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RVP's Message

Greetings Region 6 Iris Members

It seems that winter weather is finally here. There conflicting predictions on the severity of the upcoming winter, but we will find out soon enough.

The mini-convention, **Median Iris Rule Supreme in 2017**, occupied more time than Chuck and I could imagine and put us behind in many other activities like our vegetable garden and Region 6 newsletter. However, the convention was a success in providing a good time to most folks, at least, as well as being financially sound thanks to a great auction and post event iris sales. Thank you all who supported the event.

We have many new AIS members to welcome since the last newsletter. Please be sure to help them get involved within your iris groups.

God bless,

Barb

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<u>Welcome New Members!</u>			
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Highlights for Region 6 from the AIS National in DesMoines

Bob Hollingworth receives the Dykes Medal for the Siberian iris 'Swans in Flight'





Jill Copeland receives the Payne Medal for the Japanese iris 'John's Fancy'





Fall Region 6 Meeting Sept. 16, 2017

NEOIS hosted Region 6 members at the home of Reta Winebrenner, Waterloo, IN. There were 41 people in attendance including guests from Wisconsin and Tennessee. RVP Barb Bunnell opened the board meeting at 10:19 am.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of Secretary Deb Diget, interim Secretary Judy Hollingworth read the minutes from the Fall 2016 board meeting. Carol Morgan updated us on Deb's medical progress. Jean Kaufmann moved, Peggy Harger-Allen seconded that minutes be accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Peggy Harger-Allen reported that the current balance is \$21, 280.18. There was an enquiry if the \$1000 had been paid to AIS to defer the loss at the 2016 National Convention in New Jersey. Peggy said it had been paid but explained that the Region 6 fiscal year runs January to December and so the

item was not included in this report. Carol Morgan proposed, Bob Hollingworth seconded that report be accepted as presented. Motion passed. For further details .

Newsletter: Chuck Bunnell reported that the Fall newsletter is delayed due to work pressure from wrapping up the Spring Regional and Median Convention. He hopes to have it out within a month. Jean Kaufmann asked about putting information of iris displays as well as shows in the newsletter. Barb made the point that it is a newsletter and should have news items in it (which would include displays).

Jim Copeland gave details of the Iris Connoisseurs of Michigan/ South West Michigan Iris Society (SWMIS) meeting on October 7. Speaker will be Allan McMurtrie, hybridizer of reticulata irises. Lunch and meeting will be at The Fountains of Bronson, Kalamazoo.

He also mentioned that SWMIS is providing a bus to the Siberian Iris Convention in Maryland in 2018.

Cost is \$20 /person – the remainder of the cost to be covered by SWMIS.

Awards: Carol Morgan presented Lana Wolfe with the region's Distinguished Service Award for all her work to further the smooth operation of the region.

Other Awards: Favorite In Region Iris at the Spring Regional/MIS Meeting – 'Breakfast in Bed' (MTB, Chuck Bunnell 2014). Favorite Out of Region Iris 'At Last My Blue' (MTB, Ken Fisher 2015).

Judges Training: Jim Copeland reported that Jody Nolin and Lana Wolfe had been appointed as Master Judges. Fred Pedersen will be a Garden/Exhibition Judge in 2018 and Annette Pedersen will be an Apprentice Judge in 2018. For other details -SEE SUBMITTED REPORT.

Jim asked that judges send him details of their completed training hours as credit received at a local club or in another region is not always forwarded to him. Barb reminded everyone that if their local club plans to hold a judges training session it must be approved ahead of time by the Region 6 Judges Training Chair (currently Jim Copeland).

Old Business. Youth – In the absence of youth chair Judy Barton there was discussion about youth members. TCIS has added two youth members to their membership.

Future Meetings:

See Table on Page 14.

Spring 2020? Kim Bowman from Region 7 (Tennessee) invited us to hold our spring 2020 Regional meeting in conjunction with Region 7 to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of AIS. After a lively discussion the motion was tabled.

Affiliates: Barb reminded everyone that she needs club affiliate information for AIS by March 1. Clubs are not always timely in getting this information to her.

State Chairs:

Indiana: Tom Tomlinson said that their membership is stable. They continue to distribute AIS and club brochures at their events.

Ohio: Fred Pederson reported that they have six new members. After observing SWMIS dig and sales and implementing some of the ideas, the CIS club's sales have improved. They have also incorporated an auction as part of their rhizome sale which has added interest. They hope to hold the NEIOS show at the Cleveland Botanic Gardens in the future.

Michigan: The new State Chair for Michigan is Adam Cordes. No report at this meeting.

New business: Barb reported that 78 people registered for the Median Iris Convention this spring and that income netted \$1000. Region 6 provided \$400 seed money prior to the convention and Laurel Richardson proposed, Jean Kaufmann seconded that the \$400 be returned to the Region 6 treasury. Motion passed. The remaining money will be divided between the sponsoring clubs (IDIS and IGEI) and the Median Iris Society.

New AIS Convention Award: Jody reported that she proposed a new award to the AIS board to be given at the convention to the garden with the best integrated planting of irises and other plants. The board accepted her proposal. The new award will be the Richardson Award.

Carol Morgan expressed concern that clubs were moving from AIS approved shows to iris displays, thus losing an opportunity for judges to fulfill their duties and to educate the public. The general consensus was that clubs would like to continue with shows but that lack of people willing to work and competing events

make a successful show difficult in some areas. Jody offered the idea that the newly retired maybe better prospects for new club members.

National: Jody Nolin reported that the 2017 AIS convention in Des Moines was in general very successful and that the addition of a symposium was well received. 2018 Convention will be in New Orleans in conjunction with the Louisiana Iris Society. Planning for the 2020 100th Anniversary Convention are ongoing. The headquarters will be in Newark. She will be visiting a garden in the Bronx next week which is enthusiastic about being a tour garden Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Hollingworth interim secretary (Edited by Chuck Bunnell)

Views of the Spring Regional/Median Mini-Convention

The Spring Regional/Median Mini-Convention was well attended by Region 6 members as well as folks from New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Oregon and Ontario, Canada, to name a few. Although the weather was a bit on the wet side, it didn't seem to dampen spirits much. We iris lovers are a hardy lot.

Friday started with three gardens, each with about 100 cultivars. Below are a few pics from the Zupan Garden in Plainfield, IN. Barb Zupan incorporates many plants and other features into her landscape.





Folks resting and refeshing at Zupan's



Photos by Zupan

An 'S'-shaped bed housed the guest iris in one of the few sunny locations at the Stephens' Garden near rural Pittsboro, IN. The large lot was home to many different plants and attractions including a waterfall.



The Cordes boys (tomorrow's hybridizers?) checking out an attractive iris. Photos by Bill Stephens.



A familiar couple taking a break in the shade, not that it was sunny.

The last stop Friday was the Master Gardener's Gardens at the Tippecanoe County Extension Office. Over a hundred 20' x 20' plots are rented for vegetable gardening. In May they are just getting started but the guest irises are in bloom, at least some of them. To the right is our main speaker, former Hoosier, Lynda Miller, with Jeanette Blackstone and RVP, Barb Bunnell.





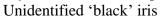
Saturday was filled with three gardens and a lunch time downpour. The Keech Garden guest iris were neatly divided into two spots at the end of their property past the chicken coop, hosta beds, and commercial landscaping equipment.







The Sutter's Garden is located a few miles south of Lafayette on a large property consisting of thousands of daylilies, hostas, other perennials, and the second largest collection of guest iris, about 160 varieties.





Photos by Peggy Allen

Annuals & perennials



Nice dark Columbine



The main guest planting was at the Bunnell's Garden (220 varieties) in raised beds below.



Some of the irises provided by Region 6 hybridizers include the following:



Kay's Cowboy, IB Wolfe



S-03-13-1, IB Sorenson



13-1, MTB Wolfe



BD10UK, Rumbaugh MTB Velvet Intrigue, Wendell MTB

S-02-5-17, Sorensen SDB

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Region 6 Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award offered by Region 6 and is given periodically to a Region 6 member in recognition of a long record of service to the Region and AIS. At the fall Region 6 meeting this prestigious award was given to Lana Wolfe. For many years Lana has served Region 6 enthusiastically in many ways including promotion of Fall Regional meetings by locating convenient spots for all three states. Lana is well known for her love of plants of all kinds which she has generously donated to Region 6 auctions.

Carol Morgan, Awards Chair

Spring 2017 Regional Iris Awards

The results for the Regional meeting balloting for the Best Iris Clump hybridized In and Out of Region were tabulated as follows:

The *Hal and Dorothy Stahly* Award for best clump hybridized *out of* Region Six was awarded to Ken Fisher for the MTB 'At Last My Blue'. The *Don Waters* Award for best iris clump hybridized *within* Region Six was the MTB 'Breakfast in Bed' by Chuck Bunnell.



'At Last My Blue'



'Breakfast in Bed'

The popularity poll was divided by iris type, including Best Seedling. 'At Last My Blue' and Paul Black's AB 'Heart of Hearts' were the only two to get more than half the votes cast.

	Popularity Winners	
SDB	Portland Pink	Black 2015
IB	Deep Secret	Lauer 2015
MTB	At Last My Blue	Fisher 2015
BB	Impertinent	Filardi 2011
AB	Heart of Hearts	Black 2015
Seedling	98-B24-13 (MTB)	Chapman

Congratulations to all these winners!

Thanks to Peggy Harger-Allen for tabulating the results.

Start Making Your Plans for New Orleans 2018

As we are getting closer to the start of the 2018 AIS/SLI Conventions in New Orleans it is time to start thinking about making your hotel reservations with the Hilton New Orleans Airport. It is also time to start thinking about registering for the convention. You will find all of the information on the 2018 convention website, www.2018irisconvention.org.

2018 will be a big year for New Orleans, as they will be celebrating their 300th Anniversary as a city. Click on the New Orleans tab on the 2018 website www.2018irisconvention.org for information on New Orleans and also New Orleans 300th Anniversary.

See you in New Orleans in 2018.

2018 Convention Committee

Show Results

Show Results

Club		Award	Variety	Exhibitor
GVIS	Horticulture	Best of Show	Rings True TB	LaVerne Rens
				Steve & Ginger Smith
	52 entries	Silver Medal		(16)
		Bronze Medal		Mike Moorman (6)
	Design	Best Design		Leta Kwiatkowski
		Best Youth		T-1'- I 11-'
		Design	I. setosa Tourist	Talia Levanduski
NEOIS	Horticulture	Best of Show	SPEC	Gene Tremmel
TTEOIS	29 entries	Silver Medal	SI LC	Robert Pindell (7)
	2) chares	Bronze Medal		Lou DiSanto (3)
		Best Sdlg	RS-0064-14 MTB	Lou DiSanto (3)
		Dest Bulg	NS-0004-14 W11B	Lou Disanto
	Youth	Best of Show	Immortality TB	Sam Lynch
	2 entries	Silver Medal	minortunty 1B	Sum Lynon
	Design	Best Design		Janelle Schubmehl
	5 entries	Dest Design		
IGEI	Horticulture	Best of Show	Joseph's Coat	Brian Wendel
	70 entries	Silver Medal	costpins com	Brian Wendel (15)
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		Bronze Medal		Young
		Best Sdlg	13262 TB	Gary Birk
	Design	Best Design		Joyce Baker
NEIIS	Horticulture	Best of Show	Sushi SPEC	Brian Wendel
	125 entries	Silver Medal		Brian Wendel (26)
		Bronze Medal		Lana Wolfe (13)
			Wooly Bully SPEC	
SWMIS	Horticulture 116	Best of Show	X	Ensata Gardens
	entries	Sweepstakes		
		Silver Medal		Jim & Jill Copeland (18)
				Steve & Ginger Smith
		Bronze Medal		(16)
MIO	Horticulture	Best of Show	Ink Patterns TB	Kris Sorgenfrei
	221 entries	Silver Medal		Kris Sorgenfrei (19)
		Bronze Medal		Adam Cordes (16)
		Best Seedling	K20-#28 TB	Adam Cordes
	Youth	Best of Show	Next To Me TB	Steven Cordes
	21 entries	Silver Medal		Taavi Cordes (3)
		Bronze Medal		Steven Cordes(2)
	Design	Best of Show		Carron Nevill

Silver Siberian/Species Convention

The Francis Scott Key iris Society is pleased to be hosting the Convention for the Society for Siberian Irises, the Species Group of North America and the Region 4 Spring Meeting of the American Iris Society in Maryland on Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th, 2018. We have been very fortunate to receive a total of 494 guest rhizomes from 15 different gardens / hybridizers which are growing in our four tour gardens. These Siberian, laevigata, species and specX irises will be blooming on third year clumps.

We are also planning to have a show on Friday morning with entries permitted either Thursday evening or early Friday morning at the hotel headquarters: Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD, 21031. We encourage attendees to bring specimens for the show so that we can see a cross section of irises that are blooming in late May in different sections of the region and the nation. The AIS 2018 National Convention is very early this year and is in New Orleans. We are hoping that many visitors from other AIS regions will be able to attend our meeting. Additional information and the registration form can be found on the Region 4 http://www.irisregion4.com/ website. and the Society for Siberian Irises website. http://www.socsib.org/.



Mark Your Calendars for AIS and Region 6 Events

Year	Date	Event & Location
2018	April 9-14	AIS / SLI National Convention, New Orleans, LA
	May 25-26	The Society for Siberian Irises/SIGNA/Region 4, Hunt Valley, MD*
	June 1-2	Region 6 Spring Meeting, Okemas, MI – Hosted by TCIS
	TBD	Region 6 Fall Meeting, place TBD, IGEI
2019	April 23-27	AIS National Convention, Northern California
2019	April 25-27	Als National Convention, Northern Camornia
	May 25-27?	Region 6 Spring Meeting, place TBD, NEIIS
	TBD	Region 6 Fall Meeting, place TBD, CIS

Region 6 Spring Convention will be held June 1-2, 2018 in Lansing Michigan area. It will begin Friday evening and end late afternoon on Saturday. More information will follow but please save the dates. We look forward to seeing you next spring. Updates will be posted on the Region 6 website as they become available.

*Note that SWMIS is sponsoring a bus to the SSI/SIGNA/Region 4 Convention for \$20 a person. To reserve a spot contact Jim Copeland, 78118 M-40 Highway, Lawton, MI, 49065, (269) 624-1968, jandjcope@aol.com