



From the Hollingworth Garden ---Join other region iris lovers at the 2024 Spring Meeting



AIS Region 6 Newsletter

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See 'Blueberry Brandy' (Bauer/Coble, 2010)
Meeting (Photo: Kaufmann Garden)



RVP's Message

Happy New Year! I am attempting to put out the Region 6 Spring newsletter with my wife, Annette's help. She will probably be the reason it gets published as she has experience and will correct my many mistakes. Deb Diget is unable to do it this spring but will be back to put out the Summer and Fall issues, thankfully!

Once again, we have had an extremely mild winter, so far. Temperatures have hit the 70s more than once during the past week. My irises and my weeds have been taking advantage of this mild winter to grow nicely. Lots of new leaves popping up on the irises. Lots of weeds doing a lot of popping up too. This is the time for me to be cleaning up my gardens, especially the areas where I did not get rid of the dead leaves last fall. It has been two years since I moved my irises from my primary garden to my front yard and I am expecting a spectacular bloom season. I have tilled and amended my soil and added three more rows. They are the last area that gets sun for at least half a day. Since the garden is full I have to eliminate irises to add new rhizomes each year

I am sad to report that we have lost one of our long time affiliates. The Grand Valley Iris Society has pulled the plug. Steve Smith, their President said they were down to 5 members and were no longer able to continue.

Lana Wolfe sent the form, included in this newsletter, for the Region 6 Spring 2024 Meeting. Please fill out the form for our one-day meeting, June 22nd. Thank you so much Lana and the Northeast Indiana Iris Society for hosting this Spring's meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring region 6 meeting.

Welcome New Members

Steven Brodzenski
Alliance OH

Victoriz Brodzenski
Alliance OH

Nancy Knupp
Spencer IN

Adam Malofsky
Loveland, OH

Linda Stemen
Mikado, MI



2024 Region 6 Judges

Robert Bauer	Galesburg, MI 49053	M
Barbara Bunnell	Lafayette, IN 47905	G/E
Dr. Charles A. Bunnell	Lafayette, IN 47905	M
Ann Cline	Royal Oak, MI 48073	M
John A. Coble	Galesburg, MI 49053	M
James A. Copeland	Lawton, MI 49065	E
Jill Copeland	Lawton, MI 49065	E
Adam Cordes	Hillman, MI 49746	M
Autumn Rose Cordes	Hillman, MI 49746	G/E
Kathleen Devlin	Milan, MI 48106	M
Deb Diget	Battle Creek, MI 49014	G/E
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Brock Heilman	Belleville, MI 48112	G/E
Judith Hollingworth	Williamston, MI 48895	G/E
Robert Hollingworth	Williamston, MI 48895	E
Jean Kaufmann	Okemos, MI 48864	G/E
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Jody Nolin	Rushsylvania, OH 43347	E
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Fred Pedersen	Brecksville, OH 44141	G/E
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Mary L Swann-Young	Cordsville, IN 46055	G/E
Wil Weakland	Aurora, OH 44202	G/E
Janet L. Wilke	Indianapolis, IN 46226	M
Doris Winton	Franklin, IN 46131	M
Lana Wolfe	Willshire, OH 45898	M

Attention Region 6 Judges
Jody Nolin, Region 6 JT Chair

A friendly reminder to all our judges and students: keep track of your training, including the web sessions and those you give. You will need this information for your annual report. There is a special page in the Judges Handbook to track these. Also, the AIS Board will be voting on this year's updates soon. When they are done, I will share them with you all.

Looking for a judge for your show?

Above are the accredited Region 6 judges for 2024, including Retired judges. Remember, Retired judges can still judge shows.

2024 Introductions from Region 6 Hybridizers



Jill Copeland- Jill is introducing one Pseudacorus, 'Black Raspberry Sundae' A Tetraploid pseudacorus iris. Sdlg Y-1-T 36-48" Tall white pseudacorus with dark raspberry signals, small white spike standards, white styles with dramatic feather-frilled crests. 3-4 branches and 6-10 buds depending on fertile soil and moist conditions.



Jill Copeland – from Signa seed, 2009, donated by Tony Huber. Appears to involve *I. pseudacorus*, *I. virginica* and *I. ensata*. Falls are light blue-violet with darker veins and large white halos around the yellow spear signals. Standards and styles are white with light blue-violet bases. Nice full form. Foliage is most like *I. virginica*



Bob Bauer & John Coble-(Bauer/Coble 2024)
Japanese iris. Diploid early-mid season, 38" tall. One branch. Seedling J21A:(Indigo Angel X Imperial Presence) 6F. Light ground with overall smoky gray-violet sanding, concentrated at the petal edges. Styles are white with smoky gray-violet flaring crests and side wings.

Note: All of the above beautiful iris are available through Ensata Gardens, www.ensata.com



Bob Hollingworth- 'Lets Get Started', (Hollingworth, 2024) 30" White standards and style arms, Medium yellow falls, darker at the center. So named because it is a very early blooming Siberian cross. This is a vigorous grower with outstanding garden presence. Seedling # 14V3A10 (What's On Second X What's On Second sibling)

'Lets Get Started' is available through Cascadia Gardens, www.cascadiairisgardens.com

News Around the Region

North East Ohio Iris Society

Fred Pedersen, President

Greetings from Northeast Ohio. The time between our Fall Region 6 meeting and the end of winter is a fun time for me as I am Facebook friends with a few of the iris hybridizers who like to post their seedlings that have bloomed for the first time in 2023. The only problem is I fall in love with an iris that must go through multiple years of evaluation prior to being introduced. Sometimes a perfect bloom fails in another aspect of judging and is consigned to the compost pile, much to my disappointment. The NEOIS show this year will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25. It will be open to the public after judging, from 1-3:30 pm.

Idea For Club Publicity – Fred Pedersen

If your club has a “sign-up” sheet at your iris show, this might be the kind of letter to send out for a contact about your next meeting or your up-coming SALE.

Thank you for stopping by our table at _____.

The sign-up sheet was just for us to send you a reminder of our upcoming Iris Shows and our annual Iris Rhizome Sale at _____, on _____.


But if you are interested in our monthly Iris Club meetings, please email me for details (so I don't bother everyone with details), 17 of you are on this list – most just want a reminder of the Sale.

BUT, I personally got 'hooked' when I attended my first meeting. It was in May 2010 and it happened to be the Club show. Yup, all different kinds of iris, I was looking for a specific iris and the club President at that time assured me that if I came to their sale/auction, he would make sure it was there.

All of our meetings are at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse those during bloom season include a trip to the Willott Iris Garden and the NEOIS Judges Training and Seedling Evaluation Gardens
Hope to see you again at some iris function.

_____, President, _____ Iris Club

Emails with iris questions are welcome: _____ (email address)

<p>Region 6</p> <p>Display</p> <p>Gardens</p>	<p>Virginia's Iris Garden, Janet Wilke 5406 Boy Scout Rd., Lawrence, IN 46226 Phone: (317) 317-749-1332 (Mon-Fri 8am -6.00 pm) Email: jane.wilk@yahoo.com Dwarfs, IB, TB, BB, SIB Peak bloom: April 15 to May 31 Call on weekends.</p>	<p>Joan McFadden 450 E Cty. Rd. 450N, Seymour, IN Phone: (812) 523-6273, cell: (765) 749-2477 Email: jmcfadden100@sbcglobal.net TB, IB, medians Peak bloom: May 15, please call ahead</p>
<p>Myers Iris Garden, Matt Myers 3514 E 500 S Warsaw, IN 46580 Phone: (574) 527-5663 Over 2,000 named varieties of iris Peak bloom: Mid May to Early June</p>	<p>Winton's Iris Hill, Doris Winton 7131 E 550 South, Franklin, IN 46131 Phone: (812) 526-9237 TB, MTB, IB, SDB, BB and Siberians Peak bloom: TB's - May 15-30; SIBs - May 25-June 7</p>	<p>The Willott Display Garden and The NEOIS Seedling Evaluation and Judges Training Garden. at Rockefeller Park Greenhouse 750 East 88th St., Cleveland, OH TB, BB, IB, SDB, MDB, Sib, seedlings Peak bloom: Varies for type of iris – call for best bloom time. Open every day 8 to 4:30, except holidays. Greenhouse buildings open 10-4 daily</p>
<p>Stick and Thistle Farm, Jody Nolin 5184 County Rd. 20, Rushsylvania, OH 43347 Phone: (614) 507-0332 Email: jody.nolin@gmail.com A bit of everything, including Spuria and LA gardens Peak bloom: Mid-May through June, always something blooming! No need to call Peak bloom: May 1 - July 15</p>	<p>Bunnies and Bouquets, Elaine Johnson 3524 S. Derby Rd., Sidney, MI 48885 (3/8-mile S. of Sidney, Montcalm Co.) Many varieties, but mainly TB's Peak bloom: First week of June</p>	<p>Jim and Jill Copeland 78118 M-40, Lawton, MI 49065 Phone: (616) 624-1968 Email: jandjcope@aol.com IB, TB, LA, SIB, JI, Species and SpecX Peak bloom: We usually have bloom from May through July. Visit anytime we are home</p>
<p>Windwood Gardens Irises, Bob & Judy Hollingworth 5410 N. Williamston Rd. Williamston, MI Bob's Cell: 517 930-0180, Judy's Cell: 517 930-4429 Email cyberiris@att.net Mostly SIB, some MTB's Peak bloom: Approx May 25-June 10</p>	<p>J & J Iris Farm, John and Jean Kaufmann 5140 Cornell Rd., Okemos, MI 48864 Phone: (517) 347-7555 Email: jejpkaufmann@hotmail.com All varieties bearded iris and a large collection of Siberians. Bloom: May to July</p>	

'Red Echo' (Rowlan, 1984)
In the Kaufmann Garden

Need Judges Training?

The AIS webinars are a great way to book those classroom hours of JT. Webinars are held once or twice a month on Wednesday evenings. Check your copy of *Irises*, or your News & Notes for times and topics.

If you miss a session or want to see what's already been given, check the AIS YouTube channel: youtube.com/c/TheAmericanIrisSociety. You can also find a link to this on the AIS website under 'Resources'.

You can take the test for any JT webinar at any time. There is a link to the test document on the webinar page. Be sure to send me your completed tests! You can scan and email it or print and mail it.

Thanks! Jody Nolin, Jody.nolin@gmail.com
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Mark Your Calendar

Year	Date	Event & Location
2024	June 22	Region 6 Spring Meeting, Host: NEIS
	June 26-29	American Iris Society/Japanese National Iris Convention- Portland, Oregon
	September 21	Region 6 Fall Meeting, Avila, In. Library Host: NEIS
2025	May 17	Region 6 Spring Meeting, Clarksville, IN, Host: IDIS (one day meeting)
	June 2-7	AIS National Iris Convention- Billings, Montana Host: Big Sky Iris Club
	September 20	Region 6 Fall Meeting, Avilla, IN, Host: NEOIS
2026	TBD	Region 6 Spring Meeting, Cleveland, OH area, Host: NEOIS

Lou DiSanto's *Iris Reticulata* started blooming February 26, 2024







SPX Katharine Hodgkin(Histriodes X Winogradowii) SPX Katharine's Gold,(Histriodes X Winogradowii)

Request for guest Iris for the 2026Region 6 Spring meeting

The northeast Ohio Iris society will be hosting the region 6, 2026 spring meeting the weekend of May 30th, 2026. There will be three gardens to tour; the NEOIS seedling evaluation and judges training garden, the new Pedersen iris garden and the Mauerman garden. Please observe these guidelines when sending your guest irises:

1. Please include three plants of each cultivar with its name or seedling number clearly marked on each plant.
2. Please send your beardless iris between April 15th and April 30th 2024.
3. Send your bearded Iris between June 30th and July 31st 2024. Please send your guest iris to:
Lou Di Santo, plant chairman
715-11 Creekside Drive
Aurora, Oh. 44202
phone 330-431-1603
email at ldisanto117@gmail.com

Please include a separate packing list with the name of each cultivar or seedling number it's height, color, any distinguishing feature(s) and a photo if available. We will return, destroy, or donate your iris for our yearly plant sale as you instruct in your packing list. We thank you kindly.

For the NEOIS,

Fred Pedersen, President

AIS REGION 6 SPRING MEETING
Saturday, June 22, 2024

Sponsored by Northeastern Indiana Iris Society
Avilla Library
104 Lay Street Avilla, IN 46710

Schedule

- 10 to 11am: Arriving, visiting and preparation
- 11am to 12 noon: Judges Training; Median Irises- Annette Pedersen
- 12:00 - 1:00pm: Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00pm Judge’s Training; Spec X and Pseudatas- John Coble
- 2:00 - 3:00pm Presentation on HIPS- Cathy Egerer
- 3:00 - 3:15pm Break
- 3:15 – 4:30pm Auction (Please bring things for auction)

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Registration \$30.00 per person

Please Send to: Alvie Bebertz
10112 Circlewood Dr.
Fort Wayne, In. 46804

Name(s)

1).....2)

Address.....

Email.....Phone.....

Please indicate if you will be taking judges training One or both (circle) How many.....
Meat Choice: Turkey, Ham, Beef, Veggie (circle)

Questions/concerns:
Contact Lana Wolfe: Lanaopal@aol.com or 419-495-2026