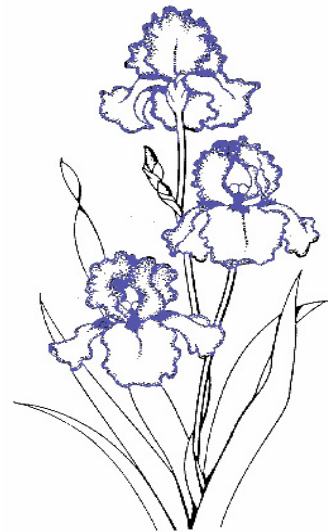


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RVP Message

1/5/2011

Greetings iris "fans",

I hope everyone survived the holidays and didn't dip into their iris buying budgets too badly. There are going to be lots of new iris out there in need of good homes. I hope you'll all consider adopting as many as you can! ;o)

Before long iris programs, judges schools and shows will be upon us. There's nothing like the anticipation of the iris bloom, other than the actual bloom of course. Our region is rich with activities and it's the time to get involved and show new people what it is that gets our hearts pumping!

We're especially fortunate this year to have a national convention in our area. The Median Iris Society will be meeting in Oklahoma City for their convention. "Median Heaven in 2011" received a very large amount of guest iris to see during two days of garden tours. If you're on Facebook you will have had an impressive sneak peek of some of the guest iris blooming last year. Please join us April 14 through 16th for tours, programs, dinners, etc. Details and registration are at www.medianiris.com. The host hotel is the Clarion with rates in the low \$70's. www.clarionokc.com

As you may slowly be realizing, Region 22 is switching over to an electronic newsletter. This "e" bulletin will save us thousands of dollars and provide the ability for more content, color photos and actual interaction with all of you. We'll even save a few trees in the process! For this to work, we MUST collect all the e-mails we can so everyone receives it. Please let our editor Paul W. Gossett, or me, know your e-mail address.

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Please bear with us as we work out this process.

RVP Message cont'd.

The AIS convention in Victoria next year will be once in a lifetime trip. Remember, I'm selling raffle tickets (as Region 22 RVP) for a free trip for two to it. Includes lodging for five nights and registration for two. Valued at approximately \$1400!! Tickets are one for \$5, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20! These are available until February 1, so call me if you're interested.

And if you can't make it to the AIS convention in Canada in 2011, there is going to be a large Spring Trek in St. Joseph, Missouri with TBIS taking part. Should be a great garden tour complete with guest iris, garden judging and great speakers. Check the Region 18 website for details later. www.region18.com.

I look forward to seeing you soon at a show, tour or program somewhere!

Happy gardening!,

Hugh Stout

Region 22 Website: www.region22ais.org

Region 22 Affiliates and Presidents

Affiliate	President	Meetings
Central Arkansas Iris Society (CAIS)	Mark Shipp 104 Garden Lane Malvern, AR 72104 (501) 249-2400 markshipp60@gmail.com	3rd Sunday, monthly, 2:00 PM-except Jan. & May; Hillcrest Hall Little Rock, AR
Hot Springs Iris Society (HSIS)	James Bledsoe 204 Bristol Lane Hot Springs, AR 71913 (501) 525-1253 jboots@cablelynx.com	4th Sunday, monthly, 2:00 PM-except Apr. & Dec.; 1st Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, AR
Lawton Area Friends of Iris Society (LAFOIS)	Julie Hooker-Kyle 6710 SW Drakestone Lawton, OK 73505 (580) 510-8049 cookietownkid@sbcglobal.net	3rd Saturday, monthly except Jan. & July; Lawton, OK
Norman Area Iris Society (NAIS)	Louise Carson 5037 NW 24th Place Okla. City, OK 73127 (405) 947-1719 nloucar@earthlink.net	4th Monday, monthly, 7:00 PM-Reeves Park Norman, OK
North Central Iris Society (NCIS)	John Tripp PO Box 2232 Enid, OK 73702 (580) 234-1018	2nd Sunday, monthly, 2:00 PM-except Jan., May, July, Aug. & Dec., Gants Bldg. at NOC, Enid, OK
Northern Oklahoma Iris Society (NOIS)	Lynn Whitebay 4669 N. Prentice Road Ponca City, OK 74604 (580) 765-2074 lwhitebay@poncacity.net	2nd Friday, monthly, 7:00 PM-except Jan., Aug., Nov. & Dec. L.A. Cann Garden Center, Ponca City, OK

Region 22 Affiliates & Presidents

Affiliate	President	Meetings
Oklahoma Iris Society (OIS)	Cynthia Wade 8316 NW 15th Street Okla. City, OK 73127 (405) 603-5282 nursewade@cox.net or enurcaw@aol.com	1st Friday, monthly, 7:00 PM- except Jan, Feb, Jul, & Aug; Will Rogers Garden Center, Oklahoma City, OK
Rolling Hills Iris Society (RHIS)	Helen Jones 529 S. 12th Street Clinton, OK 73601 (580) 323-1132 JonesIris2@aol.com	3rd Saturday, 2:00 PM Only in Mar., Aug, Sept., & Oct.; CREC Building, Stillwater, OK
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Tulsa Area Iris Society (TAIS)	Philip W. Stonecipher 45577 W. 46th St. S. Jennings, OK 74038 (918) 605-9704 sstonecipher87@gmail.com	2nd Thursday, monthly, 6:30 PM- except Jan. & Feb., Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa, OK
White County Iris Society (WCIS)	Alice Jewell 10 Mohawk Drive Searcy, AR 72143 (501) 268-6634 ajewell@harding.edu	2nd Sunday, monthly 2:00 PM-except Jan, June, July, August Lightle House 605 E. Race Searcy, AR

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Watch for more information concerning the Region 22 Annual Fall meeting at Fin and Feather Resort near Vian, Oklahoma in the Region 22 Spring 2011 Newsletter.

THE BETTY EMMONS MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

The Betty Emmons Memorial Service Award was established to recognize and honor a member of AIS Region 22 for outstanding service to AIS and Region 22. To be nominated for this award, the person must be a member of AIS and Region 22 in good standing and have provided outstanding service. Nominations are made by committee, or an iris society, or any five members in Region 22. Nominations by clubs or members must be made in writing with justification and qualifications. Nominations must reach the RVP no later than March 15, 2011. The selection committee (RVP, past RVP, a recent recipient of the award and two at-large members) will review and decide on the recipient. The award will be presented at the Annual Fall Regional Meeting in Oklahoma.

Region 22 would like to Welcome New Members

Alexis Cates - Edmond, OK	Youth
Audrey Cates - Edmond, OK	Youth
Macy Cates - Edmond, OK	Youth
Parker Cates - Edmond, OK	Youth
Fred L. Fletcher - Lawton, OK	

M.D. Faith Youth Achievement Award

A Youth Achievement Certificate will be awarded annually at the Region 22 Annual meeting in August, along with a check in the amount of \$50.00. The recipient shall be the Region 22 nomination for the AIS Clarke Cosgrove Award. The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize and encourage a youth member of Region 22 for outstanding achievements in the culture of irises, participation in local, regional and national iris organizations and promotion of these organizations. To be eligible for this award, nominees shall be an AIS Youth member under 19 years old residing in Region 22 and have demonstrated some of the following achievements:

- Growing an excellent, well maintained iris garden;
- Actively hybridizing irises;
- Writing articles for an iris publication;
- Helping an iris organization through a committee, activity, or by holding an office;
- Visiting local iris gardens at bloom time;
- Attending regional-national/ conventions;
- Studying to be an AIS judge;
- Promoting irises and/or the AIS to others;
- Signing up new AIS memberships;
- Competing at shows;
- Experimenting with irises;
- Showing an interest in the various iris classes and sections;
- Demonstrating leadership skills.

Nominations may be made by the committee, Region 22 Youth Chairperson, by an iris society/club, or any 3 members in Region 22. The Region 22 Youth Achievement Award committee will be composed of the RVP, the current Youth Chairperson, and one member-at-large, as needed from the states of Arkansas and Oklahoma. You must make your nomination in writing to the RVP for Region 22 or a committee member no later than March 31, 2011.

Sympathies & Memoriam Margaret Peggy Estes



Margaret Elizabeth "Peggy" Estes, 93, of Oklahoma City, passed away November 16, 2010. She was born March 18, 1917 in Oklahoma City to Dudley and Elizabeth (Irwin) Tucker. Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Estes; grandson, "Rhett" Redwine; 2 brothers, Dudley R. Tucker, Jr. and Irwin Tucker. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Lorey and husband Lloyd, Maggie Selby and husband Terry; 3 grandchildren, Elizabeth Lorey, Howard Lorey and wife Nicole, Jennifer Lorey; 4 great-grandchildren, Zackary and Kelsi Biegler, Grace and Graham Lorey; and one great-great grandson, Ari Biegler Webb. She is also survived by 2 brothers-in-law, Robert and Harold Estes; numerous nieces and nephews. Peggy was a horticulturist and a national judge at flower shows. She won a National Lifetime Achievement Award in Hemerocallis. Her beautiful garden was featured yearly for the Hemerocallis tour every June. She also won the OKC Beautiful Lifetime Achievement Award. She was a Bluebird and Campfire leader as well as active involvement in many community improvement organizations. Peggy and her husband were ballroom dancers and traveled the world together. She played in a weekly bridge group and was a very talented watercolor artist and remembered by her loved ones as a creative homemaker. She sponsored and volunteered for many youth activities and groups as well as the Christian Women's fellowship and many others.

AIS Convention

Sunday, May 29—Friday, June 3, 2011
in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



The **British Columbia Iris Society (BCIS)** invites you to enjoy Victoria and the province of British Columbia during the week of May 29 through June 3, 2011 when we host the American Iris Society Convention. We hope you will find this invitation iris-istible and that you will come to Victoria in 2011 for a great experience. (Please note: the Victoria convention runs from Sunday thru Friday, not Monday thru Saturday as is typical for AIS Spring conventions).

Go to www.bc-iris.org/AIS2011Convention.htm for all of the information concerning the convention. You may also contact: Ted Baker, Chairperson, Ted E Baker, 185 Furness Rd., Salt Spring Island, BC Canada, V8K 1Z7 phone: (250)653-4430 e-mail: tedebaker@shaw.ca

Reverse side of this paper
contains your Registration Form
for the 2011 AIS Convention in
Victoria, BC Canada.



REGISTRATION FORM

Iris-istible AIS Convention 2011

May 29 - June 3 2011

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

(AIS Convention Hotel: The Fairmont Empress)

Full registration includes Host Garden Bus Tours and two Lunches, Welcome and Awards Banquets and a visit to Butchart Gardens

Person 1	
Person 2	
Person 3	
Person 4	
Note: all registrants on this form should reside at the same address	
Address:	
City:	
Province/State:	Post/Zip Code:
Country:	
Evening Phone:	
E-mail:	
registration confirmation will be e-mailed where possible	
Emergency Contact:	
Phone: Day/Evening	
Dietary Restraints and/or Medical Concerns	
Mobility Concerns: assistance needed for garden visits?	

Is this your first iris convention? Yes No

Welcome Banquet: (food selection)

Person 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Shortribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Shortribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Shortribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Shortribs	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

Awards Banquet: (food selection)

Person 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Striploin	<input type="checkbox"/> Haida Gwaii Halibut	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Striploin	<input type="checkbox"/> Haida Gwaii Halibut	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Striploin	<input type="checkbox"/> Haida Gwaii Halibut	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
Person 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Striploin	<input type="checkbox"/> Haida Gwaii Halibut	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Breast	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

REGISTRATION

Registration (until March 31, 2011)	\$325	x	=\$
Registration (after April 1, 2011)	\$375	x	=\$
Youth Registration	\$200	x	=\$
Bus Tours Only	\$200	x	=\$
Banquets only: Welcome Banquet	\$60	x	=\$
Banquets only: Awards Banquet	\$70	x	=\$
Butchart Gardens Trip for Non-Registrant	\$30	x	=\$
June 4 Saltspring Tour	\$60	x	=\$
Total Amount Due (which includes all taxes and gratuities)			\$

Payment choices: Cheque or Money Order payable in Canadian or U.S. dollars to "AIS 2011 Convention". Mail form and payment to:

Diane Whitehead, Registrar, 5088 Clutesi St., Victoria, B.C., Canada V8Y 1X4

E-mail: voltaire@islandnet.com

Refunds only until May 1, 2011.

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Victoria, BC Canada.

TULSA JUDGING SCHOOL

Saturday, March 12, 2011
8:30am to 3:00pm

Judging Spuria and
Tall Bearded Iris

Taught by Jim Hedgecock from Gower, MO

\$10.00 Registration Fee - 5 hours credit

Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(918) 746-5125

Hosted by the **Tulsa Area Iris Society**

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Median Iris Society Convention

Hosted by the **Oklahoma Iris Society**
Thursday, April 14—Saturday, April 16, 2011
Oklahoma City, OK

Contact: Hugh Stout for information
432 N.E. 70th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
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Iris Doctor
By M. D. Faith

If you are looking for other iris for your garden, try *iris tridentata*. Information available is brief, containing slight cultural information. Mostly, they are confined to growing in the area of native habitat and occurrence, which is in the southeastern portion of the United States, the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee.

A member of the beardless iris species, native to the southern areas, it is hardy and should grow well in both Arkansas and Oklahoma. My own personal experience growing this iris in Arkansas, and trying to identify this species, confirms this.

By a fortunate accident, I acquired a small piece of a rhizome in the spring of 1993 at a regular meeting of the Central Arkansas Iris Society. The plant was given as a door prize to a friend of mine. Seeing my eyes light up at this unusual iris plant, my friend insisted that she share it with me. I went immediately to the donor questioning him about the iris. He collected the iris in a swamp near Waycross, Georgia, and it required being grown in water.

With little information, I grew it in a gallon container, placed in a container of water. It grew slowly that year. Concerned about hardness, I placed it in a south-facing garage window to prevent freezing. In the spring, I repotted to a two-gallon container. Feeding monthly with 15-30-15 Miracle Grow, keeping it wet and in a pan of water at all times. It went back into the garage for the second winter. Next spring. I repotted to a 22 inches diameter plastic tub, 15 inches deep with no drain holes. Feeding regularly, I kept water covering the surface of the soil.

I was disappointed that it had not bloomed, and began to wonder if it would ever bloom. Then after the Tall Bearded and Louisiana iris had bloomed, and near the tail end of the Japanese iris bloom, it started throwing up quite a few flower stalks.

Calendar of Events

- February 11, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"Internet Garden Helper" by Lynn Whitebay
L. A. Cann Center, Ponca City, OK
- March 5, 2011 OIS Judging School with Kathy Chilton
9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1.5 hours on Arils/Arilbreds & 1.5-
hours on Tall Bearded. Cost is \$10 per person.
Will Rogers Exhibition Center, Oklahoma City
- March 10, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Jim Hedgecock
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- March 11, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"Median Irises" by NOIS member.
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK
- March 12, 2011 Tulsa Judging School
Jim Hedgecock
Judging Spuria & Tall Bearded Irises
8:30am to 3:00pm
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- April 8, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"Preparations for the Iris Show" by Carol Goldsberry
And Lil Williams
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK
- April 14, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Judy Keisling—AIS President
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- April 14 -16, 2011 Median Iris Society Convention
Oklahoma Iris Society
Oklahoma City, OK
Contact: Hugh Stout
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- April 17, 2011 Southwest Oklahoma Iris Show
Central Mall
Lawton, OK
Open to Public: Noon -4:00pm
Contact: MaryAnn Holman (580) 875-3720

Calendar of Events cont'd

- April 23, 2011 Lawton Area Friends of Iris Society Iris Show
Lawton Public Library
110 SW 4th Street, Lawton, OK
Open to Public 1:30pm-4:00pm
Contact: Julie Hooker-Kyle (580) 510-8049 or
Dean Hooker lilhooker@gmail.com
- April 29, 2011 White County Iris Society Iris Show
Regions Bank Downtown
Searcy, AR
Open to Public: Noon - 4:00pm
Contact: LaVera Johnson (501) 278-2391
- April 30, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Early Iris Show
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK
Open to Public 1:00pm-4:00pm
Contact: Lee Whelpley (918) 455-4206
Phyllis Hiebert (918) 835-6561
- April 30, 2011 Lawton Area Friends of Iris Society Iris Show
Lawton Public Library
110 SW 4th Street, Lawton, OK
Open to Public 1:30pm-4:00pm
Contact: Julie Hooker-Kyle (580) 510-8049 or
Dean Hooker lilhooker@gmail.com
- April 30, 2011 Central Arkansas Iris Society Iris Show
Hillcrest Hall
Kavanaugh and Lee
Little Rock, AR
Open to Public 1:00pm-4:00pm
Contact: Barbara (501) 455-1478
- April 30, 2011 Oklahoma Iris Society Iris Show
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
Oklahoma City, OK
Open to the Public: 1:00pm—4:00pm
- May 1, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Early Iris Show
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK
Open to Public 11:00am-4:00pm

Region 22 Website: www.region22ais.org

Calendar of Events cont'd

- May 7, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Show
Ponca City Art Center
819 East Central, Ponca City, OK
Open to Public 12:30pm-4:30pm
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- May 7, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Open Gardens
Ponca City, OK
Open to Public: 10:00am-6:00pm
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- May 7, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Late Iris Show
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Open to Public 1:00pm-4:00pm
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- May 8, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Open Gardens
Ponca City, OK
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- May 8, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Late Iris Show
Open to Public 1:00pm-4:00pm
- May 12, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
The Linnaeus Intern Program by Serlynn Reeves
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- May 29 - June 3, 2011 2011 AIS Convention
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
- June 9, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK

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- June 10, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"The Iris Family" by NOIS member
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK
- June 25, 2011 White County Iris Society Rhizome Sale
Farmers Market at Spring Park Downtown
Searcy, AR
7:30am -Noon
Contact: Marilee Coker (501) 268-6851
Alice Jewell (501) 268-6634
- July 8, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"Garden Documents" by NOIS member
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK
- July 9, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK
8:00am-Until Sold Out
Contact: Karla Amos (918) 446-9532
Mary Kuzmitsky (918) 446-3774
- July 23, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society
Early Rhizome Fundraiser
L. A. Cann Center
1500 East Grand Avenue
Ponca City, OK
Open to Public: 8:00am-3:00pm
Contact: Lynn Whitebay (580) 765-2074
- August 11, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Kevin Vaughn
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- August 27, 2011 Central Arkansas Iris Society Rhizome Sale
Grace Lutheran Church Family Life Center
5124 Hillcrest Street
Little Rock, AR
8:00am-12:30pm
Contact: Barbara (501) 455-1478

Calendar of Events cont'd

- September 8, 2011 Southwest Oklahoma Iris Society Rhizome Sale
ARA Equipment Rental
2318 West Gore Blvd.
Lawton, OK
Open to Public: 9am
Contact: Virginia McComas (580) 536-0232
- September 8, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Annual Meeting
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- September 9, 2011 Southwest Oklahoma Iris Society Rhizome Sale
ARA Equipment Rental
2318 West Gore Blvd.
Lawton, OK
Open to Public: 9am
Contact: Virginia McComas (580) 536-0232
- September 9, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
Annual Picnic and Show Awards
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK
- September 17, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society
Late Rhizome Fundraiser
L. A. Cann Center
1500 East Grand Avenue
Ponca City, OK
Open to Public: 8:00am - Noon
Contact: Lynn Whitebay (580) 765-2074
- September 17, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Rhizome Sale
Tulsa Garden Center
2435 South Peoria Avenue, Tulsa, OK
8:00am-Until Sold Out
Contact: Paul W. Gossett (918) 853-6204
- October 13, 2011 Tulsa Area Iris Society Meeting/Program
Tulsa Garden Center
Tulsa, OK
- October 14, 2011 Northern Oklahoma Iris Society Meeting/Program
"Dykes Medal Winner" by NOIS member
L. A. Cann Center
Ponca City, OK

Iris Doctor (cont'd)

The stalks were about 22 to 28 inches tall, most had one branch, and now I think some had two branches. Slender and graceful, the stalks had two buds on the terminal position, as well as on most of the branches. Patience has its reward!

When the first blooms opened, the blue-purple falls with deeper veining flared open, revealing a white patch at the hafts infused with golden yellow. These were crowned with blue style arms with serrated crests, which curled up, and were about three-quarter inch long - a beautiful iris, but with no discernible standards. Identified later, the iris was the species *iris tridentata*.

Due to the heaviness of the tub, I decided to take a chance on it being hardy enough to stand our winters here in north central Arkansas. It has since been situated half buried on a steep slope with the south side of the tub exposed to the elements. Feeding it with liquid 15-30-15 on a regular basis, and supplying water with a hand held hose periodically, it has thrived, crawling out of the tub and rooting itself on the bank above the tub. It has with stood temperatures of 15(F) degrees or colder on several occasions during our last three winters.

In 1999, I sent two rhizomes of this clone to Cincinnati, Ohio, where temperatures went to 0 (F) that winter. I received a report that they put up fans in late April of 2000. It appears it is cold hardy in that area, at least with some winter protection.

Iris tridentata is a good garden iris and should be more widely grown. It certainly is not as demanding of special attention as I was first led to believe. It would certainly be a pleasant addition to any garden.

Pony Express Iris Society Invites you to the AIS Region 18 Spring Regional & Garden Tours “Iris Heaven in 2011” May 20 - 22, 2011

Meeting Hotel: Ramada Inn
4016 Frederick Blvd. - St Joseph Mo. 64501
Room Reservation: (800) 748-0036.
Room Rates: \$85.00 (plus tax), single and double
\$5.00 charge for each additional adult per room
Mention Pony Express Iris Society to receive this rate
Rooms at this rate available May 19 – May 22
Rates includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet
and admission to Monkey Cove Water Park

This regional will showcase seven guest gardens in the St. Joseph, MO area. While attendees of previous conventions held here may have seen a few of these gardens, some of them have been well kept secrets for many years and are on tour for the first time.

On Saturday, the tour buses will take you to visit 6 beautiful gardens located in and around St. Joseph. These include the garden of Gary and Carol Easter, located on 1 ½ acre at the edge of Rushville; Lawrence and Shirley Matthews' garden in the Bluffwood State Forest area near St. Joseph; Jerry and Sherry Sampson's J&S Hillside Garden near DeKalb; Jim & Lamoyne Hedgecock's Comanche Acres near Gower; John and Connie McGarry's garden and the garden of Mary Young, both in St. Joseph.

On Sunday, car pooling will be encouraged from the hotel to the Hoyt/Jameson garden, home to the guest iris master planting. A two hour judges training will be presented by a panel of AIS judges.

Other events during the convention include a Friday evening seedling show and slide presentations. You are invited to bring slides of your seedlings and recent introductions. A raffle, silent auction and plant sale will be set up at the hotel on both Friday and Saturday. Saturday evening's banquet will be followed by Kelly Norris providing his iris insights. A plant auction will end the evening.

We are pleased to report that the guest gardens had 60 - 70 percent bloom this first bloom season. We hope that next bloom season will be “heavenly” to view.

NEWS FROM AIS

Milestones:

If your society is having a special event or project this year: Jim Morris, compiler of the Milestones column in the AIS Bulletin, would like to know. The Milestones column is the place for your society to promote your events, special occasions, and anniversaries. Please send your article to Jim at MORRISJE1@aol.com.

2011 AIS Calendars

The 2011 AIS Calendars are here. These calendars are beautifully done. They make great gifts for family and friends and can also be used as door prizes at your society meetings. They can be ordered through the AIS Storefront, John and Kay Ludi, P. O. Box 956, Sandy, OR 97055. They are priced at \$7.00 each or \$50.00 for a package of 10.

AIS Slide Show Committee

Looking for resources for your programs? The AIS Program Resources Slide Committee is busy developing new presentations, both in slides and digital format. Some of the new programs include "Iris & The Societies That Love Them" and "2007 Introductions". Please contact Janet Smith at AISslides@irises.org for full selections.

AIS EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

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Lois will receive the draft show schedules, approve them, send out the certificates, the show supply order form, and the show report form.

SUPPLIES: Susan Boyce, 5123 South 3500 West, Roy, UT 84067
(801) 985-0255 email: irisgal@hotmail.com

Susan will receive the supply order forms and checks, maintain the show supplies inventory and ship out the orders.

SHOW REPORTS: Karen and Ray Jones, 3004 Rosemoor Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031 (703)573-7675 email: ramonandkaren@verizon.net
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REGION 17 JUDGES TRAINING

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Training Topic: In the Garden Training—

Arilbreds, Medians and Seedlings

Instructor: Vernon and Dana Brown

Credit Hours: 3 (THREE) Cost: \$5.00

Location (place and address): Lubbock, Texas

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OKLAHOMA IRIS SOCIETY JUDGES TRAINING SCHOOL

With Kathy Chilton

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 9:30 AM—12:30 PM

1.5 hours on Arils/Arilbreds & 1.5 hours on Tall Bearded

Cost is \$10 per person.

Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
3400 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City OK

Also: Friday, March 4th, 7:00 PM: Potluck Dinner
Program by **Kathy Chilton on Italy** (should be fantastic!).

AIS CONVENTIONS

2011 Victoria, BC Canada May 30-June 4

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FALL BOARD MEETINGS

2011 Atlanta, GA Nov 4-6

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Youth (with Bulletin)	\$ 9.00
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Single Lifetime*	\$ 450.00
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