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## Canadian Iris Society:

You are invited to join the Canadian Iris Society. Membership in the CIS is open to all persons interested in irises regardless of skills or experience. New members are welcome. Official membership applications and other information is available on the official CIS website: [www.cdn-iris.ca](http://www.cdn-iris.ca). One-year membership is \$20, Three-year membership is \$50. (cheque or money orders accepted)



Send membership application or renewal to Canadian Iris Society/membership, 1960 Side Road 15, Tottenham, Ontario L0G1W0.

**Cover Photo:** "*Cappucino Lace*" TB (Aitken '15) Stately ruffled buff cream confection, heavily laced. A vigorous grower.

# President's Report

By Ed Jowett

After reading the articles on hybridizing I have decided to give it a try. I collected 2 seed pods; a MDB *Pokemon* had 53 seeds the other a SDB *Crystal Carpet* had 27 seeds. I have placed them in the freezer for a waiting period before planting.

I would like to know if any of our members are interested in starting a seed bank for exchange or sale. If you are drop me a letter or email. (info inside front cover)



Autumn Tryst

I am pleased to announce this year's "Walker Ross" award was presented to the **Granatier's**. Thanks **Ann & Bob** for all your hard work and contribution for the benefit of the Society.

As I write this message I have an Iris blooming (*Autumn Tryst*). It came into bloom Oct 27th or 28th while I was in surgery; a pleasant surprise to come home too. I have another IB *Bottled Sunshine* showing the tips yellow as of Nov 5th. On Nov 9th the weather forecast was for -9 C so I rushed out and cut the rest of *Bottled Sunshine* and brought them in the house to see if they would bloom. One did but not to healthy. The rest have remained buds and look like they will die.

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The comments and statements in this bulletin are those of the writers and not necessary those of the board or society.



I am also looking for a picture of the Iris *Honey Haze*; if anyone has a picture could you please send me a copy.

At our annual meeting **John Moons** gave a very interesting presentation on variegated plants.

With this crazy weather it is hard to tell if some plants are truly rebloomers or just confused with the weather; however winter is just around the corner. I have perennials blooming. I had never seen bloom in the fall, never mind now.



**Bottled Sunshine**

I see a problem in the not too far future and don't know what will happen. Most of us are getting up where soon we will not be able to garden and the younger generation seems to have no interest; even those raised on the farms. I can see where food supply will all be imported and thus we lose fresh fruits and vegetables – and flowers are almost extinct.

We have included the A.I.S. Convention application form as the center section so it can be used as a pullout.

They are wanting all registrations by March (not really that far away). The 2019 convention will be held in California. (Note it is \$USD)

Our iris purchase this year was not as good as in past years and at the moment I am awaiting a listing of those possibilities for 2018 which will include a lot more newly introduced cultivars; so I will be looking to put together a new selection and listing.

I received a letter from a lady in the UK wanting to know where she could order irises to have shipped to a friend in Alberta. I replied to her telling her it was way off-season. Then I remembered reading in the British Iris Society's newsletter autumn issue of their shows. They have 3 per year. They have an early Spring show in February; then a late spring at the end of April, and a summer show in late May or early June. (Usually when looking for something, we don't think of time or seasonal differences.)



*Ed Jowett*

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### **Here's a little humour...**

- 1.) I'm not always correct but if I agreed with you we both would be wrong
- 2.) What do you call a witch's garage? (answer on page 5)

# Musings From Manitoba

By: B. J. Jackson

(jacksonb@mts.net)

**N**ovember 1st and the first snow of any consequence is currently falling in SW Manitoba. It has been a topsy turvy autumn with the first killing frost not happening in my gardens until well into October. This afforded this gardener plenty of time to get the garden cleaned up, cut back and the mulch put down on the new plants. It does appear though that I added an alarming number of iris, seemingly of all types and classes.



The most excitement of this year's buying frenzy has to be the 7 new spuria added. Included in this number are two that are my portion of a club purchase from Oregon that will be tested in 10 CWIS gardens over the next few years in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Success in growing this class of iris has been patchy at best amongst club members. So this project, first hatched at the AIS convention in Des Moines with casual conversations with **Dave Silverberg** and **Nancy Price**, was brought to fruition just a few short months later. All participants are excited about this test and were actively recording and discussing their planting and growth observations so far.

A number of the participants have also added other spuria from different sources that arrived earlier and later than the Oregon ones to see if there was any difference in survival with the staggered planting dates of late July, mid-August and early September. We hope to learn a lot more about growing spuria iris in the cold zones (zones 2 and 3) in the next few years and be able to provide this information to club members, other iris growers and even commercial suppliers since there is very little information out there right now. Most conversations start with "It should be ..." or "It has to be ..." but apparently nobody knows for sure.

I managed to get half of the new garden revamped, amended and replanted this summer. With the neighbour's 5 huge poplar trees now gone, the area is now in full sun all day. This makes me hopeful that performance will be enhanced. The downside is winter coverage with leaves. I actually had to borrow some!

In CWIS news, 2018 marks our 15th anniversary. We have certainly come a long way from a gathering of 7 gardeners sharing a beverage at a down town Winnipeg legion hall! Planning of the celebration events are underway. The club's newsletter, *The Aurora*, celebrated 10 years this year, too, so it is only fitting that I have embarked on a 10 year retrospective of club members yearlytop performers. Each autumn issue includes a feature on members selections of the irises that performed the best in their gardens during that year's iris season. With 5 years done and sorted at this point, there are many standouts and an evolution, if you will, of tastes and preferences of members that I have noted. I shall report in the next edition of *Musings From Manitoba* what the results of this exercise.



B.J.'s winter garden

And that is it for this time. Enjoy the gardener's rest of planning for next year over the winter when we will emerge with renewed energy, excitement and anticipation of a new iris season!



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(Answer for page 3 riddle:) **A broom closet**

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# What do you know about Spanish and English irises?

By **Robert Pries** AIS Director, AIS Encyclopedia Manager,  
President of The Dwarf Iris Society

— as published by the British Iris Society

**W**hile working on the catalogue library in the Iris Encyclopedia I discovered some fascinating information. Did you know that Spanish Iris (*Iris xiphium*) and English Iris (*Iris latifolia*) were once the darlings of the Iris world? Today I know of no modern catalogs that offer more than a collection of mixed varieties whereas a decade ago I can remember at least 3 named varieties of English Iris being offered.

But in 1842 **James Carter** offered 50 varieties of both Spanish and English Iris and by 1845 offered more than a hundred varieties of each. At that time one would have been hard pressed to find more than 50 tall-bearded Irises offered in any catalog. Discovering more and more old catalogs, it would appear that up to about 1895 perhaps as many as 200 varieties or more of these two species were available. At that time the first crosses were being made between *Iris xiphium* and *Iris tingitana* which of course lead to the creation of the Dutch irises. It seems the Dutch varieties rapidly became more popular having larger flowers than the Spanish and blooming about two weeks earlier. ▶





But in my mind while the Dutch irises may have surpassed the Spanish irises, nothing quite equals the beauty of the English Irises.

I have limited knowledge of the culture of Spanish, Dutch or English irises but I have grown all of them. My experiences were tempered by the unrealistic goal of trying to grow them in an area of half day shade. Coming from a high Spanish mountain slopes it was perhaps unrealistic to assume they could prosper without full sun, but judging from information in old catalogues they would seem to grow readily in Eastern North American, and of course England.

The 1939 checklist mentions that in 1925 M. Van Waveren established bulb farms in Norfolk Virginia, and later in Maryland. Earlier (1841) he had started hybridizing in England expanding from Holland. By 1921 his nurseries produced 850,000 Spanish Iris Bulbs, and of other Irises 150,000 bulbs.

It would appear that given the right locations these bulbs will flourish. I should note that while Spanish Iris bulbs are easily handled in the dormant state English Iris bulbs are much larger, but more fragile, and resent being in a dried out state for long periods out of the ground. The English Iris bulbs need replanting rather quickly.

I find it rather sad that plants seem to go through cycles of popularity and then begin to disappear. I would be pleased to learn of individuals still growing these two irises. Perhaps with more attention in our journals we might see a resurgence in what was once a very popular plant. I am collecting as much information as I can about these two types of irises and assembling the information in the Iris Encyclopedia. It is a work in progress and I would be delighted by any incites, images, and references the British Iris Society might be able to contribute. You can watch my slow progress by checking the pages for Iris xiphium and Iris latifolia in the Iris Encyclopedia and following links. I would love to include original essays by all Bulbous Iris enthusiasts. Awareness may help save some of this diversity.

Incidentally, I just discovered that somebody has been busy at Kew and they have changed the name of Iris latifolia to

*Iris jacquinii (Schrank) ined.*

You might see if someone there would like to comment! Looks like it is just a case of an earlier description having priority but there might be a story there?



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**BIS Editor's note:** J Parker's Wholesale ([www.dutchbulbs.co.uk](http://www.dutchbulbs.co.uk)) offer 3 varieties of Iris latifolia bulbs: KING OF THE BLUES, QUEEN OF THE BLUES and MONT BLANC, all of which I have grown very successfully. The blooms are better and larger than Dutch iris and their later blooming helps extend the season.

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## Send us your articles

The editor would appreciate contributions to the newsletter from the general membership. If you have news of an Iris event; or looking for a particular variety or type of Iris; growing or cultivation advice, let us know. If you have plants to sell or anything you would like to share, please do so. Send them to the editor for submission. This way we can make our newsletter bigger and of more interest to our readers. (For address see inside front cover.)



# Iris Variegata Hungarian Iris

By John Moons

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When dealing with a genus as big as the Iris, it is useful to have a classification of all the different subgenera, sections, series and species. In this article I use the classification **Brian Mathew** uses in his book *The Iris* (1981). In the genus *Iris* we have a subgenus also called *Iris* and to continue we see a section that also has the name *Iris*. These are the bearded or pogon Irises. A few species including *Iris pallida* and *Iris variegata* have been used over the years to create the huge number of bearded Irises we have today. All these species have thick rhizomes and the leaves stand in the form of a fan. The flowers usually sit on branched stems and the three falls have furry beards. The plants in this section do not have seeds with a fleshy aril. The other plants in the subgenus do have fleshy arils.

The species name *variegata* is a bit confusing. Usually we think of *variegata* when we talk about leaves, but in this case we have to look at the flowers. The name *variegata* refers to the different colours of the flowers. When we see an *Iris* that has variegated leaves we most often think of the *Iris pallida variegata* with yellow edges on the leaves or the *Iris pallida Argentea Variegata* where the edges of the leaves are white.

**C. Linnaeus** gave this plant the name *Iris variegata* in 1753. This name has a lot of synonyms. The names I found were: *I. rudskyi*, *I. reginae*, *I. lepida*, *I. leucographa*, *I. mangaliae*, *I. dragalz* and *I. virens*. Some are considered to be forms of the *variegata* or hybrids of *Iris pallida* and *Iris variegata*. Quite often after a lot of discussion, they were eventually considered to be *variegatas*. Of course before we started working with the DNA they had to do a lot of comparing of all the different parts of the plants and it was easiest if you had samples of the different plants at the same place at the same time. This was not always easy to do.

The *Iris variegata* grows in the wild in central and eastern Europe. You will find it in southern Germany, Austria, north-eastern Italy, east to Romania and Bulgaria into western Ukraine. The plants grow in light woodlands between shrubs and on open stony places. In the wild it blooms in May or June. The *variegata* grows in the same area of Tirol and western Yugoslavia where the *I. pallida* grows and there you will find natural hybrids between the two.

Iris x germanica is a hybrid cross between the Iris variegata and Iris pallida. On the places where the germanica's grow you can find a big selection of colours, because after many generations all kinds of crossings have been made. Iris breeders have used this diversity of colours and shapes to create the many bearded Irises we have now.



Photo courtesy: Riverbend Nurseries, Thompson's Station, Tennessee

### *Iris Variegata pallida*

The Iris variegata grows from a compact rhizome. The leaves are green with very visible ribs. The leaves are 1 – 3 cm wide, a bit curved and pointed at the end and about 30 cm. long. The leaves are arranged like a fan on the rhizome. In the winter the leaves disappear completely and this makes them very hardy.

The flower stems are 20 – 45 cm tall and are visible above the leaves. The stems are branched and each stem has 3 to 6 flowers. Each flower is 5 – 7 cm across. The flowers have no scent. The standards and style branches are pale or dull yellow. The falls are heavily veined, reddish-brown or violet on a whitish or pale yellow ground. Sometimes all the veins are so close together that it looks like a reddish-brown or violet blotch. ►

In Hungary there are *variegata*'s growing in the wild where the edges of the falls have a bit lighter colour. These plants have been used to create falls that have an edge with a different colour. The beard is always yellow.

There are forms on record where the ground colour of the falls and standards is whitish and both have violet veins.

The pedicel (stem of the single flower) is very short. Where the pedicel is attached to the stem there is a bract. The ovaries are 10 mm long and have six grooves that run down their length. The tube is 20 mm long. The seeds are small, greyish-brown and tapered a bit towards one end.

The *Iris variegata* together with the *Iris pallida* have supplied most of the genetic material for the thousands of bearded *Irises* we have now. Among other things it supplied the colour yellow.

The species has been a garden flower since the sixteenth century and could be found in many gardens in Europe. The first *Iris* I remember from my childhood in The Netherlands was a *variegata* in the neighbour's garden along a barn. Remarkably there do not seem to be too many cultivars known of the *Iris variegata*. The only ones I could find are: *Gracchus* (1884), *City of Lincoln* (1936), *Mary Vernon* (1940) and *Staten Island* (1945).

*Iris Bumblebee Deelite* (Norrick 1986), a miniature tall bearded *Iris* which grows to about 50 cm high looks a lot like the species *variegata*, but the colours are bolder. It is not a real *variegata* cultivar. It has genes from the *variegata* but also from other *Irises*. Its parentage is a bit complicated.

I could not find anything about *I. variegata*'s that have variegated leaves. The *Iris variegata* is a very hardy plant because it loses all its leaves before the winter. The winter hardiness is Zone 3 – 8. It survives easily in Minnesota, U.S.

The plants are not too picky about the soil as long as it is well drained. It likes the full sun. It is very easy to grow. It likes to be moved to a new location every 3 years. Propagation is by seeds or dividing after the flowers are gone.



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### Books used for this article:

*Iris The Classic Bearded Varieties* by Claire Austin; Quadrille Publishing Ltd; 2001  
*The Genus Iris* by W.R.Dykes; Reprint of the 1913 Cambridge University Press edition; 1974.  
*Irises* by S. Linnegar and J. Hewitt; RHS Wisley Handbooks from Cassell; 2003  
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*Irises* by P. McGeorge and A. Nicholl; Firefly; 2001  
*The Iris Book* by Molly Price; D. Van Nostrand Company; 1966.  
*The Gardener's Iris Book* by William Shear; The Taunton Press; 1998.  
Also used is information from the Internet.



# 2018 Your Invitation to Attend the AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans



If you are thinking of going; get your registration in early. I believe they are going to open up to non-members on a first come first serve. I don't think this has been done before but is a good way to make sure convention is filled and hopefully get new members. Some thing every organization needs these days as we all are aging a little bit. **See registration on centre pages.** ▶



## Fleur-de-Gras

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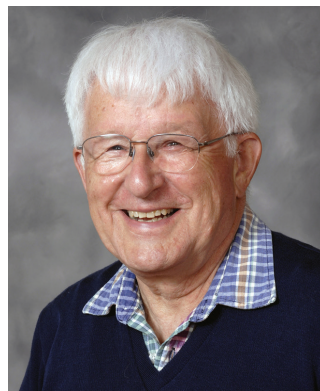
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# Iris Twins Part 1

Selected by Don McQueen



**E**ver had the occasion during an iris garden visit to recognise a bloom colouration and think ‘A-ha ... there’s a wonderful bloom of ...’ - and then find out it wasn’t? Had been misled by a look-a-like? Not to fret, you are not alone, particularly with so many varieties in bloom, both historic and new introductions. Just for fun then, I’ll put together some look-a-like “Iris Twins” in this series, based on similar colouration, whether or not they be of the same type. I have another example of a pair for Part 2 in this series - this time both Tall Bearded varieties.



Bayberry Candle: May 8, 2004

In 1966 Caroline DeForest of Canby, Oregon created **BAYBERRY CANDLE**, one with a very distinctive set of hues. The AIS registration description read as follows: “[seedling]66-19. TB, 36", M, Y3cm. S chartreuse to lime, white inside and styles; F golden olive—green, deeper centre; brown beard. (Dawn Crest x 58-38) X (Mary Randall x Golden Chance).” The variety was introduced by the DeForest’s Irisnoll in 1969.





The distinctive colouration of the historic **BAYBERRY CANDLE** no doubt influenced the choice of name for another TB introduction 37 years later. In 2003 Michael Sutton of Exeter, California registered **RETURN TO BAYBERRY** and was described in the AIS Check List as “Sdlg. L-196-A. TB, 34” (94 cm), EM. S. and style arms chartreuse yellow; F. grey green (RHS 191A) veined darker, edge chartreuse, slight bronze on shoulders; beards greyed orange; ruffled; slight spicy fragrance. H-178-H: (Sky Hooks x Drum Roll) X Chocolate Vanilla.” Sutton’s Iris Gardens in Porterville, California introduced this look-a-like in 2004.



Return to Bayberry: June 6, 2013

# What's in a name?

## Rebloomers

By Ann Granatier



**R**e-blooming Iris are varieties that have been bred to produce bloom stalks more than once a year, first in spring and then again in late summer or fall. To help you figure out which varieties might re-bloom some hybridizers use word-clues.

I have always been fascinated with the names hybridizers choose for these Irises. They are so clever at giving us clues to which of the many Iris varieties have this ability to bloom again in the fall.



Forever Blue

The use of words like: Autumn, Double, Again, Fall, give strong hints of their re-blooming capability. One of Canada's strongest re-bloomers was craftily named **Forever Blue**, a Standard Dwarf. In fact, it often blooms again early in August, although not the generous display seen in May, but still a pleasant surprise.

Not all re-bloomers are given names that hint at their remontant behaviour. Some of the strongest (most reliable) re-bloomers are named after important Iris fanciers, **Clarence and Rosalie Figge** come to mind. Others are named at the whim of the hybridizer. ►



But let's get back to the clever names:

*Forever Violet*, again using the clue Forever, is a great Miniature Dwarf that reblooms every year.

*What Again*, is a somewhat reserved yellow and blue standard dwarf. *Again and Again* a tall bearded, and *Blessed Again* a yellow amoena Intermediate



Again and Again

Among the Tall Bearded, one of the best is *Immortality*, a very early white, which can bloom early fall till a hard frost in October (or maybe



Autumn Circus

November this year in Southern Ontario).

Of course, the most obvious of the naming choices is to include Autumn in the name. Several Tall Bearded use this trick: *Autumn Circus* and *Mariposa Autumn*. Then there is the RE group, *Total Recall*, a beautiful soft yellow, has never failed to send up flower stalks each year.



Total Recall

Some names are just cute; *Fast Forward*, *Champagne Encore*, *I'll be Back*, *Double your Fun*, all very reliable Intermediates.

It is important to recognize they are not guaranteed to bloom a second time. Re-bloomers are those Irises that have a have a tendency to re-bloom.



Fast Forward



Champagne Encore



I'll Be Back

Repeat bloom is dependent on many things, including geographic location and growing conditions i.e., sunshine.



Double Your Fun



In Canada, the geographic location is probably the biggest limitation to re-bloom. So if you are willing to give them some extra summer care; i.e, fertilizer and water, take a chance and give some of these other re-bloomers a try.



Harvest of Memories

The *Sutton Catalogue* lists a few that have bloomed in the USDA zones 3 & 4 which are closest to our southern locations zones 5a-6b.



Golden Immortal

Perhaps worth a try in Canada are; *Autumn Rain* (Z4) *Harvest of Memories*(Z3) *Autumn Tryst* (Z4) *Feed Back* (Z3) *Lest We Forget* (Z4) *Double Byte* (Z4) *Golden Immortal* (Z4) *Ozark Rebounder* (Z4) and *Double Stitch* (Z6 ).

Now, since it is almost Christmas, let's have a little Frankincense.



**Editors Note:** It seems most rebloomers are IB's and SDB's



Double Stitch



# Rhizome Sale

by Pat Loy

We had a moderately successful iris rhizome sale at the Royal Botanical Gardens in August. The walk-ins were surprised at the size and number of rhizomes on offer. The ones with photos attached to their leaves went fast as well as the ones with photos under. We sell more when we have photos attached or available as to colour etc.. Chuck Chapman had his laptop so buyers could see photos of what we had for sale. It was a BONUS. Thanks Chuck! Unfortunately the SDB's, IB's, & MTB's did not sell as well as the TB's Gardeners were looking for lots of colour, unusual varieties, and colour combinations. Many thanks to the volunteers and suppliers of iris as this sale would not be possible without them.

*Sales person Extraordinaire Pat*

P.S. For all those who missed the AGM: John Moons gave an excellent talk on variegated plants.



Ann & Bob showing their award



John Moons packing up



Ann Granatier taking minutes



Bob Granatier and Ed Jowett comparing sales



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Sunday April 15, 2018	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday July 15, 2018	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Sunday October 21, 2018	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

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Sunday October 21, 2018	2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Royal Botanical Gardens Plains Road West, Burlington	

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February 2018	Vol 62 No 1 Winter Issue
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November 2018	Vol 62 No 4 Autumn Issue

## Coming Events

**SOIS Show**  
RBG

**Sunday June 4, 2018**  
2:30 pm

**SOIS Rhizome Sale**  
RBG

**Sunday August 19, 2018**  
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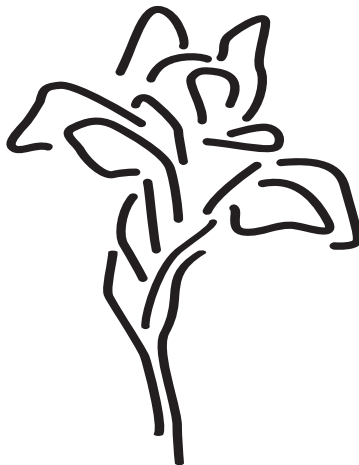
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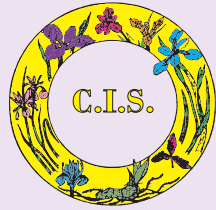
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