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REMINDER: Be sure to vote this year's Popularity Poll. Ballot is at the back of this issue.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Aitken

Once again the weatherman provides a convincing argument as to why there is no such thing as "normal". This year we are to deal with La Nina, cool Pacific waters, lots of excess moisture, while the South Pacific is dealing with drought conditions.

Actually, we are hoping for a slow, cool, wet spring as our Japanese Iris Convention approaches. It is a prescription for stress on the gardeners, but the Japanese irises love it, and fat buds are rising in the display gardens. Last fall, I talked about setting pods on reblooming irises in September and October. As it turned out, we had no frost until mid December when the last Japanese blooms were frozen down. The fall pods did ripen, were harvested in December, and are now planted.

Our Board of Directors has been busy this winter with a review of the Bylaws with the end result expected to be the registration of the Society of Japanese Irises as a non-profit corporation. While the Board was reviewing these proposals, it also did a "housekeeping" job by removing rules that we simply were not following.

Since we seldom have a quorum at the AIS annual national convention, much of the business of SJI is conducted by mail. The proposed Bylaws revision addresses this. Actually, I have cancelled the business meeting in Oklahoma in May (although there will be a promotional meeting), in anticipation that we will have a quorum in Portland at the convention for SJI in late June.

The next item of business will be the selection of a site for the next SJI Convention, hopefully in 2002. Any suggestions or volunteers?

Hope to see many of you in Portland, Oregon in late June!

BUSINESS ITEMS

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The 1997 and 1998 registrations and introductions have been added to the "old" 1997 SJI Checklist before we made a necessary reprint. Now, all updates, including awards, can be found in the "new" 1999 JI Checklist.

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"Japanese Will Shine in '99"

**Society for Japanese Irises National Convention
Portland, Oregon - June 24-26, 1999
Sponsored by the Greater Portland Iris Society**

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COVER PHOTOS USED BY TODAY'S HYBRIDIZERS

John Coble

Current hybridizers of Japanese Iris are showing their appreciation to past hybridizers by using many of their cultivars of excellent color, pattern, and qualities in today's breeding programs. Our covers on this issue are to salute some of those hybridizers and their introductions.

Jonnye Rich introduced **FROSTBOUND** in 1971; it was used by Sterling Innerst to produce **IAPETUS** ('88), which Bauer/Coble used to get **SAPPHIRE CROWN** (1996) and **CROWNING MOMENT** (1997). **FROSTBOUND** is also found in the background of several Currier McEwen introductions like **SOUTHERN SON** ('90) and **POPULAR DEMAND** ('88).

CRYSTAL HALO is a classic introduction by Walter Marx in 1959. Bauer/Coble crossed it with Mr. Payne's **STRUT AND FLOURISH** (1964) and selected one seedling to be **FOREIGN INTRIGUE** in 1995.

KNIGHT IN ARMOR (Marx 1959) is found in the background of many new introductions by Terry Aitken: **BUTTERFLIES IN FLIGHT** ('91), **CASCADE CREST** ('88), and **ELECTRIC RAYS** ('90). Terry then crossed **ELECTRIC RAYS** with Mr. Payne's fantastic **DANCING WAVES** (Arlie Payne 1964) and produced a superb **NIGHT ANGEL** ('96). Chad Harris used **KNIGHT IN ARMOR** to get his '99 introduction, **JACIVA**.

MYSTIC BUDDHA was introduced by Marx in 1956. Lorena Reid wisely used **MYSTIC BUDDHA** to get **CASCADE SPICE** ('89), **CASCADE SPRINGDRESS** ('91), and **PICOTEE PRINCESS** ('92).

This is not to be considered a complete list, just a sample.

Registrations and Introductions for 1998

- ALASCAPE** (Bush, George C) Reg: 1997. Bush 1998.
- BLUEBIRD SPECIAL** (Stallcop, Jean by Delmez) Reg: 1998. (38in 97cm) M (6-F). Ruffled white, veined blue; signal yellow. [Unknown].
- BURGUNDELOVELY** (Bush, George C.) Reg: 1997. Bush 1998.
- BUTTERFLY BRIGHT** (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1998. Sdlg B4-16. (48in 122cm) ML (3-F). S. red purple (RHS 72A), narrow white margin, small; style arms light mallow purple (72D) margin; F. white, narrow red purple veins radiating from bright yellow (7A) signal. [Edged Delight X Emperor's Bride].
- CONFETTI DANCER** (Reid, Lorena) Reg: 1997. Laurie's Garden 1998.
- CROWNING MOMENT** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. 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 BLUE PLATE** (White, John) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 93 JB-B6-26. (36in 91cm) EM (3-F). S. white, edged blue, upright; style arms white, edged blue-violet; F white with 1/2 to 5/8in blue marginal band, small yellow signal, opening flat. [Fuji X McEwen J90-73].
- DIRIGO CLOUD NINE** (White, John) Reg: 1996. Pope's Perennials 1998.
- DIRIGO SNOWFLAKE** (White, John) Reg: 1992. Pope's Perennials 1998.
- DIRIGO STAR** (White, John) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 93-JP-B10-26. (40in 102cm) ML (6-F). Deep purple, very small yellow signal surrounded by a white blaze; style arms white, edged blue violet. [Dirigo Snowflake X McEwen J90-73].
- DYSON MOORE** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 92-143 (sel. 95-183). (35in 90cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). (reensata). S. violet (RHS 83B); style arms deep lilac (76A); crest aster violet (87B); F. violet, bright yellow signal with yellow line extending outward; slight sweet fragrance [90-163: (I. Versicolor Mag-Pk-85 x magenta I. ensata sdlg) X Raspberry Rimmed].
- EVELYN HAYES** (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1998. Sdlg J:00-02-94. (42in 107cm) M (3-F). S. red violet, edged white; style arms light purple, edged white; crest violet, edged white; F. white, veined purple, yellow signal. [Returning Tide X Unknown].
- FAIRY TALE PRINCESS** (Nicholls, Diana) Reg: 1998. Sdlg D9017. (30in 76 cm) M-VL & RE (3-F). S. purplish pink (RHS 75A), edges lighter, (69A); style arms purplish pink; F. purplish pink concentrated around yellow signal, lightening (69A) to edges, veins darker pink [Unknown].
- FIRST ENCOUNTER** (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1998. (28in 71cm) VE (6-F). Orchid pink central flush paling to near white toward edge, signal yellow; style arms light orchid pink [Unknown; seed from Jelitto Staudensamen, Germany].
- FRANCIS CABOT** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 95-139. (55-59in) ML-

- VL **SPEC-X** (3-F). (versata). S. medium violet (RHS 88A); style arms medium violet (88B) bordered lilac; F. deep violet blue (89B), bright yellow signal with central golden line extends outward [China West Lake X Popular Demand].
- FROSTED INTRIGUE** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. 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).
- GLITTERING RAYS** (Innerst, Sterling) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 4276-12. (36in 91cm) M (6-F). Red purple with shocking blue rays extending form gold signal. [Admetus X Diomedes] Draycott 1998 (Available).
- GOGO BOY** (Dumas-Quesnel, Monique) Reg: 1992. Spelling Change from **Go Go Boy**. Dominion Seed House, Horticlub 1998.
- HAI** (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1997. Ed's Iris Garden 1998.
- HELEN NIA** (Love, Frances) Reg: 1998. (24in 61cm) L (6-F). White Self [Unknown: seed from America].
- JOLIETTE** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-035. (33in 85cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). (versata) S. violet (RHS 83C); style arms violet (83B), bordered pink on white; F. dark violet (83B), bright yellow signal; slight fragrance [EX-DW-13 versicolor, inv. dwarf High Laurentian versicolor X purple I. Ensata sdlg].
- KOSHUI NO ASA** (Shimizu, H. by C. Warner) Reg: 1998. (32in 81cm) M (9-F). Sky blue ["Mizuumi no Sei" X "Aizoshi"] Draycott 1998.
- LAURENTIAN SUNSET** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-055 (Cr 92-52). (28in 70 cm) EM **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. purplish violet (RHS 80C); style arms deeper (80B), bordered pink and white; F. purple violet (80B), bordered capanula violet (82B), signal bright yellow surrounded by white and yellow veins [(biversata) Mirabelle Glow X Riopelle].
- LITTLE BOW PINK** (Delmez, Donald) Reg: 1998. Sdlg SP-4. (38in 97cm) EM (3-F). Pink; F. with yellow signal; S. upright ["Iseji no hara" X "Hime Komache"].
- LITTLE SPRITZER** (Delmez, Donald) Reg: 1998. Sdlg SMIN-1. (22in 56cm) M (3-F). S. violet purple; style arms purple; F. white, veined purple; signal yellow. [Chitose Hime X unknown].
- MARIE CHUARD** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 1 95-1212. (49in 124cm) M-VL **SPEC-X** (3-F). (reensata) S. Purple (RHS 79C); style arms white, centered violet, changing to purple violet (80B), violet blue (90B) crests; F. purple (79B changing to 79C); large very bright yellow signal with darker midline extension; slight sweet fragrance. [92-257 versata: (90 PPK-068 versicolor x purple and pink I. Ensata sdlg.) X Royal Burgundy].
- MIRABEL GLOW** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-052. (28in 70cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). (versata) S. purple red (RHS 84A); style arms centered aster violet (87C), bordered mauve and white; F. violet (88A) aging to aster violet (87C) on second day; bright yellow signal with white extension line;

- slight spicy fragrance [90-Xdom 031: (Belle Promesse x self) X pink I ensata sdlg].
- NIGHT FLASH** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 95-140 (93-536). (43in 110cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. blue violet (RHS 89C); style arms violet (88C), crest aster violet (87B); F. violet blue, signal bright yellow, small dull yellow and purplish halo; slight sweet fragrance [92-136: ((90 Dom-024: (Nouvel Age x Belle Promesse) x self) x 90 Dom-024)) X Purple Parasol].
- PEAK OF PINK** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. Sdlg J93-K-3. (36in 91cm) M (6-F). Pale pink opening from pink buds, aging cream white; style arms pink [Sakura no Sono X Hime Kagami].
- PERVY VALS** (Mironova, Liudmila) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 3.13.94. (43-45in) ML (3-F). S. purple, stitched white; style arms white, dusted blue; F. white with blue veining, signal yellow ["Chayka" X "Vasili Alferov"].
- PINKERTON** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. Sdlg J93-K-4. (36in 91cm) M (6-F). Pink, opening from red-pink buds; style arms cream, edges and crests pink [Sakura no Sono X Hime Kagami].
- PLEASANT SANDMAN** (Harris, Chad) Reg: 1997. Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens 1998.
- PLEASANT STARBURST** (Harris, Chad) Reg: 1997. Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens 1998.
- PRIMORYE** (Mironova, Liudmila) Reg: 1997. Mironova 1996.
- QUEBELLE** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 95-132 (91-881). (43in 110cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). (biversata) S. violet blue (RHS 90C), some darker veining; style arms violet blue, bordered wisteria blue (92C); F. violet (86A/B), bright golden yellow signal surrounded by white veins; reverse side wisteria blue (92C) w/ white cntr, slight musky fragrance [89-74-06: (89-MR03-14 versicolor x 3f purple ensata sdlg) X MR03-13 versicolor: (MR03-555 x MR03-04)].
- REBECCA'S CHOICE** (McEwen, Currier) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 89/41(2). (36in 91cm) ML (3-F). S. Phlox purple (RHS 75C); style arms white, rose purple (75A) edges and tufts; F. rose purple (75B) appearance, with phlox purple base color and darker (75A) veining; ruffled, arched form [Hime Kagami X Celestial Pink sibling].
- ROZOVYE OBLAKO** (Mironova, Liudmila) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 8.7.94. (35-9in 95cm) M (6-F). Pink, signal yellow; style arms lilac, crests darker [4-80: (unknown sdlg x "Vasili Alfiorov") X "Chayka"].
- SEAWAYS OUTSET** (McEwen, Currier) Reg: 1997. Eartheart Gardens 1998.
- SHIRENEVAYA DYMKA** (Mironova, Liudmila) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 7.4.94. (47in 120cm) VE (3-F). Light lilac, yellow signal surrounded by dark lilac; rim, stylearms dk lilac ["Chayka" X 4-80: (unknown seedling x "Vasili Alferov")].
- SLUMBERING DRAGON** (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. 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.

SPLENDID COMPANION (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 92-247. (43in 110cm) ML SPEC-X (3-F). S. violet (RHS 86C); style arms violet, bordered white; F. deeper violet (86A); bright golden yellow signal with darker halo; slight sweet fragrance [92-247: (Dom F/3 044: (Belle Promesse x self) x Riopelle) X Belle Promesse].

SPRINGBURST (Ackerman, William L.) Reg: 1998. Sdlg b3-8. (42in 107cm) M (6-F). F. near white ground with fine dusting, mottling and veining of imperial purple (RHS 78A), chartreuse green (154A) signal; style arms white, margins purple, large purple lips [Beni Tsubaki X A4-1- 119: (A3-6-7: (D4-6-195 x D4-13-129) x self)].

STRANGE BUTTERFLY (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 95-146 (91-545). (30in 75cm) EML SPEC-X (3-F). (versata) S. violet (RHS 86B); style arms violet blue (96A), bordered mauve and white; F. dark blue violet (89B), light yellow signal bordered by white-veined or -striped zone [MR 03-14 versicolor: (MR03-555 x ex MR-03) X white 6f ensata sdly].

STRANGE FANTASY (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-30. (26in 65cm) EM SPEC-X (3-F). (biversata) S. purple (RHS 79C); style arms purple bordered pink, crest lilac; F. deeper purple (79B) changing to purplish violet (82A), haft and signal brown, veined yellow and white [Dom 031: (Belle Promesse x Nouvel Age) X Dom 031].

STYLED MODESTY (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-032 (91-629). (30in 75cm) ML SPEC-X (3-F). (versata) S. aster violet (RHS 87C); style arms darker (87A), bordered amethyst violet (84B), crest aster violet (87B); F. aster violet (87B); yellow signal with extended line surrounded by darker halo; slight sweet fragrance [89-402 white versicolor X white 6f ensata sdly].

SURF AND SAND (Held, Frederick) Reg: 1998. Sdlg X. (36in 91cm) M (3- F). S. white; style arms ivory; F. white, yellow signal [Unknown: seed from Jellito Staudensamen, Germany].

TARNHELM (Bauer/Coble) Reg: 1998. 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.

- TENUE ROYALE** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 95-090 (90-934). (28in 70cm) EM **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. Lilac Purple (RHS 70 A); style arms beet root purple (71A) center bordered lilac purple (70B) and white; F. Beet root purple (71A/B), greenish yellow; lower haft mixed with purple, surrounded by yellow and white veined zone [Dom F3 084: (Belle Promesse x Nouvel Age) X Dom F3 066: (Nouvel Age x Belle Promesse)].
- TOP PICK** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 91-544 (sel. 94-102). (39in 100cm) ML **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. violet (RHS 86B); style arms pure white; F. violet (83B), large bright yellow signal bordered by deeper violet (83A) halo, reverse much paler, near white; slight sweet fragrance [X Dom 030: (Belle Promesse x Nouvel Age) X white I. Ensata].
- TULE STORM** (Matheny III, Ed) Reg: 1998. Sdlg J:04-03-93. (40in 102 cm) M (6-F). Reddish violet, signal yellow; style arms purple [Midsummer Reverie X Dark Enchantment].
- VEINED BANNER** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-003 (91-629). (32in 82cm) EM **SPEC-X** (3-F). (versata) S. white veined or lined violet blue (RHS 93C/D); style arms blue, bordered white; F. white, veined violet blue; signal bright yellow; slight sweet fragrance [91-402 versicolor white x white 6f ensata sdlg].
- WELCOME INTRUDER** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 94-006 (90 Dom 090). (37in 95cm) EM **SPEC-X** (3-F). S. violet (RHS 83B); style arms violet (83B/C); F. violet (83A/B/C), yellow signal nearly hidden by style crest [90-Dom F/3 090: (Nouvel Age x Belle Promesse) X Dom F/3 43: (Belle Promesse x Belle Promesse)].
- WHITE BLEACH** (Huber, Tony) Reg: 1998. Sdlg 91-616 (sel. 95-82). (28in 70cm) EM **SPEC-X** (3-F). (versata) White, shaded lilac; style arms white with yellowish border [I versicolor white 616: (white #12 x 89-402) X I ensata 6f white sdlg].

Compiled by Robert Bauer



JAPANESE IRIS POT CULTURE AND BONSAI

Clarence Mahan

In Japan, where garden space is very limited, pot culture of Japanese irises is the rule, rather than the exception. Pot culture is a viable option whenever space is too limited to grow Japanese irises in open beds. It is a practical technique when the gardener wants to use the blooming irises in special displays or for decoration on decks and patios. In those areas where soil is very alkaline or porous, pot culture provides a fairly easy way to enjoy these splendid flowers. Providing rich, acid soil for pots is a lot easier than importing such soil for large flower beds.

The materials needed for pot culture are six or seven inch plastic pots with drain holes; a good growing medium, consisting of garden loam, compost and dried cow manure in equal parts; and a watertight container in which to place the potted irises. A children's plastic wading pool is excellent for this purpose. Irises grown in pots are best divided and re-potted each year soon after they have flowered.

Cover the roots and rhizome of the iris with soil, but not so deeply as in open garden planting. Place the pots in the wading pool or other watertight container, in which a water level of about two inches is maintained intermittently from April to September. During this period it is best if the soil in the pots is allowed to dry out at least once every two weeks to permit a free exchange of oxygen. Keep the water reasonably fresh and change it every week or so. If the water in your area is alkaline, it may be necessary to use filtered water or, at a minimum, to use an acid type fertilizer in the water.

When the potted irises show six inches of new growth, add soluble 10-10-10 or 20-20-20 fertilizer in the pool. A handful of this fertilizer can be used every few days until the foliage is green and lush. Stop all fertilizing when buds start to form.

From October to April, drain the water from the pool and mulch heavily around the pots before cold sets in.. During this period, water the irises only from above. Even better, remove the pots from the pool and sink them in the ground until spring. As soon as new growth begins, put the pots back into the water container and begin the fertilizing program again. As soon as the irises finish blooming, remove them from the pots, divide and re-pot.

The use of Japanese irises for bonsai represents a special type of pot culture. Vigorous short cultivars with small flowers and narrow, short leaves make the best bonsai subjects. Sift the soil to be used through a one-half inch strainer, and use the residue from the straining process in the bottom of the pot. The pot should be a shallow container two to three inches deep. Use plants with one fan, and plant them two to three inches apart in a scattered pattern.

Prepare the bonsai immediately after the plants have bloomed. Cover the top of the soil with moss to retain moisture, and keep the plants well watered. When new growth has started, fertilize the plants sparingly two or three times with a water soluble solution. Keep the pots in a sunny location.

In October, cover the pots with straw or dead leaves to prevent dryness. Remove the mulch in the middle of March. In the spring, water only to prevent withering of the plants. Too much watering in the spring causes the plants to grow too tall. For this same reason, do not fertilize the plants in the spring. After blooming, divide and re-pot the plants. Irises treated in this fashion remain small because they are root bound in the small containers.

PORTRAIT OF A GARDENER

E.B. White is known to most of us as the author of "Charlotte's Web", "Stuart Little", and a number of other children's books. I recently learned that his wife Katharine was also a writer - of several essays on gardening. After Katharine's death, E.B. published a collection of these essays. His introduction to the collection included the following, his tribute to his wife:

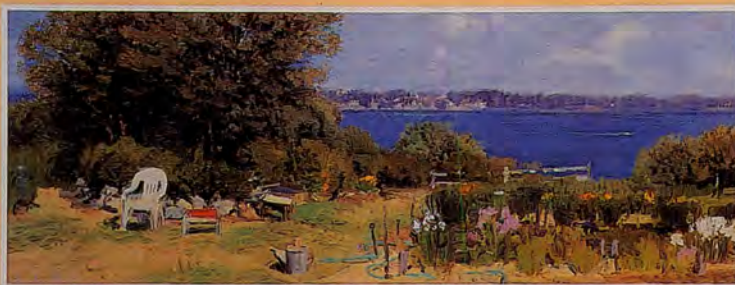
"I seldom saw her *prepare* for gardening, she merely wandered out into the cold and the wet, into the sun and the warmth, wearing whatever she had put on that morning. Once she was drawn into the fray, once involved in transplanting or weeding or thinning or pulling deadheads, she forgot all else; her clothes had to take things as they came. I, who was the animal husbandryman on the place, in blue-jeans and an old shirt, used to marvel at how unhesitatingly she would kneel in the dirt and begin grubbing about, garbed in a spotless cotton dress or a handsome tweed skirt and jacket. She simply refused to dress *down* to a garden; she moved in elegantly and walked among her flowers as she walked among her friends - nicely dressed, perfectly poised. If when she arrived back indoors the Ferragamos were encased in muck, she kicked them off. If the tweed suit was a mess, she sent it to the cleaner's.

The only moment in the year when she actually got herself up for gardening was on the day in fall she had selected, in advance, for the laying out of the spring bulb garden - a crucial operation, carefully charted and full of witchcraft. The morning often turned out to be raw and overcast, with a searching wind off the water - an easterly that finds its way quickly to your bones. The bad weather did not deter Katharine; the hour had struck, the strategy of spring must be worked out according to plan

Armed with a diagram and a clipboard, Katharine would get into a shabby old Brooks raincoat much too long for her, put on a little round wool hat, pull on a pair of overshoes, and proceed to the director's chair - a folding canvas thing - that had been placed for her at the edge of the plot. There she would sit, hour after hour, in the wind and the weather, while Henry Allen produced dozens of brown paper packages of new bulbs and a

basketfull of old ones, ready for the intricate interment. As the years went by and age overtook her, there was something comical yet touching in her bedraggled appearance on this awesome occasion - the small hunched-over figure, her studied absorption in the implausible notion that there would be yet another spring, oblivious to the ending of her own days, which she knew perfectly well was near at hand, sitting there with her detailed chart under those dark skies in the dying October, calmly plotting the resurrection."

POSTER AVAILABLE
Iris Garden, by Ann Lofquist



Notations of Color: Oil Sketching in Maine

Bates College Museum of Art

August 28 - October 30, 1998

A vibrant, full-color reproduction of the artist's painting of Dr. Currier McEwen's garden in Harpswell, from the Museum's exhibition. Available for \$13. postage paid from the Bates College Museum of Art, 75 Russell Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. Tel. (207) 786-6158.

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 Wilkinson, Greywood Farm, 85
River Road, Topsfield, MA 01983-2110
(978) 887-7620 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 and 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, 474 Upper 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

Corrections have been made to the best of my knowledge. I do not have an updated list from our Display Garden Chairman. Please report any errors to me. --- Editor



JAPANESE IRISES: A BRIEF HISTORY

Clarence Mahan

A number of iris species are native to Japan, but one has become so closely identified with that country that we call it Japanese iris. This is *Iris ensata* (ayn-sah-tah), which means "sword-like". Carl Per Thunberg (1743-1828) was the first to name and publish a description of this species in 1794. The Japanese call this *hanashobu*.

Some people assert that taxonomists spend their days devising ways to keep gardeners confused over nomenclature. That certainly is not true, but the taxonomic history of *Iris ensata* might be cited to support a contrary opinion. The taxonomic confusion began when Thunberg's description of *Iris ensata* was misinterpreted to apply to another iris species which is now designated *Iris lactea*.

Three men are associated with the taxonomic mix-up besetting *Iris ensata*: Thunberg, a Swede, and Englebert Kaempfer (1651-1715) and Phillip Franz von Siebold (1791-1866), both Germans. All three of these men were employed by the Dutch East India Company as physician-botanists at the Dutch trading port on the Japanese island of Deshima. Their tenures in that post, however, were widely separated in time. Kaempfer went to Japan in 1690, Thunberg in 1776, and von Siebold in 1826.

Not knowing of Thunberg's designation of *Iris ensata*, or not recognizing which species was intended, von Siebold published a new name and description. He chose the name *Iris kaempferi* to honor his countryman. Even after 1920, when the Japanese taxonomist Bungo Miyazawa published evidence that this iris is correctly designated *Iris ensata*, taxonomists and horticultural writers persisted in calling it *Iris kaempferi*. Even today some nursery catalogues use the synonym *Iris kaempferi*, but taxonomists have ruled decisively that this is incorrect.

It is important to keep in mind the taxonomic history of *Iris ensata* when reading older garden books and botanic literature. When you see *Iris ensata* in older books it is usually the iris we now know as *Iris lactea* that is meant, while the Japanese iris is most often referred to as *Iris kaempferi*.

Iris ensata is indigenous to Japan, Korea, northern China, Siberia, and Sakhalin Island. There are many forms of this iris in the wild, with the flower stems varying from 60 to 90 cm (23 to 35 inches) in height, and leaves from 20 to 60 cm (7 to 28 inches) long, and 4 to 12 cm (.1 to .5 inches) wide. The diameter of the flower can reach 15 cm (6 inches) in the wild, but usually is smaller. Garden cultivars are usually much larger, with stalks sometimes reaching 130 cm (over 4 feet) and flowers up to 30 cm (1 foot) in diameter. The foliage is always shorter than the flower stem. There are also miniature cultivars with stems under 50 cm (20 inches), but these are rare.

Iris ensata is a species in the Series *Laevigatae*, Section *Limniris*, Subgenus *Limniris*, which includes such true water irises as *Iris pseudacorus* and *Iris laevigata*. Although *Iris ensata* grows naturally in grassy wetlands, and needs lots of moisture, it is not found in wetlands where water stands year round. It cannot survive being in water during freezing temperatures.

For a long time botanists and nurserymen confused *Iris ensata* with *Iris laevigata*, also native to Japan. William Rickatson Dykes, in *The Genus Iris*, pointed out that the capsules and seeds of the two irises are different, and that the conspicuous central rib in the foliage of *Iris ensata* is missing in *Iris laevigata*. The inability of some nurserymen to distinguish between these two irises has unfortunately persisted. Thus, for the greater part of the 20th century, the beautiful lavender-pink Japanese iris "Rose Queen" has appeared in many nursery catalogues under the incorrect

name "I. laevigata Rose Queen". This has misled gardeners who have tried growing it in water year round. When the water turns to ice, the iris has died, thus proving that names are indeed important.

At one time, it was thought that Japanese irises were derived from crossing *Iris ensata* with either *Iris laevigata* or *Iris setosa*. Scientific evidence has proved such speculations to be spurious. We now know for certain that Japanese iris are derived from only one species.

In spite of the confusion over names and origin, the cultivated forms of the Japanese iris are very beautiful and often spectacular. There are hundreds of excellent cultivars in a range of colors, patterns, sizes, and flower forms available to today's gardener.

1999 SHOWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no doubt other events that we are unaware of. Contact any iris enthusiast in your area or in an area you are visiting 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 22

Summerville Iris Society will hold its annual Standard Flower Show on Saturday, May 22nd at Cuthbert Center in Azalea Park, Summerville. Entries will be accepted in both Horticulture and Design Divisions. A plant sale will be held outside the building with a large variety of iris and other plants. Some small trees and shrubs will be for sale also. For further information call Helen Beason (803) 688-4574.

Collierville, Tennessee ---- June 4 and 5

You are invited to attend the Region 7 Spring Meeting. Unlike most AIS Spring Meetings, this one has a Japanese Iris theme along with the usual "southern hospitality". Five beautiful gardens in the Memphis area will be on tour. Two hours of Judge's Training will be provided. All this for a Registration Fee of \$25.00. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, Collierville, TN. (Phone 854-9400). For further information contact Ginnie Hill, 1030 Autumn Oaks Circle, Collierville, TN 38017. Tel. (901)853-2641

St. Louis, Missouri ---- June 6

The Greater St. Louis Iris Society will hold its annual Beardless Iris Show on Sunday, June 6, at the Missouri Botanical Garden. This year's show is entitled "Iris Celebration". 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

Hendersonville, North Carolina ---- June 10 and 11

The Carolina Mountains Iris Society will hold North Carolina's Eighth Annual All-Japanese Iris Show on June 10 and 11. This year's show will be a week earlier than last year's. The location will again be the Opportunity House in Hendersonville. Show hours will be 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM on June 10 and 9:00AM until 5:00 on June 11. For additional information, contact Walter Hoover at (828) 749-5846 or Flossie Nelson at (828) 692-7942

Townsend, Delaware ---- June 13

The Diamond State Iris Society will hold its annual Beardless Show on Sunday, June 13 at Willy's Farm Market in Townsend, DE. This will be a judged show and will be open to the public at noon. For further information contact Chairman Theresa Jewell, 310 Floyd Guessford Road, Townsend, DE 19734. Tel. (302) 378-3523

Beltsville, Maryland ---- June 19

The Francis Scott Key Iris Society and the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society will hold a Beardless Iris Show at Behnke Nursery in Beltsville, MD on Saturday, June 19. For more information contact Chairman Carol Warner, 16815 Falls Church Road, Upperco, MD 21155. Tel. (410) 374-4788

Greenfield, Massachusetts ---- July 5

The Western New England Iris Society will hold its Japanese Iris Show on Monday, July 5 at the Lunt Design Center and Marketplace, 298 Federal St., Greenfield, Mass. Entries will be received from 8 to 10 AM. Judging will be confined to seedlings, but there will be a cultivar display. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM. The Lunt Design Center includes a glass blowing and silversmith business, a Museum, a Public Garden, and a Restaurant - there will be a lot to enjoy in one area. The show will be housed in a section of the store. For more information contact Deborah Wheeler, 90 Call Road, Colrain, Mass. 01340. Tel. (413) 624-8800.

Note to all Show Chairmen: Please send an account of your show, including winners and any other pertinent information to SJI REVIEW EDITOR Evelyn White, 193 Jackson Hill Rd., Minot, ME 04258-4413 by **August 15** so this may be included in the Fall issue. THANKS!

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1999 INTRODUCTIONS by John White

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McEWEN 1999 JAPANESE IRIS INTRODUCTIONS

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THOROUGHbred (T₈ J90/23 (1): Tetraploid, early to late midseason, 3 falls repeats. The 7 1/2" flowers exhibit powerful tetraploid substance and ruffled, flaring form. Height is 38". Standards are dark purple (RHS 79B) with still darker veins and 1/8" white edges. Style arms are off white brushed light violet (RHS 85C) at tufts. Falls are white with vivid dark blue violet (RHS 89A) halos and veins extending 2/3 of the way to the edges. The blaze is rich yellow (RHS 12A) surrounded by the vivid halos, 2 branches. Japanese Harmony X (T₁ J84/28) which goes back to Fairy Carillon.....\$35.00

KAMO 1999 NURSERY ORIGINATIONS

YUZEN (Ichie 1994 (8A--146): Diploid, mid to late season. Height is 30". The 6 falls are white and overlap with 1/8" to 1/4" somewhat irregular rims of reddish purple (RHS 77A) plus a few randomly placed dots of this same color. The style arms are white edged light violet (RHS 85B) Stippled Ripples X Syusho.....\$35.00

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EDITOR'S REVIEW

Time to enjoy SPRING! Even in Maine there are signs of it - longer days of sunshine and snow cover receding.

My thanks for the material contributed by our members. **Keep it coming** but **PLEASE** remember deadlines for my receiving material are **August 15** for the fall issue and **February 15** for the spring issue. Material received later may have to be held for later use.

We hope that you like the cover photos. They are a salute to some of our hybridizers of years past. Notice the introduction dates! These three JIs are as beautiful as many later introductions.

Reports from the Northwest are favorable for good bloom for our 1999 SJI Convention. It's been 3 years since our last convention and I, for one, am really anticipating this one! I hope to see many of you in Portland, OR in June.

A copy of the suggested Bylaws revision (mentioned in the President's letter) is enclosed. Please use the ballot to vote your choice.

Also, don't forget to vote the Popularity Poll.

Best Wishes and Happy Gardening!

Evelyn White



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