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REMINDER: Please be sure to vote this year's Popularity Poll.
Notice that this is a separate sheet in this issue. Mail as directed
to Kathy Guest.

COVER PHOTOS: Front Cover - TON TON BANA (Hiroshi Shimizu) -see article on page 7. Back Cover - Introductions by Sans Souci Gardens

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Terry Aitken

At this writing, we are through the winter crunch of January and daylight is lengthening encouragingly. The winter of '98 can be described as anything but normal. EL NINO has turned the weather on its head, with snow in Mexico and a green Christmas in central Canada where "normally" anything above 0 °F would be cheerfully proclaimed a "heat wave"! Heavy snows and power outages along the east coast contrasted with the milder winter on the west coast.

Last summer's extra moisture and cool weather resulted in superior growth, if late, and Japanese irises across the continent flourished. We can look forward to the promise of excellent bloom in 1998.

This year the Portland, Oregon folks get down to serious convention preparation for 1999. Lots of guest plants are in place from many parts of the U.S., as well as Belgium, with additional acres of Japanese irises to quench the "aesthetically challenged" thirst of conventioners.

Let's all work toward a bigger and better year with the Japanese irises in '98!

Terry

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TON TON BANA

Hiroshi Shimizu

"Ton Ton Bana" (picture on front cover) is a Japanese iris cultivar that was registered with the American Iris Society in 1993. This plant is a unique clone of *Iris ensata* which, as indicated in AIS records and the SJI *Cumulative Check List*, was collected in Mie Prefecture. This is the prefecture in Japan where the famous Ise district is located. The name "Ton Ton Bana" has for the Japanese a special ecological significance with regard to *Iris ensata* in the wild.

Iris ensata in the wild is usually found in high meadows or moors in Japanese mountains. The Nyugasa Moor in the central eastern area of Honshu is a typical habitat for this iris species. There is a small stream running through this moor and *Iris ensata* is often found growing along this stream. When you stand beside the stream looking at the flowers, you can hear the sound of the gushing water. The term "ton ton" in Japanese is onomatopoeic. "Ton ton" imitates the sound of gushing water. The people who lived in the area in ancient times coined the term "ton ton" to mean "gushing water". They also coined the word "dondo", another onomatopoeic word which also means "gushing water". The word "bana" means flower. Therefore, "Ton Ton Bana" means "the flowers growing beside a gushing stream". People who live in Mie Prefecture sometimes call this iris "Ton Ton Bana" and at other times "Dondo Bana". The meaning is the same.

Since ancient times the Japanese people have been very sensitive to natural phenomena. A Japanese philosopher once wrote that Western civilization has the "rational forest", but the Japanese have the "sensate forest". European forests are often quite open, bright and easy to walk through if one just uses his mind. This is because the trees in the forest have been intentionally planted and the undergrowth cleared. Japanese forests, on the other hand, are very dark and difficult to walk through because they are truly wild with thick bushes and other undergrowth. Japanese people must use all five senses to protect their bodies from prickles and fallen trees when moving through their forests. I think it is this Japanese sensitivity to nature which produced the name "Ton Ton Bana".

IN MEMORIAM

RICH RANDALL

The Man, The Irisarian, The Friend

Early in the morning of February 14th, Rich Randall gave up his year long battle with cancer. The iris world has lost an energetic advocate, Region 4 has lost an outstanding membership chairman, and many of us have lost a valued friend. He will be missed.

In a few short years Rich became well known within the iris community. He believed in AIS and was firmly convinced that local iris societies were the way to attract people to the growing and promoting of irises. His continuing efforts made him one of the top regional membership directors in AIS. He was a discriminating but absolutely fair judge of both bearded and beardless irises.

Rich encountered more than his share of problems associated with growing irises in coastal Virginia, and he was always willing to share his experiences or listen to advice from other irisarians. He attended conventions of all kinds and was always ready to hit the road to see a garden. He was responsible for designing and building the low benches used to display Japanese irises at shows, first used in Tidewater and then elsewhere in the region. Rich threw himself wholeheartedly into any project that he undertook, be it hang gliding, woodworking, bow hunting, or recruiting irisarians.

During the past year, Rich fought his disease in typical Rich fashion - head on. He allowed the use of experimental drugs which, while they could not save his life, may provide the information needed to save others with the same disease. What a legacy! And let us not forget that Caryll shared this fight every step of the way. Our thoughts and prayers are with her, as well as with Rich's two sons, his mother and his sister.

Many suggestions will be made for ways to honor Rich. It is the wish of the family that any monetary gifts be sent to the AIS Memorial Fund. Any group or individual who wishes to honor may send a gift to AIS in care of AIS Secretary Jeanne Clay Plank.

Over the years, Rich would drop by on his way to or from his cabin in Appomattox. His last visit was on a Sunday morning just a few weeks before his death. As always we shared big mugs of tea while we exchanged news and views. He was an easy guest, often taking part in whatever task we had going. During one visit in 1993, right after the August tornado laid down a yard full of our big trees, Rich cranked up his chain saw and joined Mike for an afternoon of cutting a path through the debris. We will miss his visits.

Rich knew how ill he was. He hoped that his membership position would be filled as soon as possible. Caryll has agreed to take the job on a temporary basis. This would have pleased Rich and I am delighted that she is willing to assume this responsibility. I hope she will be able to make it a permanent appointment.

Rich's death leaves a gap in our lives. However, we will remember him as a good man, an energetic irisarian and a steadfast friend.



Anne S. Lowe

JAPANESE IRIS WILL SHINE IN '99

Chad Harris (Washington)

After tilling, amending soils, babying starts, and in some cases replanting, the five guest gardens are ready for inspection.

Several years ago the Greater Portland Iris Society bid for and received permission to host the Society for Japanese Irises National Convention in 1999. Headquarters will be the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. The Monarch Hotel was chosen for its past fine services to G.P.I.S., plus its central location to the guest gardens, restaurants, and shopping. Tentatively the dates have been set for opening dinner, Thursday, June 24, 1999, followed by two full days of bussing to visit the five guest gardens. Concluding on Saturday, June 26th, with dinner and the notorious Japanese iris convention auction.

The guest plants (almost 400) represent the work of several hybridizers: Ackerman, Bauer and Coble, Cook, Copeland, Delmez, Hublau, Innerst, McEwen, Rich, and White. Also Hirao, Ichie, and Shimizu of Japan. Four of our Region 13 hybridizers are also represented: Aitken, Harris, Reid, and Walker. Many of the plants will be up to blooming size this spring of 1998. To start the evaluation of these seedlings, I urge judges and others interested in Japanese irises, to visit the five guest gardens in mid June. The guest gardens are:

Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden	Vancouver, Washington
Terry and Barbara Aitken	360-573-4472

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These gardens also have fine private collections of other Japanese irises. More information and registration forms for the 1999 National Japanese Iris Convention will be out in the fall and winter of 1998-99.

ROBIN REMINDER

There are two Japanese Iris Robins in flight: one, a hybridizer's Robin, and the other, a general Robin open to anyone interested in JI's. If you would like to join either one, contact Robins Chairman:

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SALUTE TO SIS FOUNDER, GINNY BURTON

Geny Morrison (South Carolina)

At the monthly meeting of the Summerville Iris Society held in January, President Geny Morrison called the meeting to order, and immediately members exited the community building, and walked across Main Street into Azalea Park. The purpose of this gathering was to conduct a formal program saluting the Founder of SIS by dedicating a park bench, live oak tree, and acknowledging the planting of a Japanese Iris garden in the same immediate area. This concluded the year long celebration of the 20th birthday of SIS and paid tribute to its founder, Mrs. Virginia Burton. Cypress, Magnolia, and Middleton Gardens have been recipients of Mrs. Burton's generosity, as well as other locations in the Low Country.

After reading a personal greeting from former Region V AIS Vice President, Dr. Everette Lineberger, President Morrison led members in a salute to Mrs. Burton as follows: **"Today we have gathered as the last portion of our 20th anniversary of the organization of Summerville Iris Society. This portion is not only in recognition of contributions Mrs. Ginny Burton has made to our Society, but also to her contributions to this park. At several locations you can find small gardens within this park where she has donated and many times did the actual planting of iris for the edification of those who visit this area.**

So, at this time we wish to make formal note that this strong live oak tree represents the strength Mrs. Burton has been to this location. The Bench is to represent the "rest" that comes to viewers as they gaze upon the beauty of the plants, as an antidote to the cares of this world. The Iris Bed is a living reminder of her tireless giving of beauty to others. We offer our recognition to one in our midst who has given much to bring beauty to the world for so many. Our hope is that we may be willing to do likewise."

HOW TO TAME A SWAMP WITH JAPANESE IRISES

Georgia Muller (North Carolina)

When we moved here, we had a big ditch in the front yard between two hills. I had always wanted a pond in my front yard so we had a dirt-bottom farm pond made there. It didn't exactly do what we wanted it to do. The pond would not stay full, the water seeped through the dam, and it looked awful. The back side of the dam became wet and swampy. It was hard to keep weeds away from the banks. Wild willows, bulrushes, and cattails came up.

I began to do what I could to make it look nice. I have planted lotus and waterlilies, and managing them is another story. I have daylilies on the banks and many other perennials, such as mums, Siberian iris, bearded iris, and much more.

The real challenge came when I tried to clear out the invaders. This location behind the dam was truly unmanageable. After a rain it was very wet, and it stayed damp all year. You couldn't even mow there. At times I was attacked by yellow jackets and mosquitoes, and there was a definite threat of a snake there. When the weather cooled and there were no bugs, I began cutting down the willows, I clipped the rushes with hedge clippers. I covered the entire area with 20 ft. wide black plastic. I found old tires and used a reciprocating saw to cut out the middle of the tires. These tires weighted down the plastic and served as "stepping stones". They were filled with newspaper which helped to cover the weeds and reeds, and kept me from getting wet feet.

After a few months all the vegetation under the plastic had died and rotted. Gradually I started to plant Japanese iris about 2 ft. apart in rows about 2 1/2 ft. apart. The iris were mulched with newspaper, leaves, and straw. The ground was already acid and rich peat moss mulch was left from the rushes. The area is about 100 ft. x 50 ft. I hope to plant it all in Japanese iris. The J. I. are doing fine and I am looking forward to the day when I can have a beautiful Swamp Garden that is a delight to behold.

Jl'S REBLOOM IN ENGLAND

Clarence Mahan

I recently received a note from Norman Payne, who grows and sells Japanese irises in London, England. Norman, a kind and generous man who is retired from his regular trade, is widely recognized in Great Britain as an authority on raising Japanese irises. Here is what he wrote to me about their performance in England this past year: "Plants have grown well, but did not bloom well at all. I had more JIs in bloom in November than in June. How strange. Let's hope for a normal year in 1998."

Norman called to wish me "Happy New Year", and I asked him about his Japanese iris performance this past year. He said that his plants grew well in the spring and produced fairly normal bloom stalks. Just before they were to open, however, extremely heavy rains hit the London area. Most of the buds on the Japanese irises simply became so waterlogged that they turned to mush -- and never opened. Norman said he has never had such a poor Japanese iris bloom season.

When autumn came, the Japanese irises, apparently attempting to atone for their poor bloom in the spring, started blooming again. Rebloom on Japanese irises is normally a rare event in Norman's area, but this year it was nothing short of fantastic. November saw many cultivars send up bloom stalks. Norman told me that many of the cultivars bred by Currier McEwen were among the heaviest rebloomers, but that a number of cultivars not noted for rebloom also opened flowers.

The Japanese irises in my garden performed very poorly this past year. After a late freeze of great severity the Japanese irises just seemed to stop growing. About half of my Japanese irises did not bloom at all, and the stalks on the ones that did bloom were very poor. And I didn't even have fall bloom to partially compensate me for the poor spring performance. I wonder if any other SJI members had an experience similar to Norman's.

Registrations and Introductions for 1997

- ALASCAPE** (Bush, George C) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 12-0-8. (38in 97cm) M (6-F). Pure white, lightly veined orchid; lemon signal; style arms white, tipped orchid; global form. [Unknown - seed from Japan].
- ALEX SUMMERS** (Hirao, S. by Mahan, C.) Reg: 1994. Draycott Gardens 1997.
- ALL CERULEAN** (Bush, George C.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 1-3-5. (36in 91cm) ML (6-F). Sky blue, yellow signal; style arms sky blue tipped lilac; flared. [parentage unknown - seeds from Japan].
- ALPINE MAJESTY** (Aitken, J.T.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 88 J 9. (48in 122cm) ML **Tet** (6-F). White self [from white McEwen tetraploid seedlings] Aitkens Salmon Creek Garden 1997 (Available).
- ANNA ANGELWINGS** (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1997. Sdlg AR-011. (40in 102cm) ML (3-F). S. pure white; F. pure white, canary yellow (RHS 9A) signal large, slightly radiating. [Numazu X unknown].
- APPARE** *Splendid* (Nishida, N. by Marx) Reg: 1951. (6-F).
(Expansion of checklist information)
Deep crimson, shading to light rose at the base, narrow white veins radiate from center to margin: Marx 1951 catalog. [Introduced in Japan 1938] In USA by Walter Marx. 1951.
- ASHTON DREAM** (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg A4-4-86. (33in 84cm) E (3-F). S. pale lobelia blue (RHS 91C), edged dark hyacinth blue (91A); style arms white with violet blue lips, broad; F. pale lobelia blue, shading to white around golden yellow (14A) signal; margins crinkled. [Gosho Asobi X self].
- ASHTON PRIDE** (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg AW2-6. (36in 91cm) EM (6-F). F. Violet blue (RHS 90B/C) veins on lighter (90D) ground; style arms near-white midrib, pale violet blue (90C) lips and edge. [A33-6-177: (F-7 x P-19) X Gosho Asobi].
- ASHTON SNOW** (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg B5-5. (30in 76cm) M (3-F). S. chalk white, narrow purple (RHS 90B) rim; style arms white, lips blushed pale purple; F. chalk white aureolin yellow (12A) signal [M91-55: (Double Cream x Enduring Pink Frost) X Double Cream].
- ASHTON VELVET** (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg B1-14. (28in 71cm) M (3-F). S. deep pansy violet (RHS 83A) with narrow white margin; style arms pansy violet rimmed white; F. veined deep violet (86A), heaviest near aureolin yellow (12A) signal, pale methyl violet to sea lavender violet (85C/D) ground [M91-62: (DS(11-33) irradiated seed x self) X Taffeta and Velvet].
- BURGUNDELOVELY** (Bush, George C.) Reg: 1997. (34in 86cm) ML (3-F). Wine red, S. and style arms tipped black, F. with gold signal; arched, flared form [unknown - seed from Japan].
- CHIDORI-NO-MAI** (Ichie, T. by C. McEwen) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 74-55. (30in

75cm) M (6-F). Ruffled white, 1/16 to 1/8 in dark violet blue (RHS 89B) edging; style arms white, edges and tufts medium violet blue (89D); signal canary yellow (9B) [O-131: (('Harema-Nishiki' x unknown) x 'Ayasegawa') X 'Hakusan'].

CHIEF RED JACKET (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1997. Sdlg AR-014. (36in 91cm) EM (3-F). S. reddish magenta (RHS 72A), held at 45 deg angle; style arms amethyst (79C), reflexed; F. reddish magenta; velvety small aureolin yellow (12A) signal hidden by style [Numazu X unknown].

CHUSYU-NO-TSUKI (Ichie, T. by C. McEwen) Reg: 1997. Sdlg C2-52. (28in 70cm) ML (3-F). S. and style arms white, hairline violet (RHS 88B) edging; F. pure white, 1/16 to 1/8 inch dark violet (88A) edging, canary yellow (9B) signal; ruffled; S. small [Tsuki-no-Tamagawa X Yuzen].

CLOUD DANCING (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 97-386. (32in 81cm) M (6-F). Violet blue (RHS 93A), white central area, lemon yellow signal; style arms white, tipped violet [Southern Son X Continuing Pleasure].

CONFETTI DANCER (Reid, Lorena) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 90J22-2F. (36-42in) M 6 Light ground marbled violet and purple, light halo and rays around gold signal; style arms violet, light at center; ruffled [Peacock X Harlequinesque].

CROWNING MOMENT (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J88H-3. (40in 102cm) E (3-F). S. dark violet, white wire rim, base with few white veins; style arms white, light violet crest; F. white, edges sanded and stitched rose violet, signal yellow; flared, arching form [Iapetus X unknown] Ensata Gardens 1997 (Available).

DIRIGO OLD PEWTER (White, John) Reg: 1996. Pope's Perennials 1997.

DURAL PEACOCK (Grosvenor, Graeme) Reg: 1997. Sdlg JO-1. (37in 95cm) M (3-F). S. and F. white, lined and edged dark blue violet, F. with yellow signal; style arms indigo purple; flowers sometimes 6-falled. [Jocasta X unknown] Rainbow Ridge 1997 (Available).

EARTH AND FIRE (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1996. Nature's Garden 1997.

EMPEROR'S BUTTERFLY (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 97-394. (35in 89cm) M (3-F). S. Bishops violet (RHS 91B), distinct white marginal line; style arms white and bishops violet; F. Bishops violet with outer 1 inch veined white; signal yellow; yellow-green lines [Oriental Classic X Japanese Pinwheel].

EMPEROR'S Dragon (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 97-387. (36in 91cm) M (3-F). S. violet blue (RHS 93B), white line edge; style arms violet blue, yellow midrib; F. brushed and splashed bluebird blue (94B) [Oriental Classic X Japanese Pinwheel].

ENFANT PRODIGE (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1993. Dominion Seed House, Horticlub 1997 (Available).

ENTICING GEISHA (McEwen, Currier) Reg: 1996. Eartheart Gardens 1997 (Available).

- FROSTED INTRIGUE** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J89T-2. (36in 90cm) M (6-F). F. dark blue violet center, few light blue rays shading into red violet edge, rim frosty light blue; signals yellow; style arms white, multiple, violet crests feathered [Foreign Intrigue X Frosted Pyramid] Ensata Gardens 1997 (Available).
- GIN-NO-KOTO** (Ichie, T. by C. McEwen) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 91-153. (26in 65cm) ML (3-F). S. dark violet (RHS 83A), white hairline edging; style arms violet; F. dark violet (83B), white hairline edging; signal sulfur yellow (6C) [6-69: ('Shu-no-Sode' x 7A-25: ('Maisennyo' x self)) X 9A-23: (Kyomai x 3-48: (Kamiji-no-Homare x 'Saicho'))].
- GRAND ISLAND** (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1995. A & M Perennials 1995 (Available).
- HAI** (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J:01-02-93. (39in 99cm) EM (6-F). White, brushed lavender silk (RHS 88D) and veined red violet, signal zinnia yellow (14A); style arms lavender silk, violet crest [Rose World X Midsummer Reverie].
- HEIKE HELD** (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1996. Nature's Garden 1997 (Available).
- INDIGO DELIGHT** (Aitken, J.T.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 88 J 31. (32in 81cm) M (3-F). S. wine red, short; style arms dark gunmetal blue; F. medium blue, small yellow signal surrounded by white [unknown parentage] Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1997 (Available).
- ITTOO** (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1996. Ed's Iris Garden 1997 (Available).
- IWAI-NO-NISHIKI** (Hirao, S. by SJI) Reg: 1997. (36in 90cm) M (6-F). Red violet with white flecks, small white halo around yellow signal [parentage unknown] Introduced in Japan 1959 (Available).
- KAIOSEI** (Hirao, S. by SJI) Reg: 1997. (36in 90cm) ML (3-F). S. mid-violet, white and grey flecking and streaking; style arms white, crests light violet with small white markings; F. mid-violet, heavy white and grey flecking and streaking, yellow signal with white halo [unknown parentage] Introduced in Japan 1961 (Available).
- KOKI-NO-IRO** (SJI (by)) Reg: 1997. (35IN 90CM) m (6-F). Red violet, yellow signal, extra petaloids often present; style arms white, red violet crests [unknown parentage] introduced in Japan before 1920.
- LAFCADIO HEARN** (Bush, George C.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 12-0-8. (15in 38cm) M (3-F). S. and style arms white, edged crimson; F. with large white halo streaking into wide crimson border, signal yellow; flared. [unknown parentage - seed from Japan].
- MISS BUFFALO** (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1997. Sdlg AR-090. (23in 58cm) M (3-F). S. white, narrow magental edge; style arms white, flushed violet; F. white, light blue violet wash; chartreuse green (RHS 154B) signal [unknown parentage].
- MORNING PEACOCK** (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (35in 89cm) M (6-F). Violet Blue (RHS 97A/B) lines on white; style arms violet blue [Southern Son X Continuing Pleasure].

- NIAGARA POWER** (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1995. A & M Perennials 1995 (Available).
- NISHIKIORI** (Shimizu, H. by C. Warner) Reg: 1997. (36in 91cm) ML (6-F). Bright red violet, streaked and mottled white, small yellow and white signal; style arms red violet and white, prominent terminal tufts ['Saigyo-Zakura' X 'Myogisan'] Draycott Gardens 1997 (Available).
- NOUVEL AGE** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1992. Dominion Seed House, Horticultub 1997 (Available).
- ORIENTAL DANCER** (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (34IN 86CM) m **Tet** (3-F). S. amethyst, distinct white edging; style arms white with violet blue; F. violet blue (90B), yellow signal, veining to edge of fall. [Oriental Classic X Japanese Pinwheel].
- ORIENTAL EXPRESS** (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (36in 91cm) EM **Tet** (6-F). Violet (RHS 83B), outer portion lighter violet (88A), lined, signal yellow with light white margin; style crests violet, lined, white in center [Oriental Classic X Japanese Pinwheel].
- ORIENTAL MYSTERY** (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (34in 86cm) M (6-F). Violet blue (RHS 97C) overall brushing; style arms violet blue [Southern Son X Continuing Pleasure].
- PACIFIC BREEZE** (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1996. Nature's Garden 1997 (Available).
- PALACE PAGODA** (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (35in 89cm) M (6-F). White, large deep lemon gold signal; grey white veining style arms white; ruffled. [Southern Son X Continuing Pleasure].
- PELOPONNESUS** (Innerst, Sterling) Reg: 1996. Draycott Gardens 1997 (Available).
- PIXIE WON** (Copeland, Mrs. J. (Jill)) Reg: 1997. Sdlg PXE-1. (12-18in) E **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. spectrum violet (RHS 82B), small and rounded; style arms cream (158C), slight violet at tip; F. spectrum violet, lighter (82C) around sulfur yellow (6B) signal, darker pansy violet (83A) thin line edging signal; foliage yellow green. [I. pseudacorus white sdlg X I. ensata dbl purple sdlg] Ensata Gardens 1997 (Available).
- PLEASANT SANDMAN** (Harris, Chad) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 90JC15. (44-48in) L (6-F). F. lightly sanded violet blue (RHS 90D), heavier at halo, 1 inch violet (87B) marginal band, bright aureolin yellow (12A) signal; style arms white, edges sanded, crest violet (88B) ['Umi Botaru' X Dancing Waves].
- PLEASANT STARBURST** (Harris, Chad) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 89JA21. (44-48in) M (6-F). F. heavily sanded violet blue (RHS 96C) fading out 3/4 inch from edge, with white ray pattern and violet (87B) shoulders; signals yellow (7A), radiating 1/3 way down F. on veins; style arms white, crest flaring; flared, triangular form [85JA2: Jaciva sib X Jaciva].
- PRIMORYE** (Mironova, Liudmila) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 2-87. (34in 85cm) M (6-F). White ground, purple violet veining, dark purple violet band around yellow signal ['Patrocle' X unknown - seed treated with gamma rays].

RAINBOW CENTER (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1995. A & M Perennials 1985 (Available).

SANDHILL CRANE (Thrumman, Daniel) Reg: 1997. (36in 91cm) EM **Tet** (3-F). S. violet (RHS 83B), distinct white marginal line; style arms purplish violet (80B), feathered and tufted; F. purplish violet with yellow signal, greenish lines in center, white toward outside. [Oriental Classic X Japanese Pinwheel].

SANDSATIION (Aitken, J.T.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 88 J 33. (36in 91cm) ML (6-F). White ground, sanded violet, 1/8 inch more densely shaded edge, signal yellow; style arms white, edged violet, six [Parentage unknown] Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden 1997 (Available).

SEAWAYS OUTSET (McEwen, Currier) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 89/2(2). (26in 65cm) VE (3-F). Ruffled pure white, F. with yellow (RHS 7B) signal with unobtrusive greening (2C) veins [Springtime Snow X self].

SHAKKYO (Yoshida, Y. by SJI) Reg: 1997. (32in 80cm) EM (6-F). Red violet, greenish yellow signals; style arms red violet; drooping form [Parentage unknown] Introduced in Japan before 1901.

SHASHOO (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1996. Sdlg J:00-04-92. (38in, 97cm) M (6-F). White, brushed victorian violet (RHS 90B), signals yellow; style arms cream with lavender (85C) sheen. [Snowy Hills X Flashing Koi] Ed's Iris Garden 1997 (Available).

SHINONOME (SJI (by)) Reg: 1993. Correction of spelling from Shino-no-Ome.

SHINSEI (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J:03-04-93. (36in 91cm) EM (6-F). Violet; signal yellow with blue halo; style arms cream sanded violet, crests purple [Cascade Spice X Midsummer Reverie].

SING THE BLUES (Reid, Lorena) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 9J55-16D. (36-42in) ML (6-F). Smooth blue violet, giving very blue effect, 1/3 - 1/2 inch ruffled and turned up white edge; signals green gold, yellowish white halo; style arms yellowish white, light blue crests [Warai-Hotei X D579-2: (A112-1: striped sdlg. X Royal Crown) x Midnight Whisper)] Laurie's Garden 1997 (Available).

SLUMBERING DRAGON (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J86MM-11. (30in 76cm) M (6-F). Ruffled dark wine red with lighter edges, yellow signal; style arms red violet, crests darker [Capaneus X Innerst 1555-1: (Yusho x Banners on Parade)] Ensata Gardens 1997 (Available).

SNOW DANCER (Helsley, Calvin) Reg: 1993. Helsley 1997.

STELLA NIAGARA (Rettig, Anna) Reg: 1995. A & M Perennials 1995 (Available).

SUMMER ECLIPSE (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1997. Sdlg VI-1-13. (46in 117cm) M (3-F). S. violet (RHS 83A), upright and cupped; style arms violet, large, broad lipped; F. violet (88A) with pansy violet (83A) veining and around aureolin yellow (12A) signal [Husky Hero X Dark Enchantment].

SUN IN SPLENDOR (Hewitt, Jennifer) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 94/RS. (60in

153cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. barium yellow (RHS 10B), horizontal, minute; style arms blended aureolin (12A/C), prominent crests; F. rich yellow (14A), yellow signal edged with small brown veins; slight sweet fragrance. ['Rising Sun' putative pseudacorus-ensata hybrid X unknown].

TARNHELM (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1997. Sdlg J89U-3. (36in 90cm) M (9-F). White self, yellow signal; style arms white; layered dome form [Frosted Pyramid X Frilled Enchantment] Ensata Gardens 1997 (Available).

THOROUGHbred (McEwen, Currier) Reg: 1997. Sdlg T(6)90/23(1). (38in 95cm) EM & RE **Tet** (3-F). S. dark purple (RHS 79B), deeper veining, 1/8 inch white edge; styles off-white, tufts brushed methyl violet (85C); F. white, vivid dk blue violet (89A) halo around aureolin yel. (12A) signal, vivid dk blue violet veining extdg. 2/3 way to edge; ruffled [Japanese Harmony X T(1)84/28: ((Fairy Carillon x unknown) x sib)].

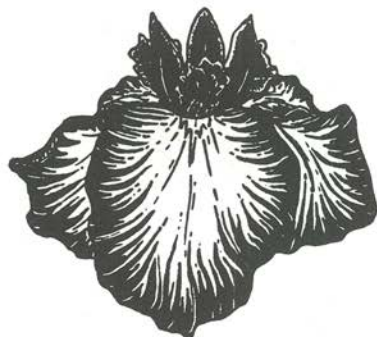
TORA-TORA (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1996. Nature's Garden 1997 (Available).

WILDERNESS FINALE (Wood, J. by S. Smart) Reg: 1997. Sdlg W-101-91. (32in 81cm) ML (6-F). Violet purple (RHS 77A), canary yellow (9A) crest signal with white radiating area surrounded by blue purple (93B) [Parentage unknown].

YAEMOMIJI (Shimizu, H. by C. Mahan) Reg: 1994. (35in 89cm) EM (6-F). Red violet, streaked and mottled white, green signal at base turning to light yellow and extending to white; white style arms edged red violet, red violet crests; white extra petaloids edged and tipped red-violet. ['Sakura-No-Sei' X Sekiyo] Draycott Gardens 1997 (Available).

YUKIJISHI (Shimizu, H. by C. Warner) Reg: 1997. (34in 86cm) M (9-F). White, small yellow signal; style arms white. ['Sakura-no-Sei' X Sekiyo] Draycott Gardens 1997 (Available).

YUZEN (Ichie, T. by C. McEwen) Reg: 1997. Sdlg 8A-146. (30in 75cm) ML (6-F). White, 1/8 to 1/16 in somewhat irregular violet purple (RHS 77A) rim and sparse dotting, signal canary yellow (9B); style arms white, tufts edged light violet (85B); strongly ruffled [Stippled Ribbbles X 'Syusho'].



A LUCKY RECOVERY

Sterling Innerst

Several years ago (8 or 10 maybe) I received a letter from Bob Bauer at Ensata Gardens. In it he described 5-6 or maybe seven of my Japanese seedlings that I had guested at a Michigan Japanese Iris Convention several years before. He indicated that he thought three of them should be registered and introduced.

I promptly informed him that in one of my many disasters I lost them all. I had lined them out - probably the same year that I sent them to Michigan as guests - in a very low-lying wet area late in the fall. They had no time to root before winter. I then got lazy and did not mulch them!? Of course they all heaved and every last one was lost.

I was soon informed that Ensata had stock of each. I told Bob to introduce them if he so desired. The three Japanese irises that I registered and Ensata introduced are: **IAPETUS**, **CAPANEUS**, & **JOCASTA** - each received an Award of Merit, and IAPETUS shares a Payne Award with one of Terry Aitken's many outstanding Japanese Iris introductions. With those names I'm sure most people realized that I registered them!? Thank you, Ensata, for saving these Japanese Irises.

Just a little afterthought here - Carol Warner who introduces my Japanese Irises now has shamed me into changing my Japanese Iris naming habits. Well, maybe not shamed, but at least firmly insisted that I do. So my future Japanese Irises will be named Sue, Jane, Bob, Carol, or something similar!?



RAISING BEARDLESS IRISES IN POTS

Bruce Hornstein and Kitty Ackerman

At one of the conventions, I believe it was Michigan, I mentioned that I initially grow all of my beardless iris in pots. Chad Harris suggested that perhaps I could write an article about the pros and cons of that endeavor. I spoke to Kitty Ackerman about submitting this topic for publication and she sent me a wonderful comprehensive list that really says it all. So, this article is from both of us.

At the National convention of the Society for Japanese Irises in Kalamazoo, I purchased about a dozen cultivars at the auction. These were promptly planted in a newly prepared bed, and at least half of them expired. In evaluating this, I realized that the soil had not retained enough moisture to sustain the plants.

A year or two later when I was preparing to move to a new home, I asked the advice of Carol Warner. She suggested that I dig my Japanese irises and pot them for transport. She also suggested that I use Pro-mix as a potting medium. Over 300 pots of Japanese irises were taken to the new home. Three fourths of these were buried up to the rim in a flowerbed, the rest were stored on a concrete pad. Over 90% survived the winter, but those in the ground appeared to be in better shape than those left out.

In the spring, I retrieved those buried and placed them all in children's swimming pools with @ 2 inches of water. The area received sun morning through noon and then was partially shaded in the afternoon. Dead leaves and debris were removed and the plants were removed from the pool bi-weekly and allowed to drain for 24 hours before being replaced in the pools. During this 24-hour period, the plants were fertilized with Miracid.

Almost every plant seemed to thrive. About this time I began

receiving guest plants for the 1995 national convention of the Society for Japanese Irises, and I potted all of these. In September and October of that year, all of the guest irises were planted in a specially prepared bed. Out of the 108 guest irises, only one cultivar was lost that first year, despite one of the worst winters on record. We had 17 ice storms the winter of 94/95 and I was convinced that potting all new plants was the wave of the future.

Since then all newly received plants are potted. This includes all apogons: Japanese, Louisianas, Versicolors, Siberians, and Setosas; however, only Japanese and Louisianas are placed in ponds. Others are placed primarily in areas that get only morning sun.

Advantages:

- 1) Damage from rodents is eliminated completely. Hooray!
- 2) Ease of watering and fertilizing, as all pots can be stored in a relatively small area.
- 3) Pots can be alphabetized so cultivars are easily located.
- 4) Plants sold or given away are well established, so that new owners can be assured that plants will survive.
- 5) Small divisions of valuable cultivars have an excellent chance to survive and thrive.
- 6) Visitors expressing a wish for a certain variety can be handed a pot. No digging, no fuss!
- 7) Helpful to gardeners with limited space; only small area needed.
- 8) Apartment dwellers with adequate sun place pots on deck
- 9) Containers can be potted at waist height.

Disadvantages:

- 1) Plants, not in standing water, need to be shaded from late afternoon sun. Prevent overheating.
- 2) Drain plants in standing water bi-weekly.
- 3) Vigorous growth may necessitate separating in 1 season.
- 4) Flowers, especially Japanese iris, tend to be smaller than cultivars planted in the ground. [There has been some success in using a soil mixture that is half compost / half Pro-mix.]
- 5) Burying pots in the ground, unless cold frame is available.

JAPANESE IRIS DISPLAY GARDENS LIST

Belgium

1. Willy Hublau, Steenweg op Borgloom 37A. 3830 Wellen
Belgium Tel. 011-32-012-745521 Peak June 30

Canada

1. Jean-Marc Boileau, RR 1, Box 592, 72 Chemin du
Barag , Chelsea, Quebec JOX INO, Canada
Tel. (819) 827-2592

England

1. R.J. Henley, Wychwood Carp Farm, Farnum Rd.,
Odiham NR Basng Hamps RG 25 1HS, England,
011-44-1256-802800 June 23 - July 7

Holland

1. K. Sahin, Loevestein 48, 2403 JB Alphen aan der Rijn,
Holland Tel. +31.172.445797 / 491144
June 20 - July 15

New Zealand

1. Eddie Johns, O'Tara Birch Gardens, P.O. Box 81,
Rongotea 5454 New Zealand Tel. +64-6-324 8490
Peak - mid December

Region 1

1. Philip Boucher, Tranquil Lake Nursery, 45 River St.,
Rehoboth, MA 02769 (508) 252-4002
June 14 to July 14
2. Phil Cook, Poker Hill Gardens, P.O.Box 338,
Underhill, VT 05489 (802) 889-9928 July 1-20
3. Bill and Ada Godfrey, 9 Bradford Ave., Foxborough,
MA, 02035 (508) 543-2711 June 20 - 30
4. Anne and Dick Jarzowski, Reflections, 17 Chestnut
St. West Newbury, MA 01985 (508) 363-2282
June 24 to July 9
5. Bob Kendall, 35 Suncrest Drive, Watertown, CT
06795 (203) 274-3422 July 1-20
6. Kathleen Marble, 84 Littleton County Rd., P.O.Box
287, Harvard, MA 01451-0287 (508) 456-8086
July 1-7

7. Dr. and Mrs. Currier McEwen, Seaways Gardens,
Rt.1, Box 818, Harpswell, ME 04079
(207) 833-5438 July 7-21
8. Mrs. Maurice (Shirley)Pope, Jr., 39 Highland Ave.,
Gorham, ME 04038 (207) 839-3054 Mid July
9. Steve and Marcia Smith, 720 Oxbow Rd, Orange, MA
01364 (508) 544 3088 July 1-15
10. Darlyn Springer, York Hill Farm, 18 Warren St.,
Georgetown, MA 01833 (508) 352-6560
June 19-July 11
11. Cindy and Ron Valente, Valente Gardens,193 Dilling-
ham Rd., North Lebanon, ME 03906-5315
(207) 457-2076 July 1-25
12. Andy Wheeler, 90 Call Rd., Colrain, MA 01340
(413) 624-8800 July 1 - 14
13. John, Evelyn, and Ted White, 193 Jackson Hill Rd.,
Minot, ME 04258-4413 (207) 345-9532
July 5-31
14. Sharon Whitney, Eartheart Gardens (For McEwen)
RR1, Box 847, South Harpswell, ME 04079
(207)833-6327 July 7-21

Region 2

1. Alice D. Belling, RaiberRoad, Holland, NY 14080
(716) 537-2798 July 5 - 20
2. Kathleen Colburn, 93 Doolittle Rd, Harpursville, NY
13787 (607) 655-1726 July 1-15
3. Leonard and Kathy Guest, 494 North St., East
Aurora, NY 14052 (716) 655-1762 July 1-15
4. Rachel Martin, 464 Crescent Ave., Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 837-2285 July 1 - 20 (Call first)
5. 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
6. Anna Rettig, 3371 Bowen Rd., Elma, NY 14059
(716) 684-2655 June 25 - July 10
7. John and Helen Schueler, Lamson Rd., Box 2620
RD2, Phoenix, NY 13135 July 1-15

Region 3

1. Stephen Brown, Mt. Gretna Gardens, 2493 Pinch Rd., Manheim, PA 17545-9466 (717) 664-5080
June 14 - July 14
2. George C. Bush, 1739 Memory Lane Ext., York, PA 17402 (717) 755-0557 June 14 - July 14
3. Vincent Faycock, 550 E. Berner Ave., Hazleton, PA 18201 (717) 454-0337 June 22 - July 1
4. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Innerst, 6011 Mountain Road, Dover, PA 17315 (717) 292-3775 June 6 - July 10
5. Theresa L. Jewell, 310 Lloyd Guessford Rd. Townsend, DE 19734 (302) 378-7746 June 5-30
6. Elwood A. (Bud) Maltman, 206 Milltown Road, Wilmington, DE 19808 June 10 - 25
7. James D. Marks, 33-B Sylvan Drive, Holidaysburg, PA 16648 (814) 606-1654 4th week of June
8. Joan Wood, RD 2, Box 772, Felton, DE 19943
June 10 - 25

Region 4

1. Herman and Ruby Dennis, 2413 Cedar Bark Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (804) 481-1626
May 25 - June 30
2. Mrs. Frank (Rosalie) Figge, 4 Maryland Ave., Towson, MD 21286 (410) 337-9118 June 15 - July 10
3. Dennis Hager, 373 Cypress St., P.O.Box 390, Millington, MD 21651 (410) 928-3147 June 10 - 30
4. Walter Hoover, Box 337 Charles St., Saluda, NC 28773 (704) 749-5846 June 10 - July 1
5. Bruce Hornstein, Sans Souci Gardens, 3819 Beatty Rd., Monkton, MD 21111 (410) 557-0250
6. D.J. Kelly, 1289 Holly Point Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (804) 481-1420 May 25 - June 30
7. Jack Loving, 10483 Edgehill Lane, King George, VA 22485 (703) 775-4043 June 1-20
8. Mrs. and Mrs. Clarence Mahan, The Iris Pond, 7311 Churchill Rd., McLean, VA 22101 (703) 893-6526
June 5 - 25

9. Sara Marley, 13358 Sagle Rd., Purcellville, VA
20132-1827 (540) 668-9004 June 15 - July 6
10. Mr. and Mrs. William Mull, 7112 Fox's Lair Court,
Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 858-5521
May 25 - June 30
11. Georgia Muller, 4524 Gaddy's Ferry Rd., Norwood,
NC 18128 (704) 474-4560
12. Michael and Diana Nicholls, Nicholls Gardens, 4724
Angus Drive, Gainesville, VA 22065 (703) 754-
9623 May 21 - July 7
13. Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Azalea Garden Road,
Norfolk, VA 23518 May 29 - June 30
14. Caryll Randall, The Iris Edge Gardens, 524 Windsor
Gate Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(804) 340-9077 May 25 - June 30
15. Bill Smoot, 213 Derby Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23702
(804) 393-4617 May 14 - June 21
16. Donald and Ginny Spoon, 1225 Reynolds Rd., Cross
Junction, VA 22625 (540) 888-4447 June 8 - 16
17. Mrs. Andrew (Carol) Warner, Draycott Gardens,
16815 Falls Rd., Upperco, MD 21155
(410) 374-4788 June 15 - 30

Region 5

1. Peggy Beason, Rt. 2, Box 584, Summerville, 29483
(803) 688-4414 May 15 - June 15
2. Richard Eggenberger, P.O.Box 2826, Cleveland, GA
30528-2826 (706) 865-1258 May 23 - June 14
3. B.C. and Maggie Johnson, P.O.Box 554, St. Stephens,
SC 29479 (803) 567-4399 May 15 - June 15
4. Mrs. Betty A. Jones, 205 McKinley Drive, Griffin, GA
30223 (770) 227-4463 2nd wk. May - 2nd wk. June
5. Everette and Ann Lineberger, Quail Hill Gardens, 2460
Compton Bridge Rd., Inman, SC 29349-08489
(864) 472-3339 June 10 - July 1
6. Ted Mansfield, The Slopes, 715 Catherine St., Forest
Park, GA 30297 (404) 608-8935 June 8 - 15
7. Jimmy McRae, The Slopes, 715 Catherine St., Forest
Park, GA 30297 (404) 608-8935 June 8 - 15

8. Shirley Paquet, 857 Circle H Woods Rd., Prosperity,
SC 20127 (803) 364-2724 May 20 - June 12
9. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott Watson, 116 Watson
Reynolds Rd., Milledgeville, GA 31061
May 24 -June 9

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 Copeland, 78118 M4052, Lawton
MI 49065 (616) 624-1968 July 1-20
3. Richard Cryberg, 9531 Robinson Rd., Chardon, OH
44024-9101 (440) 285-3287 July 1 - 10
4. Carol Kerr, 13015 Crinnion, Cedar Springs, MI 49319
(616) 696-9366 July 8 - 28
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 (616) 866-1493 July 1-7
8. Mrs. Robert Stallcop, Rt. 2, Box 676, Greencastle, IN
46135 (317) 672-8206 June 10 - 15
9. Judith Vaught, 7004 E. Greenburg Rd., Franklin, IN
46131 (713) 738-2710 June 23 - July 6
10. Tony and Dorothy Willott, 26231 Shaker Blvd. Beach-
wood, OH 44122-7111 (216) 831-8662
June 27 - July 13
11. Andrew and Kay Yunger, 510 Grand Pre, Kalamazoo,
MI 49007 (616) 381-2262 July 1 - 7

Region 7

1. Mrs. Dale Brotherton, 7404 Westridge Dr., Knoxville,
TN 37919 (615) 584-2833 May 25 - June 7
2. Dr. Edward Browne, Jr., 486 St. Nick Dr., Memphis,
TN 38117 (901) 682-9243 June 1
3. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Browning, 1352 Lawton Rd.,
Selmer, TN 38375 (901) 632-4146 2nd wk. June

4. Eugene and Cathy Church, 185 Highway 194,
Rassville, TN 38066 May 25 - June 31
5. John Couturier, Sunnyridge Gardens, 1724 Drinnen
Rd., Knoxville, TN 37914 (615) 933-0723
May 25 - June 7
6. Mary Engler, 3915 Kelley Rd., Kevi, KY 42053
(502) 488-3452 June 27 - July 13
7. Joyce Felts, 522 West Main St., Bradford, TN
38316-9689 (901) 742-2321 June 5 - 25
8. Virginia Hill, 1030 Autumn Oaks Circle, Collierville,
TN 38017 May 15 - 31
9. Bill Hurt, 1325 Ascot Lane, Franklin, TN 32064
(615) 790-1046 June 5 - 25
10. Ketchum Memorial Iris Garden, Memphis Botanical
Garden, 750 Cherry Rd., Audubon Park, Memphis,
TN 38117-4699 (901) 685-1566 June 10-25
11. Macey Greg McCullough, Iris City Gardens,
502 Brighton Place, Nashville, TN 37205
(800) 934-4747 June 15
12. Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Poole, 8722 Campground Rd.,
Atoka, TN 38004 (901) 837-8192 June 1 - 21
13. Joyce and Bill Reinke, 3223 Gum Flat Rd., Rt. 1, Box
136-A, Bells, TN 38006 (901) 663-3744 June 5-12

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. James L. Scharff, 1712 Kalahari Drive, Green Bay, WI
54313-5492 (414) 494-6158 Daniel July 1 - 21
4. Daniel Thruman, 2411 White Oak Trail, Oregon, WI
53575 (608) 835-5562 June 15 - July 15
5. Marlene Wolinski, 8635 Fremont Ave. N., Brooklyn
Park, MN 55444 (612) 561-2017 July 4-10

Region 9

1. 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 61933
(217) 948-5478 June 10 - 30

Region 13

1. Terry and Barbara Aitken, Aitken's Salmon Creek Garden, 608 NW119th., Vancouver, WA 98685
(360) 573-4472 June 1 - 30
2. Debbie L. Gorham, Blue Sky Iris, 18353 S. Grasle Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 631, 3020
June 1 -30
3. Bill Halstead, Maxwellton Valley Gardens, 3443 East French Rd., Clinton, WA 98236
(206) 321-1770 June 15 - July 31
4. Chad Harris, 12 Marble Rd., Washougal, WA 98671
(206) 835-1016 June 1 - 30
5. Ruth Musil, 1461 NW Meadowgreen Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330 (503) 757-8261 June 14 - 24
6. Allan & Karen Oudean, 7241 137th Ave., SE, Snohomish, WA 98290-9022 (360) 568-6024
June 15 - July 4
7. Mrs. Lorena Reid, Laurie's Garden, 41886 McKenzie Hwy., Springfield, OR 97478 (541) 896-3756
May 22 - July 6
8. Dave and Nancy Silverberg, Abbey Gardens, 32009 S. Onaway, Molalla, OR 97038 (503) 845-2622
July 1 - 15

Region 14

1. Carl Boswell, 1821 Gross Lane, Concord, CA 94519 (510) 682-0777 May 15 - 30
2. Vicki Dudley, 17285 Tamara Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076, (408) 663-2036 May 8 - 16
3. Gigi Hall, 40417 Citrus, Dr., Fremont, CA 94538 (510) 657-4789 May 9 - 16
4. Elyse Hill, 4613 Maddock Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472 (707) 823-1502 June 8 - 22

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 Ave., St. Charles MO 63301 (314) 724-4274 June 1 - 25
3. Riley Probst, 418 N. Van Buren, Kirkwood, MO 63122-3921 (314) 822-2485 June 8 - 25

Region 19

1. Joe and Margaret Griner, 25 Mill Chase Rd., Southampton, NJ 08088 (609) 859-9251 June 6-20
2. Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, 474Upper Mountain Rd. Upper Montclair, NJ 07043 (201) 783-5974 July 1 - 31
3. Eve Marie Karkas, P.O.Box 262, Stockton, NJ 08559-0262 (609) 466-8560 June 6-20

Region 22

1. Mary Ann King, Pine Ridge Gardens, 832 Sycamore Rd., London AR 72847 (501) 293-4359 May 26 - June 16
2. Mrs. Beatrice Williams, 4345 Ritchie, Enid OK 73703 (405) 234-8066 June 1 - 8

Region 23

1. Mrs. Henry Danielson, Pleasure Iris Gardens, 425 E. Luna, Chaparral, NM 88021 (505) 824-4299 May 15 - 30

1998 SHOWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no doubt other events that we are unaware of. Contact any iris enthusiast in your area for details. Iris shows are open to the public at no charge. Charges for other events are listed. Listings are in order according to dates held.

Summerville, South Carolina ---- May 29 & 30

Above are the dates for the upcoming annual Summerville Iris Society's Japanese Weekend, Region 5. Weekend Chairman is Lucille Limehouse. Walter Hoover of Saluda, NC has agreed

to give Judge's Training. This will take place on Friday evening at the Hampton Inn in Summerville, the site of the banquet, as well. Shirley Paquet, former RVP of Region V, will be the after-dinner speaker, speaking on the history of Region V. **Information and a Reservation form for the weekend may be found on page 38.**

The annual iris show and plant sale will be held May 29 - 30 at the Cuthbert Building in Azalea Park, 101 West First Street, Summerville. The show will be open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Betty Black is Show Chairman and Contact Person for the show. Weekend reservations are being handled by Helen Beason, 1829 State Road, Summerville, SC 29483. Tel. (803) 688-4574.

St. Louis, Missouri ---- June 7

The Greater St. Louis Iris Society will hold its annual Beardless Iris Show on Sunday, June 7, at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Entries will be accepted from 7 to 10 AM. The show will be open to the public at 12 noon. There will be open classes in horticulture and a class for potted JI's in 8 inch pots. The local Ikebana Society will present a display using Japanese irises in designs. For further information contact Don Delmez at (314) 724-4274.

Virginia Beach, Virginia ---- June 13

The Tidewater Iris Society will hold its Beardless Iris Show on Saturday, June 13, at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. Entries will be accepted from 8 to 10 AM. For further information contact Chairman Bill Smoot at (757) 393-4617

Hendersonville, North Carolina ---- June 18 & 19

The Carolina Mountains Iris Society will present its 7th Annual All-Japanese Iris Show at Opportunity House, 1411 Asheville Hwy., Hendersonville, NC. Single stalk entries only, including seedlings, will be received on Thursday, June 18, from 8 to 10 AM. The show will be open to the public from 1 to 5 PM Thursday, and from 9AM to 5 PM on Friday, June 19. For information contact Walter Hoover at (704)

749-5846 or Flossie Nelson at (704) 692-7942.

Brookside Gardens, Maryland ---- June 20

The Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society will hold a Beardless Iris Show at Brookside Gardens, Maryland on Saturday, June 20. For information contact Show Chairmen, Ed and Glenna Castillo in Hamilton, VA. Phone: (540) 338-5353

Salem, Oregon ---- June 20

The Greater Portland Iris Society's "Late Show" is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at the Lancaster Mall, in Salem, OR. Entries will be received from 8 to 9:30 AM. The show is open to the public from 10 AM to 5 PM. For information call John Ludi, 35071 SE HWY 211, Boring, OR 97009. Tel. (503) 668-9230

Kalamazoo, Michigan ---- June 26 & 27

The Southwestern Michigan Iris Society will host the Region 6 spring meeting in Kalamazoo June 26 and 27. Tours will highlight Japanese and other late blooming irises. A block of rooms has been reserved at the new Quality Inn in Paw Paw, Michigan, headquarters for the event. **Phone (616) 655-0303 for reservations.** About 400 feet from Quality Inn there is Mroczek's Inn, Tel. (616) 657-1572. Reservations should be made by May 15.

On Friday evening there will be Judge's Training on Award and Ballots from 6:30 to 8:30. Slides provided by visiting members will be shown from 8:30 to 10:30 PM. On Saturday buses will take you to the gardens of Kay and Andy Yunger and Bronson Place (Anna Mae and Ronald Miller's) After lunch buses will take you to Ensata Gardens, where Jerry and Melody Wilhoit will conduct Judge's Training, and there will be time for a good visit at Ensata. On Saturday evening buses will take you from Quality Inn to Jim and Jill Copeland's for one of Jim's famous Fish Fry's., followed by an auction of irises, canned salmon, plants, etc. Bring some of your extra plants for the auction. Meeting chairman is Jim Copeland, 78118 M4052, Lawton, MI 49065 Tel. (616) 624-1068.

Send reservations to Jim: Registration by June 1st - \$40.;
After June 1st - \$60. **No refunds after June 1st.**

Kalamazoo, Michigan ---- July 4

The Southwestern Michigan Iris Society will hold its 23rd Annual Show of Japanese and Other Late Blooming Irises on Saturday, July 4, at the Maple Hill Mall in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Entries will be received from 9 to 10:30 AM and judging will begin at 11:00. Show will open to the public at 1:00 PM. For information contact Bob Bauer, 9823 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg, MI 49053. Tel. (616) 665-7500. e-mail ensata@aol.com.

Auburn, Maine ---- July 11

The Maine Iris Society will hold its Japanese Iris Show on Saturday, July 11, at the Auburn Middle School, 610 Court St., Auburn, ME. Entries will be received from 8 to 10:30 AM. The Show will be open to the public from 1 to 5 PM.. The Maine Hosta Society and the Bonsai Society of the Pine Tree State will also have exhibits at this show. For information contact Show Chairmen, John and Evelyn White, 193 Jackson Hill Rd., Minot, ME 04258-4413 Tel. (207) 345-9532.



SOURCES OF JAPANESE IRIS

The following either specialize in Japanese or offer a large number of them:

Aitken Salmon Creek Garden 608 NW 119th Street, Vancouver WA 98685. *Catalog \$2.*

Tranquil Lake Nursery Inc 45 River Street, Rehoboth MA 02769. *Catalog \$1.*

George C. Bush 1739 Memory Lane Extension, York PA 17402. *SASE.*

Ensata Gardens 9823 E. Michigan Ave., Galesburg MI 49053.

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Joe Pye Weed's Garden 337 Acton Street, Carlisle MA 01741. *.55 Stamps.*

The Iris Pond 7311 Churchill Road, McLean VA 22101. *Catalog \$1.*

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Pope's Perennials 39 Highland Ave., Gorham ME 04038. *SASE.*

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Earthart Gardens RR1 Box 847, South Harpswell ME 04079. *SASE.*

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SJI

February 10, 1998

BALANCE JAN 1, 1997 **20,386.21**

INCOME

Interest	976.51
Dues	1225.00
(Includes 2 Life, \$175)	
Review Advertizing	28.00
JI Book Royalty	153.03
Librarian Income	635.67
Checklists	191.97
Books	224.70
PCards	149.00
Slide Rent	70.00
TOTAL INCOME	4844.21

EXPENSES

<i>The Review</i>	2909.00
Service Awards	212.45
2 Payne Medals	62.72
Display Gardens	68.32
Checklists	290.76
Librarian	112.64
Fall Seminar	132.60
Membership/Treasurer	111.01
Editor	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3899.50

BALANCE DEC 31, 1997 **21,330.92**

3345.96 is in Checking
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EDITOR'S REVIEW

Again I salute our members for sending in a variety of reports for this Spring edition. There are some interesting tips on raising irises, a list of new registrations and introductions, and a guide to the Display Gardens of members, as well as J.I. Shows. If you are travelling, check to see if there are Japanese Iris gardens to visit near your route.

By seeing as many gardens as you can, you are better equipped to report in the Popularity Poll. **Notice: the Popularity Poll Ballot is a separate sheet included with this issue.**

One sad note to report is the loss of one of our most enthusiastic members, Rich Randall. He has served SJI in many capacities and we shall truly miss his input and his friendliness. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his wife, Caryll and his family.

I hope that El Nino has not caused damage in your area. Do enjoy the summer bloom and don't forget to vote the Popularity Poll.

Best Wishes and Good Gardening!

Evelyn White



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ASHTON DREAM - Sdlg. A4-4-86. JI (3 F.), 33" (84cm), E. S. pale lobelia blue, edged dark hyacinth blue; style arms white with violet blue lips, blood; F. pale lobelia blue, shading to white around golden yellow signal; margins crinkled. Gosho Asobi X self. \$35.00

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