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The Region 4 Vice President Message

One of the pleasures of serving as RVP is attendance at the National Convention of the American Iris Society. One of the attractions there is a three day period devoted to

garden visits which provides all of us who attend with an opportunity to see the very latest introductions of nearly every American hybridizer whether the scale of their operations is large or small. It also provides us to see those irises in well developed clumps in gardens that have been tended for three years or so prior to the national meeting. Every irisarian should plan to attend one of these meetings.



"Maria Malibran" Bushnell, R. 2010

You'll come home as I did yearning for "just a few more" beauties and I am no different than the hundreds of other who were in Ontario, California, for the bus tours that took from Pasadena to the mountains south of

the city.

Of all the irises that I saw the one that went to the top of my wish was "Maria Malibran" a tall bearded beauty that stands in first place on my want list. I gasped when I saw it and with another convention visitor tried to settle on a description of the color.

We settled on "burnt watermelon pink" for this beauty which Howard Bushnell registered in 2010. The AIS Encyclopedia describes it in fuller detail as having: peach standards and style arms with falls blending fuchsia peach, raspberry and gold, with a faint indigo wash." This ruffled beauty has a red-orange bearded. As I bent to smell it, I noticed that even its style arms were laced. I was so eager to have it that when I returned home I wrote to Mr. Bushnell whose reply saddened me, for he thought he would have none

available until 2013. I replied that I would contact him again this year, and was delighted when he surprised me with several rhizomes as growers in California began to return the increase from their plantings. (Did I mention that it's a floriferous grower).

Thus, I can hope that you will get a chance see it when I host an open garden in late April for those attending the Region 4 Spring Meeting in Christiansburg/Blacksburg.

There were other irises drew gasps from visitors to all the gardens while we were there. One in particular that I have been growing for sometime is J. Griffin



"Romania Romania" Crump, R. 2007

Crump's "Romania, Romania." This bi-color whose white standards with hints of lavender contrast with deep red falls putting on a terrific show in California, and her in Blacksburg as well. Griff's introduction should

win prizes. If it performs here as it did last year I know you will admire it as much as I do. Another iris from region 4 that was a scene stealer was Don

Spoon's SDB



"Muppet" Spoon, R. 2010

"Muppet." A huge clump of this bright blue beauty drew exclamations in Mystic Lake Gardens. I lost count of the number of bloom stalks on a huge clump of this super performer. I added it to my garden as a result of the show it put on.

The Region 4 Vice President Message (Cont)



"Courtney Rucker" Locatell R. 2012

Another iris from the region that I particularly like is Mike Lockatell's "Courtney Rucker," a registered seedling that Mike sent to me in 2008 or 2009. It is a lovely pink self with a blue-lavender beard that catches the eye of anyone pausing to look.

I have this lovely flower growing in two beds and given the early date of your visit to my garden you may bet to see it in bloom. I certainly hope so.



"Oh Carol" Lauer 2012

I am a sucker for pink iris and always have been. When I began to buy named varieties in 1974, one of my first acquisitions was a so-called pink amoena, the lovely tall-bearded "Chapeau." It was a really lovely flower, but I

am not sure that it was truly pink, and have, in fact, been searching for a true pink amoena every since. I think I found one in Larry Lauer's 2012 introduction, "Oh Carol." My notes tell me that the falls are a "smoky lavender over mauve" but my photographs told me that this lovely re-bloomer is very pink, and so I ordered this stunning flower as well. Incidentally, in California it was producing 8 buds on its bloom stalks.



"I Wuv Woses" Burseen 2009

Everyone was awestruck when they caught sight of Tom Burseen's many irises in bloom in huge clumps at the Holk Memorial Gardens. A few that attracted attention were "I Wuv Woses," "Tobacco Chew" and "Notta Lemon" They are

here along with some of Tom's seedlings for region four to view.



"Notta Lemon" Burseen 2010



"Tobacco Chew" Burseen 2009

As Anita Moran mused in an article in Tall Talk hybridizers keep coming up with flowers that convince me to buy just a few more, and like her I just can't resist the beauties. And so I came home and ordered "El Greco," a lacy iris which the encyclopedia describes as having "Standards and style arms of



"El Greco" Burseen 2010

bright gold, slight violet wash; falls bright gold heavily overlaid red violet, gold edge, gold around beard; beards gold, light gold at end." I noted a chocolate rim glittering with gold dust. Am I seeing things?



"Notta Lemon" Burseen 2010

Hope not. And my list goes on and on: Schreiner's "Annabelle Rose" Alex Staunton's "Good Morning Beautiful," and "Star Kisses," and "Strawberry Frosting," and so very many others.

I hope this little memo on my garden tells you many things. First, I want it to reveal just how much I love the flower that I grow; secondly, I want those of you who were here two years ago that there will be new things to see here in my garden and also at the Hahn where I have carried a gift of rebloomers to the garden from Mike Lockatell. Finally, I have wanted to convey some of the excitement that comes from attending the national meeting. This year it is in Dallas, I hope to see many of you there.

The Region 4 Assistant Vice President

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those that will be putting on Regionals for Region 4 for the next few years.

In 2013

Don Rude and Ray Jones will be hosting the Spring regional in Christiansburg/Blacksburg Virginia where we will be visiting the gardens of

Mike Lockatell will be hosting the Fall 2013 Regional in North Chesterfield, VA. Mike plans to have many of his public plantings open for us to see fall rebloom in the garden and plans several surprises.

In 2014

The Francis Scott Key Iris Society will be hosting the spring regional which will be centered in Timonium Maryland. There will be five gardens with a total of 177 cultivars for Region 4 to California.

The Eastern North Carolina Iris Society will be hosting the Fall 2014 Regional 10-11 October 2014 in Raleigh/Durham North Carolina.

In 2015

The Central Virginia Iris Society will be hosting the Spring Regional from Richmond Virginia. This is exciting for we will be seeing all new gardens.

I am working to fill the schedule even more so think about what you would like to do to host a regional in your area. There are the following openings that I want to fill

Fall 2015

Spring 2016

Fall 2016

We would love to come see your gardens and have some Iris fellowship with your members. Regionals are great places for your members to get to know their officers, board members and the many others

members of the region. It also allows for the exchange of information, training not just for judges but those burning questions that your members might want answers to will have the ability to be answered just because of the font of knowledge of those that attend regionals.

I hope you will consider being a host of a future regional meeting.

Anita Moran

Assistant RVP Region 4

Seedlings From the National



Hilton Seedling HIL00-1-3



Kanarowski Seedling 0354



Mego Seedling AM-05-1783-1



Valenzuela Seedling BB4-PL

FROM THE EDITOR

It did not hit me until I began putting together this Newscast that this would be my last issue, at least for a while. I did not expect to be so sad but more relieved. I will miss this but I will help your new editor Bonita Masteller as much as I am able in the coming years and of course I will be writing from my little kingdom.

With illness and injuries requiring surgeries that have plague my husband and I this winter I have made a startling discovery, I am so looking forward to retirement. I was able to spend many days in the garden, working on three websites (not including my own), writing for the Dwarf Iris Society, Median Iris Society and Aril Society International, planning what I am going to do with those SIGNA seeds and generally lazing around. There were things to complete for the offices I hold in various societies, and this Newscast that had to be put together. I do not think I will be bored during my retirement which was something I feared and perhaps I can once again take over the Newscast if I find I have the time and Bonita is tired of it.

Bonita will need your help and I hope you will give it. Did

you visit a garden, go to Nationals, go to the Regional, or have something new in your garden? Please write up something and send it to her so that she can put it in the Newscast. This is your publication and it can only be as good as you make it. It is terribly boring just to read the affiliate reports and other reports given at the regional. Make the effort to write something for the Newscast there is plenty of help for you if you need it.

I am sorry I cannot continue but it has been a blast and it gave me an opportunity to meet so many wonderful people, not just in Region 4 but over the entire country.

I will see you all at the meetings.

Anita

A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia

by Anita Moran

I have said in the past and I will say it again that it surprises me when as few as two people can put on a fall regional, a two day fall



regional that is satisfying, fulfilling and exhausting. Well that is what Frances Thrash and Bill Smoot did this fall. In the center of a housing development that included brown stone town homes and apartment giving the appearance of being swept back in time, with in a block of modern day conveniences is the Fred Heutte Center. The Center boast a garden that even at this time of year was filled with



blooms including incredible Dahlias, Ginger that with such a sweet smell I often found myself walking by just to get a whiff of their



odor. Toad Lilies put on an amazing display as did the cannas and among the walks were statues and other garden art that gave the appearance of being there for centuries

A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia (cont.)



Although nothing was blooming in the Edward



E. Gross Heirloom Garden, we got a peek and could

imagine how it would look in late spring or early summer. There were however many fall plants



including cabbage that looked ready to harvest. This brief glance was what they were setting up the reblooming show that included design classes with the local garden club.

I was able to escape again into the garden and was shown the now dried water features, hardy camellias that were in a hedge row the lines

one side of the building. The beds were filled with herbs and ground cover and on the opposite side to the building was a stately corkscrew willow. I was real surprised to see elephant ears still up, and there were several varieties which gave great depth with the different sizes and colors.

Well judging was over for the show and it was time to go back in and see the results. “Lunar Whitewash” show by Lois Rose took the Best Tall Bearded but the ever reliable reblooming MTB “Lady Emma” also shown by Lois Rose took the Best Specimen honors. The Design in the class “Colorful World” by Karin Fleischman took the Best Design in Show. There was judges training, meetings, discussions, food, oh the food I could spend a week in a 10 block radius of the Fred Heutte Center and never go hungry or eat the same type of food. It was wonderful.

A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia (cont.)



TOP: "Lunar White Wash"
Best in Section TB

MIDDLE: Best Specimen—
"Lady Emma"

BOTTOM: Tri-color—Best
Design



The second day we had a treat as we were invited to the Virginia Zoological Park that is graced by a large metal elephant made of metal butterflies. Our guide, Marie Butler, kept us in stitches as we listened to her



opening monologue before we even entered the zoo area. The Zoological Park had an impressive display of plants that not only was pleasing to the eye but also was nutrition for the animals. It was not just the planting around the parks but also a great number of pots filled with plant material that is investigated for their value as display to please the patrons but for the animals as well.



A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia (cont.)



But... it is a zoo and off to see the animals I went. The Siamang Monkeys were the first I saw as they sat on their perches watching the foolish humans trying to get the perfect pictures. The walkways were imbedded with



Panda must have seen his sign because we and those with me finally looked up after not being able to find him, he was in nearly the exact position as the sign showed, and apparently without a care in the world. The Sarus Crane was the biggest ham on the walk as he twisted his head as if trying to give us his best side. The Asiatic Black Bears wanted us to believe they were ferocious as they looked



board until they spotted a visitor then the teeth appeared.

what looked like fossil plants as you moved thorough the Tiger Walk. The Sun Bears were very shy but I was finally able to get a small picture on one. Along the walk were several atriums that held birds like the Crowned pigeon and the Pied-imperial pigeon. The Red



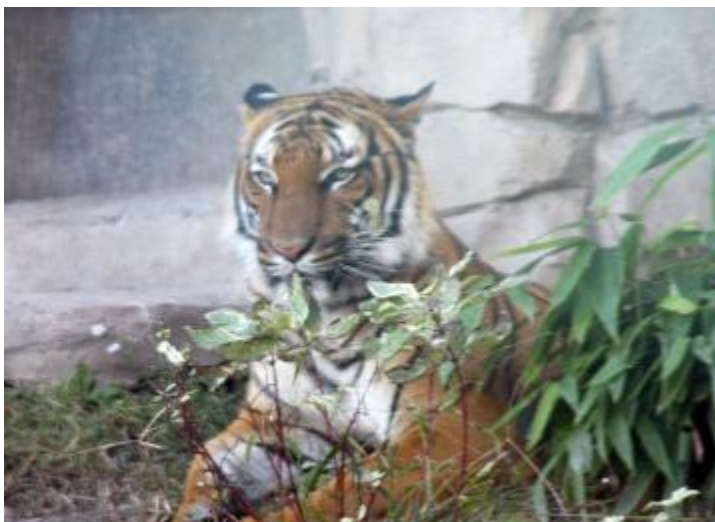
A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia (cont.)

They definitely need to move the Tapir warning sign because this was the position I came upon the animals and did not see the warning sign until the opposite side of their enclosure. Boy was I lucky they were laying down or sleeping.



The Malayan Tiger also could not make up his mind if he was annoyed or angry by the noise and commotion of the many visitors. Waterways with waterfowl and terrapins had to be crossed throughout the park. The Red River Hogs are always a favorite of mine for they

can be completely still then suddenly burst into action.



A Stroll in Norfolk Virginia (cont.)



There was nothing shy about the Ostrich and Giraffes as they watched the visitors walk along an elevated platform, sometimes following a group until they were out of sight then going back to find another.



The King of Beast was as they always are, sunning themselves and resting for the next time they have to move. One day I will see a lion actually awake. It was an impressive



collection of animals ,including reptiles, and plants throughout the park, but like most zoo they had their pest in the form of peacocks that could destroy a planting within a day. Although they walked away from visitors they quickly returned if there was food being offered.

All in all this was a wonderful regional that I will remember a long time, thanks to both Bill and Frances.



Judges Report

JUDGES TRAINING REPORT for REGION 4 BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting

Norfolk, VA, October 19, 2012

The Judges Training (JT) records for August 1, 2011- July 31, 2012 have been compiled and submitted to the AIS JT Chair, Judy Keisling. All current judges have been recommended for reappointment, with 2 Students recommended for Apprentice status. Four G/E judges will advance to Master Status.

There are a number of suggestions that can improve the process for the judges and subsequently improve the quality of judging in Region 4. First before scheduling any JT, please check with the Region 4 Chair to insure that appropriate diversity of topics and instructors can be maintained. This particularly important for regionally scheduled JT Secondly please review the Region 4 web site re JT. You will find a list of judges for the various categories, as well as, seven forms that will be helpful to you to assure accuracy of your annual Activity Report. There is a form to be completed by the Candidate (Student) when the student wishes to begin JT. Other forms are available re other stages in the JT process. There is also a form for your personal records so that when your Activity Report is due, your courses will already be compiled.

While it is important and helpful for affiliates to encourage more judges for the region, it is equally important that new candidates complete an Application to begin JT and are members of AIS. At the present time we have one student signed up, but a number of others have taken one or more classes. It would be helpful to know if they are actually candidates for JT or simply took the classes because they were at a meeting. Several persons have taken classes, but are not members of AIS through Region 4 or any other region.

Information to update the web site is being provided to the WEB Master. Hopefully 2013 will provide each judge with excellent courses and numerous options for judging shows or perhaps serving as an instructor for a course or some one on one training.

Happy judging.

Carrie Winter, Chair

Rebloom Notes

From Mike Lockatell
AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman

There is one word for rebloom in Central Virginia this year, “Sensational!” The three public display gardens mentioned in my spring meeting report experienced consistent summer and fall rebloom. I even found rebloom in my neglected production garden at Cosby Farm in Powhatan County, VA. There were a number of both median and tall bearded standouts. Some new introductions are surely on the horizon.

Lois Rose and Don Rude have also reported encouraging results from their gardens. Carol Warner mentioned rebloom too!! I am more confident than ever that my late mentor and friend, (remember him) Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg had it right; “Rebloom is the future of Bearded Iris Culture!!” The results so far this season convince me the range for remontants in the US will be changing. The public and the Green Industry are watching. Let us hope the American Iris Society and its affiliates come out of the shadows and lead the way.

Don Rude approached me this spring about the possibility of hosting the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting. I was unable to give him a firm commitment at that time. The success of public plantings at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Goochland, VA, Maymont Park in Richmond and my new seedling bed at Crestwood Farms in Bon Air, VA now allows me to say yes. Real time experience will put rebloom in the spotlight. There is also the

chance of adding another public rebloom display bed close to my home in Bon Air on VA State Route 60.

After enjoying such spectacular rebloom this year, the other shoe may drop next summer and fall. There is always the risk of adverse weather conditions eliminating potential rebloom. It is however a great opportunity to showcase remontant irises in a major Central VA media center.

I will accept offers of assistance to help stage the event. My hope is to get local garden clubs, Chesterfield County Cooperative Extension and my Green Industry contacts to support this effort. I would like to try a different approach to holding the fall meeting. Maybe it will work, maybe not. If we don't try, we'll never know. Rebloom is the future of bearded iris culture. I await your response.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

By RVP—Don Rude



5 Votes:

Autumn Sunrise, Champagne Elegance, Crowned Heads, Florentine Silk, Mary Frances, Star Challenger, Stepping Out

4 Votes:

Mango Parfait, Ivory Ghost

3 Votes:

Comfortable, Conjunction, Crackling Burgundy, Dracula's Kiss, Dusky Challenger, Golden Panther, Got Milk, Lady Friend, World Premiere

Twenty five ballots were returned -- (3 too late to be counted)

Many ballots received only 1 or 2 votes:

The top 28 irises were as follows:

Daughter of Stars 19 votes

Money in Your Pocket 11 votes

Clarence 9 votes

8 Votes:

Queen's Circle, Second Hand Rose, Slovak Prince

7 Votes:

Grape Harvest, Immortality

6 Votes:

Thornbird



AFFILIATE REPORTS

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CHARLOTTE IRIS SOCIETY

OCTOBER, 2012

Our February meeting involved a floral arranging demonstration followed by a workshop for members to try their hand at arranging silk iris. This was done in preparation for the upcoming April iris show.

Just one week prior to the show, we visited gardens of some of our members. It was at this time that we decided to cancel our show due to the early seasonal bloom out.

In July, we had our annual rhizome sale held at a local farmer's market.

In September, we had a Japanese Siberian & Louisiana plant exchange, and a "show & tell". That was followed by a question and answer session.

We are looking forward to our annual November harvest luncheon, where everyone brings a covered dish to share, along with a roasted turkey, also brought by a member.

CO-PRESIDENTS,
NANCY & JAY MOORE

C&P President's Report, October 2012

The C&P Iris Society held its iris sale this year at the Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, Virginia on Saturday, August 18, 2012. We were delighted with the turnout and the location. Even the weather was comfortable. The members who lived on the eastern boundaries of C&P were happy with both the location and the drive and those who lived to the west were happy because the drive was not so long. We made about the same amount of money as we did last year when we held the sale in McLean, Virginia.

We were delighted that Colin Campbell, one of our youth members, won the Ackerman Essay Contest. Colin also won a bronze medal for his educational exhibit at the spring show during our spring regional meeting in Winchester. Colin has also recruited several new youth members who also attended our picnic held at Winterberry Gardens on Saturday, September 29th. We had a great time at the picnic and there were also many irises reblooming. The youth members and the other members who attended were invited to pick out some irises they would like to grow and Ginny dug them on the spot. We grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, enjoyed the potluck desserts and side dishes, and toured the garden on a very pleasant day. Sheryl Campbell has located a new restaurant in Winchester, owned by a British couple, where we will hold our spring meeting in March 2013. There we will have a tea and slide show, and perhaps hear piano music by Colin.

During our picnic we held a general election and our new officers for C&P for our 2013-2014 year are as follows:

President: Ginny Spoon
Vice President: Griffin Crump
Treasurer: Ray Jones
Secretary: Marilyn Naylor
Membership: Mac Shawe

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Spoon
President, C&P Iris Society

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Central Virginia Iris Society Affiliates Report

Our July program was presented by Frances Thrash on Designs for a flower show. Everyone is looking forward to our Spring Iris Show which will include a design section.

Lois Rose presented a slide show of the national convention held in Ontario California at our September meeting.

We had a very successful rhizome sale this fall with one member renewing her membership after lapsing.

CVIS manned a booth at The Great Big Greenhouse's Fall Garden Celebration, answering questions and distributing iris literature to the public.

John Rosini

EASTERN NC IRIS SOCIETY REPORT - OCTOBER 2012

Our seventh annual Iris Sale was held on Saturday, July 21 st at the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. Reblooming irises were purchased from Winterberry Garden and ENCIS members donated many plants from their own gardens. Ruth Barker generously invited the Society to dig irises from her garden for the sale. The digging crew who braved the July heat for two days of digging, dividing and marking was: Ruth and Hudson Barker, Kat Causey, Glenn and Susan Grigg, Bob Pries, Bonita Masteller, daughter Ruth Jean, and her friend Ben. Ray Quinn and Glenn Grigg cleaned and prepared the Barker plants for sale. The sale was well attended thanks to publicity done by Marilyn Grolitzer. Since there were plants leftover after the initial sale, Bonita Masteller, Kat Causey, and Bob Pries sold irises on two days at the Farmers' Market in Raleigh. The total from all sales was \$2,790.06. Most importantly, we gained 9 new AIS members and 7 new ENCIS-only members. We also donated extra plants to the Duke Garden in Durham and to the JC Raulston Arboretum.

In August we had the annual iris drawing and auction for club members and a short business meeting. New members received many free irises to add to their gardens thanks to our generous members who shared their bounty.

October 27 will be our Harvest Lunch, the last meeting of the year. This will be a potluck lunch at the Raulston Arboretum. A Power Point presentation will highlight the year's activities showing photos taken during the year at our events.

Our group was saddened this year by the death of one of our faithful members, Kelly Robbins from Raleigh.

Susan Grigg
ENCIS President

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Fredericksburg Area Iris Society

Fall Regional Report

October 2012

As usual the FAIS has had another busy, productive and fun year. We started out with a Rebloomer and Culture program by Mike Lockatell with judge's training in March, followed by Floral Design by Frances Thrash with judge's training also. In May we had our annual iris show which, because of the warmer spring weather, brought a number of other types of iris besides bearded iris to the show tables. And we had a very interested public reaction to these other irises, and a Japanese Iris, Grape Fizz, yes in May, won Queen of Show. On Sunday, the day after the show we hosted our Open Gardens Day where the public is invited to visit selected gardens covering the FAIS membership area which was again very successful. Some of our members took sale pre-orders for iris at the show and on the open garden tours. The public really responds to seeing an iris and placing an order for it even though it is not delivered for a few months. And the came June and "Ten Ways To Tell If It Is a Weed" by Nancy Peters at her home in Spotsylvania County. Her basic theory is to plant heavily enough, so there is no open ground, and hence no place for weeds to grow. She has a wonderful garden. July, let me think,,,,, what did we do in July??? Ah yes, we had our annual sale hosted again by wonderful folks at Roxbury Farm and Garden Center, and a very successful sale it was. In August we all planted iris which always seems to result in more iris to plant than space available to plant in, but we manage. In September we had our annual picnic hosted at the home Doug & Mary Chyz with good food and good

friends, distribution of our guest iris, spurias and arilbreds this year, and a plant exchange which got a little rushed because of impending weather bearing down on us but all went well. We leave October open for members to attend the Fall Regional Meeting if they so choose and In November we will hold our Harvest Dinner and final meeting of the year. The continued success of our iris sales allowed us to again support two \$500.00 scholarships to horticultural students, one at Virginia Tech and one at J. Sergeant Reynolds. We had a couple of out of society presentations done this year, one by Mike Lockatell as Guest Speaker at the 2012 AIS Region 17 Convention in Austin, TX on Reblooming Iris and on by Lois Rose given to members of CVIS on the AIS National Convention that was held in Ontario, CA. FAIS members Jack and Rosalie Loving also hosted a Siberian dig for members of FAIS who got to help dig and got to help themselves to Siberian iris rhizomes for their own gardens. Doug Chyz's grandson Ian who is 10 years old came to help dig and went home with seven different Siberians, maybe we'll see him exhibiting at a show in the near future. I think that is about it.

Doug

AFFILIATE REPORTS

FSK Affiliate Report

Fall 2012

At our Beardless Show on June 23, 2012, we had a Carol Gitter, with her first time entry into an iris show won Best in Show with 'Tripple Threat'. From our two rhizome sales at Watson's Garden Center, in Towson, MD and Dutch Plant Farm, Fredrick, MD we made over \$3300 in sales and got three new members and four people renewed. After the sale at Dutch plant farm, Jill Nicholas invited me over to her house where I learned some very exciting garden crafts including making clay polymer mushrooms which she will be teaching to the rest of the club at our fall meeting the 27th of October. On August 4th we had our summer picnic and board meeting and much of the 2013 schedule was worked out:

Winter Board Meeting - January 12, 2013
(Snow Date January 19th)

Spring Meeting - April 6, 2013 - will be judges training on Dwarf by Ginny Spoon.. We are working on a locations and I will let you know.

Bearded Show – May 18, 2013 – at Shops at Kenilworth

Beardless Show – June 15, 2013 – at Shops at Kenilworth with artistic display

Rhizome Sale Towson – July 13, 2013 – Watson's Garden Center

Rhizome Sale Fredrick – July 20, 2013 – Dutch Plant Farm

Summer Picnic and Board Meeting – August 3, 2013 location to be determined

Fall Meeting – TBD

Plans for the 2014 Spring Regional are progressing well all the guest iris have been planted. We have 177 guests 38 beardless and the rest are bearded from all classes including miniature dwarfs and arilbreds. Hybridizers include Chad Harris, Bob Hollingworth, Schafer & Sacks, the Copelands, Bauer and Coble, Dave Niswonger, Tome Burseen, George and Mike Sutton, Brad Kasperek, Larry Lauer, Rick Tasco and Roger Duncan, Schreiners, Keith Keppel and more. From Region 4 we have iris from Carol Warner, myself, the Spoons, Griff Crump and Mike Lockatell. We are looking for a very exciting regional come 2014.

Respectfully Submitted
Anita Moran
President

AFFILIATE REPORTS

2012 AIS Fall Regional Report -

Hampton Roads Iris Society

January - no meeting since the first Sunday was the First.

February - Regular meeting with computer picture program given by Ben Dukes with the AIS program "Louisiana and Siberian Iris Introductions". Planning started for the Spring Show.

March - Iris sales held at Tabb High School in Yorktown with the leftover iris we'd potted from our 2011 sales.

April - Further planning for the Spring show with a Judges Training class on "Grooming and Showing Iris" by Bea Rogers for credit.

May - Spring show at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens with iris sales also. See attached sheet for results.

June - Regular meeting with planning for sales and iris information sharing at two local garden centers. Jan gave her report on the Spring Region IV meeting.

July - Sales at two McDonald's Garden Centers. Passed out many AIS brochures and did a lot of talking about irises in general.

August - Picnic/Silent Auction/Judges Training/Show awards meeting. Judges Training by Dan & Linda Laing on "Etiquette in Home, Garden, and Show Settings" for credit. All major awards and certificates from Spring show presented.

September - No general meeting (Labor Day weekend) but three club officers met to discuss varied club topics.

October - Iris sales and information handed out at the Suffolk Master Gardeners First Fall gathering for crafts and plant societies. Much interest from members of other plant societies]!

2012 HRIS Spring Show Results

Six persons entered show

48 cultivars shown- TB/BB/SIB/SPEC.IJI/LA

AIS Silver Medal- most number of blue ribbons (9) in Horticultural Section - Jan Bryant

AIS Bronze Medal- second most number of blue ribbons (8) in Horticultural Section - Bea Rogers

AIS Bronze Educational Medal - Bea Rogers

Queen of Show- TB "Sophistication" - Jan Bryant
First runner-up to Queen - LA "Clara Goula" - Bea Rogers

Second runner-up to Queen- TB "Uncle Charlie" - Jan Bryant

AIS Certificate for Seedling exhibition- PB909/51110R- Patrick Baldwin

Rosette for Best in Section- Combined TB/BB/HIS- Jan Bryant - TB "Sophistication"

Rosette for Best in Section- Combined LAiSIB/JI/ SPEC. - Bea Rogers - LA "Clara Goula"

AIS Section Certificate- Combined TBIBB/HIS - Jan Bryant (7 blues)

AIS Section Certificate- Combined LAiSIB/JI/SPEC. - Bea Rogers (3 blues)

Two English Boxes entered - Both Blues- Jan Bryant & Bea Rogers

One Collection entered- Mrs. Pat Baldwin- Blue ribbon - 3 JI "Gracieuse" stalks

People's Choice award- Patrick Baldwin - TB "Fall Fiesta"

NEWSCAST REPORT

In 2003 I was asked to take over the regional newsletter from Dr. Epperson. In the last ten years I have more than enjoyed that task. It has been my mission to provide the members of Region 4 the best newsletter I could possible provide them.

At the first of the year, and depending on the vote at the general meeting I will have a lot on my plate. I will be president of the Aril Society International for two years after which I am hoping Bob Pries will take the helm. I am taking over the Dwarf Iris Society Website until I get it up and running and then they can get a permanent webmaster. I will continue as web master for Region 4, I will be president of the Francis Scott Key Iris Society for another year, I am working full time and if I take the job of Assistant RVP, I still need time for my own garden.

We need someone to take the Newscast over for at least the next few years. I recommend that the person chosen have the current version of MS Publisher so that they do not have to reinvent the wheel and I can send them the blank Newscast material to use. It saddens me to make this announcement and I am not saying I may not ask for this job again. I will be editor for the March issue and then hope by that time someone else will step up.

Anita Moran, Newscast Editor

Website Report

I just renewed the website so the name is still ours. I will be working on the site this winter so please look it over carefully and send me e-mails of the changes that need to be made with a subject WEBSITE – Changes.

	Daily Avg				
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	
10/1	229	150	102	53	
9/1	251	184	112	47	
8/1	201	138	85	46	
7/1	237	167	92	46	
6/1	257	176	105	52	
5/1	340	244	108	46	
Totals	252.5	176.5	100.7	48.3	

	Monthly Totals					
	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
10/1	449	677192	860	1646	2405	3671
9/1	828	1939895	1423	3379	5534	7544
8/1	682	1524803	1432	2645	4299	6249
7/1	687	1354265	1446	2870	5196	7376
6/1	622	1250256	1574	3154	5295	7726
5/1	713	1557051	1431	3351	7585	10541
Totals	663	1,383,910	1361.0	2840.8	5052.3	7184.5

The two most visited pages are Newscast and photos followed by happenings and individual affiliate pages. The top ten downloads continues to be the August 2007 Newscast. A lot of international hits are included in these stats as Bing and Yahoo are the two search engines that list us on the first page without any payment from the region.

Anita Moran, Webmaster

Minutes Fall 2012

AIS Region 4 Fall Board Meeting

Fred Heutte Center

Norfolk, VA

Friday, October 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by RVP Don Rude at 2:30 P.M. with a welcome to everyone attending.

Secretary's Report - June Rosini: The first order of business was Secretary's Report. The Chair asked for a motion to accept the Spring 2012 minutes as they were published in the August 2012 Newscast. Bill Smoot moved the minutes be accepted as printed and it was seconded by Anne Lowe. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasure's Report - Carol Warner: The Treasurer's Report was the next order of business. It was read by Anita Moran - showing a beginning checking account balance on May 25th, 2012 of \$12,909.50, receipts of \$2,832.51, and expenses of 959.79 leaving a balance of \$14,782.22. The Chair stated the report would be filed for audit.

The next order of business was Committee Reports as follows:

Historian - Lois Rose - No Report

Beardless and Species Iris - Carol Warner - No Report

Budget: Jack Loving - Reported the budget had been published in the August 2012 issue of Newscast and was waiting for Board approval. Don Rudd read the submitted budget as published. Anita Moran moved that the budget be accepted as presented. It was seconded by Ray Jones and passed by the Board.

Judges Training Chair - Carrie Winter - Reported she has updated the Region 4 web-site for judges training and that seven Judges Training forms have been placed on the site. Region 4 has two members working as Apprentice Judges at this time. Also there are four Garden/Exhibition judges, working to become Master Judges.

Median Iris Chair - Ginny Spoon - Reported on by Anita Moran - Winterberry had eighty-two irises to rebloom during the 2011 season. The list in its entirety will be placed in the March 2013 issue of Newscast.

Membership Chair - Mac Shaw - Reported on by Don Rude: Region 4 membership is growing. There was 324 members at this time last year. Today we have 336 members. Three members transferred to Region 4 from Regions 3 and 5.

Re-blooming Chair - Read by Lois Rose: Don Rude remarked that Mike Lockatell keeps a record of reblooming irises in Region 4 and would appreciate reports being sent to him.

The Chair asked Susan Gregg, Eastern Director of the Reblooming Iris Society, if she also needed information on the Region 4 rebloomers. Susan would like for members to send her the name of the iris and the month(s) in which the it rebloomed. This information will be reported in the Reblooming Recorder.

Iris Program Resource Chair - William Smoot: Reported he had only heard from three sources that are willing to give programs in Region 4. Several members spoke up to say they would also be willing to provide programs. Contact Bill Smoot for a list of resources.

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Ass. RVP /Conventions - Ray Jones: The Chair stated that conventions will be reported on under New Business.

Youth - Ray Jones: Commented that Region 4 has five or six registered youths in the Youth Program and that they are becoming more involved. Plans are to have a 'Youth Section' in the 2013 Spring Flower Show.

Webmaster - Anita Moran: Anita reported that Region 4's web-site is receiving about 252 hits a day, and about 7181 hits per month from around the world. Sections receiving the most hits on the site are the 'Newscast' section and 'photos' followed by 'Happenings' and 'Affiliate' pages.

Auction - Don Spoon: The Chair stated that a discussion on an auctioneer will take place under 'New Business'.

Editor Newscast - Anita Moran: Stated that due to taking on a number of additional responsibilities she must resign as the Newscast editor after the March issue. The Chair stated a discussion for a new editor will take place under 'New Business'.

Publicity - Bob Pries: No report.

Affiliate Reports: (Anita, pls. add reports to Newscast.)

Charlotte -Written report read by Carrie Winter

Central Virginia - Written report read by John Rosini, President

Eastern North Carolina - Written report read by Susan Gregg, President

Chesapeake & Potomac - Written report read by Ray Jones

Eastern Shore - No written report, vocal report presented by Gale Reily-Cross, President

Francis Scott Key - Written report read by Anita Moran, President

Fredericksburg Area - Written report read by Lois Rose

Hampton Roads - Written report read by Bea Rogers .

New Business :

A Nominating Committee was formed for officers for 2014. The Chair asked for one volunteer from each state in Region 4. There was no volunteers. Bob Pries was asked to chair the committee (NC), and Tricia Taylor (VA), and Ann Dumler (MD) were appointed by the Chair to served on the committee.

The Chair announced that it has been discovered that Region 4 no longer has legal counsel and if anyone has any suggestions for a contact that could be considered to let him know. Bob Pries remarked that there is Legal Council for AIS

The Chair announced that there has not been an affiliate to volunteered to host the Spring Meeting in 2013 and that he and Ray Jones would be planning for the meeting to be held in Blacksburg on the last weekend in April, 2013. The fall meeting in 2013 will be hosted by Mick Lockatell, location to be decided; the 2014 Spring meeting is scheduled to hosted by Frances Scott Key and Eastern North Carolina volunteered to host the 2014 Fall meeting.

The Chair ask for a volunteer to succeed Anita Moran as Newscast editor. Bonita Masteller volunteered to take on the responsibility of editor of the newsletter.

The Chair announced that Bill Smoot with assume the duties as Region 4 auctioneer for the Spring and Fall Meetings.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
June Rosini, Secretary

Minutes Fall 2012

AIS Region 4 Fall General Meeting

Fred Heutte Center

Norfolk, VA

Saturday, October 20, 2012

After dinner Don Rude thanked Bill Smoot and Frances Thrash for their work in producing a wonderful fall regional then called for the report from the nominating committee. Glen Grigg announced the slate of officers for the 2013 year. They included RVP – Don Rude, Assistant RVP – Anita Moran, Secretary – Sue Shackelford and Treasurer – Carol Warner. There were no nominations from the floor. RVP Don Rude called for a vote and the slate was elected by acclamation and would take their office at the end of the meeting. A roll call was taken before moving downstairs for the plant auction. The affiliate roll count was called at this time was as follows:

Affiliate	Number Present
Central Virginia Iris Society	8
Charlotte	2
Chesapeake and Potomac	1
Eastern North Carolina	4
Eastern Shore	2
Francis Scott Key	1
Fredericksburg Area	5
Hampton Roads	2

Respectfully Submitted,
June Rosini, Secretary

PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET FOR REGION 4

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Printing and Mailing two (2) Issues of Newscast	\$2000.00
RVP Travel Expenses	600.00
Membership Committee - M. Shawe	100.00
Memorials	300.00
AIS Youth Program	100.00
Web Page	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00
Total	\$3550.00

Submitted by:

JACK W. LOVING

MEMBERSHIP REPORT AIS REGION 4

As of 10/1/2012

2011 3rd Quarter	
Total Memberships	324
Total Dual Memberships	61
Total Members	385

2012 3rd Quarter	
Total Memberships	336
Total Dual Memberships	54
Total Members	390

RECENT HISTORY

		Members		
		New	Dropped	
2011	4th Quarter	3	6	Total Membership = Unavailable
2012	1st Quater	5	0	
	2nd Quater	9	3	
	3rd Quater	22	12	

Treasurer's Report

A.I.S. REGION 4
May 25, 2012 to October 19, 2012

Checking Account Balance on May 25, 2012: **\$12,909.50**

Receipts:

Spring 2012 Regional Meeting Auction:	\$987.00
Fall 2012 Regional Meeting Registrations:	\$995.00
Donations:	
FSK Iris Society:	\$500.00
C&P Iris Society:	\$350.00
Checking Account Interest:	<u>\$0.51</u>

Total Receipts: **\$2,832.51**

Expenditures:

Ribbons for Fall 2012 Reblooming Show:	\$75.00
RVP Pin:	\$35.00
August 2012 Newscast Printing & Mailing:	\$754.39
Region 4 Web Hosting:	<u>\$95.40</u>

Total Expenditures: **\$959.79**

Checking Account Balance on October 19, 2012: **\$14,782.22**

Carol S. Warner, Region 4 Treasurer

Fall Regional 2014



RICHMOND

Presents

"Springtime in the Fall"

Richmond, VA's city flower is the iris. You are cordially invited to join AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman, Mike Lockatell for the AIS Region 4 Fall Meeting to celebrate reblooming irises in the suburban landscape. "Springtime in the Fall" will be held on October 11& 12, 2013 at the Bon Air Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road, North Chesterfield, VA. Please save the dates!! Our meeting site offers easy access to hotel accommodations for out of town guests.

Our featured speakers for each night's dinner meeting will focus on culture related topics. If growing conditions allow, visits are planned to reblooming iris display gardens plus AIS certified in-garden judge's training. We look forward to the general public's participation in our fall flower show and the AIS Region 4 Plant Auction. A Silent Auction is also planned to help with expenses to stage the event.

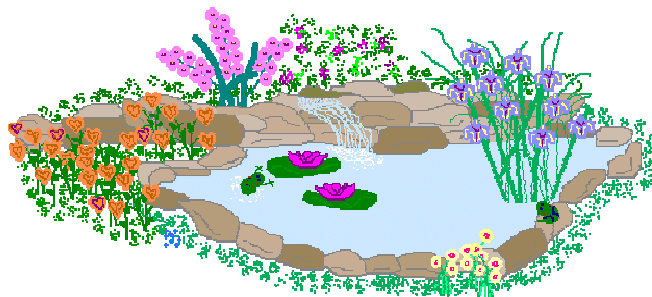
We are also working with local caterers to provide enjoyable dinner menus for each night. A box lunch option will be available for a proposed Saturday morning visit to the J Sargeant Reynolds Community College Horticulture Display Garden in rural Goochland County, VA

Generous donations of manpower, hospitality and items for the AIS Region 4 Plant Auction from attending affiliate members will be greatly appreciated. Please contact: Mike Lockatell, AIS Region 4 Reblooming Iris Chairman at CMarti8855@verizon.net or 804-330-2916 for more information.

From the Email (Carrie Winters)

How To Plant Your Garden

First, you Come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses.



FOR

THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING ,

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS :



1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:



1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:



1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

An Invitation To Spring Regional

On behalf of the Executive Committee for Region 4 of the American Iris Society, I want to invite you to come to Blacksburg, Virginia, for our annual spring meeting to be held **Friday and Saturday April 26-27 2013**. The meeting will be held at the beautiful new Holiday Inn at 99 Bradley Road (across the street from the Christiansburg Mall.) I am pleased with every aspect of the facility. We will have the use of their beautiful meeting room for our flower show and dinner meetings, and will have the use of their dining room on Friday afternoon for meetings for meetings and judges training.

Again we will visit several local gardens. I hope that my iris beds will be in full bloom on this weekend. They were in their glory last year on the final weekend in April which saw me coming back from the national convention. There will be other gardens and I hope a pleasant surprise regarding iris beds at the Hahn Horticultural Garden on the VT campus. There is also a horticulture sale at the Hahn that we will try to squeeze in.

Our Keynote Speaker will be our own Carrie Winter who will present an over view of the judges training program. Bill Smoot will offer JT on Awards and Ballots which many trainees need to complete their schooling. There will be something for everyone.

Carolyn and I are looking forward to seeing all of our many friends in the society once again and having you as our guest for lunch on Saturday.

Hope to see you all..

Best wishes,

Don Rude. RVP

Region 4, American Iris Society

Show Schedule

Region 4 of The American Iris Society

Presents

"As Spring Awakens"



Accredited by
THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

April 26, 2013

Holiday Inn
99 Bradley Road
Christiansburg, VA

Open to the Public
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No entry fee or admission charge

Show Schedule

This year's meeting will be held at:

Holiday Inn

99 Bradley Road

Christiansburg, VA

Phone 540-381-8100

JOIN THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

www.irises.org

Single Annual Membership:	\$25.00
Dual Annual Membership:	\$30.00
Single Triennial Membership:	\$60.00
Dual Triennial Membership:	\$75.00

Youth: \$9/year with *Bulletin*

Youth: \$5/year without *Bulletin*

Send dues and membership information to:

Mac Shawe, Region 4 Membership Chairman

6405 Fairborn Terrace

New Carrollton, MD 20784-3315



Show Schedule

GENERAL RULES

1. Anyone who grows iris can enter this show. No entry fee. All entries (except seedlings) must have been grown and entered in person by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry tag. Members of a family may exhibit from the same garden.
2. Entries must be made between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013. Judging will begin at 11:30 am.
3. Exhibits and ribbons must remain in place until 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors should remove their entries promptly. Those remaining after 5:00 p.m. will be disposed of.
4. Entry tags and containers for specimens will be furnished by the show committee. Both halves of the entry tag must be filled out with the correct name of the cultivar before it can be entered. Incorrectly named entries will not be judged. All cultivars must be registered with AIS and introduced (except seedlings, species, and natural hybrids).
5. Each specimen must be passed by the Classification Committee before being placed on the show table. Only full stalks will be judged. The Classification Committee will assist exhibitors in classifying iris whenever possible.
6. All seedlings must be named or numbered and entered in the name of the originator of the clone. Numbers/Letters must be used unless the name of the seedling has been registered with AIS.
7. Specimens will be arranged alphabetically by cultivar name within sections. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry of a variety in a section.
8. The Show Committee may combine or subdivide sections or create new sections as the number and type of entries warrants.
9. Specimens will be judged by accredited judges of the American Iris Society according to AIS rules and regulations. Decisions of the judges will be final. Any award may be withheld if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy.
10. Only authorized personnel will be permitted in the show area during judging.
11. The Show Committee will exercise caution in safeguarding exhibits, but cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage.
12. Exhibitors who are also judging the show may choose not to judge when their own entries are being judged.
13. The official rules and regulations of the American Iris Society cannot be violated.

Show Schedule

DIVISION I -- HORTICULTURE

- Section A Tall Bearded
- Section B Other Bearded
- Group 1 Miniature Dwarf Bearded
- Group 2 Standard Dwarf Bearded
- Group 3 Intermediate Bearded
- Group 4 Border Bearded
- Group 5 Miniature Tall Bearded
- Section C Beardless Irises
- Section D Dutch or bulbous irises (not eligible for best specimen of show but they may win ribbons or Section awards.)
- Section E Any other, such as Aril, Arilbred, etc.
- Section F Species or natural hybrids
- Section G Historic Irises (any variety introduced before 1984)
- Note: These can be placed instead in other appropriate sections if preferred by the exhibitor.
- Section H A single stalk of an iris that is unknown and cannot be identified. Stalks that arrive too late to be properly entered for judging. No AIS awards given in this section. FOR DISPLAY ONLY

DIVISION II -- SEEDLINGS

Single stalks of un-introduced irises entered by or for originator under number or registered name.

AWARDS

1. Only one first, one second, and one third AIS ribbon may be awarded for each named cultivar. As many Honorable Mention ribbons may be given as quality merits.
2. An AIS silver medal, certificate, and HORTICULTURAL SWEEPSTAKES rosette may be given to the exhibitor receiving the most blue ribbons. In case of a tie for the Sweepstakes Award the second, then third place ribbons will be counted.
3. An AIS bronze medal and certificate may be given to the exhibitor receiving the second most blue ribbons.
4. The best specimen ("Queen") of the show will receive the AIS BEST SPECIMEN rosette and certificate.

Show Schedule

5. AIS special award rosettes may be awarded to up to two runners-up to the Best Specimen.
6. The best specimen of each section may receive an AIS section rosette provided AIS requirements are met.
7. The best seedling of the show may receive an AIS BEST SEEDLING rosette if merited.
8. An Exhibition Certificate will be awarded for the best seedling. Additional EC's may be awarded to any seedling receiving five or more votes from AIS judges attending the show.
9. Special Award AIS small rosettes and section certificates may be awarded for the most blue ribbons in each section provided AIS requirements are met.

SHOW COMMITTEE

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

OFFICERS OF AIS REGION 4

Regional Vice-President	Donald Rude
Assistant RVP	Anita Moran
Secretary	Sue Shackelford
Treasurer	Carol Warner

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn
99 Bradley Road
Christiansburg, VA

Rooms with a choice of 2 queen size beds or 1 king size bed and sofa bed are available for \$89.00 per night. A block will be kept open until April 12. Call 1-540-381-8100.

REGISTRATION FORM**AIS Region 4 Spring 2013 Meeting**Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th, 2013

Holiday Inn

99 Bradley Road

Christiansburg, VA

Name (1) _____ Chapter or Region _____

Name for Nametag _____ Chapter or Region _____

Name (2) _____ Chapter or Region _____

Name for Nametag _____ Chapter or Region _____

FULL REGISTRATION (due by April 1): \$45.00 X ____ Persons = \$ ____ Includes
judges training, Friday buffet and Saturday Banquet and
Garden Tours

Late Registration (after April 1) \$50.00 X ____ Person(s) = \$ ____

Youth Registration \$15.00 x ____ Person (s) = \$ ____

Send Payment to Carol Warner, 16815 Falls Road, Upperco, Md 21155-9445.

Make checks payable to Region 4 American Iris Society.

Buffet: Grill Tilapia ____ Vegetarian Dish ____ Beef Tips in Cabernet Sauce ____

Banquet: Grilled Chicken _____Pork Tenderloin ____ Vegetarian Dish _____

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Anita Moran
Newscast Editor
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