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32 full color postcards are for sale by SJI

Two sets of 16 different postcards have been published by SJI. Set #1 was published last fall and advertised in the Fall '93 REVIEW, page 58. Set #1 consists of 16 different W.A. Payne cultivars. Now, Set #2 has been printed, 16 different Payne Award Winners. These postcards are the most economical format for SJI to publish color photos of Japanese iris. Their primary use is for members to collect into an album to supplement their checklist or garden notebook. Their secondary use is for sale to the public, by local clubs, to help introduce and promote Japanese iris. Order now for your Iris Shows and rhizome sales.

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Overseas orders need to add \$1.00 per set ordered for airmail.

If there is enough interest and support (sales) in these first two Sets, SJI may consider printing two more sets this winter. Are you interested? Send a list of your favorites to John for consideration.

BUSINESS ITEMS

"The Review" is published semi-annually by the Society for Japanese Irises. Editorial Office is located at RR 2 Box 980, Auburn, ME 04210. Deadlines for receiving copy are Feb. 15 and August 15, with earlier receipt desirable. Black and white photographs, colored prints (glossy), and black and white drawings are welcome. Reprinting -- permission is granted to any other iris society publication to reprint any material in this publication with due acknowledgement.

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RENEWALS: If your mailing label is marked with the expiration date 9407, this will be the last copy of "The Review" on your present membership.
PLEASE RENEW.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Please notify Membership Chairman.

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THE JAPANESE IRIS by Currier McEwen \$24.95
Back issues of "The Review", per copy \$1.50
Volume 1 (1964) consists of 3 issues. All subsequent volumes contain 2 issues each.

SJI Slide Set Rental \$5.00

IRIS LAEVIGATA - book rental \$5.00

All prices include postage. Send your requests for above items to Slides/Librarian Chairman, John Coble, with check made out to the Society for Japanese Irises. Please order slide sets early for scheduling.

ADVERTISING: Will be accepted for plants and horticultural related items. Charges are: Full page layout, \$18.00; 1/2 page layout, \$10.00; Short ads, text only, \$2.00 for up to 5 lines and for each additional five lines or fraction thereof. Send ads and check made out to the Society for Japanese Irises to the Editor.

1992 CHECKLIST AVAILABLE

To order the 1992 Cumulative Checklist for Japanese Irises, send \$5.25 (USA only), or \$6.00 Foreign Surface mail, or \$10.00 Air Mail Foreign to:

Howard L. Brookins
N75 W14257 North Point Drive
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

This checklist will be the Last Issue to contain all the obsolete names. By the time the next version comes around, hopefully all the improper names in commerce will be correctly registered.

SJI MEMBERSHIP LIST AVAILABLE

An up-to-date membership list for S.J.I. can be obtained by ordering from Secretary Robert Bauer. It will be produced as a computer printout, listing members alphabetically by states. Price - \$3.00 including postage. Send check made to S.J.I. to Robert Bauer, address in front of this issue.

Cover Photo - Scene from a Virginia Convention garden
(by Howard Brookins)

1994 SJI CONVENTION

JUNE 2 -4

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PEGGY BEASON

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SUMMERVILLE SC 29483-9802

Tel. (803) 688-4414

Featured during the 1994 SJI Convention is a two hour
Charleston Harbor Cruise. This will be for those arriving before
6 PM on Thursday, June 2. It will be a dinner cruise, the cruise
and dinner cost is through courtesy of the SIS. To minimize
expenses to the SIS it is imperative that you tell us on your
reservation slip if you plan to go on the cruise. The SIS must
pay for all 'no-shows'. Your reservation packet will be awaiting
you at the hotel.

The convention reservation desk will be open at 4 PM on June2.
It will close at 6 PM so all SIS members and guests can go on
the Harbor Cruise. The reservation desk will be open again
between 6 AM and 8 AM on Friday, June 3.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

6-2-94

4-6 PM REGISTRATION

6-3-94

6-8 PM	REGISTRATION RE-OPENS
8-9 PM	WELCOME BREAKFAST
9:15-11:15 AM	JUDGES TRAINING
11:30 AM	BUS LEAVES FOR ST. STEPHENS
NOON(approx)	LUNCH AT CHURCH
1:15* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR JOHNSON'S
3:00* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR BEASON'S
4:45* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR HOLIDAY INN
	EVENING MEAL ON YOUR OWN
7:30-8:45 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION/SLIDES
9:00 PM	SJI BOARD MEETING - CONFERENCE ROOM

6-4-94

	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
8:00 AM	BUS LEAVES FOR BURTON'S
9:45* AM	BUS LEAVES FOR BROOKS'
11:15* AM	BUS LEAVES FOR GOLDSBERRY'S
12:00* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR RYAN'S STEAK HOUSE LUNCH (no waiting, "Mega-Bar")
2:00* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR IRIS SHOW AT COMMUNITY CENTER
4:30* PM	BUS LEAVES FOR HOTEL
7:00 PM	BANQUET - ANNOUNCEMENTS
	AUCTION - DOOR PRIZES

* Bus departures shown are approximate times.

ON THE AGENDA

On Friday, June 3rd, immediately following the Welcome Breakfast, the two hour Judge's Training course will start at the Holiday Inn. Pat Brooks is in charge of this training session. She has obtained Lorena Reid, owner of Laurie's Garden. Her garden is located ten miles east of Springfield, Oregon in the McKenzie River Valley area.- an area backed by beautiful evergreens.

Lorena is a Master Judge in AIS, and a hybridizer. She grows over 150 varieties of JI, over a hundred seedlings, Siberians, Sino-Siberians, Calsibes, Evansias, and water Iris. Lorena won the PAYNE AWARD with her introduction of "Freckled Geisha". She is well qualified as a speaker for this training course. I hope all of you are as interested in hearing her as I am.

On Friday, June 3rd, after supper there will be a Panel Discussion. Ruth Wilder is in charge of this session. The panelists will answer questions from members in attendance, show slides of their newer introductions, and talk on newer color on the horizon. The panelists are Rev. Everette Lineberger, Dr. Currier McEwen, and Dr. William L. Ackerman.

Rev. Lineberger owns QUAIL HILL IRIS GARDENS in Inman, SC. He is an AIS Board member, a former RVP, and a retired Lutheran minister. Everette was editor of the Region 5 Newsletter for many years. He is a 'super' person to work with in any capacity.

Dr. Currier McEwen is owner of SEAWAYS IRIS GARDEN in South Harpswell, Maine. He is a retired rheumatologist and a serious hybridizer - and the results have paid off. He has won the PAYNE AWARD more than once. He edited the Siberian Iris Book and is in the process of doing a second one. He edited the JI book. He is a Life Member of the JI Society, and a gentleman with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

Dr. Ackerman of Ashton, MD has been a director in the Society for Japanese Irises, is a hybridizer and an accomplished speaker. His JI are sold through NICHOLLS GARDEN. An article by Dr. Ackerman, titled "Breeding of New Types of Iris" appeared in the Spring 1987 issue of THE REVIEW. It is recommended reading for any of you interested in the subject.

Also on June 4th there will be opportunity to see the JI planting in Azalea Park and the Live Oak Tree planted in memory of Adolph Vogt. (For additional convention information, please see the FALL 1993 issue of THE REVIEW.)

Virginia Burton

CONVENTION TOUR GARDENS

BC and Maggie Johnson's garden in St. Stephens, SC is the largest garden on our tour. The following is the information on their garden as written by Maggie:

The land behind our house used to hold water and so was called the 'savannah'. We hope to dig a pond there and plant right up to it someday. But right now we are slowly working our way out from the house, establishing trees, shrubs, and various perennials. We have a picnic table near a Japanese weeping cherry tree and two more tables to get set up soon.... hopefully, before the convention. The ground is rich and black and I love every grain of it.

BC and I were married in 1964 and built our house, the old part, in 1970. We added on in 1982 and still haven't finished. We work on it as our finances permit. When it is finished, it will be a pretty home where our six children can come with their families and not be too crowded. We still have three children at home with us.... twin girls, age 14, and our baby boy who is eight. And grandchildren!

My garden, filled with flowers and trees, was at one time 'the garden', filled with vegetables, and long hours at the canning

pot. Chances are I work even harder now with the flowers, but I do enjoy it much more. And Spring will surely be beautiful with three-quarters of an acre of tall-bearded irises in bloom!

We have begun a small nursery and I have some tall-bearded in pots, along with some shrubbery, daylilies, bulbs, etc. In the garden itself, we have over 500 cultivars of daylilies alone, annuals, perennials, bulbs, etc., all joined with a network of paths that take one through the garden in such a way that you might have to retrace your steps on some to be sure that you haven't missed something.

Our drought last year (1993) and some mole/vole problems forced me to lift most of the Japanese Irises I had for convention. These I have put in pots along with those for the auction. If all goes as planned, all of the plants I have for the auction will be actively growing, established ones.

The garden also contains Siberians, Cristata, Tridentata, Virginica, Versicolor, etc., as well as seedlings from these, the Japanese irises and seedlings. Quite frankly, I've bitten off more than I can chew! But I'm happy here and I don't mind the work involved with growing the flowers. I've seen more than a few smiles that have already made my labors worthwhile, not to mention having my grand-daughter, who was four years old at the time, take my hand after helping me plant irises and announce, "Na Na, ain't we dirty friends?"

We welcome all who wish to see our garden and hope that you find great pleasure in doing so.

Maggie Johnson

PAT BROOKS GARDEN

On Saturday AM, June 4th we will visit the garden of Pat Brooks. The home of Tom and Pat Brooks is located north of Charleston, on what was Tranquil Hill Plantation. Tranquil Hill Plantation dates back to 1773. Now it is a subdivision with small lots.

This is a garden that has had to adapt to change. The changes were due to natural disasters, such as tornado, hurricane, and in 1993 a severe drought. Japanese, Louisiana, Siberian, species, and some reblooming irises are grown.

NOTE: Those of you who are coming by plane will be landing in what was part of ANDRE MICHAUX'S garden.

Information on other convention gardens can be found in the FALL 1993 issue of THE REVIEW. (Ed.)

An Invitation To Japanese Iris Conventioneers

Those driving to the Summerville convention through Western North Carolina via I-26 are invited to stop off for a brief visit to see our Japanese irises. Although they will not be in bloom, you may find our efforts interesting. For specific information, please call CMIS President Walter Hoover at 704/749-5846 any evening after 5:00 p.m.

FUTURE SJI CONVENTIONS

- 1994 - Summerville, SC - June 2 - 4
- 1995 - Baltimore, MD - June 23 - 24
- 1996 - Greater St. Louis, MO
- 1997 - Sacramento, CA
- 1998 - Open
- 1999 - Open
- 2000 - Kalamazoo, MI

MEMBERSHIP IN S. J. I. - WHAT A DEAL!

Carol Warner

Treasurer/Membership Secretary

I am always amazed when twice a year approximately fifty members do not renew. Our Review is and has been a high quality, very informative publication. Membership dues do not come close to covering the cost of the publication. In 1993 the issues averaged \$2.38 and \$2.45 per copy to print and mail. Single annual dues are \$3.50, unless you paid for three years at \$9.00.

We are indebted to the hybridizers who guest their plants for SJI Conventions and then allow them to be sold at auction, usually the last evening of the meeting. Credit also goes to the gardeners who grow the guests and then dig and ship them after the convention. These funds have allowed us to keep dues low and still provide an excellent publication, a library of slides and other materials, underwriting of Dr. McEwen's outstanding book, a new registration checklist, reorganization and expansion of the display garden program, and registration of many irises that were already in commerce without proper descriptions. This year we were able to answer a request for pictures of JI's for identification purposes by printing the first series of postcards and offering them to members at cost. We will also fund design and presentation of the Payne Medal beginning in 1994.

In the nine years that I have held this office I have received three letters explaining why dues were not renewed. One said that their climate and soil conditions just made growing JI's too difficult; one received poor plants from a supplier and they all died; the other said she had just gotten too old to garden. This year one member renewed but enclosed a note saying we should raise our dues.

Membership totals have remained almost constant over the last few years because we attract about 100 new members each year.

Turn to the back cover of your **REVIEW** now. Does the label say that your dues expire in July 1994 (9407)? If so, you better write out your check and send it to me or be sure to renew SJI with your AIS dues through Marilyn Harlow. How can anyone stand to miss the next issue of **THE REVIEW** or not take advantage of such a fantastic deal?

Let your officers know what else we can do to further promote the culture and appreciation of Japanese Irises.

PLEASE HELP PLEASE HELP

Shirley Pope (Maine)

I've asked our SJI Editor not to publish a source list for Japanese Irises until we can get more input from SJI members. Last year we published a list of gardens that we knew were excellent sources of registered, quality plants. We asked for names of more good gardens from SJI members. Only one member suggested a garden to be added to the list.

The only way that we can insure the growth of our Society AND entice more gardeners to grow JI's is to help them acquire good fresh plants - their success with their purchases will make us grow! Send a list of gardens that you can enthusiastically recommend to:

Shirley Pope
39 Highland Ave.
Gorham, ME 04038
Tel. (207) 839-3054

REQUEST FOR JAPANESE IRIS
1996 SJI CONVENTION
ST. LOUIS, MO

The Greater St. Louis Iris Society will be hosting your 1996 Japanese Iris Convention. There are 5 guest gardens including the Missouri Botanical Garden. All hybridizers are invited to send guest rhizomes of recent introductions or seedlings under serious consideration. **Space is still available. Your contributions will be welcome.**

1. Up to five rhizomes of each variety will be accepted.
2. Guest plants will be accepted from May 1, 1994 to September 1994.
3. The following information should accompany each plant:
 - a. Hybridizer's name and address
 - b. Name or number of each variety or seedling
 - c. Type of iris
 - d. Height and color
 - e. Year of introduction
4. When guest seedlings are named, it is the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the Guest Iris Chairman no later than Feb. 1, 1996.
5. A receipt will be mailed to all contributors listing the garden location of your plants. Plants will be handled with full courtesy to the hybridizer. We will exercise all precaution to see that plants do not set seed or that pollen be used. The guest iris committee will not be responsible for losses beyond its control; reports of losses will be promptly issued to the hybridizer.
6. Contributors will be asked for instructions regarding disposition of their plants. If such instructions are not received by Feb. 1, 1996, dispersal will be at the discretion of the convention committee.

I wish my plants to be handled as follows:

- () Dispensed with at the discretion of the Convention Committee
- () Sold at auction, proceeds going to SJI or GSLIS
- () Returned to hybridizer (out of U.S. returns at your cost)

() Destroyed

() Others

7. Only plants received through the Guest Iris Chairman will be listed in the convention booklet and be eligible for awards, for this convention.
8. All official guest iris must be shipped to:
Mrs. Betty Bohrer
1 Summer Court
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Phone: (314) 272-8780

Thank you for supporting this SJI Convention.

Don Delmez
Convention Chairman

PRESERVING JAPANESE IRISES

The Caretaker Program is up and running.. From the 55 members submitting their growing lists, cultivars have been identified that are in short supply. With that identification, this Spring donors will send a division of these irises to our caretakers.

Even though the program has made a start, we are still looking for donors and caretakers, we especially need your growing list. You may be growing only 4 or 5 JIs and think that your list is not needed, but it is !! Please send your list. With your continuing support JIs will be preserved.

P.S. From the 55 members submitting their list, SUMMER STORM is the most-widely grown - 25 gardens. Others that are widely-grown are - WINE RUFFLES and DACE in 23, ORIENTAL EYES in 22, FRECKLED GEISHA in 21, and CRYSTAL HALO in 20.

Rich Randall

JAPANESE IRISES
in the
SARAH P. DUKE GARDENS
Paul D. Jones
Horticulturist, The Asiatic Arboretum
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

The Sarah P. Duke Gardens is a 55-acre public garden on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Begun in 1932, the Gardens have long been popular for the seasonal shows of annuals, perennials, and bulbs displayed *en masse* in an Italianate-styled terraced garden. The Gardens also boast one of the premier collections of plants native to the Southeastern U.S. in the H.L. Blomquist Garden. And to complement the natives, development of an Asiatic Arboretum was recently begun which displays many of the important horticultural contributions, botanical and architectural, from the Far East. It is into the design of this Asiatic garden that the Japanese Irises have recently become an integral contributor.

Irises have always been an important symbol for these Gardens at Duke. In 1930 Dr. Frederic Hanes, an avid Iris fancier with the University's young medical center, enlisted the support of Sarah P. Duke (wife of University benefactor Benjamin Duke) to create an Iris garden on an undeveloped property adjacent to campus. Their endeavor quickly blossomed into a spectacular display of 20,000 Irises (mostly bearded), and established a garden that would later be named in her memory. Today's collection is modest by comparison, but over the years the diversity of species cultivated has much increased.

Iris ensata is the newest addition to the Gardens' Iris repertoire, having been only recently accessioned as part of the collections of the Asiatic Arboretum. The 20-acre Arboretum was established in 1984. This mostly undeveloped area had been altered in the previous year by the excavation of a 2 acre pond, built to control flooding in other parts of the Gardens. Development of the Arboretum thus far has focused on several rolling acres around this pond.

Because the mission of Duke Gardens has educational as well as aesthetic goals, the question of what we wanted to accomplish with our collection was thoroughly considered prior to any planting. *Iris ensata*, although occasionally seen in the private gardens of keen plantspeople, is largely unknown and its potential underrealized among the general gardening public in our area. In addition to fulfilling design needs, our display will help to further popularize *I. ensata*, and help to educate the public about the history and cultivation of Japanese Irises. Specifically, our aims are: a.) to represent the wide range of colors, sizes, and forms of Japanese Irises, including examples of typical wild species and varieties, b.) to demonstrate the advancements gained through selection and hybridization, and c.) to represent the most noted hybridizers by displaying important examples of their work.

Another step prior to getting our hands dirty was the need for the staff to become better familiarized with Japanese Irises and their cultivation. Two persons prominent at the national societal level were of invaluable assistance to the author in this process. Clarence Mahan, then immediate Past President of the Society for Japanese Irises, kindly discussed Iris cultivation while showing me around his garden, and invited me to accompany him on a personal tour of the gardens of several collectors and growers in the Washington D.C./Baltimore area. One of these gardens was that of grower and SJI Treasurer Carol Warner. Carol, too, has been a gold mine of information. To date, most of our selections have been acquired from Carol's nursery, Draycott Gardens.

Ultimately, Japanese Irises will be used in a variety of settings throughout the Arboretum. For the initial planting a sunny, low-lying site in a prominent location adjacent to the pond was chosen. Because of the impoundment design of the pond, this site is occasionally inundated for short periods. This was judged to be an asset and has proven so thus far. Large boulders were incorporated into the site to create a sense of Japanese gardening technique and to allow visitors easy access into what is often a wet location.

Thirty cultivars and wild collected (seed!) species types have been included thus far. The work of 12 hybridizers is represented. Several cultivars are imported hybrids with obscure origins. Another site nearby is scheduled to be planted with primarily species types beginning this Spring. A 40' arched bridge, which we have given the Japanese title *Ayamebashi*, or Iris Bridge, links these two plantings which are separated by an inlet. Future designs that will include *I. ensata* and all additional east Asian species suitable in our climate are now being considered.

You are invited to visit Duke Gardens and explore our efforts. The Gardens are open daily from 8 AM until dusk at no charge. A special invitation to stop by for a stretch and personal tour is extended to those SJI members who will be passing by *en route* to the meetings in South Carolina later this year.

INFORMATION ON ROBINS

The Robins have had a rough time this year. The Hybridizer's Robin was delayed for months due to illness. Another was lost between North and South Carolina. Both have been restarted and are in flight.

Robin participants should send cards to Pat Brooks (address in front of this issue) telling her when and to whom Robin was mailed. This helps to find where Robins have strayed.

At present there are openings in the Hybridizer's Robin. Contact Pat if you would like to participate.

CAROLINA MOUNTAINS IRIS SOCIETY EXPANDS PUBLIC PLANTING OF JAPANESE IRISES

Walter Hoover, President
Carolina Mountains Iris Society

On October 2, 1993 the Carolina Mountains Iris Society expanded the Japanese Iris planting begun last year at Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville, North Carolina. The actual planting was "the program" for our Fall meeting.

The group put in an additional sixteen container-grown varieties, each with three to five fans per pot. The idea is to give a substantial bloom display next summer. In addition, weed-eaters and lawnmowers are much less likely to devastate larger established clumps.

The Horticulture Department and grounds crew at the college have been very supportive and have shown a great deal of interest in making this effort a success. Japanese Irises were featured on the front of a recent college bulletin with an accompanying article crediting CMIS for its efforts.

Our efforts to increase the public's interest in Japanese Irises have included publicizing the planting along the lake at the community college, holding our annual Japanese Iris Show at the Opportunity House in Henderson, North Carolina, and having our plant auction and sale every July. In addition, we have two members who have small-scale operations selling container-grown Japanese Iris. These efforts have begun to make a difference on the local garden scene. This point is demonstrated by a recent news release from Blue Ridge Community College announcing that the local Ikenobo Ikebana Society has added additional Japanese Irises to the CMIS planting at the college.

"BRCC IRIS COLLECTION"

The rolling hills, calm lake and open woodlands on the Blue Ridge Community College campus combine to form the perfect backdrop for several plant collections. One of these collections is our Iris collection.

This collection was started in 1992, with plants donated by the Iris Society. Mr. Walter Hoover, of the Iris Society, led a team, made up of several horticultural students, their instructor and campus landscaping staff, in planting an assortment of Japanese Iris. These beautiful plants became the cornerstone for our Iris collection.

This collection is located along the northeast side of the lake and is easily reached by the foot bridge. It contains, in addition to the Japanese Iris, other exotic and native species. The native species allow the collection to gradually blend into the woods, creating a sense of continuity with our natural setting.

Come, visit the campus, enjoy our Iris collection and the other plantings. Our footpaths are always open to the public for relaxing walks.

(Excerpt from SPRING QUARTER 1993 schedule of Blue Ridge Community College.) Ed

REMINDER

The Executive Board of the Society for Japanese Irises will meet as scheduled below. Any member of SJI is welcome to attend these meetings.

Portland, OR - 2:00 PM - Saturday, May 21
Summerville, SC - 9:00 PM - Friday, June 3

DISPLAY GARDENS

The Display Garden program is expanding. Last year it increased by 18 gardens and this year by 22. We now have 64 Display Gardens - 63 in the United States and 1 in Belgium.

The purpose of the Display Garden program is to help promote the Japanese Iris. It does this by making the **Local General Public** aware of places that they can view the iris. The program also gives our traveling SJI members an opportunity to see JI's in other areas.

To be listed as a Display Garden does not mean that you have to grow a large number of irises, nor does it mean that your irises have to be new varieties. All that we ask is that you make a commitment to promote the Japanese Iris in your area. How you promote the iris is entirely up to you. We offer the following suggestions: put a sign in your front yard, invite local garden clubs to your garden, supply the local newspaper with information for an article, etc. What and how much you do is up to you.

If you are willing to be a part of our Display Garden program, SJI will provide, for your visitors, membership applications, culture sheets and source lists for purchasing Japanese Irises.

With your permission, in the Spring "Review" I will list your garden as a Display Garden. And, if you indicate you will be listed on the source list as a source for buying JI's. This source list is also supplied to all new SJI members by the Membership Chairman.

Rich Randall

JAPANESE IRIS DISPLAY GARDEN LIST

Belgium

1. Willy Hublau, Steenweg Op Borgloon 37A, 3830 Wellen, Belgium

Region 1

1. Philip Boucher, Tranquil Lake Nursery, 45 River St., Rehoboth, MA 02769
(508)252-4002 June 14 - July 14
2. Phil Cook, Poker Hill Gardens, P.O. Box 338, Underhill, VT 05489
(802) 889-9928 July 1 - 20
3. Anne and Dick Jarzowski, 17 Chestnut St., West Newbury, MA 01985
(508) 363-2282 July 1 - 14
4. Bob Kendall, 35 Suncrest Drive, Watertown, CT 06795
5. Kathleen Marble, 84 Littleton County Rd., P.O. Box 287 Harvard, MA 01451-0287
6. Dr. and Mrs. Currier McEwen, Seaways Gardens, Route 1, Box 818, South Harpswell, ME 04079
(207) 833-5438 July 7 - 21
7. Mrs. Maurice (Shirley) Pope, Jr., 39 Highland Ave., Gorham, ME 04038
(207) 839-3054 Mid July
8. Jan Sacks/Marty Schafer, Joe Pye Weed's Garden, 337 Acton St., Carlisle, MA 01741
(617) 275-7723
9. Darlyn Springer, York Hill Farm, 271 N.Haverhill Rd., Kensington, NH 03833
(603) 772-8567 June 19 - July 11
10. Cindy and Ron Valente, Valente Gardens, RFD 2 Box 234, East Lebanon, ME 04027
(207) 457-2076 July 1 - 21
11. John, Evelyn, and Ted White, RR 2 Box 980, (Jackson Hill Rd.) Auburn, ME 04210
(207) 345-9532 July 5 - 31

12. Sharon Whitney, Eartheart Gardens (For McEwen)
RR 1, Box 847, South Harpswell, ME 04079
(207) 833-6327 July 7 - 21

Region 2

1. Kathleen Colburn, 93 Doolittle Rd., Harpursville, NY 13787
2. Leonard and Kathy Guest, 494 North St., East Aurora, NY 14052
(716) 655-1762 July 1 - 15
3. Stephen A. McCarthy, Woodside Gardens, P.O. Box 4205, 212 Port Van Tyle Rd., Port Jervis, NY 12771
(914) 355-6919 June 15 - July 15
4. Anna Rettig, 3371 Bowen Rd., Elma, NY 14059
(716) 684-2655 June 25 - July 10

Region 3

1. George C. Bush, 1739 Memory Lane Ext., York, PA 17402 (717) 755-0577 June 14 - July 14
2. Vincent Fayock, 550 E. Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201
3. Harold Griffie, Box 315, Biglerville, PA 17307
4. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Innerst, 2700A Oakland Road, Dover, PA 17315
(717) 764-0281 June 6 - July 10
5. Theresa L. Jewell, 310 Lloyd Guessford, Townsend, DE 19734 (302) 378-7746

Region 4

1. Herman and Ruby Dennis, 2413 Cedar Bark Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454
(804) 481-1626 May 25 - June 30
2. Rosalie Figge, 4 Maryland Ave., Towson, MD 21286
(410) 337-9118 June 15 - July 5
3. Walter Hoover, Box 337 Charles St., Saluda, NC 28773
(704) 749-5846 June 10 - July 1
4. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mahan, The Iris Pond, 7311 Churchill Rd., McLean, VA 22101
(703) 893-6526 June 5 - 25
5. Michael and Diana Nicholls, Nicholls Gardens, 4724 Angus Drive, Gainesville, VA 22065
(703) 754-9623 May 23 - July 5

6. Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Azalea Garden Rd.,
Norfolk, VA 23518 May 29 - June 30
7. Rich and Caryll Randall, The Iris Edge, 524 Windsor
Gate Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(804) 340-9077 May 25 - June 30
8. Bill Smoot, 213 Derby Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23702
(804) 393-4617 May 14 - June 21
9. Mrs. Andrew (Carol) Warner, Draycott Gardens,
16815 Falls Rd., Upperco, MD 21155
(410) 374-4788 June 15 - 30

Region 5

1. Peggy Beason, 1817 State Road, Summerville, SC
29483-9802 (803) 688-4414
2. B.C. and Maggie Johnson, P.O. Box 554, St. Stephens,
SC 29479 (803) 567-4399 May 15 - June 15

Region 6

1. Robert Bauer and John Coble, Ensata Gardens, 9823 E.
Michigan Ave., Galesburg, MI 49053
(616) 665-7500 June 15 - July 15
2. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Copeland, 78118 M4052,
Lawton, MI 49065
(616) 624-IRIS June 24 - July 14
3. Carol Kerr, 13015 Crinnion, Cedar Springs, MI 49319
(616) 696-9366 July 8 - 28
4. Mrs. Ronald (Anna Mae) Miller, Old Douglas Perennials
6065 Old Douglas Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 349-5934 June 25 - July 17
5. James Shook, 15252 White Rd., Bailey, MI 49303-9714
(616) 897-9169 July 1 - 15
6. Donald C. Smith, Pinecliffe Gardens, 6604 Scottsville
Rd., Floyds Knob, IN 47119
(812) 923-8113 June 10 - July 5
7. Donald Sorensen, 5000 Eleven Mile Rd. NE,
Rockford, MI 49341
8. Mrs. Robert Stallcop, Rt. 2, Box 676, Greencastle, IN
46135 (317) 672-8206 June 10 - 15

Region 7

1. Mrs. Dale Brotherton, 7404 Westridge Dr., Knoxville,
TN 37919

2. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Browne, Jr., 486 St. Nick Dr.,
Memphis, TN 38117
Peak - 1st week in June
3. John Couturier, Sunnyridge Gardens, 1724 Drinnen Rd.,
Knoxville, TN 37914
4. Ketchum Memorial Iris Garden, Memphis Botanical
Garden, 750 Cherry Rd., Audubon Park, Memphis, TN
38117-4699
5. Chesley Poole, 8722 Campground Rd., Atoka, TN
38004
6. Joyce and Bill Reinke, 3223 Gum Flat Rd., Rt. 1, Box
136-A, Bells, TN 38006

Region 8

1. Howard Brookins, N75 W14257 North Point Drive,
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
(414) 251-5292 June 15 - July 15
2. Ainie Busse, Busse Gardens, P.O. Box N, 13579 10th
St. NW, Cokato, MN 55321
(612) 286-2654 Peak - June 25
3. Daniel Thruman, 2411 White Oak Trail, Oregon, WI
53575 (608) 835-5562 June 15 - July 15

Region 9

1. Nina Dix, 1414 Biscay Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025
2. Lou Emmons, Blossom Bud Gardens, 7805 Tryon
Grove Rd., Richmond IL 60071
(815) 678-4383 July 1 - 14
3. Jerry and Melody Wilhoit, Redbud Lane Iris Garden, Rt.
1, Box 141, Kansas, IL 61923
(217) 948-5478 June 10 - 30

Region 13

1. Terry and Barbara Aitken, Aitken's Salmon Creek
Garden, 608 NW 119th St., Vancouver, WA 98685
(206) 573-4472 June 1 - 30
2. Bill Halstead, Maxwellton Valley Gardens, 3443 East
French Rd., Clinton, WA 98236
(206) 321-1770 June 15 - July 31
3. Chad Harris, 1601 Lincoln Ave., Vancouver, WA 98660
(206) 693-2538

4. Ruth Musil, 1461 N.W. Meadowgreen Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330
5. Mrs. Lorena Reid, Laurie's Garden, 41886 McKenzie Hwy., Springfield, OR 97478
(503) 896-3756 May 22 - July 6
6. Allen and Dorothy Rogers, Caprice Farm Nursery, 15425 SW Pleasant Hill Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140
(503) 625-7241 June 15 - July 5
7. Dave and Nancy Silverberg, Abbey Gardens, 810 W. Marquam, P.O.Box 1046, Mt. Angel, OR 97362

Region 14

1. Gigi Hall, 40417 Citrus Dr., Fremont CA 94538
2. Georgia Maxim, Maxim's Greenwood Gardens, 2157 Sonoma St., Redding, CA 96001-3008
(916) 241-0764 May 23 - June 10

Region 18

1. Donna Aldridge, 7503 W. 54th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66202 (913) 831-3990 May 27 - July 5
2. Donald Delmez, 3240 Connecticut St., St. Charles, MO 63301 (314) 724-4274 June 1 - 25

Region 19

1. Joe and Margaret Griner, 25 Mill Chase Rd., Southampton, NJ 08088
2. Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474 Upper Mountain Rd., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
(201) 783-5974 July 1 - 31

Region 22

1. Mary Ann King, Pine Ridge Gardens, Rt. 1, Box 474, London, AR 72847

Region 23

1. Mrs. Henry Danielson, Pleasure Iris Gardens, 425 E. Luna, Chaparral, NM 88021

1993 GARDEN SEASON IN REVIEW

JAPANESE IRIS REVIEW

Ted White (Maine)

Due to the overall lack of sufficient bloom among named and introduced JI varieties, I will not attempt a lengthy review of these; however, some are worthy of note as are some Japanese iris seedlings that we like very much. **PICOTEE PRINCESS (L. Reid '92)** is as beautiful as its name suggests and very unique. The hybridizer describes the flower as a 6-petalled or double white, sanded violet blue becoming more intense on a very wide picotee edge. It has greenish-yellow signals. One look was all it took to indicate that Lorena Reid has another outstanding introduction in **PICOTEE PRINCESS**.

We have also been quite taken with **AMETHYST WINGS (Ackerman '90)**. We have seen this petite JI blooming in the Schafer-Sacks garden in Bedford, Mass. and in the Moors' garden in Auburn, Maine. In both gardens it has been very special. This is a single JI flower (3 petals) with violet standards surrounded by a 1/16" white rim. The three falls are nearly white ground and veined dark violet around the yellow-green signal. **AMETHYST WINGS** is of flaring form and resembles a butterfly in flight.

SYLVIA'S MASQUERADE (Eddy-Miller '90) has impressed us on several occasions. This lovely, 6 petalled, light orchid-pink JI has a most attractive and distinctive blue haze around its yellow signals. We have no others exactly like this one. Growth and vigor are both exemplary.

We got our first look at **ELECTRIC RAYS (Aitken '90)** at Currier McEwen's garden this past summer. This JI is of semi-flaring form and very ruffled. The color is blue-violet with electric blue rays. In a clump we think this double JI will be exceptional.

Currier McEwen has an exceptional **Seedling #J90/T6/44** which has left us in awe each of the past two seasons. We would describe it as a very starchy, near white of great size (7-8") with striking yellow signals. Now the clincher! There is a prominent, wide, true blue blaze just around the signals. If we could have just one of the hundreds of seedlings we've viewed in this garden, this would be the one! This tetraploid appeared a strong grower putting up 40"+ stalks. A sister **Seedling #J90/T6/45** was also very impressive. Our description begins with a white ground color which is surrounded by a medium blue-violet band. Add to this a very ruffled and waved form, and you have the complete picture. We have indicated to Dr. McEwen that we feel both must be named and introduced. No word yet regarding introduction dates.

John White has been hard at work for several seasons now hybridizing Japanese irises, and with knowledge gained from his mentor, Currier McEwen, he is now producing some quality Japanese iris seedlings. With encouragement from AIS judges, he has now named and registered six JI seedlings. The first, **DIRIGO DEBUTANTE**, is to be introduced by Joe Pye Weed's Garden (Schafer-Sacks) in Carlisle, Mass. in 1994. John has also enjoyed great success in a diploid cross involving McEwen's **CONTINUING PLEASURE X OL' MAN RIVER**. Each of these JI's has a very long bloom season, sometimes up to 5 or 6 weeks. This longevity trait has been passed along to many of the offspring. Dr. McEwen and Shirley Pope found five seedlings worthy of introduction. Accordingly, they were registered as **DIRIGO FANCY**, **DIRIGO SNOWFLAKE**, **DIRIGO PLUM CRAZY**, **DIRIGO DELIGHT**, and **DIRIGO DEVIL**. No introduction date has been set as each has been lined out to increase available stock.

Another break occurred in 1993 when a beautiful seedling from a colchicine treated cross of **HANADAYU X SOUTHERN SON (McEwen '90)** appeared. The judges unanimously agreed that this was John's best seedling yet. This lovely flaring double, true blue seedling is widely veined pure white throughout. Its pollen was carefully checked with a microscope and a

predominance of tetraploid pollen was observed. This exciting new seedling is still a few years away from introduction as this was its first season to bloom.

JAPANESE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This recognition is given to a Japanese iris of exceptional quality, form, and garden value. Our choice for '93 is **ORIENTAL CLASSIC (McEwen '88)**. We saw this fine double white beauty blooming in clump strength again this season in the McEwens' Seaways Garden in South Harpswell. This sibling of **DOUBLE FIRST (McEwen '86)** is a glistening white, semi-flaring flower of classic JI form measuring 9" across. Greenish-yellow signals add the finishing touch. **ORIENTAL CLASSIC** is known for its great branching and extremely long season of bloom, and it does well on the show bench, too.

Note: This is an excerpt from Ted's *1993 Garden Review*. For several years he has written an annual review of irises, daylilies, hostas, and now, peonies. This review he distributes to Maine Iris Society members. (Ed.)

1994 POPULARITY POLL

In our 1993 Popularity Poll there were 50 participants from 18 states, plus 2 from Belgium. Some people do find the poll results helpful in selecting irises for their gardens.

The SJI Convention in Summerville, SC will provide a chance to see a variety of irises. Visit other JI gardens as you can, observe your own irises, and **send in your Popularity Poll votes!** The more people who vote, the more valid and useful poll results are.

You will find the ballot on the last page of this issue. **Fill it out and mail as directed.**

RECENT JAPANESE IRIS
REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS
Information supplied by Howard Brookins

NOTE: Hybrids between *I. ensata* and other irises are designated by SPEC-X instead of "Dip" or "Tet".

ACTIVE AYR Grosvenor, Graeme Reg. 1993 (54" 137 cm)
E 6-F Heavily ruffled and fluted white self. Snowy Hills X
Hagoromo

AICHI-NO-KAGAYAKI Osugi, Shinnosuki by SJI Reg. 1993
(22" 56 cm) E SPEC-X 3-F S. light yellow; F. slightly darker
yellow, darker yellow signal patch with many distinct brown
markings around edge. Hybrid: *I. pseudacorus* X *I. ensata*.
white. Osugi 1962 Available

AOSHI BAGAKI Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (30" 76
cm) M Dip 6-F Ruffled blue-violet(RHS 93C) with silver blue
veining which stops 1/2" from edge, yellow signal. Unknown
parentage. Hirao 1970

ARVELLABEN Grant, Joseph Reg. 1993 Sdlg JG-563-88-
JAP (43" 117 cm)M-L Dip 3-F S. deep burgundy with very fine
white edge; deep grape stylearms with fine white edge; F. white
ground heavily veined deep purple, purple halo around yellow
signal. Aioi X Haru-No-Umi.

ASATO BIRAKO (Morning Call) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg.
1993 (31" 80 cm) M Dip 3-F. S. deep blue-violet with white
center; white styles broadly edged blue-violet; F. Deep blue-
violet. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1969 Available

ASHI-NO-UKIFUNE (Show Boat) Mitsuda, Yoshio by SJI
Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) M Dip 6-F Large ruffled white to light
violet ground veined blue-violet, deep blue-purple halo, yellow
signal; numerous purple styles. Unknown parentage. Mitsuda
1969 Available

ASIAN WARRIOR Aitken, T. Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 86J-1-9 (36"
91 cm) M-L Dip 3-F S. raspberry red with white flash; white
stylearms brushed red; F. velvety raspberry red with white area
around yellow signal. Stranger in Paradise X King's Court.
Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1993

BANKO-NO-KOE (Everlasting Voice) Nishida, N. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91 cm) M Dip 3-F S. rose-purple with large white center; white styles edged rose-purple; F. rose-purple with purple splash on white ground toward white halo, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Nishida 1930

BASHO (Violet Sleeves) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (33" 85cm) ML Dip 3-F Royal violet, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1956

BELLE PROMESSE Huber, Tony Reg. 1993 Sdlg. DOM-F2-08 (36" 90cm) E SPEC-X S. violet-blue (RHS 90B); F. velvety deep violet (near 83B), darkening around dark yellow signal, sanded dark purple. Oriental Touch.

BELLENDER BLUE Hazzard, A. by Bauer-Coble Reg. 1993 Sdlg. J82A-25 (50" 127cm) E Dip 3-F Dark blue-violet, yellow signal; dark blue-violet stylearms. Prairie Chief X unknown. Ensata Gardens 1993

BENI RENGE (Red Lotus) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (30" 75cm) M Dip 6-9-F Deep red-violet, paling towards edges, prominent white veins, yellow signal; white styles. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1985

BENI TSUBAKI (Red Camellia) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (27"-70cm) M Dip 6-F Rose-violet, deepening toward center with white pencil veining, yellow signal; white stylearms. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1970 Available

BLUE EMBERS Ackerman, W., by Bauer-Coble Reg. 1993 Sdlg. J83J-1 (38" 97cm) VE Dip. 3-F S. light blue, edged violet; white stylearms, white crests edged blue; F. light blue-violet, white halo and short rays, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Ensata Gardens 1993

BLUSHING PRINCESS Ackerman, William L. Reg. 1990 Sdlg. A4-6-122 (33" 84cm) L Dip 3-F S. White with narrow dark purple (RHS 77A/B) margin; white stylearms with pale purple lip; F. white blending to medium purple (77C/D) margin, green-yellow (1B) signal. D5-12-115, inv sdls from Seiko-en Nursery X D5-12-133. Nicholls Garden 1993

CHIDORI (Crowding Plover) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (39" 100cm) M Dip 9-12F White with light blue-lilac central brushing; very drooping foliage. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1956 Available

CHITOSE Ito, T. by SJI Reg. 1993 (27" 70cm) EM Dip. 3-F S. red-violet, edged white; red-violet stylearms edged white; F. red-violet veining and sanding on white ground, ending about 1/4" from edge, leaving a white rim, red-violet halo, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Introduced in Japan in 1953.

CHITOSE HIME Ishiyama, Teikichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (23" 60cm) M Dip. 3-F. S. dark violet (RHS 86A); styles same forming a cup; F. bright violet (83 C) with darker halo, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Ishiyama 1968

CHIYODAJO Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) L Dip. 6-F Deep blue-violet, yellow signal; near flat form. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1961

CHOSIN (Clear Mind) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (31" 80cm) M Dip. 3-F Very large white, yellow signal; creamy white styles. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1956 Available

DINO Aitken, J. Terry Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 86-J-15 (70" 178cm) M-L Dip. 6-F Light lavender overlaid with mid-violet veins, violet flush at petal edge and around yellow signal; dark violet stylearms. Midnight Stars X 83-J6. Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden. 1993

DOCHUSUGOROKU Makino, Zensaku by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) ML Dip. 6-F Deep velvety grape purple with fine white veins radiating from large white-sanded halo, yellow signal; white styles, purple crests. Unknown parentage. Makino 1975

ENFANT PRODIGE Huber, Tony Reg. 1993 (43" 110cm) M SPEC-X S. lilac(RHS 85A); white stylearms; F. violet-blue (90D), occasionally marbled with violet marks, deep violet (83A) halo around deep yellow signal. Oriental Touch X probably I. ensata.

ENSHUNADA Kamo, Mototeru by SJI Reg. 1993 (34" 85 cm) M. Dip. 6-F Blue-violet with white halo and radiating white veining, yellow signal; prominent white styles edged and tipped blue-violet. Unknown parentage. Kamo prior to 1980

FASCINATION CHILDS Childs, John Lewis by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 6-F Bright blue-violet ground with white zone in center, radiating white veins, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Childs 1926

GOSHO ASOBI (Royal Player) Yoshino-En by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91 cm) M Dip. 3-F. S. white with heavy infusion of pinkish-lilac toward edge; white stylearms with feathered pinkish-lilac crests; F. white center and veins with heavy pinkish-lilac sanding around border, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Yoshino-En prior to 1930 Kamo Cat.

HAKUROKU-TEN Mitsuda, Yoshio by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) ML Dip. 6-F. Wide fluted white; small yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Mitsuda prior to 1980 Available

HANADAYU (Flower Mania) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (47" 120cm) M Dip. 3-F. S. deep red-violet with prominent white halo and veins, yellow signal. Synonym: 'Hanadaya', used incorrectly in commerce in the US. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1976

HARU-NO-UMI (Spring Sea) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) VE Dip. 3-F. S. red-violet edged lighter; red-violet styles edged lighter; F. bright red-violet center and veining radiating out over light violet ground, light yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1985

HATSUKURENAI (First Crimson) Yoshie, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (26"65cm) VE & RE Dip. 3-F. S. white. edged red-violet; white styles barely brushed maroon; large white center and veins radiating out into wide red-violet edge; yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Yoshie prior to 1980 Available

HIME KAGAMI (Princess Mirror) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) EM Dip. 6-F Ruffled pink with darker veins, yellow signal; pink stylearms, dark pink crests. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1976

HOWARD. D. BROOKS McEwen, Currier Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 85/109B (36" 90cm) EM Dip. 6-F. Rich violet (RHS 88A) with delicate white lines to edge, yellow signal; white stylearms with tufts of lighter violet. Purple Parasol X Continuing Pleasure. Seaways Gardens, Eartheart Garden 1993

ISO-NO-ASAKAZE Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (48" 122cm) L Dip. 6-F Ruffled dark red-violet with white halo and short white veins; multiple white styles tipped and edged red-violet. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1985 Available

IZU-NO-UMI (South Peninsula) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) M Dip 3-F. S. blue-violet (RHS 94C) with

matte white veins (155B) extending from signal almost to outer edge , F. Blue-violet (94C) with white veins extending almost to edge, yellow signal suffused green at base; styles white, edged violet-blue. Unknown parentage Hirao prior to 1985 Available.

JANET HUTCHINSON Grosvenor, Graeme Reg. 1993 (50" 127cm) E-M Dip. 6-F Heavily ruffled white, heavily suffused rose-pink, tufted center. Originated in Australia. Rose Tower X Frilled Enchantment

KIMBOSHI Ueki, Hisaharu by SJI Reg. 1993 (20" 51cm) E SPEC-X 3-F. S. light yellow; F. slightly lighter yellow, dark yellow signal patch with brown markings. I. pseudacorus X I. ensata, white. Ueki 1971

KOBAL-NO-KAORI Yoshie, Seiro by SJI Reg. 1993 (27" 70cm) E Dip. 3-F. S. white, edged red-violet; white stylearms tipped red-violet, large white center and white veining, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Yoshie 1981

KOKYO-NO-HARU SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) E Dip. 3-F. S. light pink; F. ruffled light pink, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. In commerce in Japan about 1943.

KONGOJO Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) L Dip. 6-F Blue-violet (RHS 90A) with white blaze and veining around prominent yellow signal; blue-violet styles with near white center. Also in commerce under the incorrect name: 'Kongoujou'. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1971

KOROHO SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) ML Dip. 6-F. Tailored white self with slightly greenish veins; yellow signal with greenish cast. Unknown parentage. Shuho-En (Japan) between 1923 and 1930. Available

KOZASA GAWA (Ravine Stream) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) M Dip 3-F. S. lavender-violet, edged lighter; F. very pale blue-violet, veined dark-violet; violet stylearms, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980. Available

KYOMAI Mitshuda, Yoshio by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) VE-M Dip 3-F. S. red-violet (RHS 79C) edged silver-white; white stylearms with cream center, red-violet crest; F. heavily sanded red-violet (80A) with appearance of white veins and silver-white edge, yellow signal tinted green; ruffled. Also known as

'Kyou-Mai'. Unknown parentage. Mitsuda prior to 1985
MAGAKI-NO-TOMO (Friend's Fence) SJI Reg. 1993 (29" 75cm) E Dip 3-F Light blue-violet, veined darker, yellow signal; deep blue-violet styles with white center; S. about 1/3 the size of F. and give the appearance of being little F. Unknown parentage. Introduced in Japan prior to 1939

MAISHOJO (Redheaded Spirit's Dance) Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) M Dip 6-F. Large dark red-violet (darker than RHS 77A), yellow signal, 1.5" red-violet (76B) styles edged and tipped darker. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1965 Available

MASUMI-NO-SORA Mitsuda, Yoshio by SJI Reg. 1993 (37" 94cm) ML Dip 6+F Silvery violet (RHS 88B) ground and edge, darker violet halo and veining, irregular yellow signal; violet styles with lighter midrib. Unknown parentage. Mitsuda prior to 1988

MIDARE-ITO (Tangled Threads) Tomino, Koji by SJI Reg. 1993 (30" 76cm) EM Dip 3-F. S. lavender, paling to near white; white styles, lavender crests; F. light lavender, fading to near white; white halo. S. often drop after opening, giving appearance of 3 large F. and 3 smaller F. Unknown parentage. Available

MINOKOTOBUKI (Mino Felicitations) Tomino, Koji by SJI Reg. 1993 (30" 76cm) M Dip 3-F Bright red-violet with white margins; red-violet styles. Unknown parentage. Tomino prior to 1980.

MITZU-SAKURA Hirao, Shuichi by SJI Reg. 1993 (27" 70cm) EM Dip 6-F Pink (RHS 69B), yellow signal (154A) with yellow rib (2A); cream styles (158C) with slight (158A) mid-rib. Unknown parentage. Hirao around 1980

MIZUTAMA BOSHI (June Star) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) M Dip 6-F Very pale red-violet giving the appearance of white with red-violet veins, yellow signal; deep red-violet stylearms edged white. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980 Kamo Cat.

ODYSSEUS Innerst, Sterling Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 2812-1 (36" 91cm) M Dip 6+F White with subtle red-blue lines radiating from yellow signal to slight blue-red edge. Jocasta X Iapetus

OSHO KUN (Superb Chinese Beauty) SJI Rag. 1993 (36"

91cm) L-VL Dip 6-F Blue-violet, yellow signal. Very old cultivar registered to correct information in 1939 Check List. Unknown parentage. Introduced in Japan prior to 1900 Available

OTOME KAGAMI Kamo, Mototeru by SJI Reg. 1993 (28" 71cm) EM Dip 6+F Light lavender-pink, yellow signal; white styles edged and tipped pink. Unknown parentage. Kamo 1972

PERSEPHONE Innerst, Sterling Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 1555-2 (36" 91cm) M Dip Brilliant red-violet, white area around full yellow signal. Yusho

PURPLE PLUS McEwen, Currier Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 67/7B (32" 80cm) EM-L & RE Dip 9+F. Rich velvety blue-purple (RHS 86A), yellow signal; tufted styles. Payne sdlg. X Blue Butterfly. Seaways Gardens, Eartheart Gardens 1993

SAKAE MURASAKI (Prosperity Purple) Makino, Zensaku by SJI Reg. 1993 (36"-91cm) E Dip 3-F Bright violet, yellow signal; feathered light violet stylearms. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980

SAKURA-NO-HARU (Spring Beauty) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (34" 86cm) EM Dip 6-F Pink with prominent white center, yellow signal; white styles edged and tipped pink; ruffled F. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980 Available

SAKURA-NO-SONO Ichie, Toyokazu by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) M Dip 6-F Very pale pink with with darker pink veining, yellow signal; deep pink styles. Unknown parentage. Ichie prior to 1980

SARU ODORI SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 80cm) E Dip 3-F. S. rosy violet with white veins; white stylearms and crests edged rosy violet; F. rosy violet, very pale edge, small white veins, yellow signal. To correct entry in 1939 Check List indicating this variety as obsolete. Unknown parentage. In Japan prior to 1920.

SHII-NO-HOMARE (Ichie, Toyokazu by SJI Reg. 1993 (31" 80cm) M Dip 3-F Deep blue-violet, yellow signal; deep blue-violet stylearms. Unknown parentage. Ichie prior to 1989

SHIKI-NO-HAJIME Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) VE Dip 3-F. S. light red-violet; white styles, blue-violet crests; F. blue-violet, turning red-violet toward edge, white center and rays, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980

SHINASAH-NO-YUKI (New Morning Snow) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (38" 97cm) E-L Dip 7-9F Rosy red-violet, shading deeper at center and lighter toward edge, white halo and veins, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980 Available

SHINKAI-NO-IRO Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (30" 76cm) ML Dip 6-F Deep blue-violet with short white rays, yellow signal; off-white styles sanded, edged and tipped blue-violet. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980 Available

SHINO-NO-OME (Dawning Sky) SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) EM Dip 6-F Very pale blue-violet, yellow signal; ruffled F. Correction of 1939 Check List entry shown as 'Shino-No-Me'. Also in commerce under that incorrect name. Unknown parentage. Introduced in Japan prior to 1887 Available

SHIRO-NIHONKA (Wizard Ocean) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (33" 84cm) M Dip 6-F White ground tinted lavender with variable violet (RHS 87A) splashes and iridescent sparkle overall; white styles with blue-violet mid-rib. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1985

SHIROTAKE Kamo, Mototeru by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 6-F White, yellow signal with greenish cast. Unknown parentage. Kamo 1976

SHUMMIN (Spring Sleep) Tomino, Koji by SJI Reg. 1993 (27"-70cm) M Dip 3-F White, yellow signal; white styles; Ise type. Akasi X self. Tomino 1953

SNOW DANCER Helsley, Calvin Reg. 1993 Sdlg. 6-85 (32" 81cm) M Dip 6-F Ruffled white, olive green signal. Unknown parentage.

SUMMER MOON Rich, Jonnye by Ensata Reg. 1993 Sdlg. K79-2E (36" 92cm) M Dip 6-F Ruffled white, large yellow signals veining out over F.; cream styles, white crests. Unknown parentage.

TON TON BANA SJI Reg. 1993 (38" 97cm) M Dip 3-F Near greyed erythrite red, yellow signal. Collected from I. ensata from Mie Prefecture, Japan. Introduced in Japan prior to 1990.

TSUKI-NO-TAMAGAWA SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 3-F S. white, edged red-violet; white stylearms tipped red-violet; F. red-violet with large white center and white veining, yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Introduced in Japan .

TSUYUZORABARE (Fine Day in Rainy Season) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (42" 107cm) M Dip 9-12F Near white ground, sanded and finely veined light blue-violet (RHS 98B to 83C) yellow signal; styles sanded blue-violet, edged and tipped red-violet, petaloid anthers. Unknown parentage Hirao prior to 1985 Available

UCHU (Universe) Shoo, M. by SJI Reg. 1993 (31"-80cm) ML Dip 6-F Blue-violet with white center radiating white veins. Correction of entry in 1939 Check List listing this cultivar as 'Uchiu'. Unknown parentage. Matsudaira Shoo around 1848.

UKINEDORI (Sleeping Swan) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (41" 107cm) M Dip 3-F Flaring white, yellow signal; white styles tinted light yellow. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980

WADATSUMI Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) E-M Dip 6-F Red-violet (RHS 82A) with white halo radiating soft white veining which quickly merges into ground color, yellow signal with green center; pale cream styles tipped red-violet; sometimes has extra petal. Unknown parentage Hirao 1969

YAKO-NO-TAMA (Night Glitter) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 6-F Vivid blue-violet, white halo and radiating veins; outreaching white stylearms edged blue-violet; yellow signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1961. Available

YAMATA IKOKU (Ancient Japan) Kamo, M. by SJI Reg. 1993 (42" 107cm) M Dip 3-F S. deep red-violet, F. deep red-violet, very large and overlapping lighter and crinkled edge; feathered dark violet stylearms; yellow signal with prominent yellow ridge line. Unknown parentage. Kamo Nursery 1979

YASABOSHI (Gentle Star) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) M Dip 6-9F Deep red-purple, heavily splashed white, yellow signal; extra F.(over 6) are usually not completely formed. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980.

YAYOI Mitsuda, Yoshio by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 6-F Light to medium red-violet heavily sanded over light ground, white halo, gold signal; white stylearms, red-violet crests. Unknown parentage. Mitsuda 1963

YOROI MUSHA (Armoured Warrior) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 90cm) M Dip 6-F Ruffled rich deep violet, yellow

signal. Unknown parentage. Hirao 1971

YORU-NO-NIJI Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (38" 97cm) L-VL Dip 6-F Deep red-violet with white veins, yellow signal; dark red-violet stylearms with white center. Unknown parentage Hirao 1958

YUHI Miyazawa, Bungo by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) M Dip 6-F White, washed pale pink (RHS 77C). yellow signal; sometimes has 7 or 8 petals; white styles edged and tipped pink (RHS 77B). Unknown parentage. Miyazawa 1920

YUHO (Great Mountain) Hirao, S. by SJI Reg. 1993 (36" 91cm) EM Dip 6-F Creped red-violet, blue-violet halo, yellow signal; medium blue-violet styles with darker crests. In commerce as 'Yu-Ho', which is incorrect. Unknown parentage. Hirao prior to 1980. Available

YUKI KEMURI Shimizu, Hiroshi by SJI Reg. 1993 (32" 81cm) EM Dip 3-F. S. lavender- pink; white stylearms tipped pink; F. lavender-pink with white halo and rays, yellow signal. Unknown parentage.

REPORT ON JAPANESE IRIS REGISTRATION PROJECT

Clarence Mahan

Three years ago SJI asked me to undertake the project to get the many unregistered imported Japanese irises properly described and registered. I have, as of February 12, 1994, registered or corrected the registrations of 131 irises.

A number of people have given me support and information, and this past year Dr. William Ackerman, Anna Mae Miller, Bob Bauer, John Coble, Dr. Currier McEwen, Rich Randall, Herman Dennis, Jean Erickson, and others have given me useful information. Every one of these people deserves the appreciation of our members. And most deserving of everyone's appreciation is Kay Nelson-Keppel, our AIS Registrar. Why don't you send her a card and tell her how much you appreciate all the work she has done with all of these difficult Japanese names!

There are some irises I have not registered or attempted to register for one or more of several reasons. One reason has been when serious questions arise as to quality of the cultivar. For example, the evidence I have about the iris known as "Matsuono-Uki" or "Matsuo-no-Uki" does not support its merit for registration. It is unknown to the major iris growers in Japan, and has been reported to be very similar if not identical to FAIRY CARILLON.

Three of the names I acquired for SJI, but have not yet registered are RYOSEKI, SAKURA KOMACHI, and SEN HIME. Dr. McEwen has all the information available to complete the registration, and he has agreed to do so. I have acquired the following 22 names for SJI and shall register these irises in 1994. These 22 irises are:

AKE NARUMI	AKI-NO-NISHIKI
ASAHI-NO-YUKI	BENI KOSHI
BUNGO-NO-KAGAYAKI	DEWA-NO-AKEBONO
FUNA ASOBI	HARE SUGATA
KAIZAIKU	KASUMI-NO-KOROMO
KIRIGAMINE	MIZU-NO-HIRARI
MOMIJIGARE	SESSYU
SHORAI	SOKA-NO-KAORI
SUWAGORYO	UGETSU
YAE KATSUMI	YATA-NO-KAGAMI
YOAKE MAE	YOZAKURA

If any member wants SJI to register additional imported Japanese irises, they should send me the names and all information necessary for registration without delay. I do not intend to register any additional irises for SJI, other than those listed above, unless I receive the required information before November 1, 1994.

Those of our members who sell irises - **please note. The SJI Board has adopted the policy that members should not sell irises not registered with the AIS.** Beginning in 1995, any commercial nursery importing unregistered cultivars has the obligation to register these imports before they are offered for sale to the public.

Also, **show officials please note.** If an iris is not registered with the AIS, it is not eligible for AIS show awards, i.e. ribbons, rosettes. And we certainly will not be expecting to see any more Queen of Show (Best Specimen) awards going to named Japanese irises that have not been registered.

Note: Please see Recent Registration List preceding this article for information on 1993 registrations. (Ed.)

1994 SCHEDULED JI SHOWS

The following areas have indicated that they will be sponsoring Japanese Iris or "late iris" shows this year. Any one of them would welcome you as a visitor, or as an exhibitor if you have blooms to show. Shows are listed in order of show dates. There are no doubt other shows that we do not have information on. Contact iris enthusiasts in your area for details.

Summerville, South Carolina ---- June 4

The SIS annual show will be held at the Cuthbert Community Building, 101 W 5th St. South, Summerville, SC at 2 PM. This show will be held in conjunction with the 1994 SJI Convention. For further information, contact Peggy Beason, 1817 State Rd., Summerville, SC 29483-9802. Tel. (803) 688-4414

St. Louis, Missouri ---- June 11

The Greater St. Louis Iris Society will present its annual Beardless Iris Show on Saturday, June 11 at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Doors will be open to accept entries at 7:00AM, and to the public at 12:00 noon. There will be open classes in Horticulture to be judged by qualified AIS judges. There will also be a Design Division, and for the very first time, a class for potted JI's done in the Japanese style in 8-inch pots. This will enable exhibitors to show their iris without cutting. For additional information contact Show Chairman Don Delmez Tel. (314) 724-4274.

Hendersonville, North Carolina ---- June 16 & 17

Carolina Mountain Iris Society, Region 4, will hold its 1994 Japanese Iris Show in Hendersonville, NC at the Opportunity House on June 16 and 17. Entries will be received between 7:00 and 10:00 AM on the 16th. The show will be open to the public until 5:00 PM both days. For further information contact Walter Hoover, Box 337, Saluda, NC 28773. Tel. (704)749-5846

Beltsville, Maryland ---- June 18

The Chesapeake and Potomac (Washington metro area) and Francis Scott Key (Baltimore metro area) chapters of the American Iris Society will co-host a beardless iris show at Behnke's Garden Center, 11300 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD on Saturday, June 18. The show will be co-chaired by Gloria Fairhead, of C&P, and Carol Warner, of FSK. For further information contact Carol Warner (address in front of this issue)

Portland, Oregon ---- June 18

The Greater Portland Iris Society "Late Show" is scheduled for June 18th at the Japanese Gardens in Portland, Oregon. GPIS had tried to take this show into the large mall this year, but found out that the Mall will be undergoing reconstruction all summer. For further information, contact John Ludi, 35071 SE Hwy 211, Boring, OR 97009. Tel. (503) 668-9230

Kalamazoo, Michigan ---- July 2

The Southwestern Michigan Iris Society will present its 19th annual Japanese Iris Show on Saturday, July 2 at Maple Hill Mall in Kalamazoo, MI. Entries will be accepted from 8 to 11 AM. There will be divisions for all types of iris cultivars and seedlings. **Please note the new location of the show.** Maple Hill Mall is located just east of US131 on West Main Street. Most visitors will take I-94 to Kalamazoo, then exit #74 north (US131) to Exit #38 east (M43, West Main Street). Further information may be obtained from Show Chairman Bob Bauer, 9823 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg, MI 49053. Tel. (616)665-7500

Auburn, Maine ---- July 16

Maine Iris Society will hold its 3rd Japanese Iris Show on July 16 at the Auburn Middle School, 610 Court St., Auburn, ME. Entries will be received from 8 to 10:30 AM. Show is open to the public 1 - 5 PM. An added feature will be an exhibit of cut leaf hostas by Maine Hosta Society. For further information contact the Show Chairmen, John and Evelyn White, RR2 Box 980, Auburn, ME. Tel. (207) 345-9532

LOOK-ALIKE CULTIVARS

John Coble (Michigan)

This is a note to gardeners checking up on the new iris that they have purchased, and to show judges that may be too quick to judge. We have one good customer that checks the identity of each new purchase as it blooms for the first time against the Checklist and catalog descriptions. That is what every good gardener should do, and then let the seller know if you think there is a mix-up.

Carol Kerr came to our garden with a blossom in hand from what she received as MIDNIGHT STARS. It bloomed right beside her clump of PURPLE MARLIN, looked just like PURPLE MARLIN, and she was concerned if we had made a mistake in digging and shipping. We took her blossom to the garden and started comparing. Her MIDNIGHT STARS matched perfectly with our MIDNIGHT STARS. Then we went to PURPLE MARLIN and her MIDNIGHT STARS also matched perfectly! Then we looked over the garden for other dark burgundy flowers and found CAPANEUS. MIDNIGHT STARS also was a dead-ringer for CAPANEUS, except that CAPANEUS did exhibit slightly more ruffling on the stylearms. And we did find a few different purple markings down in the hafts to show that MIDNIGHT STARS and PURPLE MARLIN were identifiably different. It sure was interesting to us to find such close coloring. Wonder if these three cultivars are just as close in color in other climate and soil conditions? It made us think how much alike they probably would look on the

show bench in artificial light!

Another pair of iris that look just alike is PRAIRIE TWILIGHT and PRAIRIE ELF. Stalks of the same length are nearly identical. In the garden, the two cultivars are identifiable by their stature; PRAIRIE ELF usually blooms at 20-25" and PRAIRIE TWILIGHT blooms at 36-46". On the show bench, PRAIRIE ELF looks like an undergrown PRAIRIE TWILIGHT.

We discovered another set of look-alikes last year when we were looking for the JI with best blue coloring, using the RHS color charts. The following five cultivars have subtle color differences in the garden, and we only suspect that they would probably look alike on the show bench:

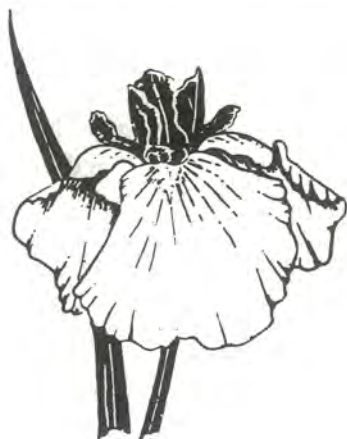
PRAIRIE CHIEF - darkest; dark styles, chartreuse signal.

PRAIRIE VALOR - more lavender than PR. CHIEF.

JOYOUS YOUTH - lightest blue of the 5.

DISTANT ECHO - nearly indistinguishable from PR.
VALOR

EVENING EPISODE - most lavender looking of the 5.



SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE IRISES FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS

Balance on Hand 1/1/93	\$15,028.83
Interest	475.55
Life Membership (Harder)	75.00
Book Royalty	357.48
Donation (McEwen)	50.00

BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/93 15,986.86

Note: \$1,750.00 is Life Memberships

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 1/1/93 5,414.40

Income:

Dues	1,876.50
Interest	173.46
Librarian (reprints and slides)	63.00
Book Sales	254.55
Checklist Sales	298.75
Ads in REVIEW	20.00
Auction, Virginia Beach	1,451.00
Post Card Sales	557.32

TOTAL INCOME 4,694.58

Expenses:

Librarian (Copies, postage)	110.81
Secretary's postage, copies, etc.	170.64
Display garden postage	257.10
Checklist postage	60.00
Spring REVIEW	1,429.55

Engrave Payne Medal	23.10
Honorary Awards	161.81
Fall REVIEW	1,474.51
Membership Sec. postage	93.25
Print post cards	3,583.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,363.77

BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/93 2,745.21

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12/31/93 \$18,732.07



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As announced last year, all of our Japanese irises and our newer Siberian irises are now sold by Eartheart Gardens. As before, the less recently introduced Siberians can be obtained from Fieldstone Gardens (620 Quaker lane, Vassalboro, Maine 04989). Please write to them for their separate catalogue.

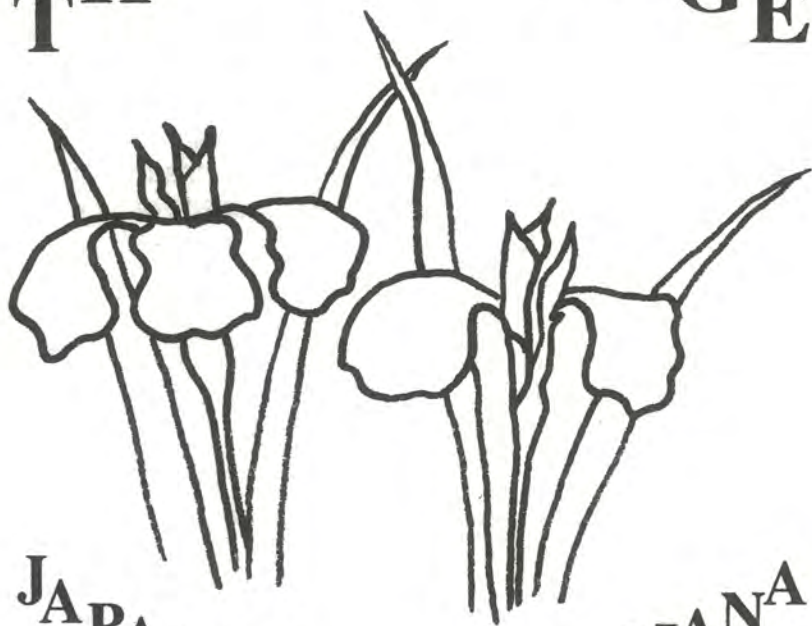
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THE EDITOR'S "REVIEW"

Dear Members -

Once again my thanks go to all of you who have contributed to this issue! Without your input - there would be no REVIEW.

This issue has been done on my son Ted's new IBM PS/1 computer. Ted generously offered me the use of his computer, and has helped me a great deal to become familiar with the machine. How do you like the result?

Maine has had one of the coldest and snowiest winters on record. Thank goodness the snow cover came early enough (we hope) to give the perennials protection. We did invest in a polyester crop cover, REEMAY, which we used to cover all our TB's. In the last three years our TB's have suffered greatly from soft rot. We have even replanted one TB bed with daylilies. We did have some losses among the Japanese, but have filled the gaps in those beds. Spring will be welcome, indeed!

We wish you good success with your 1994 gardens. We hope to see some of you at the AIS Convention in Portland, Oregon, and especially at our own SJI Convention in Summerville, South Carolina. I hear that **Southern Hospitality** is their specialty. Do take notes on the gardens you visit and **vote** the Popularity Poll.

Keep your articles and reports coming.

Evelyn White, Editor

1994 POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

Vote your 10 favorite Japanese irises as seen in gardens this year. They do not need to be listed in any particular order. This form is to be used by both members of a family membership. Place comments on the reverse side. Mail the ballot, **postmarked no later than August 10th to:**

Mrs. Wells (Virginia) Burton
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Ladson, SC 29456

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