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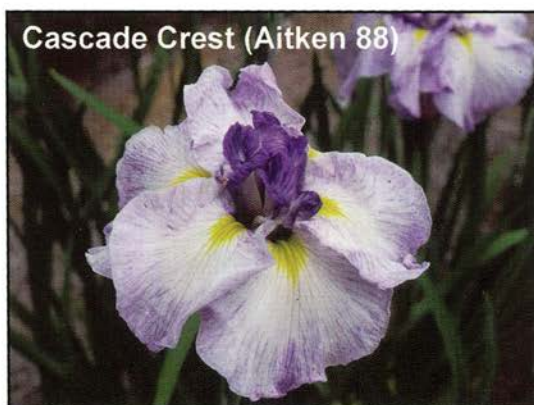
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**Winner-Dirigo Pink  
Milestone (White 2000)**  
with Hybridizer John White  
( and Convention  
Favorite Out-of-Region  
Introduced Iris)

## 2005 POPULARITY POLL

Cascade Crest  
(Aitken 1988)



Little Bow Pink  
(Delmez 1998)



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Cover Photo: 2005 Payne Medal Winner  
Blue Spritz (Delmez 1996) by Tom Gormley

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Jill Copeland*

Hi,

Well another bloom season is over. What a strange year it has been. We have had well above average temperatures and well below normal rainfall. We are lucky that we can irrigate.

Those lucky enough to go to the Dover convention know it was a wonderful convention. Our local iris club chartered a bus and took 23 people to the convention. We had a very good time on the trip, too. We were so excited by the convention that Southwestern Michigan Iris Society decided to do the 2008 JI convention. We hope that hybridizers will send lots of guests. See the call for guests in this issue.

One of the innovative aspects of the Dover convention was a poster session. Rita asked us to do articles on our posters for this issue. My poster was aimed at hybridizers but the culture part should be of interest to all of you.

Southwestern Michigan Iris Society is hosting the Region 6 spring convention in 2006. It will be June 30, July 1, and 2 which is Japanese Iris time. You are all invited. We have guest irises from 8 hybridizers. On tour will be Ensata Gardens, which is the largest grower of JIs outside Japan. My garden will also be on tour. Jim and I planted 2200 seedlings last year and another 800 seedlings this year. Most of them will bloom next year. I hope we will see you there. It will be a preview of the 2008 convention.

AIS would like to have a pictorial record of new introductions. They would like each section to house the pictures for their section. Our Slides Chairman, John Coble, has agreed to add this duty to his others. Please, hybridizers supply a slide, photo, or a digital record of each new introduction to John and make it as accurate as possible.



I have been working on a project to get tetraploids for over 30 years (with mighty little success). The reason I wanted tetraploids in the first place was to get more substance in the flowers. At the time, I had limited exposure to good JI growing conditions or a large variety of cultivars. I used to describe JIs as wet Kleenex on a stick. I thought tetraploidy was the answer. I was wrong. In 2004 Jim Waddick asked a few of us to grow some JIs from seed wild collected by N. Alexeeva from Russia. Some of them bloomed this year. I was so surprised. They had great substance. All of them were pendulant but they were stiffly pendulant not limply pendulant. They have substance galore!

Best Wishes,

Jill

## **KALAMAZOO REQUESTS GUEST IRIS PLANTS FOR 2008 CONVENTION**

Kalamazoo, Michigan is hosting the national JI convention in 2008.

Those hybridizers who are interested in sending plants for the display beds should contact the guest plant chairman Bob Bauer, 9823 E Michigan Ave, Galesburg MI 49053 (269 665-7500), <

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## ROBINS FLYING AGAIN!

We are pleased to report that the Robins are up and going again. If you are interested in any of the Robins, please contact:

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## PAYNE MEDAL WINNERS

30 BLUE SPRITZ (Donald Delmez) (picture on Front Cover)

*Runners-up:*

26 FOREIGN INTRIGUE (picture in Fall 2004)

(Robert Bauer & John Coble)

26 GEISHA DOLL (Ed Matheny III) (picture in Fall 2004)

## FAVORITES AT THE 2005 SJI CONVENTION

### FAVORITE OUT-OF-REGION INTRODUCED IRIS

25 votes #1 'Dirigo Pink Milestone' White

(picture inside cover)

10 votes #103 'Bewitching Twilight' Harris

### FAVORITE OUT-OF-REGION SEEDLING

9 votes #97 Walker T98-66-12

5 votes #30 16-K (LA) Jill Copeland

### FAVORITE IN-REGION IRIS:

21 votes #65 'Simply Stated' Hager

20 votes #63 'Gingham Geisha' Hager

### TOP 10 FAVORITE GUEST IRISES

1. Dirigo Pink Milestone (White)

2. Dirigo Red Rocket (White)

3. Little Bow Pink (Delmez)

4. All in White (Delmez)

5. Thoroughbred (McEwen)

6. Bewitching Twilight (Harris)

7. Lake Effect (Bauer/Coble)

8. Tessatura (Iler)

9. Gingham Geisha (Hager)

10. Simply Stated (Hager)





## **A GEM OF A CONVENTION IN THE DIAMOND STATE**

### **2005 CONVENTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR JAPANESE IRISES**

The Diamond State Iris Society hosted the 2005 SJI Convention in Dover DE on June 16-18 and what a perfect combination of weather, plants, people and activities it was! Although the spring before the convention was unseasonably cool, in early June Mother Nature smiled with a blast of summer heat causing the hundreds of Japanese Iris, as well as Siberians and Species-X, to unfold just at the right time. In addition to the latest and best of *I. ensata*, guests included Louisiana irises, Siberians, species and exciting interspecies involving *I. ensata*. Fortunately, the day before the convention, a cold front brought cooler temperatures and pleasant days for touring the gardens.

The convention was more than garden tours. It was a chance to meet and greet other people who know and love Japanese irises. In addition to judges' training, there was an AIS flower show and sessions on hybridizing, cultivation, showing and arranging. To keep the Japanese spirit, there also was an Ikebana exhibit. The poster sessions, where attendees had the opportunity to exchange ideas in an informal setting on such diverse topics as "What Color Is It?", "From Seed To Bloom in 17 Months" (*Ed. Note: See separate article on this topic*), "Operation Deep Freeze", AIS Membership and the SJI REVIEW were a splendid opportunity to view and talk about new innovations.

Small groups broke out for Judges Training sessions led by

Chad Harris, Don Delmez, Harold Griffie, Carol Warner, Jill Copeland and Jim Copeland at the Academy House Garden, using the hundreds of seedlings in bloom there for instruction. The Ikebana demonstration and show preparation was led by master Sogetsu instructor Mariko Ono and Jane King her assistant.

Guest plants for this convention were assigned accession numbers when they were received. When they were planted in the gardens, that number was the only identification, so the gardeners initially tended the plants "blind", not knowing names, seedling numbers or hybridizer until they bloomed and the plant registrar provided each gardener a list of the plants with accession number, hybridizer and cultivar information.

The six Convention gardens ranged in size from large to huge with "personalities" as diverse as their owners. All the gardens were less than 30 minutes from the hotel, so there was much more garden time than bus time!

The convention labels for guest plants were large and included hybridizer, region, cultivar or seedling number, classification and most importantly the convention accession number. The master listing of guest plants in the convention handbook was by accession number making the reference quick and easy to use.

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

The master planting of convention guest irises is on the grounds of Delaware State University, just a few blocks from the hotel. The Convention committee wishes to thank the administration of the University, and especially Drs Richard Bartoshesky and Arthur O. Tucker for their assistance.

Delaware State University is an 1890 Land-Grant Institution. The

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources operates within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. A total of 13 faculty members and approximately 100 undergraduate and 14 graduate students make up the department. Bachelor of Science degrees are offered in Agriculture and Natural Resources. The degrees in Agriculture have concentrations in General Agriculture, Agri-Business, Plant Science (with options in Horticulture and Agronomy), Animal and Poultry Science and Pre-Veterinary Science. In Natural Resources, concentrations exist in Environmental Science, Fisheries and Wildlife Management (with options in Fisheries and Wildlife) and Pre-Forestry. Master of Science degrees are offered in both Plant Science and Natural Resources.

The Claude E. Phillips Herbarium is a botanical resource center located at DSU, in the U S Washington Extension Building. The Herbarium houses an extensive collection of pressed and dried plant specimens and also functions as an active center for education and research on the world's botanical diversity. In honor of the Japanese Iris Convention you are invited to view displays of: (1) "Iridaceae Native to Delmarva", (2) "How to Prepare a Herbarium Specimen" and (3) assorted books on Iridaceae. Also, view our display "The Botany of the Shroud of Turin: A Floral C.S.I."

Convention visitors are invited to tour the Woodland Trail, a 1/3 mile loop through a beautiful deciduous forest, entered off the loop road north of the Herbarium. Walking the full trail takes about 20 minutes.

## ACADEMY HOUSE GARDEN

Dennis Hager and Tim Johnson

The Academy was a community school for almost a century, pre-dating public school systems on Delmarva. The property was retired from public use by 1920. Since then it has seen several uses, but the name has stuck. A glimpse from the street hints at what this garden has to offer. With two acres nestled between the main street of a sleepy



little town and a tidal river, the natural lay of the land invites you to explore the plantings. A swale, which bisects the property, provides an ideal site for growing Japanese irises. In addition to the guest gardens, there is a private collection of over 150 Japanese irises and many seedlings. In addition to irises, you will find substantial hosta, daylily and viburnum collections along with camellias, magnolias, bamboo, epimedium, woodland gingers and hellebores. Rare and unusual plants are blended in with indigenous species and mature trees. Be sure to visit the pitcher plant bog directly behind the house.



Dennis  
Hager  
and  
Tim  
Johnson

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## THE CORRIN GARDEN

The Corrins have lived on this 350-acre grain farm for 30 years, with many changes during this time. Most of the gardens were orchards until about 15 years ago when the Corrins removed the fruit trees and serious gardening began.

Joyce's interest in growing iris began about 25 years ago when her mother introduced her to a local grower who was giving away her stock. This was just the beginning, and the obsession has continued in various stages since. Joyce's exposure to Japanese Irises came from her sister, Theresa Jewell, about 15 years ago. Joyce says, "The convention garden was my main tall bearded bed, and a total renovation

was required to suit the soil for JIs. The results have been well worth the effort. You will also see about 100 different hostas and daylilies as well as numerous other perennials. There are 2 small earth bottom ponds with large numbers of koi. Connecting the ponds is a naturalized waterway with Louisiana iris and other water plants. A gazebo overlooking the back pond is my favorite spot to sit back and view the gardens.”



*The Corrins*

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## THE MALLOZZI GARDEN

This property covers 4 acres, and it is immediately evident that a true gardener lives here. Dorothy Mallozzi started gardening on the property even before the house was built. She says, “If some one calls it a flower, I have probably grown it at some time. I also grow all the vegetables but salsify (UGH), blueberries, strawberries, but have few raspberries at this time. Flowering shrubs, clematis...I just can’t seem to control myself.” Irises have been growing here for 22 years. Iris bloom starts in March because Dorothy has planted hundreds of bulbous iris. She grows all classes of bearded iris, but her favorite is the standard dwarf bearded. “Such an array of color combinations!” She says she gets no work done while they are blooming. Also in the garden, in addition to the Japanese irises, you will find Siberians and interspecies irises. No aril-breds or Louisianas, as she has given up on those. Come in April for thousands of daffodils and little bulbs, come

back in May for hundreds of tulips and peonies and come in July for hundreds of daylilies. In summer she plants out a large collection of callas, some of them seed grown. And all year long there are hostas. Dorothy does all the work except the grass cutting, too boring!



Dorothy  
Mallozzi

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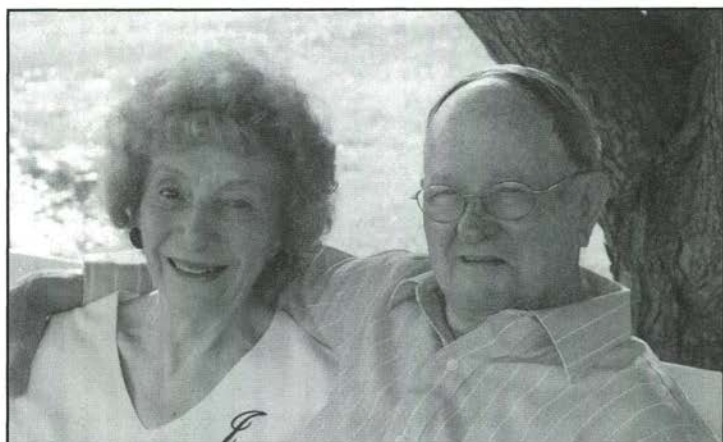
## THE ROOP GARDEN

A rooster sign with flapping wings stands by the mailbox, welcoming the visitor to Roop's Roost, where June and Luther Roop have lived for 52 years in a home they built on the original Roop Farm of 120 acres. They now have 22 acres, 18 of which are woodland. June retired from the Delaware State Auditor's Office in 1993, and Luther retired from Amtrak several years earlier. It is immediately evident that the Roops have been gardening enthusiastically for many years.

June has been growing irises since the early 1960s. She belongs to the AIS and 2 local affiliates, the Delaware Valley Iris Society and the Diamond State Iris Society, and has been growing and showing and judging. In addition to the Japanese irises, the visitor will also see tall bearded, Siberian, Louisiana and species irises. The Roop garden also includes a large collection of daylilies, peonies, cascading roses, a collection of crape myrtles, and numerous flowering trees. Each year the garden seems to grow. A young neighbor helped with the convention iris bed which was created in virgin soil. June says



she has truly enjoyed meeting many great friends over the years and sharing plants to spread "The Beauty of the Irises." She also says that she and Luther plan to cut back on their gardening after the Convention, but don't count on it!



June and  
Luther  
Roop

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## THE WOOD GARDEN

Joan and Charlie Wood grow approximately 1200 varieties of all classes of bearded irises, Japanese, siberians, Louisianas and species with about 600 at their present address where the convention planting is located. Our beautiful Convention logo was created by their son, Randy Wood.

"We started growing iris 20 years ago because of the inspiration of fellow gardener June Roop. June worked for the same company and during iris season had bud vases with a variety of irises around the top of her cubicle which could be seen from all the surrounding offices. June gave me some rhizomes, and she also gave me the bug because there was no end to the list of irises I desired to have", according to Joan.

Joan, with the help of her family, insisted on putting on her usual "down home picnic" with everything home cooked for 125+ on top of having a guest garden - everyone knows the second most important thing on any iris tour is the food!

## CONVENTION COMMENTS

It is hard to say what I liked best at the convention because there were so many things that were great. I am very impressed with John White's 3-F JI DIRIGO PINK MILESTONE. It is truly a milestone.

Jill Copeland, Lawton, Michigan

The JI convention in Dover, DE was the most enjoyable and 'relaxed' convention that I have attended. It had everything covered: great bloom; wonderful hosts; friendly attendees (this is a point that goes back to the relaxed atmosphere which was infectious); enough time for enjoyable side trips (for crab eating !). The buses didn't leave the hotel before we had our coffee fix(es) for the day and it was fun as well as seeing magnificent Japanese iris bloom (which was the reason for our trekking to Delaware).

Ellen Gallagher, Berlin, NH

The SJI National Convention in Dover, DE was a delight. Not only was the weather fantastic, the Host Gardeners incredibly hospitable, the Convention Committee in control and attentive but the attendees were the best looking bunch of irisarians I've seen in a very long time. The bloom wasn't bad either.

Tom Gormley, Cedar Hill, MO

Next to the Ikebana exhibit (of course!), one of my favorite part of the SJI convention was being able to see some of the imaginative ways that irises were used in the landscape. It was especially nice to be able to see the garden designs of the folks who so generously opened their homes to the convention. Interesting hardscapes and pathways, decorative garden ornaments with a Japanese air and water features of all kinds.

The Ikebana arrangements are still to me the second best way to admire and enjoy Japanese irises - the first being in a garden. The Sogetsu school really appreciated the chance to work with all of the great

specimens donated by Dennis Hager and left from the previous days show.

Please feel free to invite everyone to do an SJI convention walk thru with the photos (by Ruth and me) on my web site:

<http://www.gixxergirl.org/sjicon2005/>

Cathy Button, Westampton NJ

Jay and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the JI Convention. A major highlight for us was, of course, seeing so much bloom, our very favorite being 'Gingham Geisha'. 'Little Bow Pink' and 'Beyond Chance' were other favorites that stand out in my mind. The pseudatas were also among our favorites, particularly 'Tsukiyono'.

Each and every garden went to so much work to prepare for us to come, the gardens so well cared for, the food so delectable! There was plenty of time to view the plants but also time to renew old friendships and make new friends. We know from surveys that time to visit with other irisarians is always a close second to viewing plants.

Returning to the hotel one afternoon, seeing the fabulous display of Ikebana arrangements so tastefully done with artifacts was fabulous. Thank you, Cathy Button and her assistants! I so appreciate all of the work that went into this exhibit, having done floral arrangements for many years for our Region 14 Society Shows.

Visiting the Delaware State University Herbarium, watching the young people so meticulously preparing the specimens, viewing the very old specimens, and realizing the information can be used world-wide was a mind expanding experience.

We would just like to say we have wonderful memories of the 'Iris Gems in the Diamond State.' For us coming from California, being able to come to your area was very exciting to be able to visit historical sights and fabulous gardens of Witherthur and Longwood.

Terri Hudson, Fort Bragg, CA

I thoroughly enjoyed the convention. The gardens were wonderful. The food served at the banquets was great. The Show was very nice,



especially the new things from Japan that Carol Warner brought.

I was thrilled to attend a convention so close to my home. I sincerely appreciated Cathy Button's speech about my husband. It was very thoughtful.

The bus captains did a super job. The arrangements on the tables at the banquets were lovely. I really enjoyed the garden at Delaware U. I had a great evening on the bus trip down to Maryland for the crab supper. It was a nice addition.

I realize this message is all over the place. All of the gardens were well worth the trip! Happy writing!

Margo Griner, Southhampton, NJ

The Dover Convention was a whirlwind of gardens, friends and fellowship. The species and the Japanese were a glory to behold and the convention committee did a fabulous job. Dennis is a true gentleman and great host.

Peter Weixlmann, West Seneca, NY Region 2

As registrar for the SJI Convention one of my delights was to get to know the people that go with the names with which I had become so familiar! The group was wonderfully relaxed and interactive. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves and have fun, which is very satisfying for the workers!

As an iris lover it was a great opportunity to get to know so many people who are knowledgeable and well respected in the field. The group was small enough that you could easily interact.

Poster session was very interesting.

We had good weather and lots of bloom - perfect!

Ruth Barker, Hockessin, Delaware

One of my favorite things about the convention was the plant labels and the organization of the convention booklet. The plant labels were large, quite readable and affixed to tall sturdy holders directly in front of the plants. They contained the name of the iris and hybridizer in nice large print as well as notations regarding in-region or out-of-region, and introduced iris or seedling so there was no confusion when voting



your ballot. This also eliminated the need for ugly flags denoting in-region plants. There was also a notation if the iris was going to be available at the auction. Each iris had an accession number printed in very large type on the corner of its sign and the plantings were arranged in numerical order so it was very easy to find plants.

The spiral bound convention booklet had a numerical listing of the plants with space for making comments. Instead of having space under each garden I could write all my comments in one place for each iris. It was easy to compare performance in all of the gardens. A list of where the guest plants were growing was included but not separate lists for each garden. I was so impressed that we are going to use the same numbering system, markers and booklet design for our Regional meeting in 2007.

Carol Warner, Draycott Gardens, Upperco, Maryland

I was very pleased by the warm welcome at the counter of the hotel. I understand they all thought that I was lost, but thanks to my taxi driver I managed to be at the hotel before dark. The following days we had plenty of time to talk with other breeders and JI lovers and make friends. Most show gardens had an outstanding choice of guest and garden collections. Of course I was interested in my hybrids of Versata and Biversata. I never have seen those hybrids performing as well, concerning height and vigour., It seems they have the climate and care they need.

For me the Dover JI Convention is a pleasant and instructive experience to all of us. I thank all the members and helpful friends involved in the Convention. My special gratitude to Mr. Hudson Barker who brought me safely through the dense Highway traffic to the International Airport of Philadelphia in time to take my flight for Montreal. I hope to see you again. Au Revoir

Tony Huber, Laval, Quebec, Canada

We enjoyed the entire Dover experience; the gardens were interesting, the irises well grown and beautiful, and the hosts very friendly and accommodating. My overall impression of the JIs is one of outstanding beauty. I remember especially a number of the pink flower-

ing varieties; they have become quite beautiful. With my eyesight problems I am unable to read plant markers, and really can't ask someone to lead me around and tell me what I should see! I'm also unable to make garden notes, so I leave to others the comments on specific varieties. (In a way my condition is liberating' no more fumbling with a camera, hoping to keep the names all straight, later trying to decipher notes made in the gardens, etc., just take in the overall beauty of things.)

One other thing about the Dover trip that we really enjoyed was the bus ride to and from. We were lucky enough to ride the bus chartered by the Southwest Michigan Iris Society for the trip. So it was a very relaxed drive for all of us except the bus driver! The congenial company on the long ride was great, and we appreciated having our bus and driver on the garden tours as well as getting from Michigan and back again. More local iris societies should try this approach to convention attendance. A bonus to the bus charter was when the driver offered to drive us about a half hour out of Dover for dinner one night. He knew of a place that specialized in crab dinners, and it was an experience for those of us who live far from the sea. Butcher paper instead of plates, and piles of boiled crabs (and other good things) dumped in the middle of the tables for all to eat as much as they wanted — too much!

The entire weekend was a great time.

Hal Stahly, Grand Blanc, Michigan

Before June 2005 when anyone mentioned Dover I thought of white cliffs with bluebirds— or the capital of Delaware. Now I think fondly of the JI meeting. One of my best things was watching the expressions of happiness when friends greeted friends they hadn't seen for a while. All that work the host club did WAS worth it to those of us who felt the warmth and saw the beauty of those few days... both the Dover and the Kalamazoo groups deserve halos.

Dorothy Stahly, Grand Blanc, Michigan

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# **IKEBANA EXHIBITION – JAPANESE IRISES IN THE SOGETSU STYLE**

On the second day of the SJI convention, after a day spent touring some of the fabulous iris beds and beautiful gardens, conventioners were welcomed by returning to a spectacular, yet serene exhibition of Japanese irises in Ikebana arrangements.

So what is Ikebana and the Sogetsu style?

As many people may already know, Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arranging. But it is more than just a design or putting flowers in a container, it is hospitality from the heart. It is often a spiritual celebration of nature. While it has principles and design theories, it is backed by creativity and is a full-fledged art form practiced by both men and women all over the world.

What distinguishes Ikebana from the western style of flower arranging that many are familiar with, are the asymmetrical elements, and the use of space as part of the design. These features require a great deal of harmony in the selection of materials, and emphasize individual elements and line. This makes Japanese irises a favorite of Ikebana arrangers.

Ikebana has been practiced for more than 600 years. The traditional forms were eventually known as the Ikenobo school, the first and oldest school. Styles and forms evolved such as rikka, shoka and chabana. Only a little over a hundred years ago, new schools, such as Ohara and Saga were created, primarily based on a new style, Moribana.

Around the same time, another style called “literati style” attracted much interest because of its free and colorful approach. One of the primary promoters of this “free style” was Sofu Teshigahara, who founded the Sogetsu school in 1926.

Today, Ikebana International organizes many different schools into chapters all over the world. The Philadelphia chapter of Ikebana International has groups representing many of the schools and is a good place to start if you are interested in learning more about doing this type

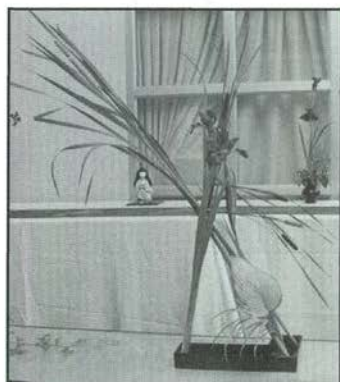


of arranging. The South Jersey Sogetsu school, led by our master instructor, Mariko Ono, were the designers for the exhibition at the SJI convention.

While all of the arrangements demonstrated the free style aspect of Sogetsu arrangements, the primary center arrangement, was a wonderful example of exhibition size and art. Another arrangement, which used bundles of iris leaves in an asymmetrical triangular design, displayed another aspect of the Sogetsu style, its use of line in providing an architectural element.

For the lucky folks at the convention who fell in love with the design style, or folks just intrigued by the photos and description, you can locate chapters in many locations by going to [www.ikebanahq.org/chapters.html](http://www.ikebanahq.org/chapters.html). Another option, many flower shows, such as the annual Philadelphia Flower Show in March, have Ikebana displays, demonstrations and information.

*Catherine Button, Westhampton, NJ*



## WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM POSTER SESSIONS?

We go to iris conventions to see the flowers, but they are also about sharing ideas, seeing old friends and making new ones. Sometimes the bus tour format, although necessary to get to the gardens, makes it difficult to get around to seeing people that you'd like to see.

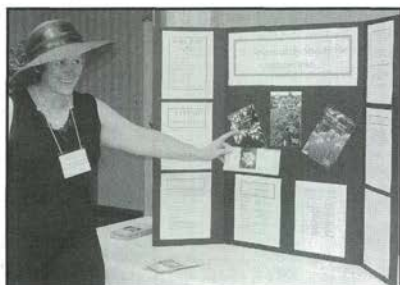
The poster sessions at the SJI Convention 2005 covered many topics. Tom Gormley, AIS Membership Secretary outlined various areas of the MemSec function and signed up new members. Sharon Whitney, Eartheart Garden in Maine showed the various aspects of "Project Deep Freeze". Dennis Hager presented as many questions as answers in "What Color Is It?" and solicited information from the viewers. Jill Copeland outlined the Copeland method for "From Seed To Bloom in 17 Months", which is printed in its entirety on page 32 in this issue. Editor Rita Gormley showcased the working of the semi-annual publication SJI REVIEW.

The relaxed atmosphere of the Poster Session led to a lively exchange of ideas and information. People came and went at their own pace even though there was a big flurry of activity when a large group came in after their "dinner adventure"!

Although it takes time and some thoughtful planning to create a poster session, we encourage Conventions and regular iris shows and Regional meetings to do this.

There is so much information to share-hybridizing, history, plant culture etc. that could be done very effectively with a Poster Session.

## PICTURES FROM POSTER SESSIONS



SJI REVIEW Poster



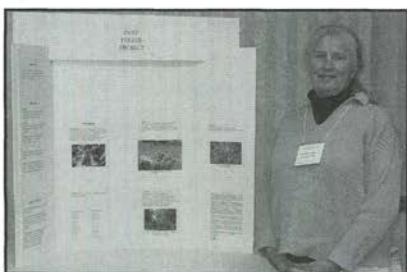
AIS MemSec Poster



What Color Is It? Poster



Talking Points - Poster



Project Deep Freeze Poster



Talking Points - Poster

# FROM TO SEED TO BLOOM IN 17 MONTHS

*By Jim & Jill Copeland, Michigan*

## ABSTRACT

If seeds are planted outside in the fall and allowed to germinate naturally, in late spring, only a small percent will bloom the following year. If, however, the seeds are cold treated inside for 2-3 months and warmed to room temperature to germinate, grown under lights and/or in a greenhouse, and planted out by the first of June, 95 percent will bloom the next year with from 1 to 10 bloom stalks.

## INTRODUCTION

One of hardest thing a hybridizer has to do is to wait for results of their crosses. Cutting one whole year from the process is a big help. A combination of good culture and starting the seed in the winter can eliminate one year.

## MATERIALS and METHODS

Seeds (one pod per dish) are put into petri dishes with damp paper towels cut to fit and placed into a refrigerator, at 40 to 45 degrees F° for 2 to 3 months (November to February). Seeds still in the dishes are warmed to room temperature where they germinate in a few days.

The seedlings are then planted into deep individual cells in a flat with seed starting medium. I use a flat with cells that are 1 1/4" in diameter at the top and 1" at the bottom and 5" deep. Seedlings are grown under 24 hour/day lights until April. In April they are transferred



to the greenhouse where they are watered with rainwater collected from our roof. They are fertilized with a very dilute solution.

As soon as weather permits but by early June, the seedlings are planted out into the prepared seedling bed where they can stay for 2 or more years.

The seedling bed is prepared by killing all the weeds with Roundup and tilling the year before. Prior to planting, horse manure is spread and tilled in. The bed is leveled, sprayed with a preemergent herbicide, and then covered with straw (oat if possible). Seedlings are planted without disturbing the roots. The bed is kept watered and fertilized with 19-19-19, once a month starting in July until September then March or April to September. We use this fertilizing method because our soil has a high sand content and with rain or watering the fertilizer is leached out easily. Each gardener will have to analyze their own fertilizer needs.

## RESULTS

By fall (7 months), the seedlings have grown and formed increases. In the spring (15 months) clumps are well developed. Clumps will bloom at 17 months (July) with from 1 to 10 stalks.



3 Month Seedling



1 Year Seedling

# DISPLAY GARDEN VISIT

*Rita and Tom Gormley, Cedar Hill, MO*

## Poker Hill Gardens (Phil Cook)

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One of the big advantages of living in the Midwest while having family in the Northeast is being able to extend the iris season by two or three weeks! After our bearded and beardless iris season is on the decline in June, we head off each year to see our kids, grandkids, Mom and siblings in MA and NY. This year, with going to Delaware for the SJI Convention, we also went up farther north to visit Phil Cook in the beautiful area of Vermont near Tom's old "stompin' grounds" of Jeffersonville, VT. Amazing the details that can be found out from a mate on a long trip – I got to see the church steeple in Stowe, VT that Tom painted many years ago! Though he was "nimble and quick", the height alone gave me goose bumps!

Phil insisted we come to visit when he found out at the SJI Convention that we were going through that area and we are so glad he invited us! The drive to Underhill, VT from New Hampshire was glorious and certainly one of the most scenic areas in the US. Since Phil is Display Garden Chairman and has done several articles on visiting Display Gardens, we figured "turn about is fair play" and everyone would be interested in his garden. He says that he seldom gets visiting irisarians to his remote corner of the world but has many local garden groups visit during the growing season. Believe us when we say the drive alone is well worth the time and the plantings just wonderful as well as the hospitality.

The long driveway from the country road named after his father was lined with rows of Siberians and Japanese Irises and velvety swathes of grass. Phil moved back to the family farm of 65 acres about twelve years ago and is a retired professor of Botany from the University of

Vermont. After greeting the cat and seeing the bearded iris beds close to the house (which had several reblooming bearded such as ‘Midas Mite’ MDB Willott 78 on June 23<sup>rd</sup>!), we went through the extensive lovely shade area with a multitude of ferns, hostas and plantains to his partially below ground level “greenhouse” where he nurtures his seedlings (JIs and others). Although Phil has only introduced one JI to date (La Mouette 2000), he has several lines of breeding underway and the seedling bed along the driveway was impressive indeed. His goals are developing a greater variety of early flowering and shorter (less than 20 inches) varieties of Japanese irises.

Crossing the vast (mowing must be a full time summer job!) lawn to other side of the “front forty”, took us across the simple creek bridges to the detailed by hybridizer beds of JI and Siberian plantings shielded from view by the windbreak of trees. What a glorious sight – in soon-to-be full bloom were bed after bed of Japanese and Siberian irises ranging from classic “olders” like ‘Forrest McCord’ (SIB-Hollingworth 1984), ‘Lights Of Paris’ (SIB-Rich 1969), variegated foliage ‘Silverband’ (JI-Bauer/Coble 1989), to the new ones like ‘Mister Peacock’ (SIB Schafer/Sacks 2003), ‘Pleasant Earlybird’ (JI-Harris 1996) ‘Tornado Rose’ (SIB Bauer/Coble 2000) and ‘Pink Pepper’ (SIB Bauer/Coble 2003).

Peonies were in full bloom (‘Cherry Ruffles’ was to-die-for!) tucked and scattered everywhere on the property and were a nice counterpoint in red, rose, pink and yellow to the cool blues and purples of the beardless irises. And “variegated foliage” everything – irises, daylilies, hostas brought such oohhs and aahhhs from me that Phil wielded his trusty shovel with samples and sent a grand little assortment that promptly was planted in Missouri when we got home. (Bad manners for a garden visitor to covet and whine but Phil was most generous!)

If we hadn’t been expected at our daughter’s in Syracuse, NY that evening (still six hours away), we could have spent many more hours enjoying this wonderful piece of gardening heaven in Vermont – thanks Phil for the hospitality! As you always do, we urge all garden lovers to visit Display Gardens!





Phil Cook



Cook Seedling Bed



Cook Shade Garden



# REGION 1 AWARD TO JI

Lynn Markham  
Region 1 Awards Chairman

New England's Beatrice A. Warburton Memorial Medal is awarded each year to the New England-bred iris receiving the most points in voting by Region One's accredited AIS judges. Each judge votes for three irises in preferential order - 4 points are awarded for a first place, 2 for a second, 1 for a third. The ballot list consists only of irises (of all bearded and beardless classes, including species and species crosses) from Region One hybridizers. The irises become eligible in the third year from introduction and are carried on the ballot for three years.

The medal was the brainchild of the Iris Society of Massachusetts, of which Bee was a much beloved charter member. It is cast in bronze and features Bee's siberian Percheron on the obverse and her SDB Bay Ruffles on the reverse. Bee worked with almost every class of iris at one time or another, but her most significant contributions to the genus were in those two classes. The medal was designed by Paul R. Martin of Grand Canyon, Arizona, from photographs of the irises provided by Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, who handled Bee's introductions in her last years and have continued and expanded upon her pioneering work with the siberians. Funding for the design and casting of the medal was provided by donations from Bee's many friends in Region One and elsewhere, and from Lois Warburton, Bee's youngest daughter, as Executor under Bee's will.

The first of these medals was awarded in 1998. The medal has been won three times by a Japanese iris - in 2001 by John White's Dirigo Debutante, in 2003 by his Dirigo Pink Milestone, and in 2005 by his Dirigo Red Rocket. In between, by the way, he won it in 2004 with his tetraploid siberian Dirigo Black Velvet!

# CONGRATULATIONS!!

## Beatrice A. Warburton Medal – 2005

John White has done it **YET AGAIN** – for the third year in a row! And this year the winner's score, a whopping 41 points, is the highest ever in this competition, as is the margin of victory (24 points). More significantly, 10 judges (nearly a third) gave it the nod for first place. Considering the quality of the competition, that is really impressive. Dirigo Red Rocket is another of John's rugged and close-to-ever-blooming Japanese irises, and it's apparent that its performance is consistently terrific throughout the region. For those who like to review the statistics, 32 Region One judges were eligible to vote this year and all participated. Votes were cast for 34 irises, and 224 points (4 for each first place vote, 2 for second, 1 for third) were awarded.

The winners for 2005 are:

Warburton Medal

DIRIGO RED ROCKET - JI	John White 2001	41 pts
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First Runner-Up

BOOK OF SECRETS SIB	Schafer/Sacks 2000	17 pts
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Second Runner-Up

ENCHANTED MOCHA

SDB	David & Barbara Schmieder 2002	14 pts
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Other varieties receiving 10 or more total points in the balloting were: Dancing Lilacs (MTB – Stephanie Markham 2002), Dirigo Ruffled Feathers (JI – John White 2001), and Gossamer Breeze (SIB – Chandler Fulton 2001), with 12 points each; and Larry's Girl (MTB – Stephanie Markham 2002) and Uncorked (SIB – Schafer/Sacks 2002), with 10.

Congratulations to all !!!

**MINUTES SJI  
JUNE 16, 2005  
DOVER, DELAWARE**

Attendance:

Jill Copeland SJI President  
Peter Weixlmann Secretary  
Rita Gormley Editor  
Donald Delmez Director  
Gary White  
Ellen Gallagher  
Jay Hudson  
Anna Mae Miller Director  
John Coble

R Dennis Hager Vice President  
Catherine Button Treasurer  
Andrew Wheeler Director  
Carol Warner  
Phil Cook  
Terri Hudson  
Jim Copeland  
Robert Bauer  
Tom Gormley

Quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Treasurer's report – Catherine Button: Interim Report Submitted to Board, Catherine reported currently SJI is losing money and our goal should be to “break even”.
2. Committee reports
  - a. Nominating committee – Ellen Gallagher, Sharon Whitney, Barbara Aitken: Report accepted by acclimation

Nominating Committee:

John Coble – 3 year term through 2008

Directors at Large

Anna Mae Miller – 1 year term through 2006

Gary White – 2 year term through 2007

Phil Cook – 3 year term through 2008

- b. Membership – Catherine Button: report submitted currently 288 members.
- c. Slides and Librarian – John Coble: three slide sets rented, 1 checklist sold, 1 Japanese iris book sold.
- d. Display Gardens – Phil Cook: currently we have 25 display



gardens and are in need to establish more public gardens. Phil will encourage JI display gardens at the local and Regional level.

- e. Awards – Anna Mae Miller: no report
  - f. Web Master – Dennis Hager: He is currently covering expenses.
  - g. Editor – Rita Gormley: report submitted.
  - h. Future Conventions – Dennis Hager: Michigan and Washington are actively considering 2008 and 2011.
  - i. Matters for discussion
- A. Do we need to make **substantive** changes to the JI section of the Judges Handbook ? – Jill led discussion and no changes were considered.
- B. Do we need changes in the life membership dues especially for overseas memberships? Cathy led discussion Catherine Button: Motion to create an Overseas rate for annual, triennial and life members including postage.

Single: \$10 Triennial: \$25 Life: \$150

Family: \$12 Triennial: \$31 Life: \$160

Rita Seconded motion Vote and passed.

Effective January 15, 2006

#### Business Items

##### DUES:

Single annual - \$5.00 triennial - \$12.50 Life - \$100.00

Family annual - \$6.00 triennial - \$15.50 Life - \$125.00

Youth annual – \$2.00 triennial – \$ 5.50

Overseas including postage : Effective January 15, 2006

Single annual - \$10.00 triennial - \$25.00 Life - \$150.00

Family annual - \$12.00 triennial - \$31.00 Life - \$175.00

Dues may be sent either to the AIS Membership Chairman (see AIS Bulletin for address) or directly to the Membership Chairman, The Society for Japanese Irises.

Address changes: please notify Membership Chairman

Please note that all memberships run from Jan 15th to Jan 15th.

PLEASE NOTE

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL INCREASE January 15, 2006 TO THE ABOVE RATE INCLUDING POSTAGE. ANY DUES RECEIVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PRIOR TO January 16, 2006 CAN BE AT THE OLD RATE

C. Do we need changes in the fees for advertisers in The Review? – Rita led discussion and no changes considered.

D. Do we want to require slides with registration? – Jill led discussion and R. Dennis Hager: Motion to request for each new registration an image (digital, slide) be sent to the SJI Librarian John Coble.

Rita Seconded motion Vote and passed.

(Will put a “Box Notice” in REVIEW encouraging this.)

E. What can we do to increase membership? – All took part in discussion and ITJ’s were given to all to be disbursed locally.

F. Should we make a donation to the AIS insurance fund? – Jill and AIS Treasurer Jay Hudson led discussion of the current AIS insurance deficit, AIS is asking its affiliates to assist in bridging the gap so that the AIS insurance can continue to benefit SJI and the other AIS affiliates.

R. Dennis Hager: Motion that SJI gives \$100 annually to AIS insurance fund and increases its donation whenever finances allow. Catherine Seconded motion, Vote and passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Weixlmann SJI Secretary.

**SJI ENCOURAGES HYBRIDIZERS TO SUBMIT  
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COBLE WITH EACH NEW JI REGISTRATION.**

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# REBLOOM AND REPEAT BLOOMING JAPANESE IRISES

This is not a “learned nor technical” article on the remondant tendencies of Japanese irises. The actuality of any rebloom or repeat bloom is so specific to climate, annual rainfall, cultivation and a specific year that a “real article” seems to be very far off.

However, here are some comments from our members across the country on the topic!

At the end of the comments are the cultivar names mentioned in the report for the benefit of those interested in breeding for the reblooming/repeat tendencies.

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Report from Jay and Terri Hudson September 21, 2005 in an “informal” JI e-mail Robin on what is showing off for rebloom this year in Fort Bragg, California.

Our reblooming JI's are this year:

Winddrift

Royal Crown

Chidori

Royal Ramparts

Last year were

Azure Ruffles

Hue and Cry

Jewelled Sea

Tule Wings

Pink Mystery

Raspberry Glow

One of the Raspberry Glow stalks is taller than Jay, has 7 buds and one has 5 buds.



Responses:

I do not have any rebloom this year and it has always been unpredictable and sporadic. One of the most reliable in the past has been McEwen's 'Returning Tide'.

*Phil Cook, Underhill, VT*

I have several Seedlings that rebloom, still working on a continuous bloom. One seedling that bloomed for 200 days, but the ugliest flower I have seen. It is a 3rd generation from 'Taffeta and Velvet' X 'Good Omen', out crossed to one of Terry's RE, got the flower back, but will have to grow several reselected seedling to see if I have retained to continues bloom growth pattern.

I have grown 'Exuberant Chantey' several years and it has sporadic re-bloom usually in late August.

'Dirigo Pink Milestone' likes re-bloom about 10 days after its full flush of color in the spring.

'Taffeta and Velvet', I have tried to grow three different times, it blooms its self to death in my garden conditions.

Of the Hudson list I grow only two; 'Jewelled Sea' and 'Chidori', neither one has re-bloomed here.

*Chad Harris, Washougal, WA*

'Dirigo Red Rocket' is a repeat bloomer and 'Dirigo Star', which blooms later in the season, appears to be a continuous bloomer.

*John White, Minot, ME*

Sorry, but we do not get rebloom on JI. Even after reading your notes on rebloom for others, I still don't know of anyone that gets consistent rebloom on JI.

Currier got repeat bloom but not consistent rebloom in his garden that was on the Maine coast, never a night over 72 degrees and seldom a rare day over 85 degrees (approximate temps!).

There is a difference between repeat bloom and rebloom. As an example, if we have 20 plants of 'Exuberant Chantey' and 3 of them give us a repeat bloom stalk 2 to 3 weeks after the normal bloom season, it is something to appreciate but not advertise the plant as a repeat bloomer. However, if 18 of the 20 plants put up repeat stalks in our climate, then we would have something to write about! But even then, it should not be published until the plant has done that for three years in a row!

Some summers, we have sporadic bloom stalks popping up all over the garden. It is a combination of weather and culture.

We have had customers call us and want some of those reblooming Japanese iris that they read about in a magazine article. And we have to tell them that they don't repeat bloom in Kansas! And they don't repeat bloom very often for us in Michigan. And that probably the article was written by someone on the East coast or West coast.

*John Coble at Ensata Gardens, Galesburg, MI*

Too hot, too dry for field grown irises to rebloom here – even very few bearded.

*Don Delmez, St. Charles, MO*

"What are you nuts?" - I live in Zone 3 – we are lucky to get them to bloom once!

*Ellen Gallagher, Berlin, NH*

Rebloom - Not this year. They seem to do best as two year clumps. They quit this year sometime in late July. It got hot and dry and that did it. We just did not get the water to them when they needed it. The most persistent plants were a couple of seedlings that made it all the way into August. One may go out next year as an intro. 'Second Wave' behaved pretty much as advertised by blooming late into July from mid June. 'Exhuberant Chantey' seemed to be one of the last to bloom. I'll try to track on some names of others. One of Currier's was in there late and a surprise to us. 'Dirigo Pink Milestone' did rebloom for us.

*Terry Aitken, Vancouver, WA*

## KNOWN TO REBLOOM-SOME WHERE!!

AZURE RUFFLES (Marx 1961)  
CHIDORI (Shuichi Hirao by Society for Japanese Irises, 1993)  
DIRIGO STAR (John White 1999).  
DIRIGO RED ROCKET, (John White, 2001)  
EXUBERANT CHANTEY (C. McEwen, R. 1989)  
HUE AND CRY (F. Maddocks 1970).  
JEWELLED SEA (Payne 1966).  
PINK MYSTERY (L. Marx by C. McEwen 1990)  
RASPBERRY GLOW (J. T. Aitken 1992).  
RETURNING TIDE (C. McEwen, 1976)  
ROYAL CROWN (L. Marx, R. 1961).  
ROYAL RAMPARTS (W. Marx 1978)  
SECOND WAVE 2005 or Reserved  
TULE WINGS (Ed Matheny III 1999).  
WIND DRIFT (A. Vogt by H. Stahly, 1984).

### ***INVITATION TO JOIN SJI***

We are pleased to report that the new *SJI Invitation to Join* has received many favorable comments. We have mailed some to each of the gardens listed in the Commercial Directory (in this issue of the REVIEW) and each Display Garden. This is a great tool to solicit new members for SJI.

If you need more of these brochures for meetings or other JI functions, let Catherine Button know and she will mail them to you.

Rita Gormley, Editor



# RESULTS

## SJI POPULARITY POLL 2005

*Bruce Filardi, Portland, Oregon*  
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Thank you to all members who returned their ballots for this year's popularity poll. I received 45 ballots, not as good a "turnout" as last year. As I mentioned in last year's article, pink cultivars were displaying increasing popularity, and that trend has continued.

We have a new popularity poll winner this year: John White's DIRIGO PINK MILESTONE, with a substantial increase from last year's 7th place. Terry Aitken's CASCADE CREST has been hovering near the top for the last few years, and this year shows up in second place. Third favorite was another pink, LITTLE BOW PINK, from Don Delmez. Again this year, several older Marx varieties have maintained quite a bit of support.

LAKE EFFECT (Bauer/Coble '04) and DIRIGO RED ROCKET (White '01) each received five write-in votes, which is quite a tribute to these two cultivars. BEWITCHING TWILIGHT and KALAMAZOO received three write-in votes, and six other varieties received two write-ins apiece, so those ten new names will appear on next year's ballot.

Remember!: The more members who vote, the more representative the results will be. Just a few votes can make a big difference in where your favorite cultivar appears on the list. Please vote in 2006.

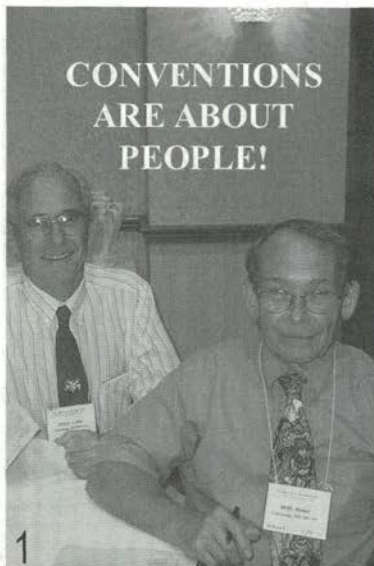
(Editor's Note: Complete Symposium Results including previous years standings are available on the SJI Website - <http://www.socji.org>)

**2005 Cultivar****Hybridizer/year**

1	DIRIGO PINK MILESTONE	White '00
2	CASCADE CREST	Aitken '90
3	LITTLE BOW PINK	Delmez '98
4	JAPANESE PINWHEEL	McEwen '88
4	LION KING	Bauer/Coble '96
4	SING THE BLUES	Reid '97
7	CAPRICIAN BUTTERFLY	Marx '85
7	FLASHING KOI	Marx '78
7	RIVULETS OF WINE	Aitken '99
10	FRILLED ENCHANTMENT	Marx '59
10	ROSEWATER	Bauer/Coble '99
12	ALL IN WHITE	Delmez '00
12	BEYOND CHANCE	Delmez '01
12	BLUE SPRITZ	Delmez '96
12	RASPBERRY GLOW	Aitken '92
16	BUTTERFLIES IN FLIGHT	Aitken '91
16	PICOTEE PRINCESS	Reid '92
16	SAPPHIRE CROWN	Bauer/Coble '96
18	BELLENDER BLUE	Bauer/Coble '96
18	GALATEA MARX	Marx '61
18	KOSHUI NO ASA	Shimizu '98
18	ORIENTAL EYES	Vogt '84
18	PINKERTON	Bauer/Coble '99
18	SUE JO	Delmez '03
18	TIDELINE	Bauer/Coble '95



# CONVENTIONS ARE ABOUT PEOPLE!



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## AND AUCTIONS



## EDITOR'S ESSAY

*Rita Gormley, Cedar Hill, MO  
GormleyGreenery@aol.com*

What a glorious gardening year this has been! Having the AIS Convention (literally) in our own back yard and then visiting Dover, Delaware for the SJI Convention with lots of stops in the Northeast gave us the opportunity to see lots of old friends and make new ones.

As Fall settles in here in Missouri, we are putting the garden to bed and hope to get it all done (yeah, right!) before the really frigid weather comes along. The straw bales we used as seating for the convention picnic will come in handy to mulch our beardless and hopefully keep the weeds at bay in the spring.

Thanks to all who contributed their thoughts about the SJI Convention in this issue and for those of you who could not join us, we hope you enjoy the pictures of those who were there! There were so many GREAT pictures that I couldn't possibly use them all. I do apologize to those who were there and don't find your face in any of the pictures but it took like forever to choose the ones I did use! Tom, the resident graphics designer is working in Indianapolis during the week so (yeah for me!) I have had to learn how to do graphics!

While you have a winter respite, please work on articles about Japanese irises for the Spring REVIEW and send pictures too! You all have a better idea than I do of what you want to see in the SJI publication.

It has been a while since we have had a SJI Convention but another is planned in Kalamazoo, Michigan for 2008-plan on coming then.

# **SJI CONVENTION SHOW**

## **JUNE 16, 2005**

Sponsored by Delaware Valley Iris Society

92 stalks named varieties

43 stalks seedlings

Best Specimen - SNOWY HILLS (JI), R. Dennis Hager

Runners-up:

KUOMAI (JI), Joyce Corrin

CHANCE BEAUTY (SPEC-X), Cathy Button

GREAT WHITE HERON (JI), R. Dennis Hager

KINSHIKOU (SPEC-X), Carol Warner

Best Seedling - KANAMARU (SPEC-X - pseudata), H. Shimizu,  
Japan

A number of other seedlings received enough votes from the judges  
present to also receive ECs:

KINO HIME (SPEC-X - pseudata), H. Shimizu, Japan 14 votes

TSUKIYONO (SPEC-X - pseudata), H. Shimizu, Japan 10 votes

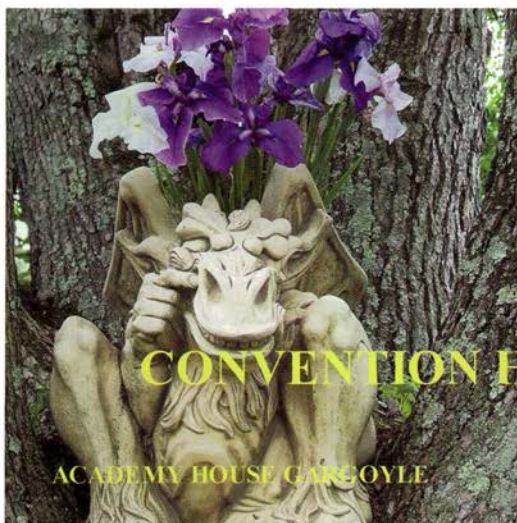
(Introduced this fall by Draycott Gardens, Upperco, MD)

BYAKUYA NO KUNI (SPEC-X - pseudata), H. Shimizu, Japan 10  
votes (Introduced this fall by Draycott Gardens, Upperco, MD)

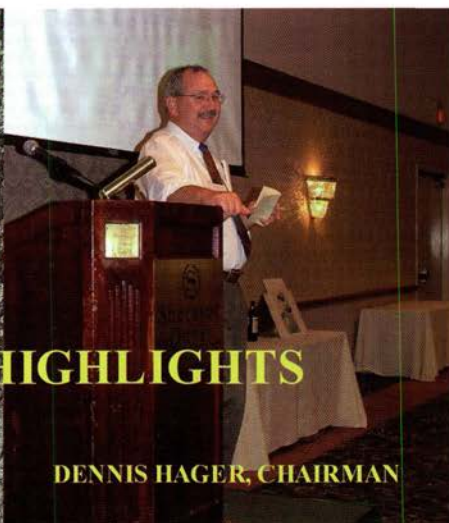
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CR-DW106-R10-1 (SIB), A. Wheeler, MA 7 votes

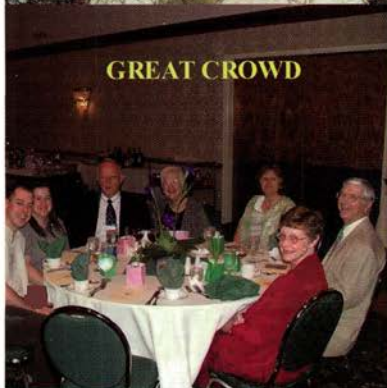
Vince Lewonski



ACADEMY HOUSE GARGOYLE



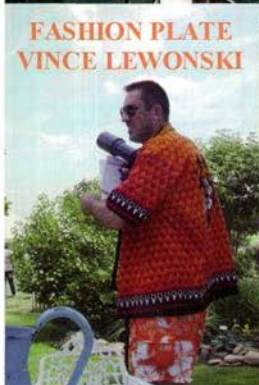
DENNIS HAGER, CHAIRMAN



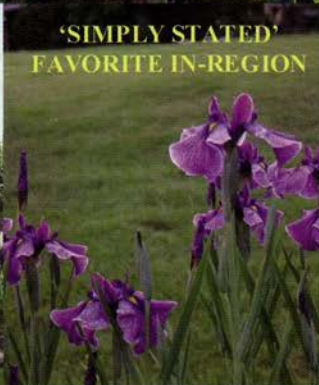
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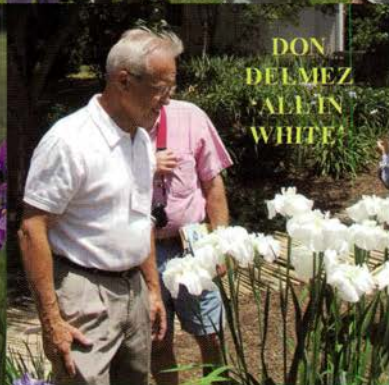
TONY HUBER - RANDOLPH PERRY  
AUDAL (SPEC-X)



FASHION PLATE  
VINCE LEWONSKI

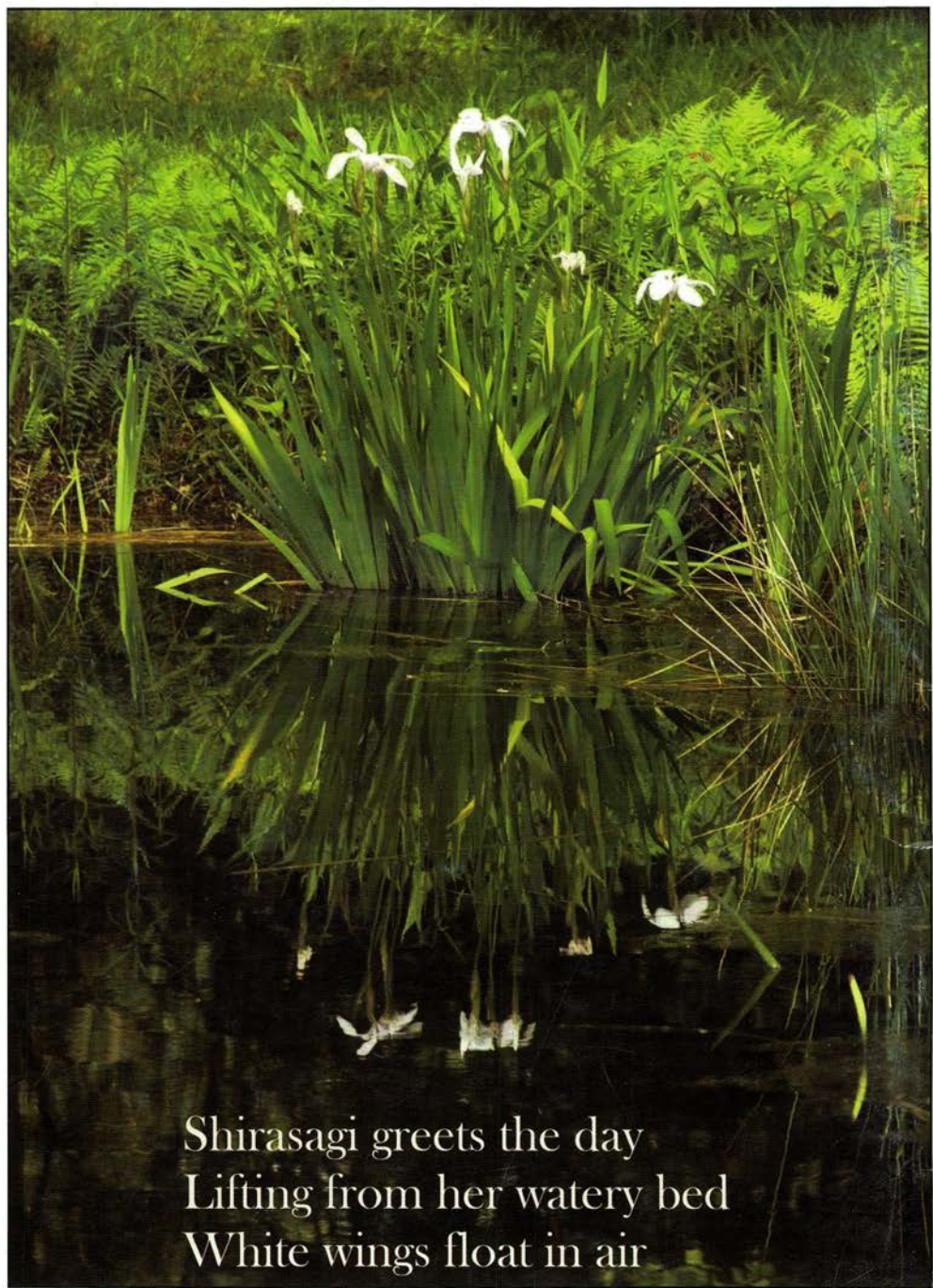


'SIMPLY STATED'  
FAVORITE IN-REGION



DON  
DELMEZ  
'ALL IN  
WHITE'





Shirasagi greets the day  
Lifting from her watery bed  
White wings float in air