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RVP'S MESSAGE

Well, it's been quite a spring here in Michigan and from the weather maps I think it has covered much of Region 6. Much cooler weather and above normal rainfall has had quite an impact on my garden. The iris have never been this tall and I had more branching and blooms than ever before. Almost all top terminals had 3 buds in them when two is the norm for me. With the extra blooms and lasting longer in the cool weather the rain was very good at causing stalks to lean. And the heavy winds did a fine job of assisting with the leaning. I don't have enough stakes to hold all of them up, so I spent much time dead-heading (even the only slightly "going"

blooms) to try to keep them off the ground. The weeds also loved the rain. I think the pre-emergent weed killer all washed out. We have spent the better part of this week pulling weeds as tall as the iris fans and we still are only halfway done. Maybe we should go into the weed business. If anyone know of a market, please let me know. It is an opposite follow-up to the hot dry summer we had last year. Stay tuned for whatever Mother Nature has planned for the rest of this year.

I was very sorry to miss the Spring Regional when I had plans to go. Our daughter and grandkids decided to come visit earlier than originally planned. Family is always first. So, I hope to see folks at the various summer activities and the fall meeting in September. Jean Kaufmann

Welcome New Members

Emily Ladensack
Fairview MI

Felix Cooper
Tipp City OH

Steven Cordes
Hillman MI

Keith Zary
Tipp City OH

*The region needs a Youth Chairperson. Anyone interested please contact Jean.

Please remember to complete the AIS 2019 TB Symposium Ballot
and send it to Jean by 8-1-2019 (email or USPS)

REGION 6 HONORS JILL COPELAND

By: Jim Copeland

At the Spring Region 6 meeting on Friday evening, May 24th the program was dedicated to Jill for her many achievements in hybridizing iris. Jill has been awarded many top awards for her introductions. Thank you, Region 6, for this honor. Sneaky John Coble, along with our son Jimmy, and his wife Angie were able to gather information for the presentation, including a picture of Jill when she was 3 years old. This came as a total surprise to both of us. It was a secret well kept!

Jill's love of iris actually began in June of 1967. She had heard on the radio when we were living in

Indian River, Michigan, about an iris show on Saturday in Mio, Michigan. So, on Saturday we drove 100 miles to Mio. We could not find the show, but we did find Ben Azer in his iris garden. He informed us that the show was the next Saturday! Ben invited Jill to come back and be a Clerk at their show. She accepted. At the show Ben told her that if she joined AIS she could come and get some iris rhizomes when they were digging. Jill joined AIS. When we drove back to Mio we went to the garden of Ernie Shantz. There were many piles of iris and Ernie told us to take all that we wanted. We took them back to Indian River and planted them. In the summer of 1968 we moved to Almena, Michigan as Jim had accepted a transfer to Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery. Some iris moved with us. In the fall of 1968, the State sent us to Spearfish, South Dakota for Jim to attend a nine-month hatchery management school.

In 1970 we attended our first AIS Convention in New York City. This was the AIS 50th Anniversary. Jill began hybridizing iris shortly after that. In 1976 our garden was on tour for the AIS National Convention. During May of that year, we had 3 twenty degree freezes a week apart! Most of the Tall Bearded iris had been frozen and were rotting. What a disaster! Jill removed 300 pounds of rotting stalks and leaves and went into an "iris depression" and did not do much with iris the following year. Arthur Hazzard, a hybridizer of Japanese iris in Kalamazoo encouraged Jill to hybridize Japanese iris as they bloomed later and were not subject to cold Springs.

Jill then started hybridizing Japanese iris and expanded her hybridizing to many types of beardless Species-X irises. She has been very diligent in her hybridizing for over 45 years. As in any hybridizing program a large percentage of seedlings must be discarded. She has been rewarded with a fairly good number of introduced varieties that have won top AIS awards.

On Saturday, June 8th, we were privileged to return to Mio to judge their show. This was their Diamond Jubilee, 75th anniversary of the Mio Iris Society and their 75th iris show.

Photos: 'Blue Marlin', 'John's Fancy', 'For Jay', & 'Wooly Bully'

In 2012 Jill was honored by AIS with the Hybridizers Award. The hybridizers award honors hybridizers who have made significant advancements in Iris. The Hybridizer's Medal is awarded to persons who have produced new iris varieties of exceptional merit deserving of special recognition.



2019 SPRING GARDEN MEETING

By: Reta Winnbrenner



Very few irises were blooming at my house for the bus tour, but at least it wasn't raining, and the wind wasn't blowing. I do have a nice variety of Hosta's and a few other blooming flowers, so it wasn't too disappointing. We made up for bloom the rest of the day. Everyone else with guest beds have all the smaller iris other than just Tall Bearded, so everyone got to see lots of pretty blooms, just not many Tall Bearded blooms. We had coffee, tea, fruit tray, yogurt, and cream puffs, chocolate covered cream puffs, and chocolate covered eclairs. Just in-case

they didn't have time for their free continental breakfast at the motel.

Everyone boarded the bus at 7:30 AM and were here by 8:00. We went to Lisa's next. She had SDB's, MTB's, BB's, and IB's in bloom. There were many beautiful blooming Median Iris for the Judges training. It was a beautiful garden and day for the training!

Then we had lunch at the winery. Yum. Wonderful salad, pizza, and oh a wonderful drink called Slushy! The bus then took us to Brian & Anita's in Ohio, where we had a rainstorm. So, we ate wonderful desserts, and had our auction in the garage. That was so much fun! Crazy flower people bidding on iris, and many items with irises on them. It was a wonderful time and delicious desserts! Another lovely garden to see as the rain stopped after the auction!

Then on to Lana's also in Ohio. Lana is the NEIIS Club President. She is the queen of seed! She had flowers of all kinds everywhere. She also had many for sale, luckily the bus has storage underneath, so we could buy plants and bring them home with us.

We ate dinner at Lana's church. lasagna, vegetable, or meat, salad and dessert. No one was very hungry, but we ate good food everywhere we went! Stuffed ourselves for sure!

We got back to the motel a little after 8:00 PM. All were tired from a long day of fun. Everyone had a drive home, hope all had safe trips back. Such a good group of people, and great to see them all again. And a special treat was Adam & Autumn's two young sons. They were the best boys! We all enjoyed them for sure! It was a great day, creating good memories! Thanks to all who participated.



2019 REGIONAL MEETING IMPRESSIONS

By: Carol Morgan

The 2019 Spring Regional was coordinated with the God of Rain. The forecast was for showers on Saturday, but someone powerful, probably Lana Wolfe, arranged for it to rain while we were in route Saturday afternoon and then to actually pour while we were in the garage at our auction. I guess the gardens were inspirational because we made a tidy sum at that auction (\$1580.00). It's always nice to have enough to cover all expenses and show a little left over.

I've gotten ahead of myself on reporting about the actual event. We started off with an interesting garden judging training by John Coble about Siberian Iris. As always, John uses a good deal of humor in the program and some great pictures to illustrate his valuable information. John reminded us that garden judging was an evaluation of the plant in the garden, its landscape value and vigor. He suggested that using the point system in our judge's handbook is a good way to cover all aspects of evaluating. He also mentioned that irises should have a two-week bloom period and to check on that with more than one visit to a garden is an excellent idea.

After a ten-minute break, we then had a lovely program to honor Jill Copeland. Jill is a very valuable member, hybridizer, and friend to us all. She won't toot her own horn, so it was great to highlight her achievements and awards to recognize her true value to AIS and our region. There were enough of us attending that the room was pleasantly full and lots of chit-chat also happened over our meal. It is so good to renew friendships and meet the new attendees.

We had to get up before breakfast to board the bus by 7:15 am. It was not filled to capacity so we could all have good seats. The rides were not too long and the wait was worth the ride to see the beautifully tended guest gardens. Reta Winebrenner's garden was located on their lovely multilevel yard with its backdrop of a small lake. Everything was lush green because of the cool temps and lots (I say LOTS) of water we've had this spring. That same cool temperature had slowed the blooms down and there were some dwarfs, MTBS and a few intermediates in bloom. All the rest, probably nearly a hundred, were showing lots of potential.



Mary Lou Swann-Young's IB Rebloomer, 'Cold Hands, Warm Heart' (photo left) was showing nice bloom as well as Brian Wendel's seedling BY 2 (photo right).



After a great fruit, yogurt and cream puff treat to revive our energy, we traveled to the Gardens of Liza Arnold and Megan Hines. I was charmed by the lovely old house with its shutters containing heart cut-outs. There was a lot of bloom there in well-tended gardens. As



with the other garden the majority of bloom was dwarfs and MTBs. A few early TBs were also showing off.

I must fess up I also love any flowering plants and so have included a picture of a spectacular tree peony. This bloom had to have been at least 10" across and so delicate. We also saw a great bloom of *Ester's Joy*.



Here, Chuck Bunnell gave a Median garden judges training session. He showed examples of his points with actual plants in the garden. He captured everyone's interest and it was very informative.



Adam Cordes' sons were pleased to have spotted a garter snake and I had to have a look. I love snakes too, but by the time we came back to the spot, it had scurried off. Steven then wanted to take my picture beside that lovely *Ester's Joy* bloom.

Next came lunch. We were running low on energy, I guess, because we all really relished the salad and pizzas of all sorts including a desert pizza. Oh, did I mention the wine? No, well that was a treat too. We enjoyed tasting and then adding it to our lunch menu.

From the Winery, we traveled to Brian Wendel's garden. As we moved along the sky became more and more grey and ugly. It was dripping a few drops hopes that the rain would stop after the sale. Lana's magic worked and the sun was shining when we were ready to move out of the garage. Brian's iris gardens, and border gardens were totally weed free. There were nice blooms on many clumps. It was a little soggy underfoot, but when did that stop us???

Time was flying by, so we headed to Lana's garden. It must have rained very hard before we arrived. Some areas of the yard were under two to three inches of water. No matter, we just waded on in to see the variety of irises and other very interesting plants she grows. I have always loved that she brings such unusual stock to our auctions.



From there we finished the regional with a good supper. All in all, we were pleased with the wonderful day and I can't stress enough how great the gardens were.

Northeastern Indiana Iris Society is congratulated! All of the hosts had certainly worked very hard to make show places for us to enjoy. We once again didn't go hungry or thirsty as our needs were satisfied everywhere. I thank the group for all the work so far, and for the



work yet to be done when the guests must be dug and disbursed. What fun we had!!

SPRING MEETING

By: Alvie Bebertz

I have always loved iris and my favorite color is red. I remember growing up on a farm in Michigan and someone sent us an iris catalog. I kept flipping through the pages looking for an iris that looked somewhat red and of course there wasn't one. I took a red ink pen and colored one of the white irises red and one of my sisters teased and made fun of me! Time went on, I became an adult, and in 1973 Schreiners came up with the "red" TB iris called 'Spartan' (photo) - when I first saw it in someone's garden, I thought I'd seen a piece of heaven!



Well, a lot of iris have been hybridized since then, beautiful red/burgundy ones as well as many other shades.

A good place to see new iris (and other "older" lovely iris) is in guest gardens when attending a spring regional. This year's Region 6 spring regional sponsored by Northeast Indiana Iris Society on May 24 and May 25 was great. We had 41 people from the region attend, most of us riding the bus to four beautiful gardens. What great fun we had! The food was good and the fellowship with other iris lovers was great! I'm so glad I went.

SPRING REGIONAL VOTING RESULTS

MAY 24TH 2019

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA IRIS SOCIETY

By: Carol Morgan

The results for the Awards are as follows: The Hal and Dorothy Stahly Award (best clump hybridized out of region) will be awarded to Schreiner's Nursery for the magnificent **Table For Two** (top photo). The Don Water's Award (best clump hybridized in Region) will be given to Brian Wendel for the cute little MTB **Velvet Intrigue** (bottom photo). The list of favorites is always a challenge to count as there are always many ties for each level. I tabulated the five top favorites as follows:

Number One favorites: **Table for Two** and **Velvet Intrigue**

Number Two: **Cold Hands, Warm Heart**

Number Three: **Breakfast in Bed** and **What's on Second**

Number Four: **Dividing Line** and **Ester's Joy**

Number Five: **Simply Delightful**

Thanks to everyone for voting. It's always interesting to see which are favorites. I also had some seedlings mentioned, and because they aren't named varieties yet, they didn't fit into the favorites list.

However, to encourage the hybridizers I will list them as follows:

BY-2 by Brian Wendel received 5 votes

1126-1 by Chuck Chapman 1 vote

AA999-6 by Chuck Bunnell 1 vote

LS11-1 by Lisa Arnold 1 vote

Keep up the good work everyone. These are exciting to see.



REGION 6 IRIS SHOW RESULTS

CIS By: Karen Bodey

On May 25th at the Whetstone Library the Columbus Iris Society held their Iris Exhibition.

The results:

Most entries: Charles & Elaine Crutcher

Best Single Stem: 'Daffy Duck' (Black, 2016)

Exhibited by Bob Buxton

2nd Best Stem 3-way tie: 'Money In Your Pocket'

(Black, 2007) Exhibited by Holly Jerig; 'Raindrops

Keep Falling' (Black, 2016) Exhibited by Elaine

Crutcher; and 'Unidentified Historic' Exhibited by

Elaine Crutcher

Honorable Mention: 'Insaniac' (Johnson, 2012) Exhibited

by Elaine

Crutcher



Best Design:

'Best Bet'

Designed by Polly

Mason

2nd Best Design 2-way tie: both were Designed by Elaine

Crutcher

Honorable Mention: 'Got Milk' Designed by Elaine Crutcher



SWMIS



The show that was almost not a show was saved by several last-minute phone calls (thank you Sally) to members. We ended up with 9 exhibitors and 67 entries. Our members exhibited TB's, BB's, IB's, MTB's, SDB's, AB, SIB's, SPEC, and SPEC-X iris. It was a beautiful day with a



nice variety of types of irises for the public to view.

Best Specimen of Show: 'Destined To Dance' TB (Blyth, 2010) Exhibited by

Jim & Jill Copeland (photo)

Silver Medal: Susie Everse, a newer club member

Bronze Medal: Roger Busk

We spoke with many admirers of the show display and hope some will come to our Bank Street Iris sale in August.

GVIS By: Ruth Levanduski

The Grand Valley Iris Society show was held at the fabulous new showroom at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculptor Park. Because of the cool weather it was a smaller show than normal, only 42 Horticulture entries. The designs enhanced the show with 37 entries. The weather was stormy the first day of the show, but still was viewed by 440 guests.

Best Specimen of Show: 'Montmartre' (Keppel, 2008) Exhibited by Steve & Ginger Smith



The Court: 'Glitzorama' BB (Black, 2013) Exhibited by Alice Maring; 'Let's Play Dress-Up' TB (Black, 2017), 'Minnesota Mixed-Up Kid' BB (Worel, 2003), 'Autumn Circus' TB (Hager, 1990), and 'Splashacata' TB (Tasco, 1998) Exhibited by Steve & Ginger Smith; Best Blue Iris: 'Resonance' (Ghio, 2006) Exhibited by Mike Moorman

Best Design of Show: 'Watercolor' Designed by Steve Smith

Best Youth Design: 'Finger Paint' Designed by Hallie Schnicke (photo)

IDIS By: Peggy Hager-Allen

Our show theme was "Beatlemania". IDIS had a wonderful show this season, despite rain and cool temperatures leading up to the show. A total of 124 entries and nine exhibitors entered the show. Designs were lovely this year with ten stunning entries in the design category. Two educational posters were entered. Our president, Rod Maust, swept the Silver Medal with 18 blue ribbons and Chuck Bunnell won the Bronze Medal with six blue ribbons. The Norrick-Hobbs Neophyte Award, given annually to an IDIS member that



exhibited for the first time, was awarded to Greg Beavers. The Best Re-Bloomer Award, given by Mary Lou Swann Young, was awarded to Rose Livingston of Louisville, KY. It was a pleasure to have an out of state exhibitor this year.

Queen/Best of Show: 'Dividing Line'' (Bunnell, 2005) exhibited by Rod Maust

Best TB: 'Habit' (Black, 1999) exhibited by Rod Maust

Best IB: 'Outer Edge' (Black, 2011) exhibited by Chuck Bunnell

Best Re-bloomer: 'Immortality' (Zurbrigg, 1982) exhibited by Rose Livingston

Best MTB: 'Bumblebee Deelite' (Norrick, 1986) exhibited by Rod Maust

Best Beardless: 'China Spring' (Bauer/Coble, 1999) exhibited by Peggy Harger-Allen

Best Historic: 'Loreley' (Robinson, 1953) exhibited by Peggy Harger-Allen

Best Seedling: 11-21-2 by Robert Strohmman, exhibited by Chuck Bunnell

Best Design: 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' by Mary Lou Swann Young (photo)

Tie for People's Choice Design Award:

'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds' by Rose Livingston

'A Hard Day's Night' by Peggy Harger-Allen



NEIIS

The NEIIS Iris Show was held the day after the Region 6 Spring Meeting.

Despite heavy rains and hosting the Region 6 Spring Meeting there were 7 exhibitors and 90 entries.

Best Specimen of Show: 'Galaxina' AB (Black, 2015) Exhibited by Brian Wendel

Seedling Judged Most Worthy: 19M18 MTB Hybridizer Brian Wendel

Silver Medal: Brian Wendel

Bronze Medal: Alvie Bebertz



NEIIS added a new feature to their 2019 show – Design-

Best Design of Show: Anita Wendel



NEOIS By: Fred Pedersen Photos: David Mauerman

The NEOIS had its annual show on May 25, 2019, the Saturday before Memorial Day. We returned to our traditional day of our show after the late show we had last year, perfectly between tall bearded season and Japanese, Louisiana season. We did not have enough specimens to have an AIS sanctioned show. This year there was no problem with that! Our show was the biggest we have had in several years. We had 9 exhibitors, 63 entries and 57 cultivars including 10 historical cultivars. Fred Pedersen and Lou DiSanto were the judges. Wil Weakland and Annette Pedersen were apprentice judges.

We also returned to the Cleveland Botanical Gardens for our show and had many visitors, a number of whom signed up for email news on our auction and sale.

Best Specimen Show: 'Marjorie L' (Fisher, 2007) Exhibited by Lou DiSanto (photo right)

Seedling Judged Most Worthy:
16-17-19-38C TB Hybridizer David Mauerman (photo)

Silver Medal: Bob Pindell

Bronze Medal: Fred Pedersen



MIO IRIS CLUB

1947 ~ Oldest Consecutive Iris Club

Founding Member Ben Azer

Photo and Article By: Kim Kocher

I started arranging irises in the 1980's and have been hooked ever since. In the beginning it was difficult, trying to incorporate the theme and using the right colors. I didn't have that many irises at first, but other members graciously shared with me. I have always had a natural instinct in the area of science and art, so I am sure that has contributed to my success.

Greens in the arrangement are important and help to set the balance. Some greens need to be hardened off. They must be picked a day ahead and be refrigerated or they will begin to wilt, but most greens are hardy. I use a lot of Hosta, iris fans, grasses, wild native greens, and flowers. My style isn't



traditional it's more 'rustic and woody'. I've used bird nest drift, wood stumps, wood bark, stones, dried seeds pods and anything I can think of. I am usually thinking about the arrangement all year. For example, I might see something that would work for an accessory in the wood I get, or at a garage sale or thrift store. I have a lot of vases, containers and accessories. It's more challenging to create arrangements for the competition then just entering the irises. I usually make about five arrangements and spend about 45 minutes on each.

I usually put the green in all the arrangements the night before, get the accessories and the entry cards filled out. Early in the morning, I will put the flowers in and make some the night before. I have created arrangements in a fishbowl, with live fish in it and one that was a miniature, only seven inches tall, those were both a challenge! If I had to choose a favorite...it would be one I made on a gall of wood. It had the most brilliant blue colors and was perfect height.

The day of the show is always fun. It's exciting after the judges have made their decisions and you get to see what you have earned in ribbons. I've won a lot of best design of show, artistic sweepstakes, and people's choice. There is a lot of competition and many good iris arrangers in the Mio Iris Club. I enjoy seeing their arrangements and can pick up tips from the different styles of about twenty or more arrangements. One year on the day of the show I was getting some last-minute yellow water iris from the lake I live on. I was trying to get the iris and fell into the lake! I had to go back in and change and was almost late for the show!

I like to hear the comments that the public makes about the arrangements. That feedback gives you the encouragement to keep making them. I've decided that all people involved with iris have a good spirit and a good heart. The club members are great. It's encouraging to see more young people getting into arranging irises, hopefully this tradition lives on.

IDIS - TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL - BLOOMINGTON, IN

By Peggy Harger-Allen

Greg Beavers, of Bloomington, Indiana, and member of The Indiana Daylily and Iris Society (IDIS), kindly offered his garden for viewing to club members on



'Copatonic' (Blyth, 1994)

May 16, 2019. In addition, he arranged for us to visit four other gardens in Monroe County, located in beautiful, southern Indiana. Betsy Gambaccini and I anxiously drove down as our spring was so late, cold, and rainy and we were starved for iris blooms. We were not disappointed. Bloom was lovely and profuse. Greg is a great daylily and iris grower. His gardens were meticulously groomed, and he has many new introductions. A bluebird enthusiast, he conducts classes on the importance of saving the bluebird, constructs and sells bluebird houses and farms colonies of meal worms for bluebird treats.



'Wizard Of Odds' (Black, 2009)

Our next stop was the home of Bert and Larry McConnel, a sunny lakeside location with many beautifully grown Schreiner iris varieties. Incredible home to 36 nesting pairs of Purple Martins all zooming around and vocalizing their wonderful

bubbly, marble clacking sounds. The Martin "apartment complexes", constructed by Larry, were fascinating (photo). The houses are purchased from Graber Post Building Inc. in Montgomery, IN. The pole is a recycled TV tower, the platform is a rim of a wheel rake, three pieces of 3/8" rebar 4' long and three each of 3/8" bolts 8" long. All the above components are hooked together with various clamps and hooks. Each one has enough room for nine birdhouses. They have no vacancies!



After lunch we toured the Shield's Ridge historic iris garden, one of two gardens



of Dan Knudsen, Chair of the Geography Department at Indiana University. Here he lines out his historic iris and grows iris to sell at the Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil and Iris Society August sale. Historic iris are one of my interests and it was great to see so many varieties lined out and blooming so well.

Next, we visited the home of Mark and Shirley Cline in Hoosier limestone country. Gorgeous peonies were in full bloom as well as beardless iris by a lovely pond and many classes of bearded iris in several locations.



'Merry Amigo' (Blyth, 2009)

Our final garden was the home garden of Dan Knudsen, a delightful corner lot in the city of Bloomington. Here we were treated to fabulous historic clumps as well as Siberian iris. He uses orchid fertilizer sticks to fertilize his Siberians and they were lovely. He has iris along the sidewalk for the neighbors to enjoy as well as his entire garden inside the deer fence – no grass to mow here.



'Burst Of Glory' (Jedlicka, 2008)

It was a beautiful day full of sun, soft breeze, flowers, birds, butterflies, history, and camaraderie. It was impossible to pick just one favorite iris so I will leave the photo selections to our editor. I recommend a trip to Monroe County during iris season next year.

JUST FOR FUN ON A RAINY DAY

by Lana Wolf

It is raining and so I'm going to share some thoughts with you. The Pseudacorus species Iris is usually pretty easy to identify. Recently in a friend's garden in northern Indiana I found a seedling that had grown randomly in her garden and there were some that had slightly different coloring in the signals and the form varied somewhat also. In our region Jill Copeland has introduced these of note. First 'Krill' (1997) 'Seakrill' (2003) and 'Sushi' (2013)



There are many more that have been introduced but it's fun for me to see how specific we are about distinction. This is true in all Iris, daylilies, hosta and other flowers. I know you all have heard at one time or another, oh, I have a purple iris like that. I guess the difference is being a connoisseur or just a casual observer of our flowers. Me I get up close and personal with my flowers. Just some fun info.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Year	Date	Event & Location
2019	Sept. 21	Region 6 Fall Meeting, Fort Wayne, IN
2020	May 18 – 23	AIS 100 th Anniversary National Convention, New Jersey
	TBD	Region 6 Spring Meeting, TBD
	TBD	Region 6 Fall Meeting, Fort Wayne area, Host: IDIS

Go to aisregion6.weebly.com for more Spring Meeting and Iris Show photos

REQUEST FOR GUEST IRISES

2021 REGION 6 SPRING MEETING

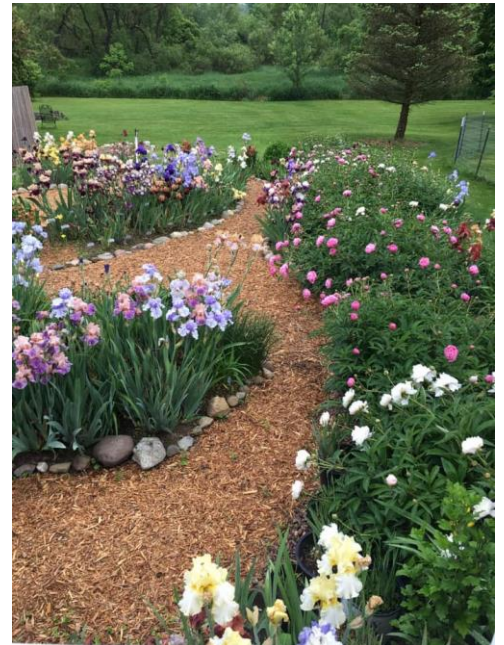
NEOIS – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The NEOIS is happy to host the Region 6 Spring 2021 meeting, May 21 and 22, 2021. We are seeking guest irises for two guest iris beds. At the time of our meeting, median irises, tall bearded and early Siberian and Species irises should be blooming. Hybridizers are welcome to send their guest irises to:

Lou DiSanto
715-11 Creekside Dr.
Aurora, OH 44202

Please mark packages Region 6 Guest Irises. The name of the variety or seedling number should be clearly marked on each plant. The following information should accompany each variety on a separate list:

1. Hybridizer's name and address
2. Name or seedling number of each variety
3. Type of iris
4. Height, color, distinguishing features (photo if possible)
5. Year of introduction if applicable
6. The packing list should include the hybridizer's email address so an electronic receipt can be sent.



(If a guest seedling is named, it is the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the guest iris chair no later than January 2021.)



Hybridizers should also send instruction for disposition of their plants. Named varieties will be disposed of per meeting committee. Seedlings will be destroyed unless requested back by hybridizers. Hybridizers who request return of their plants will be responsible for related expenses.

The meeting committee will strictly adhere to the code of ethics as printed in the AIS Convention handbook. The committee will not be responsible for losses beyond their control. Hybridizers will be given the opportunity to replace lost plants up to one year prior to the meeting.

Any questions please contact meeting chairperson, Fred Pedersen, 330-714-9102, fpedersen@neo.rr.com.

A REQUEST FOR HISTORIC IRIS....

From: Dolores Avram, Northern Illinois Iris Society & Midway Village Museum

I am a member of the Northern Illinois Iris Society. I recently started working at Midway Village Museum in Illinois. Midway Village Museum is a marvelous history museum with a Victorian Village of 26 building and 9 gardens. It is a truly fascinating place. However, I am a complete iris nut and could not believe we only have 11 historic irises.



When I had the idea of adding more historic irises to the museum gardens the first thing I did was send an e-mail to the members of the NIIS. Then things really started happening fast. Within a week I had approval for the museum to become a Historic Iris Preservation Garden site. Now I am on a quest to gather as many irises that are pre 1930 as possible for our planting event in August.

So, I am asking/begging for pre 1930 irises to be donated to our gardens. Being a museum

we have zero budget for this project so I have gotten volunteers from the NIIS, Rockford Master Gardeners and other garden clubs to help plant. My next step is to visit the local garden supply people to get a couple of truck loads of top soil delivered so we can elevate the gardens enough so in the rainy season our irises don't get their feet too wet. My goal for three years from now is to have bus tours coming to Midway Village Museum to see the incredible display of historic irises.

On September 12 we are having a "Moonlight in the Garden" event for our members to announce the new garden and show off the Historic Iris Preservation Garden sign.

If you can spare a few irises to help us out I will really appreciate it. If you can spare a lot of irises I will drive to help dig and drive them back here. Anything will really be



'Al-Lu-We' (Sass, 1932)

appreciated. I can "baby sit" irises at my home until our planting event or we can coordinate arrival of the irises with the planting date. If you have any questions my museum number is 815-397-9112 ext. 109 and my cell is 254-295-6194.



Region 6 Fall Meeting
September 21, 2019

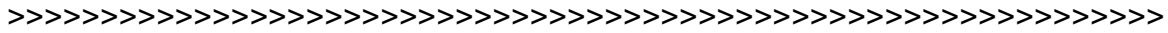
Wyndham Garden, 5750 Challenger Parkway
Ft. Wayne, IN 46818
260-999-6040

AGENDA

- 10:30 – 12:00 Region 6 Business Meeting
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 Judges Training
- 2:00 – 3:00 Program
- 3:15 – 4:30 Auction

The Wyndam is located near the interchange of Rts. 69 and 27 on the north side of Ft. Wayne. A map can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/maps/88R4arXLnN3eWqDJ8>



Registration Form

Attendee(s):

Address:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registration: \$30 per person. Please mail registration to:
Jody Nolin, 5184 County Road 20, Rushsylvania, OH 43347 no later than **September 10th**.