chad Harris 2018) were ready to open and join the dance. Nearby a big bed of double daffodils still in bloom were nodding their apricot smiling faces approvingly.

The garden descriptions booklet explained that this garden was the second the Griggs had planted in Raleigh. In 1996 on an acre, full of weeds, briars and undesirable trees, they moved most of their irises from their former home to a sunny bed far away from their new home construction. After the house was completed, Susan and Glenn hired a garden designer to create a plan for the property - which they have executed to a perfection.

The long, beautiful beds running along the driveway took my breath away. A huge stand of 'Wishful Thinking' (Keppel 1996), their hyacinth blue standards infused with violet purple, silvery hyacinth falls and yellow to pale lavender beards, lent a gentle contrast to nearby 'Wintry Sky' (Keppel 2002), a reverse blue amoena extending the air of casual elegance. Their cool blueness was complimented by Don Spoon's SDB 'Muppet's Sister' (2015) with its violet blue standards and falls, olive spots, and dark violet beard. Together they managed in their harmony and enchantment to subdue the otherwise orange-ruby "notice me Rock'nRoller", 'Bottle Rocket' (M. Sutton 2009).



'Richard's Joyous Love' (Katharine Steel 2009)



'Muppet's Sister' (D. Spoon 2015) Photo Winterberry Gardens



'Bottle Rocket' (M. Sutton 2009)



'Wishful Thinking' (Keppel 1996)



'Lemon Meringue'
Baptisia
With
Tropic Night' SIB
(Morgan 1937)

The Garden of Susan and Glenn Grigg (cont.)

The hosts redid the beds four years ago in anticipation of the convention. Raised beds and irrigation from their well helped grow healthy and strong stalks of TBs, Medians, Pseudatas and Japanese irises intermingled with peonies and perennials.

At the end of the first bed a huge ‘Lemon Meringue’ Baptisia was embraced by ‘Tropic Night’ SIB (Morgan 1937) and Salvia ‘Cara Donna’ on one side with ‘Crème Caramel’ SIB (Schafer/Sacks2003) and Pseudata ‘Yasha’ (Shimizu/Warner 2010) on the other, making me dance with joy as I passed through the gate into the shade garden – another perfection of color, shape and texture.

In 25 years the tress have grown bigger and give more shade. Camellias and Japanese Plum Yew formed the background for a stand of Solomon’s Seal and purple ground orchids. Hydrangeas, Oyster ferns and Sibtosia ‘Happy Traveler’ (Schafer/Sacks 2015) were guiding me down the gently sloping property. I noticed ‘Designer’s Gene’ hosta, pale yellow-green with red feet which reminded me of storks.

At the bottom of the lot were several daylily beds, waiting for their turn to bloom. As I was climbing up along the terraced garden, I saw irises with which I was not familiar. ‘Belle Fille’ (Smith 2015). ‘Copper Angel’ (Dash 2017) colors seemed muted, honey browns and gold copper making it look so different to me, since I was unfamiliar with New Mexico irises. ‘Black Cherry Blast’ (Aiken 2017) added strength to the combination.

On my way to thank the hosts I passed by roses in a fenced enclosure, courtesy of the deer, who ate them almost to the ground one year. I bowed my head to Susan for the treat and danced the Polonaise out to my car, summoned by the shrill whistle that helped us to keep on schedule for each garden.



‘Belle Fille’ (Smith 2015)



‘Crème Caramel’ SIB (Schafer/Sacks2003)



‘Happy Traveler’ (Schafer/Sacks 2015)



‘Copper Angel’
(Dash 2017)



Hawk soaring
above Grigg’s
Garden

The Median Trek – Finally Part I

By Anita Moran

There is nothing like the coming together of people who love irises as much as I do. Starving for an iris connection after being denied locally, regionally, and nationally, I was bound and determined to attend the Median Trek in April 2021. Plans made saving checked it would be tight but that was ok I was going to be with iris people in new iris gardens. I got a note from Hugh Stout asking if I would be their guest speaker and do some judges training. If I could have jump though the computer monitors to hug him, I would have done it.

Now vaccinated I headed west but not before stopping at Winterberry and while I was there to offer to weed for a couple hours, Ginny walked to walk the garden with me as we usually did. The MDBs were in full bloom and I was taking names. Some of my favorites were 'Daring Eyes' (Miller 1986), 'Dutch Royal' (Williams 1981), 'Extra' (Palmer 1989), 'Elfin Magic' (Willott 1990), 'Pixie Flirt' (Willott 1989) and 'Spot Of Tea' (Black 1989). I was also stuck drooling over Ginny's seedling 'Roman Fresco' a sibling of 'Orange Arc' (G. Spoon 2017). Wanting to get passed Nashville by nightfall I was off on the road.

Getting to Oklahoma City two days before I went to Stout's Garden at Dancing Tree to help with the weeding, after all I was a professional weeder. Hugh paid well for my services with wonderful food and introducing me to the 'Arnold Palmer' a mix of ice tea and lemonade which I have never tasted before. It was wonderful and thanks to Tim and Gerry Moore, who also helped with the weeding, I had cans of the stuff secreted in my cooler,

The Trek gave us planned garden list that were we able to visit each day in order and using carpooling we were also allowed to visit any garden when we had time. Jane Denton accompanied me on my galivanting and we had a wonderful time for we viewed the gardens in a very similar manner. The gardens we visited were the garden of Dr. Warren and Peggy Low, The Garden of Randy and Janet Moore, The Garden of Steve and Cynthia Wade, the Will Roger's Garden, and the master planting at Stouts Garden at Dancing Tree. Each of these Gardens I will write up separately along with two other gardens I was invited to see. Robert Treadway's Louisiana Iris Garden in Carlisle, Arkansas and White Rock Garden, Benton Arkansas belonging to Phyllis Kirtley.



'Daring Eyes' (Miller 1986)



'Extra' (Palmer 1989)



'Pixie Flirt' (Willott 1989)



'Roman Fresco' Ginny Spoon Seedling

The Median Trek – Finally

Part I

By Anita Moran

Median Trek Awards

MDB - 'Mandy's Baby Blankie' (E. Rieniets 2018)

SDB - 'Cher's Delight' (Paul Black 2917)

IB - 'Stormbird' (M. Smith 2018)

MTB – 'Black Cherry Sorbet' (Harries 2004)

BB - 'Frosty Spirit' (Tasco 2017)

AB - 'Perry Dyer' (Paul Black 2017)

Guest - 'Perry Dyer'

Seedling - Moore 137F (Moore)



'Stormbird' (M. Smith 2018)



'Frosty Spirit' (Tasco 2017)



'Perry Dyer' (Paul Black 2017)



'Mandy's Baby Blankie' (E. Rieniets 2018)



'Cher's Delight' (Paul Black 2917)



Moore 137F (Moore)

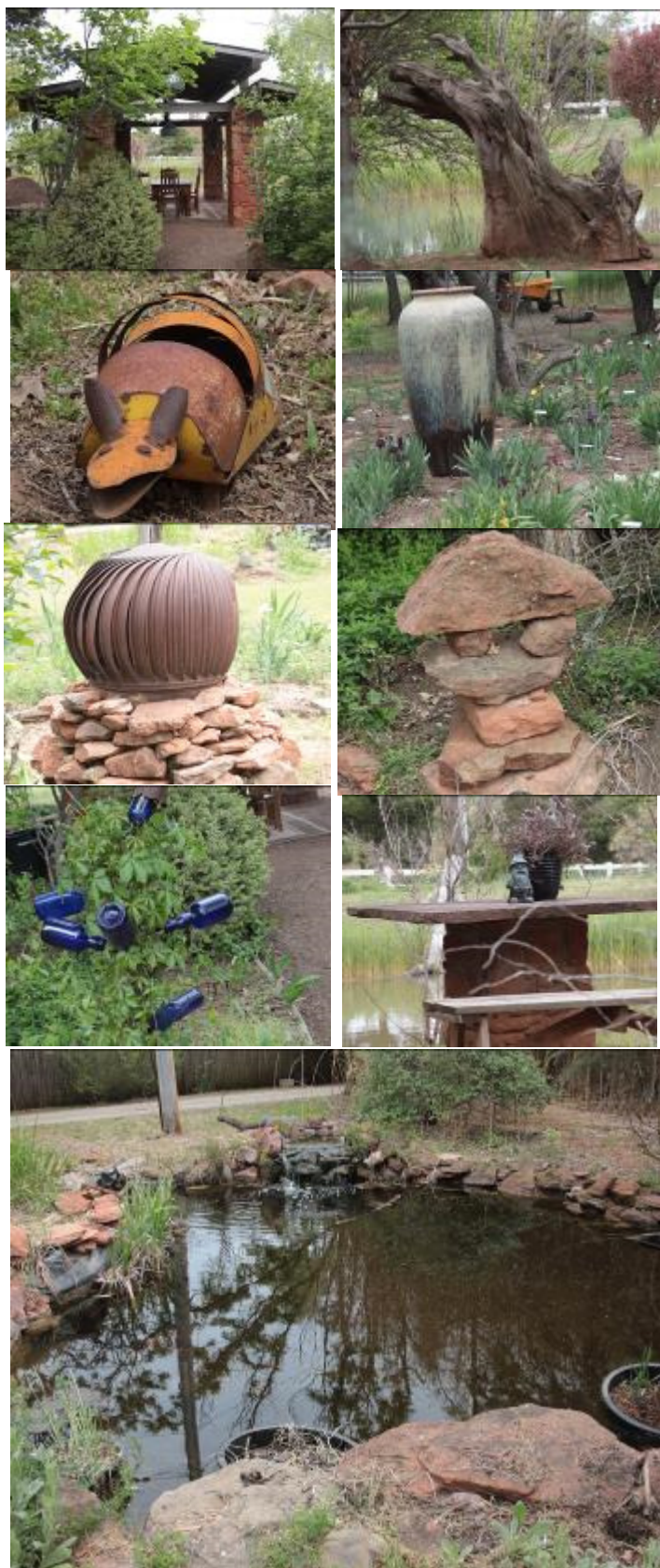
2021 Median Trek: Part I

By Anita Moran

Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree

I arrived early at Stout’s Garden at Dancing Tree to help with the weeding. Walking around after my knees told me to stop, I found the Dancing Tree sunbathing next to a large pond edged with reeds and a beautiful gazebo. A lovely smaller pond was behind the irises. Walking around the garden, I saw some large flower jars and hidden metal garden art; I loved the aardvark. There were bottle trees, a small round windmill above a rock mound and a rock sculpture. Hugh’s guard dog, Lily, was letting everyone know that there were strangers in the garden, but it was not long before a quick belly rub started her following me for additional attention, until there were others arriving that needed her announcements of strangers.

As you walked through the display beds, despite previous freezing temperatures and torrential rain, the bloom was spectacular. From Arilbreds to Miniature Tall Bearded every clump was easily viewed.



2021 Median Trek: Part I: Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree

Some of the outstanding Standard Dwarfs included ‘Blissful’ (Black 2016), ‘Alaia’ (Johnson 2018), ‘Cher’s Delight’ (Black 2017) voted the Best SDB, ‘Color’ (Black 2018), and ‘Kewlopolis’ (Stout 2017), which was added to my list of must haves.

‘List’ (Black 2017) and ‘Mordor’ (Black 2015) were completely opposite from each other. While ‘List’ was a soft white and blue plicata, ‘Mordor’ was a rich black red with bright orange beards. Mike Sutton’s ‘Pepi’ was deep royal purple with a bright white beard that really made it stand out. The Walker seedling 04-207-10 was a red violet with a dark red violet almost black spot.

‘Cut A Rug’ (Stout 2021) a species cross with *I. imbricate*, *I. timofejewii*, *I. reichenbachii* and *Iris variegata* in its background was a nice change. ‘Candy Basket’ (Harris 2016) really caught my eye for I love brown irises. Other outstanding Miniature Tall Bearded were ‘Black Cherry Sorbet’ (Harris 2016) which won the best MTB award, ‘Dizzy Dancer’ (Rieniets) and ‘Gesundheit’ (Bunnell), which always puts on a show but its buds were also show stoppers.



‘Cut A Rug’ (Stout 2021)



‘Candy Basket’ (Harris 2016)



‘Blissful’ (Black 2016)



‘Kewlopolis’ (Stout 2017)



‘Black Cherry Sorbet’ (Harris 2016)

2021 Median Trek: Part I: Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree

Intermediate Bearded ‘Stormbird’ (Smith 2018) was spectacular in every garden it was blooming in and well deserving of Best IB. Its deep contrast between its bright yellow standards and black falls made it noticeable, no matter where it was planted. Other wonderful IBs included ‘Ricochet Romance’ (Hill 2014), ‘Pink Collage’ (Spoon 2006), and ‘Haunting Passion’ (Black 2017). ‘Black Comedy’ (Black 2017) was another dark standout. ‘Little Rosie’ (Spoon 2015) gave off a spectacular show. The soft melon of ‘Sorbet Swirl’ (Keppel 2018) was a great contrast in the garden with its deep ruffles. ‘Here’s Looking At You’ (Cross 2019) was a bright spot in the garden with its bright yellow standards and the pale falls.

The Arilbreds were all giving a wonderful show. ‘Pounce’ (Johnson 2018), ‘Signal Butte’ (Tasco 2016), ‘Sailing At Dawn’ Tasco 2018), ‘Eye Of The Storm’ (Sutton 2017), and ‘Calypso Dancer’ (Tasco 2017) all grew well, even though they grew in the same soil as all the other guests. It was ‘Perry Dyer’ (Black 2017) that took the Best Arilbred, as much for sentimental reasons as for its beauty.

There was much to see besides the guests and I loved the ability to return to various gardens as it was desired. Having the judges training in the Stout Garden made it available even more often.



‘Pink Collage’ (Spoon 2006)



‘Pounce’ (Johnson 2018)



‘Ricochet Romance’ (Hill 2014)



‘Signal Butte’ (Tasco 2016)

2021 Median Trek: Part I

By Anita Moran

The Garden of Dr. Warren and Peggy Low

By Anita Moran

I heard it from the time I arrived in Oklahoma City. A hard freeze followed by two and a half inches of rain nearly destroyed the unprotected garden of the Lows. I heard the same thing at a Portland Convention when Mid-America was called “Mud America”. In Mid-American as with the Low Garden, there was much to see and learn, not only of the grounds but of the guest irises. The Lows took to heart the need for irises to get full sun for the majority of her beds, including the guest beds. were out under the sky and the elements. I was immediately excited when I pulled into the driveway and saw that although the trees were just leafing out, I could imagine how beautiful the drive would become in summer and fall. The drive continued around the property, displaying the iris beds, including a Dutch iris blooming in the middle of a hedge. As the drive ended in front of a beautiful house, we parked and began to explore the gardens.

There were so many things to see it was hard to get to the actual beds. In a shaded grove were benches, bird baths, a gazebo, and a pond lined with bearded irises in the deep shade.



2021 Median Trek: Part I: Low Garden

Once I finally got past the pond where a fallen log was transformed into a garden bench, I saw the iris beds on both sides of the driveway. The guest beds were still flooded and while it made walking between the beds difficult, it was not so much that it was impossible. The good thing about gardens such as the Lows, is to see the strongest irises that are worth not only spending our money on, but for judges, these are the ones deserving of our votes. Even with this, the Low's Garden was a garden on the edge of exploding. Iris buds were completely closed to hours from opening. MTB 'Speckled Spring' (Markham 2011) and IB 'Zumba' (Spoon 2013) were in excellent shape despite the freezing temperatures and flooding. Although some flowers were lost, both plants looked ready to explode with new flowers. The IB 'Black Comedy' (Black 2017), IB 'Limonada' (Keppel 2007), MTB 'Lucy Doodle' (Nearpass 2003) and many others were showing that irises are such a strong perennial. Again a fallen tree made an impact as it was made into a wonderful bench.

Another reason the Low Garden was a great garden for judges was the lack of flowers distracting from the plants, including the stalks. The twin long iris beds on either side of the start of the drive way were filled with examples of various types of branching. Even on these plants, the buds looked like they were just waiting to explode into bloom. It seemed to take as long to get back to the car as it did to get to the garden. It was a wonderful garden to visit and I hope to return.



MTB 'Speckled Spring' Markham 2011



IB 'Zumba' Spoon 2013



SPRING 2021 REGION 4 meeting, May 1, 2021

Call to order— RVP Dan Fetty, ARVP Anita Moran, past president Doug Chyz, Treasurer Carol Warner, secretary Diana Richards, Ingrid Bray, Ray Jones, Kathy Honeycutt, Ginny Spoon, Sue Shackelford, Susan and Glenn Grigg, Alleah Haley, Heather Haley, Dean Richards, Don Myers and Lois Rose(in and out since she was looking after the show). Quorum met.

No new introductions

Approval of 2020 minutes— approved.

RVP report— Dan Fetty welcomed everyone.

Asst. RVP— Anita Moran will share her thoughts Thru the meeting.

Secretary report— none

Treasury report— carol Warner reported that we have a healthy balance of \$16,358.36. The biggest expense are the Newscasts of approximately \$462.60-489.28 for each printing.

No major changes in budget.

Past President report— Doug submitted.

No legal counsel report. OPEN

Ginny reported that we dropped to the third largest region since we lost a huge number of youth members, who never became active. Please ponder how to attract new members.

Sue Shackelford reported that we need more judges. We have 2 apprentices and a handful of students. See report.

Anita shared phenomenon photos from the median convention help a few weeks ago. We trust that AIS will host the 2022 national convention since the 2020 and 2021 conventions were both forced to be cancelled. The New Mexico location for 2022 looks quite intriguing.

Youth report— no report. Colin Campbell was absent due to a death in the family.

Webmaster— Anita Moran has reasons to be proud. The region 4 website is active all over the world. Please visit it to enjoy it as well as get the US visits greater than the ones from overseas.

Susan Grigg and Anita have produced another fabulous Newscast. This one has a special section celebrating the life of Anne Lowe.

Iris program resource—Sheryl C. No report

Historian report— Lois Rose No report

Public Relations— Lois Rose No report

Sunshine report— No report

Auction - Doug Chyz No Report

Parliamentarian report—OPEN

Beardless report—Carol Warner submitted report

Median report— Ginny Spoon submitted report

Rebloomer report— No Report

Epperson Award – No Report

Nominations— please contact Susan Grigg if you are interested in serving as Office of Region 4

BIS—Pat McNeal No Report

CIS report— Ro Report

CVIS report— Kathy Huneycutt gave a verbal report

ENCIS report— Diana read report and submitted

ESIS report—Debbie Campbell No Report

FAIS report— Beth Orndorff No Report

FSK report—Carol Warner Submitted her report

SPIS report— Ginny Spoon Submitted her report

Respectfully submitted, Diana Dudley Richards

Coming in the March 2022 Issue



The Garden of Robert Treadway

Schedule of Events
Region 4 Fall Meeting - Saturday, October 9, 2021
Friday, October 8th

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

Saturday, October 9th

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast on your own	
7:00 – Noon Registration Table Open	Garden Foyer
8:00 – 9:30 Show Entries	Garden Room
9:45 – 11:00 Judging the Show	Garden Room
9:30 – 11:00 Judges Training	Belmont Room
11:00 Show Open	
11:30 – 12:30 Lunch - Cobb Salad and Roll	
1:00 – 2:30 Region 4 Meeting	Belmont Room
2:45 – 4:30 Region 4 Auction	Belmont Room
4:30 Dismantle Show	
5:30 – 6:00 Social Time	
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner	Garden Room
7:00 – 8:00 Guest Speaker – Kathy Jentz	Garden Room

Garden Speaker Kathy Jentz,

Kathy Jentz is editor and publisher of the Washington Gardener Magazine. A life-long gardener, Kathy believes that growing plants should be stress-free and enjoyable. Her philosophy is inspiration over perspiration.

Kathy's work has been featured in numerous Washington DC- area publications and she appears on regular gardening guest spots on radio and television programs in Washington, DC. Highly regarded venues that Kathy has spoken at include the

Philadelphia Flower Show, Thomas Jefferson Monticello, Brookside Gardens, U.S. Botanic Garden, Green Spring Gardens, Green Festival, NBC Health and Fitness Expo, and Capital Remodel + Garden Show.

Kathy's talk will be:

Dealing with Deer and Other Mammal Pests in Your Garden

Bambi may be cute, but he and his mother, cousins, and rest of the herd are very hungry and they would love to make a feast of your garden. This talk will cover proven and humane tactics for gardening with deer, rabbits, squirrels, rats, groundhogs, and other creatures that are attracted to both edible and ornamental gardens.

REGISTRATION FORM

AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting Saturday, October 9, 2021

**Convention Headquarters: Delta Hotels by Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245
Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD, 21031. Reservations may be made by
telephone: 410-785-7000 – all rooms for Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October
9 are \$119 plus tax per night if you mention FSK Iris Society.**

Registrant 1:

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Youth Registration:

\$50

\$50

How Many Plan on Attending Judges Training? _____

Dinner Choice : London Broil _____ Vegetarian Lasagna _____

Dietary Restraints and/or Medical Concerns: _____

Make Your Checks Payable To: **FSK Iris Society** and **Mail Form** and **Payment To:**
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