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RVP Message

Spring 2023

John Ludi

Region 13 RVP

As winter months start to pass, the days are getting longer, and spring will soon be here. I shudder to think of those areas in other parts of the states that have experienced bitter cold, feet of snow, torrential rains, and other weather extremes. We need to appreciate our relative mild winters here in the Pacific Northwest. I should be careful not to speak too loudly for we had up to two inches of snow in the Portland area on Valentine's Day. Weather permitting, it is time to roam about in the garden, pull a few weeds, clean up, spread some fertilizer, and dream what bloom season will have to offer. If it is too cold and wet outside, inside tasks can include reading, resting, catalog and website cruising and marking on your calendar the dates of meetings, conventions, shows and plant sales.

If you have not made your reservations for our Spring regional meeting, please do so. Our general membership meeting will be Saturday evening as part of the AIS Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society convention, May 19-20, hosted by the Oregon Trail Iris Society. (More information elsewhere in Newsletter). Bus tour on Saturday will visit Sebright Gardens where we will see the 2023 iris introductions of the Mid-America Garden family of hybridizers, Schreiner's Gardens (including lunch) and Mid-America Garden field location where two judge's training sessions will be presented – a one hour on Tall Bearded Iris by Paul Black and a one hour on Miniature Tall Bearded Iris by Lynda Miller.

An important item on the agenda of our Spring General Membership meeting will

be the election of the Region 13 RVP, Assistant RVP, Secretary and Treasurer. At our Fall 2022 meeting in Puyallup, WA, the nominating committee announced the following slate of officers: John Vacchiery, RVP; Rita Butler, Assistant RVP; Lynn Plotner, Secretary, and Debra Gillespie, Treasurer. The elected officers will be installed during the Fall 2023 meeting in Portland.

A continuing challenge is the recruitment of new members and how to keep them. AIS has announced a new membership drive for 2023. Individuals who purchase an AIS **full** membership (current \$45.00) will receive a free one-year **new** membership in an AIS Section or Cooperating Society of their choice. Current AIS members who **upgrade** to a **full** membership also qualify for this special. (Additional information can be found in the Winter 2023 Issue of *IRISES*).

We need to recruit individuals to become AIS Accredited Judges. Requirements to become a judge include being an AIS member, possess a copy of the current Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, attend judge's training sessions – both in the classroom and in the garden, vote the annual AIS Ballot and submit a yearly Judge's Activity Report. If you are interested in becoming an AIS judge, contact Ann Booth, Region 13 Judge's Chairperson at annbooth_hr@hotmail.com or 425-244-1354, or John Ludi, Region 13 RVP.

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden. Happy Irising **John**

Spring Slug and Snail Season

By Will Plotner

With all the wet weather we will have the slugs and snails are coming out in groups to chomp down our plants and flowers. There are many ways to deal with these pets. Early in the season a mixture of 50% water and 50% household ammonia sprayed on them works well and of course there are many products that use 'Meta' in their formula that will kill them. Or if you would like a more active involvement and be environment friendly you can lay cardboard down in your garden and go out each morning and dispatch them with a sharp stick.



Editor's Notes

Caroline Zebroski

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone for providing **information** for the bulletin this year. It is always good to hear from everyone. I was disappointed to not be able to connect with Elm or Phyllis from the Columbia Basin Iris Society, I think they may be having health issues. If anyone knows any information, please let me know at:

carolinez.garden@yahoo.com.

Sadly, every club is being affected by the loss of members. Sometimes they are a very key member in the leadership of the club and it is paralyzing. We should all make sure we have a plan/instructions to recover information from our computers with another member of the club so that they can recover from the loss to support the club. A person doesn't always think of those things, you are usually focused on family. I am in need of doing so myself for the various clubs I am involved in that I am either President or in charge of communications.

Pray for our friends in California with all the crazy weather they have been suffering through. Ok now for the good news! Hmm, Spring is coming, then it will be a busy summer. I am looking forward to the AIS National Convention in Dallas, TX in April to see all of my friends from across the USA. Hopefully the Iris will be blooming better for our Texas friends. Last year, Mother Nature made things a bit challenging for the conventions. But for me it is more about the people and the fun memories with my sister Mary Lou. And of course, I will be at the Convention in Salem where the beauty is overwhelming!
Happy Gardening and Wishes for Good Health,

Caroline

AIS REGION 13 FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2022

Puyallup, Washington

Hosted by the Pierce County Iris Society

MINUTES

WELCOME: RVP John Ludi thanked Maiya Heath, President and members of the Pierce County Iris Society for hosting the meeting.

Roll Call: BCIS-0; CCIS-0; GPIS-19; KCIS-14; OTIS-10; PCIS-13; WWIS-0; YVIS-0

Secretary Minutes: (Lynn Plotner) Minutes of the Region 13 Spring 2022 Board Meeting have been published in the Fall 2022 Newsletter. Minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.

Treasurer's Report: (Debra Gillespie) Debra presented the group with a handout and reviewed the income and expenditures for year 2022. The bank balance as of October 1, 2022 was \$13,241.11. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Ann Booth and seconded by John Vacchiery.

Debra submitted the proposed budget for year 2023. Motion was made to accept the proposed budget as presented by Rita Butler and seconded by Ann Booth. Motion passed.

Membership Report: (Will Plotner) Will reported that Region 13 has 162 AIS members and 125 non-AIS members. John Reported that AIS will have a new membership drive for 2023. Free one-year membership in a Section or Cooperating Society when purchasing a new full AIS membership (\$45.00). Duration January 1 through December 31, 2023.

Judge's Training Chair: (Ann Boot

h) Ann reported that 45 judges have resigned, Darlene has become a Garden/Exhibition judge, and two apprentices have moved up. John announced that the Revision 1 to the handbook has been approved and will be loaded on the AIS Website shortly for judges to download. There are changes to Chapters 1, 2, 4, 24, 25, 26 and 28. In addition "Ethic Rules of Conduct for Judges" has been added as Appendix F. They are not yet available at the Store Front. If you can't print from website, the cost will be about \$8.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

Newsletter Editor: (Caroline Zebroski) Caroline was not here for

Website Update: (Caroline Zebroski) Website is up and running. On Google put in Region 13 AIS.

2022 Lankow Awards: (Rita Butler) Winner: “Kitten Whiskers”, SDB ’18 Lynda Miller. Rita extended the deadline to vote until July 1.

AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium: (John Ludi) (handout) Region 13 had 24 members submit votes. Varieties receiving the most votes (11) were “Golden Panther” and “Sea Power”. Receiving 9 votes – “Football Hero”, 8 votes – “Florentine Silk”, “Paul Black”, “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Splashcata”.

Old Business:

Meeting Schedule:

AIS National Convention – April 12 – 16, 2023, Dallas, Texas

Spring 2023 – May 19, 20, 2023, Salem, OR hosted by Oregon Trail Iris Society in conjunction with Tall Bearded Iris Society.

Fall 2023 – October 7, 2023, Portland, OR hosted by Greater Portland Iris Society

AIS/Japanese National Convention – June 25 – 29, 2024, Portland, OR hosted by Greater Portland Iris Society.

Fall 2024 – October 5, 2024, Seattle, WA hosted by King County Iris Society.

AIS National Convention – June 2 – 7, 2025, Billings, Montana

Spring 2025 – Hosted by British Columbia Iris Society. Probably I June.

Nominating Committee Report: (Dwayne Booth, Rod Mendenhall) There were no nominees for this position. The question was asked from the floor about the duties. They would take over for the RVP (John Vacchiery) if he was unable to attend and in three years would become the RVP. Rita Butler volunteered to assume this position. The Slate of Officers is as follows:

RVP	John Vacchiery
ARVP	Rita Butler
Secretary	Lynn Plotner
Treasurer	Debra Gillespie

Election of officers will be at the Spring 2023 meeting and they will be installed at the Fall 2023 meeting.

Director: Ted Baker's term expired so Maiya Heath is nominated to fill the 2023-2025 position. Motion was made and seconded to have Rod Mendenhall be a Region 13 Director for 2023 – 2025. Motion was seconded and passed.

Region 13 Spring Meeting Promotion: (Lynda Miller) "Iris In The Valley", Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society Spring 2023 meeting will take place May 19-20, 2023 in Salem, OR. Meeting will be hosted by Oregon Trail Iris Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Plotner, Secretary



Here is some seedlings you might see at the Reg. 13/TBIS meeting

2023 LANKOW AWARD FOR STANDARD DWARF IRIS

LANKOW VOTES REQUESTED 2023

Hi one and all. I am excited to get out to see which Standard Dwarf Bearded Iris are really showing off this spring. Why? Well, we aren't under a COVID restraint at last and I'm tired of winter and want to get out to visit friends and gardens.

Last year's winner 'Kitten Whiskers' by Lynda Miller is a delightful spot in the garden. As a winner of the Medal, it and 'Open Your Eyes', 'Field Force', 'Bumpkin', 'Raspberry Ice', 'Portland Pink', 'Join In', 'Sweet And Innocent', 'Martian', 'Rozaye' are no longer eligible to win again.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, (Region 13) we have a lot of hybridizers introducing lots of really great plants for us to select from. I encourage you to get looking and share your thoughts of what is really special. SDBs introduced by hybridizers out of the region are still eligible.



Please remember that SDB's introduced in the past 10 years, 2013 through 2023 are the only type of iris eligible for this award. **You do not** have to be a judge to vote. Please send your recommendations to me. You may write, text, email or call before June 30th. I do not require a form from this booklet. You can vote for up to 12 iris's.

Rita Butler,
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University Place, WA
98467-3905
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(253) 777-7816

Vote the 2023 Lankow Award

(Open to all region 13 members)

Fill out your votes below and then send them in or E-Mail Rita with your votes. Up to 13 choices—less if you wish.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

SEND TO:

Rita Butler

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Or E-Mail: ritairis3@gmail.com

This page left blank so each of you can send in your
Lankow Award votes

AIS Region 13 Judges Update

We are all ready for this Winter to be over and to move on to Spring and Iris bloom time. There are several excellent opportunities to obtain in-garden judges training this spring. Not only will you receive training from top flight instructors, there is interaction with other judges during, before and after the training session. As part of the “Iris In The Valley” themed Region 13 Convention, May 19th and 20th in Salem, Oregon there are scheduled to be two 1 hour training sessions. Then in June travel up north to Cascadia Iris Garden on June 17th for training on Spuria irises. The instructor will be none other than Andi Rivarola, AIS President.

By now each judge should have received information from me concerning the number of hours (garden and classroom) you need to continue as a judge. You also received a worksheet to record your training and other activities (judging a show, for example). That worksheet is due to me by August 1st.

Ann Booth

AIS Region 13 Judges Training Chair

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Region 13 AIS Judges

Barbara Aitken – E
Terry Aitken – E
Ted Baker – G/E
Paul Black – E
Ann Booth – M
Dwayne Booth – M
Rita Butler – M
Bruce Filardi - M
Debra Gillespie – M
Chad Harris – M
Thomas Johnson – M

Keith Keppel – E Larry
Lauer - M
John Ludi – E
Rod Mendenhall – G/E
Lynda Miller – E
Roger Miller – M
Flora Persons – G/E
Will Plotner – M
Lynn Plotner - G/E
Lorena Reid - E
Susan Schouten - G/E

Robin Shadlow – M
Marky Smith - E
Margaret Spence – G/E
Patrick Spence – G/E
John Vacchiery - G/E
Linda Vacchiery – G/E
Kevin Vaughn – G/E
Lee Walker - G/E
Madeline West - A
Darlene Wheeler – M
Sarah Wylder - G/E

Reg.13 / TBIS Spring Convention

The Oregon Trail Iris Society is looking forward to hosting the Spring Regional / Tall Bearded Society meeting in May. We have many members gardens that will be open for viewing from 9-5 on Friday. Friday evening the Tall Bearded society will have a board meeting that anyone can attend, there will be a silent auction also and then hybridizer's can show slides for one hour. Saturday will feature a bus tour starting at Sebright Gardens. Sebright is the retail nursery of Mid-America, the 2023 introductions are planted there along with many seedlings plus they have a four acre display garden of very rare plants. Then it is onto Schreiners Garden where we will have lunch. In the afternoon we will go to Mid-America's field where they grow all the named varieties and seedlings. There will be two hours of judges training, one hour on Tall Bearded by Paul Black and one hour on MTBs by Lynda Miller. People will be able to sign up for one or both of the judges trainings. In the evening we will have a banquet followed by a program by Tim Taylor owner of Riverdale Irises in Australia. Please join us for all the fun!

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:00 am – 12:00 noon / 5:00 pm -8:00 pm Registration/check-in

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Silent Auction

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hybridizer's Show & Tell

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:30 am Leave hotel for Sebright Nursery

9:00am - 10:30 am Visit Sebright Nursery

10:30 am Leave for Schreiner's Garden

11:30 am Lunch at Schreiner's Garden

12:30 pm Leave for Mid-America Gardens (field)

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Judge's Training – TB's by Paul Black

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Judges Training– MTB's by Lynda Miller

4:00 pm Leave for hotel

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Banquet – open bar (pay on your own)

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Region 13 General Membership Meeting

8:00 pm Guest Speaker presentation

“IRIS IN THE VALLEY”

AIS Region 13/Tall Bearded Iris Society Spring Meeting

May 19-20, 2023

Hosted by the Oregon Trail Iris Society

Come join us for a visit to three large commercial iris gardens in the Willamette Valley, Saturday, May 20, 2023. A guided bus tour to Sebright Nursery, Mid-America Garden and Schreiner's Gardens. Lunch will be at the Schreiner's Gardens. Two 1-hour in-garden judge's training session will be held at the Mid-America Garden. Hotel accommodation are the Holiday Inn Salem, 3301 Market Street NE, Salem, OR 97301. Phone: 503-370-7835. Special room rate – double room \$129.00 plus tax per night. Make your reservation directly with the hotel. Make sure you mention “Oregon Trail Iris Society” to get the special rate. Reservations must be made by May 3rd to get the special rate.

Registration/reservation must be in by May 3, 2023. Registrations received after May 3rd will be accepted at the discretion of the registrar.

Banquet Choices: Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu

REGISTRATION

Registrations must be received by May 3, 2023

Name #1 _____ Name #2 _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
_____ Bus tour, Lunch and Banquet x \$107.00 each \$ _____
_____ Banquet only x \$60.00 each \$ _____
_____ Bus tour and lunch only x \$55.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Payment by check only made payable to OTIS

Banquet Choice: Salmon #1 _____ #2 _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu #1 _____ #2 _____

(Please note any special diet concerns on back of registration form)

Send registration and payment (check only) to:

Susan Schouten,

12320 S Macksburg Road, Canby, OR 97013.

Email sschouten@canby.com Phone: 503-989-5226.



Sebright Gardens above



Mid America Fields below

2023 Reg. 13 Events

National and Regional Conventions:

April 12th – 16th - AIS National Convention in Dallas, TX

<http://www.irises-dallas.org/isd-events/2023-ais-convention/>

May 19th - 20th - Region 13 Spring Meeting/Tall Bearded Iris Society Convention in Salem, OR hosted by Oregon Trail Iris Society Cost: \$107.00 Received by May 3rd, 2023

<https://www.oregontrailirissociety.com/meetings.html>

October 7th - AIS Region 13 Fall Meeting in Portland, OR, hosted by The Greater Portland Iris Society <http://greaterportlandirissociety.org/calendar-of-events>

British Columbia Iris Society: www.bcirissociety.com and Follow us on Facebook

A beloved member Bill Dumont, who oversaw a lot of communication for the BCIS group, has suddenly passed away. Please be patient with us as we recover and re-group. Our 2023 BCIS Annual General Meeting is in works. Further information and confirmation will be provided in the Rainbow Goddess at <https://www.bcirissociety.com/>

Columbia Basin Iris Society:

Meeting locations in 2023 are unknown at this time.

Call 509-423-4878 or bar.iris65@gmail.com for location and date of monthly meetings.

Hopefully, Our iris show and sale will be held at the Pybus Public Market in Wenatchee, on a Saturday in May, from 9 to 3. The market is at the bottom of Orondo Ave. with the farmers market out front, a paved river walk out back and specialty shops and restaurants inside.

Greater Portland Iris Society: www.greaterportlandirissociety.org

(Meetings at Ainsworth House and Gardens, 19130 Lot Whitcomb Drive, Oregon City, Oregon 7-9 PM)

April 4th, Meeting, Guest Speaker: Mike Starhill “Historic Iris”

April 7th-8th Hortlandia Plant Sale: Westside Commons, 801 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR Time: April 7th, 5 pm-8 pm April 8th, 9 am-4 pm

<https://www.hardyplantsociety.org/hortlandia>

May 7th, Early Season Iris Show 10 am – 4 pm

Note: Iris Show is one day only while the Spring Garden Fair is a two-day event
The Iris Show is free with front-gate admission

Spring Garden Fair, Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby OR

<https://springgardenfair.org/>

May 27th, Mid-Season Iris Show 10 am - 4 pm Clackamas Community Club 15711 SE 90th Ave. Clackamas, OR 97015

Show and parking free to the public

June 24th, Late Season Iris Show 10 am - 4 pm

Japanese Garden, Portland, OR

The Iris Show is Free with Garden Entrance Admission

August 5th, Club Potluck/Auction 12 Noon – 3 pm

Timber Park, 30878 NW Evergreen Way, Estacada, OR

August 26th-27th, Bearded Iris Plant Sale 9 am - 4 pm

Portland Nursery on Stark, 5050 SE Stark, Portland, OR

September 5th, General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Kevin Vaughn “Miniature Tall Bearded Iris”

September 16th-17th, Beardless Plant Sale 9 am - 4 pm

Portland Nursery on Stark, 5050 SE Stark, Portland, OR

October 3rd, General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Theo Margelony “Hardy Fuchsia”

November 7st, General Meeting, Guest Speaker: Bud Bowen “Ainsworth House and Gardens History”

December 9th, Holiday Potluck/Gift Exchange

Sandy Grange Hall, 34705 SE Kelso Rd, Sandy, OR

King County Iris Society: www.kcis.org and Follow us on Facebook

(Meetings at UW Center of Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98105 7-9 PM)

April 3 AIS First 100 Years, Gary White

May 7 Special Tour of Cottage Lake Gardens, Susie Egan, Woodinville, WA. Garden Tour: <https://www.leonineiris.com/>, Seattle, WA

Garden Tour: <https://www.cascadiairisgardens.com/>, Lake Stevens, WA

May 27 Iris Exhibition Wells Medina Nursery, Bellevue, WA 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

June 3 Iris Sale, Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden – SeaTac, WA

June 17 Judges Training – Spuria Iris, Andy Rivarola and KCIS Picnic Hosted by Patrick and Margaret Spence Cascadia Iris Gardens, Lake Stevens, WA, 12:00 to 4:00 pm

August 19 Bearded Iris Sale Wells Medina Nursery, Bellevue, WA 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

September 11 (Updated Historic Japanese Iris, Chad Harris

September 23 Beardless Iris Sale Wells Medina Nursery, Bellevue, WA 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

October 2 Lilacs, Peonies, and Iris – Oh My, Patrick Spence Nominating Committee Report

October 7 Region 13 Fall Meeting, Portland, OR Hosted by Greater Portland Iris

November 6 Toth Family Novelty Iris, David Toth, “Annual Meeting”

December 10 Holiday Party Hosted by John and Linda Vacchiery, 1:00 pm

Oregon Trail Iris Society: www.oregontrailirissociety.com and Follow us on Facebook

(Meetings at Center 50+, 2615 Portland RD NE, Salem, Oregon 97301)

March 21 - Potluck and drawing for the redistribution iris, 6:00 PM

April 18 - to be announced, 6:30 PM

August 12 - potluck and auction, Sebright/Mid-America Gardens, 11 AM

August 19 - public sale at Sebright Gardens, 9 AM - 3 PM

October 21 – Guest Speaker: Hugh Stout, 9 AM

November 15 - annual potluck and holiday exchange, 10 AM

Pierce County Greater County Iris Society: Follow us on Facebook

(we are meeting on zoom now, and are trying to rotate locations to include some hybrid in-person/zoom meetings)

April 29th & 30th – We will be selling Iris at the Pierce County Master Gardener’s Spring Sale in Puyallup, WA for more info <https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/mg/>

May 26 - PCIS Iris Show open to the public in the Pagoda at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, WA Noon – 3 PM

August 12 - PCIS Iris Sale at Portland Avenue Nursery in Tacoma, WA 9 AM – 3 PM

Join us if you can, and Happy Gardening. :)

Walla Walla Iris Society:

May 21 – Tall Bearded Show at Walla Walla Senior Center, 720 Sprague St., Walla Walla, WA 99360

August 5 & 6 – Rhizome Sale at Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 Northeast 5th Street, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

Yakima Valley Iris Society:

The club still has a few members. If you are interested, please contact: Steve Hill, 503-965-4177, SShill538@gmail.com

British Columbia Iris Society News

Our publication, "The Rainbow Goddess", is released on the website <https://www.bcirissociety.com/> This year has been a rough one, our beloved member Bill Dumont, editor and communication director, passed away in January. Richard Hebda is working to fill his shoes, recover data and release the Winter 2023 edition. It is a beautiful publication with a lot of information in it, please check it out. We offer our sincerest condolences to Bill's family and friends.

Columbia Basin Iris Society News: No report

Greater Portland Iris Society Retrospect (by Chad Harris)

2022 met us with covid winding down and the indoor arenas starting to reopen we were able to fly Carol Warner for Judge's Training on Siberian irises in February. The winter meetings also were able to be held, with Paul Black starting off with his hybridizing program "New Directions in Iris Breeding". Bud Bowen took us across the "pond" to England with his "Seasons of Kew". During the spring and summer, the public were able to enjoy three well attended plant sales and three shows. Special note the late show we were able to be hosted by the Japanese Garden of Portland. It had been many years of not being there with the garden closed for updating of buildings. The new building and grounds that were added to the garden are a must see and we are pleased to be hosted again this year. The three fall meetings were all on personal hybridizing programs with some of our well-known iris breeders in our area Terry Aitken, Thomas Johnson, and Robin Shadow.

King Country Iris Society News (by Patrick Spence)

What a year 2022 was! It was cool and rainy, we hosted the R13/Siberian Iris Convention, it stopped raining and was above normal temperatures until mid-October when it started raining and freezing way too early! That is what it seemed like. The cool spring had us really worried that the Siberian Iris weren't going to be in bloom for the convention the last weekend of May, but luckily we had 10 days of warmth prior to and many of them were open to enjoy during the convention. After the convention, they were all gorgeous.

We hosted our booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden show in February and they allowed us to sell plants for the first time. Talking to people about Iris is our favorite hobby and we look forward to it. We sold 2 species iris, but they didn't like the indoor lighting, so some looked a little sick by the 4th day. Lesson learned, don't bring in all the iris on the first day, it was still fun to sell the iris and

talk about them. We had some interesting programs via ZOOM – Pacific Coast Iris by Gary Knipe; Spuria Iris by Andi Rivarola; Growing and Hybridizing TB Iris in Denver, CO, Bob Van Liere, Iris4U Garden; we appreciated that Patrick Spence and Terry Aitken were able to give us in person presentations. Our ZOOM skills are really improving thanks to John Vacchiery.

In August and September, we held our regular bearded and beardless iris sales at Well Medina Nursery. The smokey air didn't stop people from purchasing iris.

Oregon Trail Iris Society News (by Lynda Miller)

We had our normal meeting in the winter and spring starting with hybridizer show and tell in January. Patrick Spence gave a great program on beardless iris in February and March was our redistribution drawing. One month Lynda showed pictures of the national convention including lots of pictures of hybridizers. August we had both our club auction and our public sale at Sebright Gardens, both were very successful and lead us to a new member. We ended our year in November with our annual potluck and holiday exchange.

Pierce Country Iris Society News (by Maiya Heath)

Our 2022 year had us continuing to host our club meetings, as a hybrid of zoom and in person gatherings. Our monthly club newsletter "The Bloomn' News" keeps everyone informed of the clubs upcoming events and meeting places. We hosted our annual Iris Show in May and had a nice variety of Horticulture, Artistic Designs, Educational exhibits and Photography for public display. Our summer Iris sale was held at Portland Ave Nursery, and again did well for our club. In October, we hosted a successful Region 13 Fall Conference in Puyallup. Happy Irising and hope to see you all sometime soon!

Walla Walla Iris Society Society: No report

Yakima Valley Iris Society: No report

The AIS Hager-DuBose Memorial Iris Library

By the AIS Library Committee: Bob Hollingworth, Jody Nolin, Bob Pries, Gary White, Bonnie Nichols, Jill Bonino, Will Plotner, and Andi Rivarola

This documents purpose is to record the current needs of the AIS Library.

What is needed:

A person/persons (primarily volunteers, but also part time paid help) to put together an inventory in an Excel spreadsheet (or similar format, Google Sheets, etc.) of items that reside within the AIS Library.

The person/persons need to be computer literate and able to communicate in written, electronic, and verbal form with many individuals.

To accomplish the above the Committee is willing to move the AIS Library to a new location under certain conditions, such as costs, and involvement in the future work needed for the AIS Library.

A person/persons to help us find a future Librarian/Administrator who will keep a handle of the inventory, manage all items, redistribute items that are not to be kept in the Library, and communicate directly with AIS members.

The qualifications and work of the future Librarian/Administrator will be discussed when needed.

Some facts:

At this time, the Committee agrees that the future physical AIS Library location will NOT need to provide access to the public; but certainly to AIS Officers and Directors; and perhaps to the membership by appointment for certain special circumstances.

The current AIS Library contains not only printed material, but also photos, slides, medals, awards and other historic records of the AIS going back one hundred years.

Furnishings are also part of the AIS Library, including book cases, cabinets, boxes, display cases, a computer, printer and a scanner.

After relocation, the AIS Library will continue to receive items that will be added to the inventory.

The AIS Library is currently located in rental office space in Molalla, Oregon. Its operations are primarily supported by funds from the DuBose Trust, which are administered by the AIS Foundation.

Please contact any of the members of this Committee for further information.

Bill Dumont

William "Bill" Dumont was born into this world on July 15, 1948, and left it peacefully on January 25, 2023; both earlier and faster than anyone expected. He was B-I-G. Not only in stature, but personality, opinions, his acts of kindness, his love of gardening and travel, life spanning volunteerism and love language of preparing food and serving it to others. Family. Friends. Food. Fun. Faith. Forestry. Fishing. Flowers. Fur-babies. All had his heart, and that heart will dearly be missed by many.



Born in Vancouver to parents Dr. Hubert Dumont (1995) and Margaret (Winterburn) (1998), Bill was No. 6 of 12 children: Jack (2017) was the oldest of the 12; Jim (2016), Ruth, Richard (Fr. Mark), Robert (2015), Catherine, Elizabeth, Joan (2019), Ronald (2010), Norman and Barbara, plus two special cousins Rea and Betty who were as close as sisters. Along with six siblings and several brothers and sisters-in-law, he leaves behind dozens of nieces and nephews (and grand-nieces and grand-nephews), in addition to Iris and Sadie and his special friend Brenda (among legions of other friends).

Bill attended Vancouver College, graduating in 1965. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Science (Forestry) from the University of British Columbia in 1971. Next he served as a CUSO Volunteer forester from 1971 to 1973 in Tapah and Ipoh, West Malaysia, with the Perak State Forestry Department. His journey to becoming a Distinguished Professional Forester included being the Chief Forester with Western Forest Products Ltd. for many years. He also served on the Forest Practices Board and was a director and volunteer with many other very worthy organizations, including Indigenous economic development corporations.

Even though the Cowichan Valley was his home for decades, Bill spent the last weeks of his life at the Victoria General Hospital. He was cared for there by an exceptional team of doctors, nurses and other caregivers. Their kind, diligent and respectful care were a comfort to Bill, as well as his family and friends. Many, many

thanks to them all.

In lieu of sending flowers, please plant some - or a tree, and think of a man who loved both. His ashes will be scattered in Haida Gwaii, a place where he spent considerable time (including guiding tours). Donations in his name would also be welcomed at the BC Forest Discovery Centre or Forests without Borders.

At Bill's celebration of Life in February, the following words written by Richard Hebda, current BCIS President, were read by Ted Baker, BCIS Past President and former AIS Region 13 Director:

"Bill was a dynamo in the BC Iris Society and its Secretary-Treasurer for several years. He arranged and lead tours, built display beds, received rhizomes for us and initiated our widely acclaimed Rainbow Goddess newsletter. He kept our books straight and brought us into the digital age which has helped spread the iris word widely in British Columbia. He even cooked the lunches for our annual BCIS get-togethers. Bill recently served on the AIS Board of Directors. It is hard to imagine our society without him and his big boots.

As president of BCIS I spent many hours with Bill arranging purchases, preparing articles, sorting rhizomes and planting irises and just talking about so many things. We will miss him deeply.

Bill, may you have a giant garden to take care of in your next life and may it be full of Rainbow Flowers."

Hume McMartin

Hume Evans "Mac" McMartin passed from this world into the Lord's arms, on January 21, 2023. Hume was born to Donald Huie and Dorothy Mary (Stull) McMartin, in Marshalltown, Iowa, on January 31, 1930.



Hume grew up on the family farm near Beaman, Iowa. Wherever he lived, he read the obituaries, because he said that is where you learn the true history of the people and the area.

After high school graduation in 1947, Hume attended Coyne Electrical School, in Chicago, Illinois, where he learned his trade in electrical, radio, and refrigeration. After graduating from Coyne, Hume traveled to Pueblo, Colorado, where he had cousins and began working his trade. He was working for the Colorado State Hospital, as an electrical apprentice, when he enlisted with the Navy.

Hume served in the U.S. Navy, as a Seabee in a Mobile Construction Battalion Unit, as a construction electrician from 1951 to 1954, and is where he gained the nickname "Mac". His tour included San Diego, California; Port Hueneme Oxnard, California; Davisville, Rhode Island; Casablanca, French Morocco; Port Lyautey (Kenitra), Morocco; Cap May, New Jersey; Shelburne, Nova Scotia; and Boston, Massachusetts (Farragut). On leave with buddies in 1952, he passed through London and noticing a large crowd they stopped, found their way to the front, and discovered it was Queen Elizabeth's coronation parade. He also greatly enjoyed his visit in Scotland on this same trip. He is a lifetime member of the Beaman, Iowa American Legion.

After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Mac went back to work in Colorado before visiting a navy buddy, Freddie Sandstrom, in Montana. Mac drove his 1948 Willy's Jeep to Roy, Montana, where Freddie introduced him to the Rife family, and he eventually married Claudia Rife, on August 4, 1957. While working in Montana, Hume worked as an IBEW Journeyman Electrician. The McMartin family lived in an 8-foot by 42-foot mobile home that was moved to the various towns where construction projects were occurring. Mac moved his family to Lynnwood, Washington in 1964, due to the steady and booming construction occurring along the I-5 corridor. In 1967, Mac relocated the family to Granite Falls, Washington, and then in 1990 moved to Dayton, Washington to raise sheep.

Hume is survived by his wife of 65 years, Claudia Evelyn McMartin; his daughter, Peggy Sue Williamson; his son, Paul Evans (Denise) McMartin; grandchildren, Sarah (Tyler) Ovard, Evan (Alice) McMartin, Aislinn Williamson, and Duncan Williamson; step-grandchildren, Steven Mortimer and Matthew Mortimer; sister-in-law, Janet (Jim) Rife; great-grandchild Nora Ovard; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, spanning multiple generations and the breadth of the U.S. Hume is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Dorothy McMartin; brother, R. Dean McMartin; mother and father-in-law, Winnie and Earl Rife; sisters-in-law, Barbara (Dean) McMartin, Alice Rife; Lila (Edsel) Williamson, Bonnie

(Dale) Sandstrom, and Deloris (John) Rife; brothers-in-law, Orin “Jim” Rife, John R. Rife, Edsel Williamson, and Dale Sandstrom.

No matter where Hume traveled, he met someone that he knew, and he never met a dog that he didn’t like.

Lucy Floren, President of the Walla Walla Iris Society, shared: He was a valued member of the WWIS. Hume and Claudia have been members since the early 1990’s. They traveled from “the dry side of Dayton” to every meeting, show and sale. They were always ready to pitch in and help with any project our club took on. Each spring, they entered several beautiful tall bearded stalks in our annual show. At sale time, they arrived with boxes of labeled rhizomes. Truly, the kind of members every club wants. Hume will be missed.



Outward Bound

By Will Plotner

As we get ready for a busy and exciting year and with Spring finally beginning to show itself, I am sure we are also ready to get out there with our plants. I am looking forward to the upcoming OTIS Spring Region 13/TBIS meeting in Salem. It promises to be a grand experience with something for everyone including plenty of judges training in the gardens. I hope to see everyone there ready to meet old friends and find some new ones as well.

Will

What is Region 13?

Region 13 of the American Iris Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of the public and the advancement of the genus Iris. Region 13 comprises the area's of Alaska, Oregon and Washington, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory and publishes a Newsletter twice yearly. The Newsletter fee, to defray printing and mailing costs, is \$6.00 per year, individual or family. Send any subscriptions (check payable to AIS Region 13) to the Circulation Chairperson: **American Iris Society, Region 13 Will Plotner, Circulation P.O. Box 250, Molalla, OR 97038-0250**

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