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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)



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**Cover Photo:** *"Red Triumph"* TB (Aitken '17) Late midseason bloom. Dark red-brown self; beards bright orange. 'Red Skies' X 'Code Red

# President's Report

By Ed Jowett

I spent most of the Christmas season looking at available Iris for our annual share program which I and a small committee made our decision on what to purchase. The full catalogue will be in our May issue. At the moment we are waiting for the new 2018 pricing. I have included the list further on in the bulletin.

The farther my health is taking me away from the gardens the harder I find it to get enthused. I guess these winter days do not help either. I am sure this weather is not good on the plants that are trying to survive. First they're snow covered and now ice covered with no or little snow.

I would like to thank the members who each quarter take the time to write for our bulletin, including the many hours they put in researching and gathering info to pass on to our readers.

At the moment I am trying to get ready for two Home and Garden shows in early April. With recovering from my accident I'm not really into it. Accidents happen so we just have to get on with it. When spring weather really starts to set in maybe I will become more enthused. I recently walked a new sub-division handing out brochures about our local Hort Society. It is hard to realize how little land they have for gardening. They have 50 foot lots with 25 feet of it taken for driveway and parking. Some have done nice designs using container planting; others just a cement pad or paving stones. And yes we can grow our Iris in containers provided they are of proper size. With our May sale I am sure some will like the 2018 introductions. We have tried to keep our selections to fairly new cultivars, 4 years or less.

I recently took a subscription to a free gardening information publication. The price is right (Free). It is called "Garden Making." The nice thing about it is it keeps you up-to-date in the Horticultural world. If there is a topic you want info on, or a list of activities



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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.



in your area, it is great. You can inquire by province, by town, or by date. I collect lists of topics for our local Garden club, update our yearly program for everyone to see, and also see new plants and shrubs being introduced to different areas of the country. When wanting to visit Alberta last year I was able to look and see tours that were of interest to me. A great tool! I also see there is a nursery close to home, (within 150 Km's) introducing Pink Delphiniums this year. If you have other flower interest look it up. Tell me what you think of it.

Pat Loy (one of our Directors) challenged the board members to name the 3 best Irises they have or like and the 3 best other plants they like. I have included the responses in another part of this bulletin.

*Ed Jowett*



## 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.)



# Musings From Manitoba

By: B. J. Jackson

(jacksonb@mts.net)

A topsy turvy winter it has been in SW MB! From record high temperatures to record low temperatures, we have experienced a most unusual season so far. Just today (January 30th) we have had a howling wind and blowing snow, rain, ice pellets, brilliant sunshine and overcast skies. Significant warming saw what little snow we had in November disappear. The first snow that stayed came on December 2nd. At the moment Environment Canada reports just 6 cms on the ground in the Brandon area.. The most recorded so far was in mid-December when there was just 12 cms. There have been no major snow storms. Indeed, most of the trouble has been caused by freezing rain and ice. Definitely not a normal winter. The only good thing was that the snow arrived before the cold which bodes well for iris survival. The majority of the iris beds have about 3 inches of snow on them but many tips are still visible. It should prove to be an interesting spring!



Last time I neglected to include a rebloom report for the 2017 season. It was a good year across CWIS members' gardens from BC to Manitoba, apparently everywhere except my garden. And, for the first time there are more than just bearded iris on the list. In no particular order, rebloom was reported on:

- MTB Pretty Pony (Jean Witt, 2003)
- IB Many Mahalos (J. Terry Aitken, 2003)
- IB I'll Be Back (J. Terry Aitken, 2004)
- SDB Autumn Jester (Chuck Chapman, 2000)
- MDB Forever Violet (Chuck Chapman, 2002)
- SPEC I. spuria halophila (blue form)
- SIB Coronation Anthem (Robert Hollingworth, 1990)
- SP-X Eternal Summer (Chuck Chapman, 2012)
- SDB What Again (Allan Ensminger, 1990)
- SDB Autumn Jester (Chuck Chapman, 2000)
- TB Clarence (Lloyd Zurbrigg, 1990)
- TB Immortality (Lloyd Zurbrigg, 1990)
- TB Ringo (George Shoop, 1979)
- SDB Forever Blue (Chuck Chapman, 1996)

In the Autumn 'Musings' I wrote about compiling the CWIS top performers for the last 10 years. Following are excerpts from the article I wrote for the CWIS newsletter that came out in December.

Between 2007 and 2016, CWIS members submitted an astounding 422 iris in their lists which included the work of 120 individual hybridizers.

Topping the hybridizer's list was Chuck Chapman. Not too far behind were Paul Black, Schreiner's and Barry Blyth. Rounding out the list are Marky Smith, J. Terry Aitken, Allan Ensminger, O. David Niswonger, Ken Fisher, Ben Hager, Bennett Jones. Keith Keppel, Hiroshi Shimizu, Thomas Johnson and Linda Miller.

By classification, included in members' lists were:

MDB - 23  
SDB - 89  
MTB - 25  
IB - 43  
BB - 12  
AB - 1  
TB - 96  
SIB - 14  
SPEC - 8  
SPU - 4  
SP-X - 7

Total number of different varieties - 312

Grand total of all submissions - 422

Seventy irises appeared more than once during the ten year period. Only one, SDB Forever Blue, appeared in each of the ten lists.

By class, here are the top 25 varieties:

#### **MDBs**

MDB Forever Violet (Chuck Chapman, 2002)

#### **SDBs**

Autumn Jester (Chuck Chapman, 2000)  
Blueberry Tart (Chuck Chapman, 2002)  
Cherry Garden (Bennett Jones, 1966)  
Forever Blue (Chuck Chapman, 1996)  
Hoodlum (Keith Keppel, 1996)  
Mikey Likes It (J. Terry Aitken, 2003)



**I'll Be Back (J. Terry Aitken 2004)**

Party Animal (Chuck Chapman, 2000)  
Royal Overtime (Chuck Chapman, 2000)  
SIB Dreaming Yellow (Currier McEwen, 1969)

**MTBs**

Ace (Lynda Miller, 1999)  
Bumblebee Deelite (J. & G. Norrick, 1986)  
Little Bay Denoc (F. Williams, 1978)

**IBs**

Blue Eyed Blond (Allan Ensminger, 1989)  
Mini Big Horn (Annand, 1998)

**BBs**

Eramosa Miss (Chuck Chapman, 1998)

**TBs**

Brussels (Thomas Johnson, 2003)  
Churchill Downs (K. Mohr, 1988)  
Copatonic (Barry Blyth, 1994)  
Daughter of Stars (Donald Spoon, 2000)  
Eagle's Flight (Schreiner's, 1985)  
Henna Stitches (James Gibson, 1960)  
Jesse's Song (Williamson, 1979)  
Silverado (Schreiner, 1987)  
Vision in Pink (V. Wood, 1986)

The oldest variety submitted as a top performer was TB Queen of May (Salter, pre-1859).

The newest variety submitted as a top performer was SDB Oh Canada (Thomas Johnson, 2015).

There were 93 historic (30 years old or more) submitted. Broken down by registration dates, these are the numbers for each decade:

|               |            |            |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Pre 1950 - 12 | 1950s - 3  | 1960s - 12 |
| 1970s - 27    | 1980s - 46 | 1990s - 72 |
| 2000s - 86    | 2010s - 13 |            |

And I won't tell you how long it took to put it all together either! \*

Until next time....



\* Ed Note: I would hate to guess!

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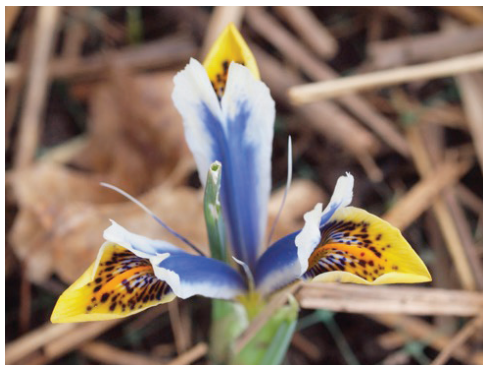


# Canadian Bred Reticulata Iris – Down The Road

By Alan McMurtrie

[Previously published in Issue #45 of The Crevice, Early Spring 2017 – journal of the Alpine Gardeners of Central Vancouver Island]

I'm going to tease you with something you can't have; or more precisely, can't have for 10+ years: *Tequila Sunrise* (09-LE-2). It bloomed for the first time in 2016. I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw it. I never would have imagined anything like this was possible. In case you don't realize, this is an incredible colour break. It's almost like someone took parts from two different flowers and glued them together. I hope people like it as much as I do. The Catch-22 is, it will be about 12 years before there are enough bulbs to start sales. The good news is, it exists, and does reasonably well. It's a touch on the small side at 45mm tip-to-tip, but I have put it into a lab for conversion to polyploid, of which a tetraploid version could be 15-25% larger with slightly thicker petals (which might allow the flowers to last long).



*Tequila Sunrise* (09-LE-2)

Typically I don't come up with a name until we're close to introducing a variety, but in this case "*Tequila Sunrise*" just seemed to fit.



09-LE-1



09-JO-1

*Tequila Sunrise* has only one sibling, 09-LE-1, which first bloomed in 2015. It is interesting to see the "orange" on its fall. On one hand I didn't think too much about this in 2015, but having seen *Tequila Sunrise*, I'm intrigued. It will be interesting to see what some of its children are like. Unfortunately neither pod parent set seed, but I did get a reasonable number with 09-LE-2 pollen.

Thinking further along this line for a moment, 09-JO-1 also showed orange on its fall, so you might wonder if it will also be an interesting parent. Unfortunately I didn't use its pollen as widely as I should have – something To Do in 2017!

When I went plant collecting in Turkey over 30 years ago to collect a diploid form of *Iris danfordiae*, one of the things I wanted to do was create a pale yellow *Reticulata* Iris. *Iris winogradowii* is a lovely pale yellow from alpine meadows in the Georgian Republic, but it needs moisture during the Summer which is something we often don't have in Toronto. **Smile** (03-CC-3) is that plant.



**Smile** (03-CC-3)

Another hybrid from 2003 seed that I particularly like is **Pristine** (03-FQ-1). It was shown for the first time at the RHS Early Spring Plant Fair in London, England in February 2016 and received a Preliminary Commendation. It has **Orange Glow** in its parentage. It seems just so... pristine.



**Pristine** (03-FQ-1)

in Canada. My goal is to have you enjoy my hybrids, and hopefully have them last in your garden. They aren't perfect, which is why I recommend planting some bulbs in a second location; just in case something happens to one of the plantings. Try to avoid the temptation to plant them too close together for an instant clumping effect. Well-drained soil is important. They enjoy moisture in the Spring, but it's not good if they are sitting in it. Key is providing a long growing period so the bulbs can fully regenerate, and reward you with bloom year after year. I'm hoping that you enjoy them so much that you'll want to try growing more – but not more of the same variety – more of other varieties. **Eye Catcher** is truly a beautiful variety. ▶

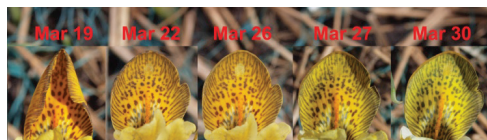
Typically whites have blue ribs on their style arms as well as dotting on their falls. I refer to this as “blue accents.” Rarely there has been dark green accents, which may be the result of chlorophyll. One hybridizing goal is to create a white with cherry accents (i.e. purple accents). Time will tell whether this is possible.

I've shown you **Eye Catcher** (98-NP-4), which is a lovely white with navy markings and is available

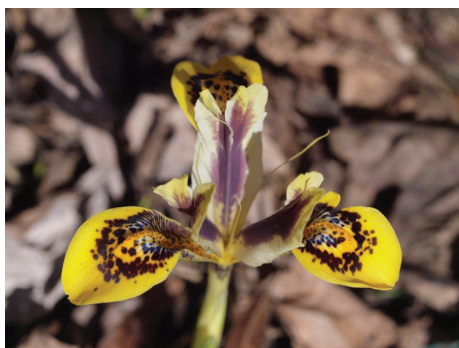


Cool (03-FO-2)

One Iris to bloom for the first time in 2010 was *It's Magic* (05-HW-1). The name explains where its lovely brown fall markings come from. Being "magical," one might hope it would give some interesting children.



Another along this same line is *Cool* (03-FO-2). In 2016 the current Dutch grower was passing a small stock of it in the field and said it looks too much like *Eye Catcher*. To me *Cool* is a lovely pure white, with perfectly contrasting rich blue markings. I do hope to ensure it gets to market. The difficulty is needing enough bulbs to be able to bring it to market at a reasonable price. Something you probably don't think about is it does cost money to build up a stock, and it takes many years. In the case of bulbs we're talking 10+ years.



It's Magic (05-HW-1)

The first to bloom was 10-CR-1 in 2016 (two more are expected in 2017). Of particular note its orange colouring lasted 7 days before it started to fade!



10-CR-1



Holland Glory (98-YS-1)



Back in 2008 I was visiting the Dutch grower who I was working with at the time. He asked me if I had a name for 98-YS-1, and I said no, I didn't. He replied that he and his son thought it should be called *Holland's Glorie*. That made me smile – that he thought it was so good that it deserved a name like that. Of course I can point to the exact spot in my front garden in Toronto where Holland Glory / Holland's Glorie first bloomed. Both *Holland Glory* and *Lilac Beauty* (below) have *White Caucasus* parentage. White Caucasus is one of the last Reticulatas to bloom and is available in Canada.

One hybrid that was quite colourful in the field in Holland is *Neptune* (03-JM-2). The Dutch grower seemed quite impressed.

A cross that has proven quite good is 05-GQ. Four of its 25 seeds bloomed; one each year starting in 2010. The one I like best is *Wow* (05-GQ-3), but the others are quite nice as well. 05-GQ-2 is not necessarily as showy, but it has done well in my garden. All four are in Holland with 05-GQ-1 being there the longest, and so should be available first. I have a tetraploid version of it, which is about 17% larger. A few bulbs are now here in Toronto. I am particularly keen to find out whether its flowers last longer.



Neptune (03-JM-2)



05-GQ-1



05-GQ-2



Wow (05-GQ-3)



05-GQ-4





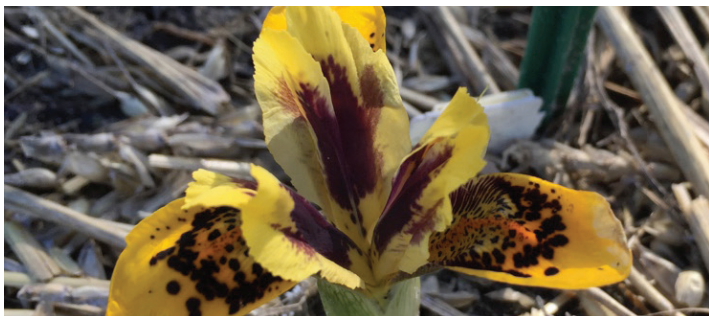
Lilac Beauty (03-AN-3)

I now have a few polyploidy versions of my hybrids in my garden. I won't have time in my talks to explain why I'm doing this work, but hope to report some observations. In the photo above, based on the coarseness of the tunic, I wonder if the bulb on the left is octoploid ( $8n$ ), or possibly even hexadeciploid ( $16n$ ). The goal of polyploids is to be able to hybridize them at the tetraploid level. I have been cautioned that octoploids may be slower growing and as a result have smaller flowers, but I wonder

if even thicker petals of octoploids would make the flowers last even longer than tetraploids. I won't know for sure unless I have the lab I'm using in Holland produce some. I was so keen that I paid an extra conversion fee to specifically have them create an octoploid version of *It's Magic*.







Tetraploid It's Magic

## Final Words

I will be speaking to AGCVI in Qualicum Beach on May 8th, VIRAGS in Victoria on May 9th, and AGC-BC at the VanDusen Gardens in Vancouver on May 10th. The aim of this article is to wet your appetite and give you a glimpse of what I'll be showing, and to hopefully ensure you'll attend one of the talks. I would also highly recommend my 2 hour talk March 13 at the Pacific Forestry Research Center (PFRC) in Victoria. This is in conjunction with the B.C. Iris Society's AGM. I will be covering a number of things that can't fit into a one hour talk !

Unfortunately supply of several of my hybrids will be limited over the next 2 or 3 years. A Dutch grower who had some of the stocks rented a field for 2015/16 that turned out not to drain properly. As circumstances would have it, my smallest stocks were planted right at that end, and coincidentally 2016 turned out to have a wet Spring. What then didn't help is he oversold a couple of the varieties. At the end of January 2016, he announced that he was closing his company. He told me not to worry, he would look after 2016 sales, but I would need to find another grower for the 2016/17 growing season. It turned out he wasn't concerned about future sales; he simply wanted to maximize his share of the profits. So on one hand it was great to learn last fall that we sold 22,500 Sea Breeze, but it turns out I now hear from the new grower we only have sufficient stock to sell 7,500 in 2017. It would have been much better to limit sales to 15,000, and then have 22,000 available for 2017, with that or more for 2018. Needless to say, I'm not happy with that grower.

Sales of Eye Catcher were "through the roof." We couldn't supply all of the orders: going from 9,500 in 2015 to 47,000 in 2016! Plus there were unfilled orders for 10,000 more. As a result of the way orders came in we oversold, so only 26,000 will be available this year. E.g. a customer ordered 4,000 bulbs and subsequently asked for 5,000 more. The order was approved, but somehow got recorded as 5,000 when the actual order was for 9,000. Given the demand, the aim is of course to build the stock, so we need to cut back sales a bit in order to make that happen.

Hope to see you at one of the talks

Check out [www.Reticulatas.com](http://www.Reticulatas.com)



# Book Reviews

By John Moons

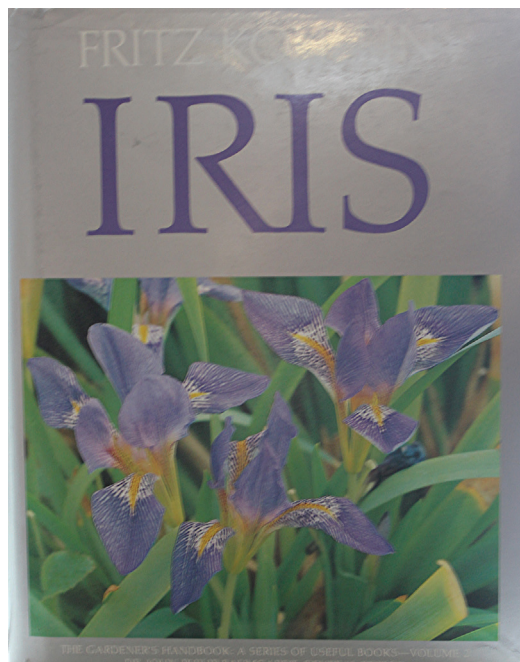
## Book review winter 2018 “Iris”

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| Title              | <i>Iris</i>   |
| Authors            | Fritz Koehlein  |
| Publisher          | Tmber Press – Portland Oregon   |
| Year of publishing | Original German edition 1981,<br>Translation 1987, reprints 1989 and 1995 |
| Language           | English   |
| Size               | Hardcover. 22.5 cm x 18 cm<br>370 pages                                   |
| Illustrations      | 210 colour pictures, numerous line drawings                               |
| ISBN               | 0-88192-049-5   |



Fritz Koehlein is a very knowledgeable horticulturist who lives near the Czech border in Germany (1981).

The first 98 pages are devoted to all kinds of things that have to do with Irises except for the list of species or the breeding of Irises. It tells you all about the Iris in history, how and where to plant them and how to fit them in your garden design. It describes the different ways of propagating the Irises and how to take care of them. When dealing with insects he even writes about the Iris borer, although this insect is not really a problem in Europe. This section even describes what to do if you want to win awards at shows.



The second part of the book with 160 pages describes the genus *Iris* with the different subgenera, series, subseries and species. A little bit strange is that the *Xiphium* Irises are classified as the Genus *Xiphium* where Brian Mathew sees *Xiphium* as a subgenus of the Genus *Iris*. All the *Iris* books I have put the *Xiphiums* also under the subgenus *Xiphium*. In this second part of the book you will find an enormous amount of information about all the different Irises.

The third part is written by Dr. Peter Werckmeister. There are 50 pages about hybridization. This part is very technical and he digs quite deeply into his topic. This might not always be useful for the average gardener.

The colour pictures are very good. You will see a variety of all types of Irises and quite often you will see them in a garden setting or in their natural habitat. However, you will not find a lot of pictures of the North American bearded varieties. It was first published in Europe after all. This book is a great source for finding information about Irises. The one thing we should not forget, is that the book was written in 1981 and the translation came out in 1987. In the last 30 years a lot has happened in the world of Irises. The translation is sometimes flaky. In the bibliography for example you will find a number of strange translation mistakes.

I am happy to have this book and I am sure that I will use it a lot in the future.

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## Book review winter 2018 The World of Irises

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| Title              | <i>The WORLD of IRISES</i>   |
| Authors            | Many Authors.<br>All the articles were edited by Bee Warburton and Melba Hamblen   |
| Publisher          | The American Iris Society, Wichita, Kansas   |
| Year of publishing | 1978   |
| Language           | English  |
| Size               | Hardcover. 23.5 cm x 16 cm.<br>494 pages of text plus 32 plates of colour pictures.<br>Total 526 pages.  |
| Illustrations      | 29 plates with 3 or 4 colour photographs.<br>Three plates of watercolour paintings.<br>There are numerous black and white pictures and drawings throughout the book. |
| ISBN               | 0-9601242-1-7  |

This book is unique in that it has not one or two authors, but a long list of specialists who each wrote a chapter. Currier McEwen is well known for his work with Siberian Irises, Molly Price and Brian Mathew have written whole books about Irises. Jean G. Witt, Keith Keppel and B.L.Davidson have written numerous articles about Irises. At the end of the book is a long list of publications from which information in the different chapters has been taken. If you want to study a certain topic a little bit deeper, then you know where to look for it. This is, if you can find the publication of course.

In total there are 26 chapters, but some chapters are subdivided into different parts with different authors. So all together there is a large amount of information in this book. ►

# The World of Irises



Iris pumila for example gets 7 pages and the Siberian Irises have almost 13 pages. So if you are looking for information on a specific Iris, then you will find it in this book in one chapter.

I am not overly impressed with the colour pictures. Sometimes I would like to see a bit more of the plant. The water colours of Jean G. Witt are very nice. There are a lot of black and white pictures of Irises. They do not always make sense. You see what the shape and form of the flower is, but you really want to see the colours. You have to consider that when the book was published in 1978 photography and printing was not nearly so advanced as it is now. At this moment I would not even consider buying a new book about flowers with black and white pictures, unless the text is really strong. In this book there are also some black

and white pictures of interesting things. There is an electron micrograph of Iris mosaic virus particles and you will find a picture of the pollen of the White Lightning Iris. For the breeders among us, there is a lot to read about the Iris pigments. There are a lot of line drawings that show you how the molecules of the pigments are built up. It looks like pages from a chemistry book. On pages 426 and 427 you see a table that tells you which pigments you can find in a number of Iris varieties. There are also many pages about the genetics of the different Irises. You will find articles about tissue culture and how to use colchicine in making tetraploids. The glossary at the end of the book and the bibliography are very extensive.

We have to consider that the book came out in 1978. In the last 40 years a lot has changed in the world of Irises. It would be interesting to see a book like this published in our time.

I am very happy to have this book and I am sure that I will use it a lot in the future.

John Moons





# 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.** ▶





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AIS: Sunday, April 8 – Friday, April 13

SLI: Wednesday, April 11 – Saturday, April 14

### REGISTRATION "A LA CARTE" – You select the events you wish to attend!

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B – Add Tours; choose the tours you wish to take. Total B

C – Add Meals; choose the meal you prefer at the dinners you want to attend. Total C.

Total A1 or A2, B, and C. That's what you pay. Include that amount via a check, or pay by credit card.

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Please complete and mail the **REGISTRATION FORM** on page 2 so that it arrives **no later than March 31, 2018**. Registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. You will receive a packet with additional information, name tags, and event tickets at check-in.

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Phone: 504-469-5000

Reservations can be made online: <http://group.hilton.com/American-Iris-Society>  
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Use the group code AIS.

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**GEEK DINNER:** Registration for the Geek Dinner on Wednesday, April 11, should be made to Joanne Prass-Jones, 35572 Linda Drive, Fremont, CA 94536. [joanne@usjoneses.com](mailto:joanne@usjoneses.com)

Visit the AIS-SLI Convention website for more information: <http://www.2018irisconvention.org>



## REGISTRATION FORM



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| 2018 AIS-SLI Convention Registration Form   |  | Price                    |         |        |   |
|---|--|--------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| <b>A. BASIC CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE</b>   |  | By                       | Feb 1 - | AFTER  |   |
| The Convention Registration Fee is Required. Please choose one.                       |  | Jan 31                   | Mar 17  | Mar 17 |   |
| A1: Adult Both AIS and SLI (Sun-Sat)  |  | \$45                     | \$55    | \$65   | = |
| A2: Youth (Sun-Sat)   |  | \$120                    | \$140   | \$160  | = |
| <b><u>B. TOURS (Wed, Thurs &amp; Fri Tours include lunch.)</u></b>                    |  |                          |         |        |   |
| Wed Garden Tour (City Park, Sculpture Garden, Longue Vue Garden)                      |  | \$48                     |         | =      |   |
| Choose your sandwich:   |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Ham   |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Turkey  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato with Mozzarella Cheese                                |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan Salad  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| Thurs Garden Tour ("A Louisiana Pond," LSU Hammond Research Ctr.)                     |  | \$48                     |         | =      |   |
| Fri Garden Tour (Baton Rouge Bot. Gard, Burden Museum & Gard.)                        |  | \$48                     |         | =      |   |
| <b><u>B. TOTAL FOR TOURS:</u></b>   |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <b><u>C. MEALS</u></b>  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| Tuesday AIS Welcome Dinner - Choose one:  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andouille Chicken Roulade                                    |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mardi Gras Pasta   |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone-In Pork Chop  |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| Thursday SLI Welcome Mixer  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| (included in Registration Fee; check the box to the right if attending.)              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |        |   |
| Friday AIS Awards/SLI Hybridizers Show Dinner - Choose one:                           |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Piccata  |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cajun-style Stuffed Pork Loin                                |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian   |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| Saturday SLI Awards Dinner - Choose one:  |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> London Broil   |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sautéed Fresh Catfish Almondine                              |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian)                                 |  | \$46                     |         | =      |   |
| <b><u>C. TOTAL FOR MEALS:</u></b>   |  |                          |         |        |   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL = Registration Fee (A) + Total for Tours (B) + Total for Meals (C)</b> |  |                          |         |        |   |

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:**

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **19th ANNUAL GEEK DINNER and AUCTION April 11, 2018**

What a great way to have dinner for anyone! Have you heard how much fun the Geek Dinner and Auction are? Eat with geeks and non-geeks that have learned what a fun time everyone has. You don't have to be a computer person to attend ...just join a bunch of great iris folks for dinner. First, a reception style dinner and good conversation among iris friends and then, door prizes and an auction for more entertainment.

After having spent your day getting off the tour bus ...rushing around the garden trying not to miss anything ...then back on the bus to the next garden to repeat the same thing again ...there is no better way to wind down your day than a relaxed evening with friends at the Geek Dinner reviewing all those iris that are now on your "wish list."

First there is the dinner with all your friends and making new ones. If you happen to be a subscriber to one of the iris lists or electronic robins, you can meet other members and put faces to all those funny email names. Of course there is a great meal.

Then the real fun for the night... Sit down for the Geek Dinner Auction where you get to bid on new iris introductions, gift certificates from commercial iris growers, and iris themed items. The proceeds from the auction go directly into the American Iris Society Electronics Services fund that sponsors such things as the digital projector for slide shows, online AIS Bulletin archives, and other electronic services. Oh and of course some great doorprizes.

Now is the time to make plans for the, 19th annual Geek Dinner being held during the AIS 2018 Spring Convention. Meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

### **YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 5, 2018.**

Reservations always fill up fast and unfortunately pre-registration is necessary. PLEASE RSVP with your check and email address to Joanne Prass-Jones as soon as possible (address below).

**COST:** \$36.00 per person (not included in convention registration fee)

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 11

**TIME:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**LOCATION:** Barataria room (Subject to change)

**MENU:**

Chicken Breast Poydras:

Double Breast of White Meat Chicken,

Topped with a Brandied Cream Mushroom & Artichoke Sauce

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Haricot Verts

Warm Rolls & Butter

Dessert~ Lemon Ice Box Pie

Coffee, Decaffeinated and Iced Tea Service

To ensure your place you must RSVP to Joanne Prass-Jones and send her your check  
Email: joanne@usjoneses.com Phone: (510) 795-9723  
Make check payable to: Joanne Prass-Jones  
Mailing address: 35572 Linda Dr, Fremont, CA 94536  
(Please include your email address on your check so that Joanne can acknowledge your reservation)  
Also, if you have items to donate to the auction, please let John Jones know at: jjones@usjoneses.com as soon as possible so we can prepare the auction.

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Tic Toc, Tic Toc, the clock is moving fast to the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for making your 2018 Registrations for the AIS/SLI Convention in New Orleans. **The deadline is January 31, 2018.** Please go to the 2018 convention website for more information <http://www.2018irisconvention.org>.

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Also, you may make your hotel reservations.

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Thank you,

The 2018 Convention Committee

# Iris Twins Part 3

If during a garden visit you spotted these tall, slender blooms, first impression of the honey-gold standards and striped maroon falls might suggest they are the same cultivar. Closer inspection reveals two look-a-likes which are quite different from one another - not only in subtle hues, markings or form, but in type - GYPSY QUEEN is now classed as an IB whereas ERAMOSA FRECKLES a MTB. For the record, the AIS Checklist entries follow:

## ERAMOSA FRECKLES

(Chuck Chapman, R. 2007). Seedling #93-721-7. MTB, 21" (53 cm), Midseason bloom. Standards light tan rim, violet tan plicata dots in centre; style arms light tan; falls white ground, violet plicata dots becoming darker and heavier until nearly solid near rim; beards orange yellow, yellow at end. ('Welch's Reward' x *I. reginae*) X sibling. Chapman 2007.



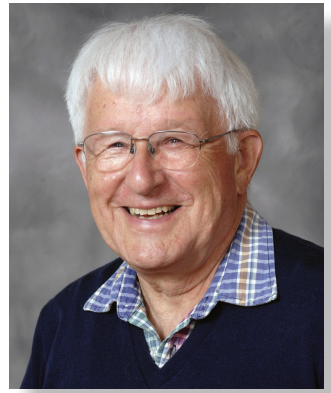


## GYPSY QUEEN

(John Salter, before 1859) IB. Midseason late bloom.  
Colour Code S6M

Note: The 1929 Checklist notates GQ as a TB, but 'Gypsy Queen' was changed to IB in the 1939 edition.

An early catalogue description offered more detail: Colour effect an old gold, velvety maroon veined bicolour. S. honey yellow to old gold, much undulated. F. velvety maroon-brown to blackish brown, distinctly veined to a point one-half inch from the end of the blade. The edge blends yellow to old gold on the haft. Occasional lavender or cream-white flecks occur on the blade. This plant is a vigorous grower, and has stiff, slender, deep green foliage, tinged purple at the base.



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# 2018 Possible Sales

See May issue for full details

| Tall Bearded 16    | Hyb       | Year |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| Alabaster Lace     | Aitkin    | 2016 |
| Black Cherry Blast | Aitken    | 2018 |
| Cappuccino Lace    | Aitkin    | 2016 |
| Cotillion Gown     | Keppel    | 2013 |
| Daring Deception   | T Johnson | 2012 |
| Football Hero      | L Miller  | 2016 |
| Gracious Me        | Aitkin    | 2016 |
| Hearts Afire       | Aitkin    | 2017 |
| Infidel            | M Smith   | 2016 |
| Kalbab             | M Smith   | 2016 |
| Night Navigator    | Aitkin    | 2016 |
| Outside of Heaven  | Ghio      | 2013 |
| Pink Plicata       | Aitken    | 2018 |
| Red Triumph        | Aitkin    | 2017 |
| Rubio              | M Smith   | 2016 |
| Visigoth           | M Smith   | 2013 |

| Intermediate Bearded 3 | Hyb      | Year |
|------------------------|----------|------|
| Aquarian (RE)          | M Smith  | 2017 |
| Cocoa Butter           | M. Smith | 2018 |
| Lakota                 | M Smith  | 2014 |

| Border Bearded 4 | Hyb     | Year |
|------------------|---------|------|
| Buoyant Spirit   | Aitkin  | 2014 |
| Clearly Pink     | Aitkin  | 2017 |
| Papaya           | Aitkin  | 2018 |
| Signorina        | M Smith | 2017 |

| Miniature Tall Bearded 4 | Hyb       | Year |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| At Last My Blue          | Fisher    | 2015 |
| Chocolate Fountain       | Fisher    | 2015 |
| No Regrets               | Fisher    | 2016 |
| Syncopated Rhythm        | S Markham | 2016 |

| Miniature Dwarf Bearded 5 | Hyb      | Year |
|---------------------------|----------|------|
| Chocolate Chips           | Aitkin   | 2016 |
| Fairy Firefly             | Aitkin   | 2015 |
| Hot Coals                 | Aitkin   | 2014 |
| Orange Squeeze            | Aitkin   | 2018 |
| Small Token               | L Miller | 2014 |

| Standard Dwarf Bearded 11 | Hyb      | Year |
|---------------------------|----------|------|
| Blue Bauble               | Aitkin   | 2017 |
| Cameo Keepsake            | L Miller | 2015 |
| Dragnet                   | M Smith  | 2014 |
| Fairy Fireworks           | Aitkin   | 2014 |
| Island Sunrise            | Aitkin   | 2017 |
| Let it Snow (RE)          | Aitkin   | 2014 |
| Low Tide                  | M Smith  | 2015 |
| Luminaire                 | Aitkin   | 2016 |
| Martian                   | M Smith  | 2015 |
| Menehune                  | M Smith  | 2016 |
| Snapshot                  | M. Smith | 2018 |

# Garden Challenge

by Pat Loy

**Dear Irisarians,**

I'm requesting all you gardeners to send me your top 3 Irises as well as your top 3 favourite garden plants. If you like you can elaborate and state why! For example...

- Iris**
1. Spreckles TB - old but reliable
  2. Stairway to Heaven TB, DM, triple socketed for long bloom season
  3. Victoria Falls TB, DM, blue but top heavy, aptly named

- Plants:**
1. Hosta "Halcyon" - small blue neat, parent of "June" & "English Sunrise". tied with: "Clausa" -(rhizomatous) purple striped flowers that don't open, ideal for flower arranging
  2. Woodland - Anemone Canadensis (dbl) tied with: Arisimae (Jack-in-the Pulpit)
  3. Daylilies - crimped/ruffled edges

Let's see what interesting plants we grow coast to coast to give gardeners ideas as to what members appreciate.

Thank you in advance, Pat (the lazy gardener) resides in Etobicoke, Ontario.

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## Ann Granatier (CIS Secretary):

Favourite irises:- TB:- Mary Frances TB and oldie but goodie- beautifully fragrant with classic form

TB :- Insaniac. Cheerful flower with unusual colouring and a very strong grower

TB:- Lovers Holiday:- Bob's beautiful smokey pink TB

IB:- Code of Honor A lovely child of Forever blue.. Very strong grower with long lasting bloom

Note:- about 300 others, especially Bob's new introductions, not that I am biased Hope that helps.

I really appreciate your taking up the slack with the newsletter articles. Thank you, Ann

During iris bloom, I like most of the peonies and beautiful lupines. If you have lots of room Giant Fleece Flower, persicaria polymorpha, is outstanding, blooming from early July right through the summer and longer is you cut it back, grows 8 ft tall by 6 ft. wide over my septic tank.

**Bob Granatier (CIS Treasurer):**

Well, here I go with my favourite irises. This was difficult because there are so many that I like. So I made a list and then narrowed it down. They are all Tall Bearded varieties. #1 for me is an iris I introduced last year “Believe In Tomorrow”. It is quite tall, very sturdy and has long-lasting bloom. It was selected and named by the Stratford Horticultural Society to celebrate their 140th celebration this year. #2 for me is Brazilian Art, a 2009 Keith Keppel introduction. You can spot it a mile away in the garden. Simply handsome! #3 for me (and this was hard) is Queen’s Circle, a Frederick Kerr introduction that won the Dykes Medal in 2007. It blooms profusely and really attracts attention during our open garden weekends.

As for other garden plants, I am a big fan of various grasses. They seem to accentuate the irises and are also fun to watch in the fall and winter waving in the breeze. I also am a lover of Japanese maples; even though they have a tough time surviving here. We have a couple of beauties that we keep in planters. They go to bed for the winter in the garage after a thorough watering and then come out in the early spring for us to enjoy

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**Ed Jowett (CIS President):**

- |               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Irises        | 1 Here Come the Clowns |
|               | 2 Icon                 |
|               | 3 Bottled Sunshine     |
| Other Flowers | 1 Peonies              |
|               | 2 Delphiniums          |
|               | 3 Fox Gloves           |

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**Jean Lederer (Director, Past President):**

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|--------|--|
| Irises | 1. Fuji’s Mantle - Amoena - white standards, light lavender falls, beard is lemon/light yellow - Schreiner 1960-69 |
|        | 2. Dutch Girl - Amoena - white standards, light blue falls, beard is white/yellow in throat - K. Mohr 1980-81      |
|        | 3. Lemon Mist - Bi-Tone - pale yellow - Nate Rudolph 1971-72   |
| Plants | 1. Peonies - light pink  |
|        | 2. Peonies - pale yellow   |
|        | 3. Lupines - any colour  |





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Can you identify this TB? Email Ed with your answer.  
[jowettfarm@copper.net](mailto:jowettfarm@copper.net)

# CIS Membership

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|----------------------|---------|---------|
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Again thank you for your support

*Ed Jowett*  
President CIS

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Email: [aismemsec@irises.org](mailto:aismemsec@irises.org)

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AIS newly updated web site: [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org)

# Coming Dates to Remember

## 2018 Board Meeting Dates

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday April 22, 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 |

## 2018 CIS Annual Meeting

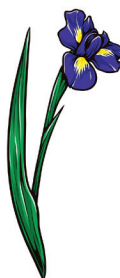
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| Sunday October 21, 2018                                 | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm |
| Royal Botanical Gardens<br>Plains Road West, Burlington |                   |

## 2018 Publication Dates

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| February 2018 | Vol 62 No 1 Winter Issue |
| May 2018      | Vol 62 No 2 Spring Issue |
| August 2018   | Vol 62 No 3 Summer Issue |
| November 2018 | Vol 62 No 4 Autumn Issue |

## Coming Events

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>SOIS Show</b><br>RBG         | <b>Sunday June 4, 2018</b><br>2:30 pm              |
| <b>SOIS Rhizome Sale</b><br>RBG | <b>Sunday August 19, 2018</b><br>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm |





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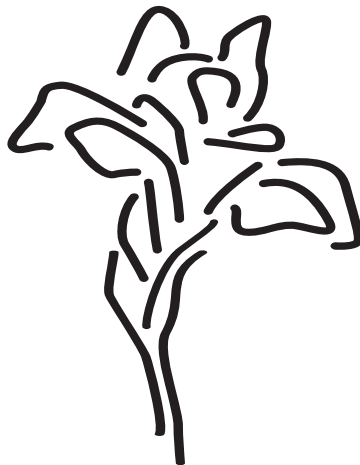
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Check with the above sources to see if bloom season tours and times are available.



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