

# Region 2 of the American Iris Society NEWSLETTER

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*'Beauty Becomes Her' (Black, 2010)*

# Who We Are

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*'White Swirl' (Cassebeer, 1957)*

# RVP Message

*By Kathryn Mohr, President and AIS Region 2 RVP*

## Greetings, Iris Lovers

By the time you read this spring should be approaching. During early winter frequent rain and fluctuating temperatures caused many irises to heave out of the ground. Now, in the third week of January, I'm pleased we have a thick blanket of snow to protect them. It is time to relax and plan for spring by browsing through catalogs and making wish lists of irises to add to our gardens!

Terry Laurin, president of the Ontario Iris Society (ONIS), was one of three people to be honored with the 2018 AIS Distinguished Service Medal. In the past few years Terry has added hundreds, if not thousands, of iris images to the AIS Iris Encyclopedia. Congratulations, Terry! Region 2 is proud to have you as a member.

I am so pleased that Kate Brewitt, also a member of ONIS, is the new editor for the Region 2 Newsletter. Kate, we all appreciate your dedication. Members, you did a wonderful job supporting our former editor Betty Schnellinger and the beautiful Region 2 Newsletter she always produced. Please continue to send your articles and photos to our new Region 2 editor.

Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) hosted the 2018 Region 2 Annual Meeting. Judges' training and the keynote address by Bonnie Nichols were well attended, the pot-luck meal was delicious and the silent auction added a nice sum to the Region 2 treasury. Region 2 thanks CHIS Chair Linda Knipper, Meeting Chair Euthemia Matsoukas, Meal Coordinator Virginia Dorwaldt and Silent Auction Chair Ann Vandervort. There were many others who helped: it was a group effort that produced a wonderful event.

Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) has graciously agreed to host the 2019 Region 2 meeting. Neil Houghton is in charge of the planning. GRIS has booked a speaker, chosen a location and is continuing to develop ideas for the event. Neil, GRIS Chairperson Cara Hutchings and GRIS members, thank you!

At the October 2018 Region 2 Board of Directors meeting affiliate leaders discussed the difficulty of hosting future annual meetings. A committee has been formed to develop suggestions for simplifying future meetings. Please send any suggestions to me: kemohrke@aol.com. Expect a committee report in the 2019 Region 2 Fall newsletter.

I want to thank Dorothy Stiefel, past RVP, for her three years of service. Region 2 enjoyed a particularly harmonious period under her leadership.

As your new RVP, I want to continue past efforts to attract new members. I also want to suggest some other ideas. Region 2 has lost three affiliates in the last decade, Southern Tier Iris Society (STIS), Central New York Iris Society (CNYIS) and Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society (HVIDS). Some of their members have continued to be involved; but sadly we have lost touch with other iris friends.

Each of the plant societies I belong to is facing the same challenges: aging membership, leadership "burnout", and difficulty in attracting and keeping new members. Each group has developed practical solutions to meet these challenges.

1. Name tags for everyone attending a meeting. It is easy, helps make everyone feel welcome and comfortable, plus eliminates that "OMG what is their name?" moment for all.



2. Appoint one or two members to greet and make every new attendee feel welcome. The “greeters” explain the club, answer questions, introduce new and veteran members that have common interests, and encourage new member participation.

3. Help new members feel they really belong by making volunteerism easy. This can be tricky; here are some specific strategies that have worked:

- Hudson-Adirondack Daylily Society and Upstate New York Hosta Society award \$5 certificates to volunteer workers which can be redeemed at sales.
- Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society has a three year mentoring program to encourage members to take on more responsibility. In the first year a new committee chairperson partners with the former chair, in the second year the new chair is ready to act alone and in the third year they train a new chair. Each committee job comes with a notebook that lists tasks, timelines, suggestions for sub-committees and other helpful hints. Each year the chairperson adds “lessons learned” to the notebook.

Here are two articles that inspired me:

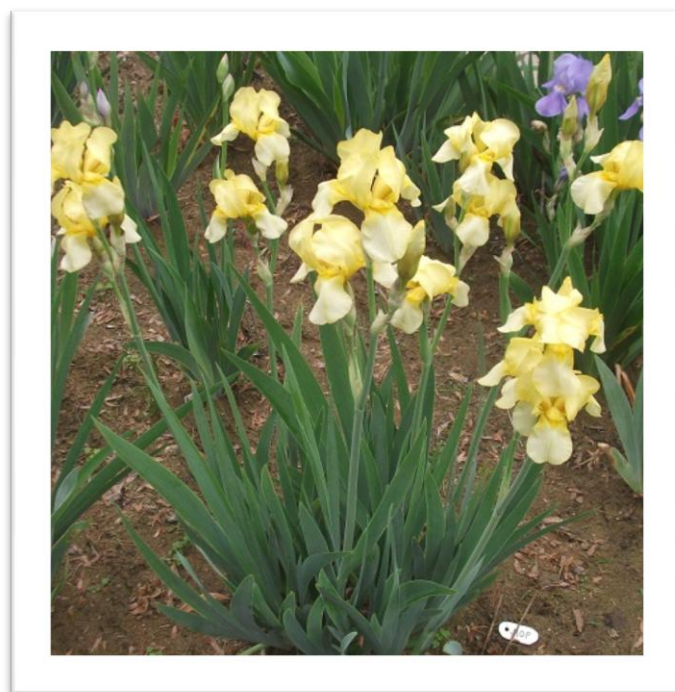
*A Different Kind of Membership Report* by Neil Houghton, AIS Region 2 Fall 2015 Newsletter.

Neil has given permission for local affiliates to reprint his article.

*Rolling Out Your Club’s Welcome Mat* by Gayle Yelenik, The Daylily Journal, Vol. 71 No. 2 Summer 2016.

The American Iris Society has been one of the great joys of my life for 25 years. I hope Region 2 can continue to prosper in the coming years.

*Editor’s Note: Kathryn’s garden is part of the Historic Iris Preservation Society’s Display Garden Program. Enjoy these pictures of some of the historic beauties found in her garden.*



Above: ‘Primrose’ (Sturtevant, 1925)  
Left: ‘Blue Bonnet’ (Egelberg, 1931)

# 2018 Tall Bearded Iris Symposium

(American Iris Society vs Region 2 Favorite Irises)

*Submitted by Dorothy Stiefel*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium. It was great to see an increase in participation from our Region. Hopefully this trend will continue. It is important for our regional members to vote so we can have a fair representation in the results.

Which were our favorite irises in Region 2 in 2018? It seems the older irises perform well for us. Both of Ben Hager's 'pinks' from the 1970s ('Vanity' and 'Beverly Sills') are in our top picks. Also among our favourites are many irises which have been awarded the Dykes Memorial Medal. On a worldwide level we seem to agree with other iris lovers who voted as the top five from the AIS Symposium are included in our regional top five.

If you are thinking of adding to your TB collection this year, you might want to consider one of these beauties if you don't already own it! Pictures for all these irises can be found on the AIS WIKI:

<http://wiki.irises.org>

<u>AIS Ranking</u>	<u>Region 2 Ranking</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>
25	1	Immortality (pictured left)	Zurbrigg, 1982
9	1	Stairway to Heaven (pictured right)	Lauer, 1993



19	2	Beverly Sills	Hager, 1979
4	2	Celebration Song	Schreiner, 1993
7	2	Drama Queen	Keppel, 2003
8	2	Florentine Silk	Keppel, 2005
3	2	Queen's Circle	Kerr, 2000
42 (tie)	2	Sea Power	Keppel, 1999
2	2	Thornbird	Byers, 1989
44	2	Vanity	Hager, 1975

10	3	Before The Storm	Innerst, 1989
57	3	Happenstance	Keppel, 2000
78	3	Hollywood Nights	Duncan, 2001
42 (tie)	3	Yaquina Blue	Schreiner, 1992
20 (tie)	4	Champagne Elegance	Niswonger, 1987
1	4	Dusky Challenger	Schreiner, 1986
80 (tie)	4	Insaniac	Johnson, 2012
63	4	Money in Your Pocket	Black, 2007
39	4	Titan's Glory	Schreiner, 1981
80 (tie)	5	Beauty Becomes Her	Black, 2010
#	5	Black Is Black	Schreiner, 2010
32	5	Clarence	Zurbrigg, 1991
14	5	Conjuration	Byers, 1989
53	5	Hello Darkness	Schreiner, 1992
75	5	Honky Tonk Blues	Schreiner, 1988
5	5	Jesse's Song	Williamson, 1983
96	5	Laced Cotton	Schreiners, 1980
29	5	Lady Friend	Ghio, 1981
17	5	Montmartre	Keppel, 2008
72 (tie)	5	Rare Treat	Schreiner, 1981
11	5	Sharp Dressed Man	Johnson, 2010
22	5	Silverado	Schreiner, 1987
#	5	Tour De France	Keppel, 2004
4	*	That's All Folks	Maryott, 2005
6	*	Gypsy Lord	Keppel, 2006

\* - Not in top 30 irises

# - Not in top 100 irises



From left to right, 'Florentine Silk', 'Thornbird' and 'Money in Your Pocket'



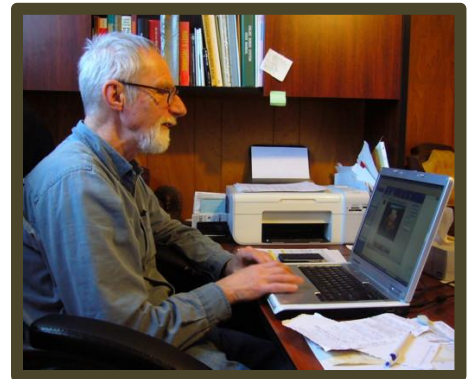
# AIS Distinguished Service Award 2018

*By Kate Brewitt*

The AIS Distinguished Service Medal is not a well known award. Most of us are familiar with the awards presented to the hybridizers and their irises. However, every Society has people who do other types of work and these people are just as important to acknowledge.

This medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to The American Iris Society at the national level. Service is judged on the basis of the amount and quality of work done in such capacities as Board members, national officer, judges' training activity that is national in scope, writing for the national publication and other less tangible but vital acts of national service.

In 2018 our very own Terry Laurin (pictured right) was one of the recipients of the AIS Distinguished Service Medal for his work on The American Iris Society Iris Encyclopedia better known as the Wiki. As Terry's spouse I was very proud of him. I can still see the stunned look on his face when he took the call from Jody Nolin, AIS President. For years I have joked about being a 'Wiki widow' because day in and day out Terry can be found in front of our laptop loading pictures to the Wiki, e-mailing his co-worker, and co-award winner, Betsy and contacting thousands of iris lovers around the world. I suppose in the end it was worth the sacrifice.



Then I began to wonder how many other Region 2 irisarians had won this award. I also wondered if there had ever been another Canadian. My ensuing research was quite enlightening! I determined that since 1941 this medal has been awarded to seven AIS Region 2 members plus one other Canadian. In celebration of their efforts, here is a brief account on each one of them.

## **1951 – Dr. Lowell Fitz Randolph (Ithaca, NY)**



Dr. Randolph (seen left with his wife Fannie, circa 1920s) was an American scientist, in the field of genetics, botany and horticulture. He was a Cornell University graduate who became Professor of Botany and was also employed as an associate cytologist for the United States Department of Agriculture. He was an avid iris collector and wrote a book on the Iris genus. He was appointed chairman of the Scientific Committee of the American Iris Society, between 1945 and 1946. He started the counting of chromosomes of iris, growing seeds in vitro and classification of the genus.

He also published in 1945, 'Embryo culture of Iris seed' Bulletin of the American Iris Society. Vol.97.

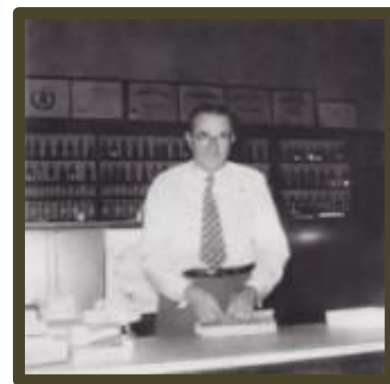
After winning the Distinguished Service Medal, Randolph published many more papers on iris culture. During 1956 and 1959, he was made Membership Chairman for American Iris Society (AIS). In 1959, he edited *Garden Irises*, published by The American Iris Society. He also re-organised the William Dykes classification of irises, by moving certain irises into different sections and subgenera. This classification is still used by the American Iris Society. He served as the vice president and then became the 9th President of the American Iris Society from 1960 to 1962.

*From the Wikipedia – The Free Encyclopedia.*

### **1952 – Fred W. Cassebeer (West Nyack, NY)**

Fred Cassebeer was a hybridizer of note, a gifted photographer (for AIS and other national publications), a former AIS Bulletin editor during the difficult World War II years, AIS Director, and a popular lecturer and writer about irises. While a Society Director he was responsible for the designing of the medals awarded for Hybridizing and for Distinguished Service; and in 1952 he was awarded that for Distinguished Service.

It was his Siberian 'White Swirl' that proved to be his crowning achievement in hybridizing. Its dramatic advance in form over its predecessors set a new standard for the class. Subsequently, it received the Morgan Award in 1962.



*From The Bulletin of the American Iris Society, Vol. LVI, No. 3, Series No. 218, July 1975*

### **1958 – William J. Moffat (Hamilton, ON, Canada)**

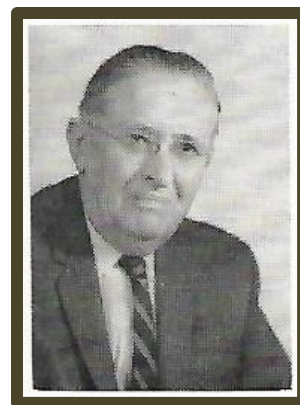
William Moffat was the founder of the Canadian Iris Society (CIS) when Region 16 of the American Iris Society was organized under that name in 1946. He served as the RVP for Region 16 from 1944 to 1948. From 1946 to 1956 he was the only Canadian on the Directorate of the American Iris Society (AIS). He was largely responsible for interesting the CIS to act as host for the AIS' Annual Meeting which was centred at Hamilton in 1955.

*From the Canadian iris Society Newsletter, November 1958.*

### **1964 – Thomas E. Jacoby (Oakfield, NY)**

When Fitz Randolph took over as AIS President in 1960, He asked Tom to join as Editor of the AIS Bulletin which he did from 1960 to 1964. Tom's approach to editing was a professional one and the Bulletin had an improved status under his guidance. One change was to bring color printing to the periodical's cover. Its general organization and content was also improved.

*From The Bulletin of the American Iris Society, Vol. LXIX, No. 3, Series No. 270, July 1988*



### **1965 – Kenneth Dudley Smith (Staten Island, NY)**

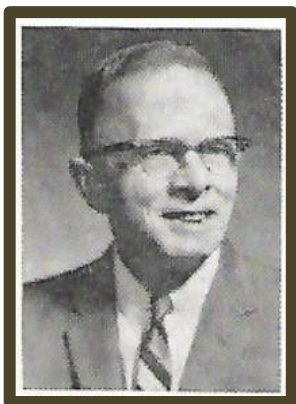
As well as being an avid iris hybridizer, The American Iris Society owes much to Kenneth Smith for his development of the Society's "Symposium" for the selection, by the accredited AIS judges, of the best irises in commerce. For nine years he directed the annual symposiums. Previously, various efforts at evaluating irises had been attempted, but these petered out and most iris enthusiasts depended upon the list of "One Hundred Best Iris" in the Schreiners' catalog. It was nice seeing come to pass what Robert Sturtevant, the first AIS secretary, had so ardently wanted: a worthwhile annual symposium to select the best irises. He also served as RVP for Region 2 from 1938-1946 and as a director of the AIS from 1939-1941.

*From The American Iris Society Iris Encyclopedia and The Bulletin of the American Iris Society, No. 180, January 1966.*





### **1969 – Edwin Rundlett (Staten Island, NY)**



As one of the main forces behind the remontant movement, Edwin Rundlett was one of the founders of the Reblooming Iris Society. He was the first editor of its newsletter, serving from 1967 to 1971. He developed an "average frost free" chart for the country to serve as a guide in predicting which rebloomers would succeed in different areas. In 1969 he received the AIS Distinguished Service Medal for his work with reblooming irises.

*From The Bulletin of the American Iris Society, Vol. LXIV, No. 4, Series No. 251, October 1983.*

### **1974 - William H. Peck (Oyster Bay, NY)**

As an attorney and dedicated irisarian, Bill Peck was just the person to tackle all the legal details necessary to the formation of the AIS Foundation. That work alone qualified as "distinguished service" providing as it did for a much increased financial base for the Society's operations. But important as that work was, it represents just the most recent service Bill had performed for AIS. He had been RVP of Region 2 and was Chairman of the highly successful – and enjoyable – Golden Jubilee AIS Convention in 1970. The Empire State Iris Society had benefited from his service as President and as editor of its *Newsletter*, and he had been President of the Northeast Median Society.



*Pictured here with Bill Peck at the 1970 AIS National Convention is Betsy Higgins, Terry's co-WIKI worker and also a recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Service Medal. It should be noted that Betsy was part of Region 2 from the mid-1960s to 1974. She is now part of Region 4.*

*From The Bulletin of The American Iris Society, Vol. LVI, No. 1, Series No. 216, January 1975.*

### **1996 – Lillian Gristwood (Phoenix, NY)**



Lil, as her friends called her, joined the American Iris Society in 1958 and was a loyal and dedicated member from the start; both for the AIS and for her own club and Region. She served on the AIS Board for nine years and was also the chair of the Exhibitions Committee until she retired in 1996. In Region 2, Lil served three years as RVP. She was an anchor of the Empire State Iris Society and of her own club, the Central New York area. Lil along with her husband Jim won the first *Ruth Blenis* award for best of show. She was a master judge and, along with her husband, she judged many shows.

Among the honors and awards bestowed on Lillian within her own Region were the "Diamond Lil" award and a Silver Tea to celebrate her longevity in Region 2.

*From The Bulletin of The American Iris Society, Vol. LXXVIII, No. 3, Series No. 306, July 1997.*

# In Search of Borglum Iris Pictures

*By Terry Laurin, Photo Manager for the AIS WIKI*

This is a 'shout out' to all Region 2 members who grow irises hybridized by Dana and Sylvia Borglum. As Photo Manager for the AIS WIKI I am always on the lookout for photos of irises. It has come to my attention that many of the cultivars hybridized by the Borglums are lacking photos. It is important to get pictures of these irises while they are still found in the gardens of iris lovers.

Here is a list of the irises I am particularly interested in however all pictures of Borglum irises are welcome. Please note, cultivar names that have an asterisk (\*) currently have only one picture on the WIKI. Those without an asterisk, have no pictures.

<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Size</u>
Gerda's Garden	BB	Seneca Skylites	SIB
Justin's Joy	BB	Seneca Spider Web	SIB
Seneca Prissy Miss*	BB	Seneca Storm Clouds	SIB
Lava Flow	JI	Seneca Viceroy	SIB
Seneca Plum Delight	LA	Seneca Viola's Dream	SIB
Seneca Rebound*	SDB	Showery Weather*	SIB
Seneca Spring Song	SDB	Killdeer*	SPU
Canandaigua Lady	SIB	Seneca Dawnbreak*	SPU
Cayuga's Waters	SIB	Tenth Anniversary*	SPU
Grape Ruffles	SIB	Wedded Bliss*	SPU
Karla's Faded Denims	SIB	Erin Grace	TB
Keuka Outlet*	SIB	Kristina's Song	TB
Keuka Wine Trail	SIB	Lime Frosted	TB
Lavender Flourish	SIB	Memories Of Mom	TB
Seneca Butterfly*	SIB	Nathan Dana	TB
Seneca Cloud Puffs*	SIB	Peach Cobbler	TB
Seneca Cobalt Delight	SIB	Rachel Rose*	TB
Seneca Confederate Soldier	SIB	Seneca Bride	TB
Seneca Egret Cove*	SIB	Seneca Norma Jean	TB
Seneca Glacier Flow*	SIB	Seneca Pink Delight*	TB
Seneca Gold Braided	SIB	Seneca Queen	TB
Seneca Kaleidoscope*	SIB	Seneca Sunnyside Up	TB
Seneca Lightning Strike	SIB	Silly Girl	TB
Seneca Neon Lites	SIB	Stefanie Lynn*	TB
Seneca Prom Gown	SIB	Stonewashed	TB
Seneca Red Starburst	SIB	Sylvia Ann*	TB
Seneca Silvery Skies	SIB		

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**If you have digital photographs** you can add them to the AIS WIKI yourself. Simply register for a user ID and password and you will be allowed to add pictures. To do this, find the cultivar and click on the 'attach' button. You will be guided through the process. Please ensure the picture you are uploading matches the description given.

**If you have paper photographs** and you have a scanner, you can scan them to your computer as JPGs and upload them to the WIKI as above.

**If you have slides**, and you know someone with a slide scanner, you can have them converted to JPGs and added to the WIKI. According to Janet Smith, HIPS Slide Preservationist, you should try different dpi (dots per inch) settings. "Some slides don't like 600 dpi or above. Some work better at 300 dpi. Take one slide and see what it looks like at different settings."

A word of caution, please do not upload pictures that are not your own without the owner's permission. This is against WIKI policy.

If you don't have the time to upload your pictures but want to share them you can send your JPGs to me via e-mail ([tlaurin@rogers.com](mailto:tlaurin@rogers.com)). If you want a copyright on the picture you can do this yourself or let me know what copyright you want and I will enter it for you.

Your assistance with this project will go a long way towards making the AIS WIKI a better resource for iris lovers. If you have any questions, please contact me at [tlaurin@rogers.com](mailto:tlaurin@rogers.com).



*'Sylvia's Love' (Sylvia Borglum, 2007)*



# Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)

*Submitted by Euthemia Matsoukas*

In November CHIS had its Holiday Party. We have learned to avoid December because of peoples' over-commitments. It was a potluck with delicious food, a gift exchange and door prizes including 10 gift certificates to iris growers and local nurseries.

For our January meeting we invited Robert Clyde Anderson to speak on *Garden Extroverts: Adding Drama to Your Designs with Big, Bold and Beautiful Plants*. Robert recently retired from a nursery in Hudson and has spoken to our group twice in the past – he is a terrific speaker and a talented garden designer. Unfortunately, Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> was a snow day to top most snow days and we had to postpone the meeting. Robert will come to our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the East Greenbush library. We are so glad he is available!

Our February meeting was the annual Doldrums Meeting that was held with the Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society and the Upstate New York Hosta Society. This event is a potluck with door prizes contributed by all three groups and the speaker and coordination arranged by alternating groups. This year Capital-Hudson Iris Society hosted the meeting, held at the Albany County Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville, NY. Barbara Melera, former president and CEO of the D. Landreth Seed Company, gave a talk on *The Victorians: How They Forever Changed the Garden*.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Karen Perkins will give a talk on *Epimediums: Jewels of the Shade*.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Euthemia Matsoukas at the e-mail address below. And do feel free to attend any of our meetings – we would love to have you.

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*David Nitka, President of the Connecticut Iris Society in Region 1, observes as Judges' Apprentice Suzanne Perry evaluates irises at the 2018 CHIS Flower show*

# Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)

*Submitted by Cara Hutchings, Affiliate Chair*

With all this cold weather, all I can think about is the fact that it will be free water when Spring finally comes! Hope you are staying warm and looking forward to a bright and iris-filled summer! We are planning our meetings and this year is quite fun-filled!

Starting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be reviewing the AIS program *Color Patterns, Forms and Novelty Items*. We will also be talking about spring preparation in your garden.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be talking show, iris show, that is. Using AIS programs and our own experiences, we will be discussing how to groom and present an iris at the show, as well as give some insight on what the Judges are looking for.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing cleaning and preparing for winter. We will also show the AIS program *Beardless Iris*

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the discussion will center on fall, winter and early spring care of your garden. We will also talk about bulbous iris and other bulbs in general. (Please note that this date is subject to change pending confirmation of the AIS Region 2 Annual meeting date).

All meetings take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 11 Episcopal Ave, Honeoye Falls, NY.

In May we will be holding a Judges' Training session in Neil Houghton's garden, with Wendy Roller, AIS Master Judge, leading the training session. See Wendy's report on Judges' Training for more information.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have our annual show at Marketplace Mall in Rochester. We will have the Magdalen Award this year, for best median iris.

Our sale details need to be worked out still, but we are tentatively holding it in August.

And we will be hosting the Region 2 fall meeting this year, details are still being finalized, but what we have is presented to you in this newsletter (see page 25).

Hope to see you at our events,

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*Judging the 2018 GRIS Flower Show with Cora, Janette, Donna, Nate and Wendy*

# Ontario Iris Society (ONIS)

*Submitted by Kate Brewitt, Secretary*

Our first event of the year was on February 23<sup>rd</sup> when we attended 'Get the Jump on Spring and Seedy Saturday' at the Toronto Botanical Garden. This event is always a ray of sunshine during the colder days of winter, and this winter sure has been cold and snowy. It was an invigorating day meeting up with gardening friends. There was no Polar Vortex, no Alberta Clipper, not even a Colorado Low; only sunshine, greenery and happy people!



*Terry and Jinny selling irises  
at Get the Jump on Spring*

Ontario gardeners are known to spend the winter months attending Seedy Saturdays in various towns and cities. ONIS will be attending two such events.

**March 2** – Newmarket Seedy Saturday held at the Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket, ON – 10 am to 2 pm.

**March 30** – Innisfil Seedy Saturday held at the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library, Lakeshore Branch, 967 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, ON – 10 am to 3 pm.

Our popular President's Open Garden is back on **May 20**. For further details and directions e-mail: [tlaurin@rogers.com](mailto:tlaurin@rogers.com).

Other events our group will be attending and/or hosting include the following. They all take place at the Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue E., Toronto, ON.

**May 5** – Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society Super Plant Sale.

**June 9** - ONIS Annual Flower Show and Sale – along with our usual club awards this year we will be awarding The William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award, an AIS Region 2 award for the highest placed beardless iris in an official show. Our Show Schedule can be found on our website.

**August 11** – ONIS Annual Rhizome Auction and Sale.

For more details on these events visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/ontarioirissociety/> or look us up on FACEBOOK!

## **ONIS Officers:**

**President:** Terrance Laurin – [tlaurin@rogers.com](mailto:tlaurin@rogers.com)

**Vice President:** Jinny Missons [jojimissons@sympatico.com](mailto:jojimissons@sympatico.com)

**Secretary:** Kate Brewitt – [kbrewitt@rogers.com](mailto:kbrewitt@rogers.com)

**Treasurer:** Lyn Hickey – [lhickey94@hotmail.com](mailto:lhickey94@hotmail.com)



# Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)

*Submitted by Marilee Farry, Affiliate Chair*

WNYIS is in a "positive frame of mind" and accomplishing many things. Our goal this year is to increase our membership. Dave has created a beautiful recruitment brochure with our 2019 program on the back. We will display it everywhere we can. Don't be surprised if you see our Recruitment Brochure or Ads in Albany or Toronto!!

We have started to work and develop plans for the WNYIS flower show and have a different venue this year: the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library. Joanne and Annette are working on finding judges and clerks plus getting insurance and deciding on gifts. Maria is working on the Show Schedule.

The field trip to Chapman Iris in Guelph, Ontario is in the planning stages but Mr. Chapman was very cordial and awaiting our visit in June. We hope to combine this trip with a visit to the Laking Garden at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Passports are ready and waiting for the bridge crossing and here we go!

Our iris rhizome sale is planned for August 24 with the Hosta and Daylily folks at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. As that is our big fundraiser all members are planning to participate in selling and educating the public about growing iris and generally to have lots of fun!

Throughout the summer we will have "Garden Visits" to appraise the various classes of irises. When a class of iris is in bloom, a hostess will email and invite members to visit. Those intending on participating will email their responses. Between our members we have many different classes: Dave has TBs, SDBs, MDBs, Siberians and Arils; Joanne has JIs, LAs, SPEC-X and many more; Maria has TBs and Siberians; Carolyn has TBs, Siberians and SDBs; I have TBs, SDBs, Spurias, MTBs, Pseudatas; and the lists go on and on. We will be busy hopping between gardens!

The meetings are planned for the year and so far the presentations by our members have been excellent. We are learning about the various classes of iris and their care.

From Buffalo, take care and have a great iris time.

## **WNYIS Officers:**

**President:** Marilee Farry – [farmare@aol.com](mailto:farmare@aol.com)

**Vice President:** Maria Gerbracht –  
[mrgerbracht@verizon.net](mailto:mrgerbracht@verizon.net)

**Secretary:** Velma Szczesny –  
[frank123451@icloud.com](mailto:frank123451@icloud.com)

**Treasurer:** Annette Kuhn – [akuhn@rich.com](mailto:akuhn@rich.com)



*Marilee, Wendy and Donna listening intently  
at a WNYIS flower show*

# The Sun Sets On Rainbows

## 2019 American Iris Society National Convention

Hosted by AIS Region 14

April 23 - 27, 2019



This year's convention hotel is the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, in San Ramon, California which is 34 miles (55 kilometers) east of San Francisco.

The deadline for convention registration is April 15, 2019.

The registration form, convention schedule, a link to the hotel and other information are available on the convention website: <http://aisconvention2019.org>.

On Monday, April 22 there is an optional tour to Bay View Gardens, home of Joe Ghio. For some this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit with this popular hybridizer and his beautiful iris creations.

Tuesday, Wednesday and throughout the week there will be the AIS Board meeting and various section meetings and programs. The Welcome Banquet will be held Wednesday evening. This is a good time to catch up with convention friends.

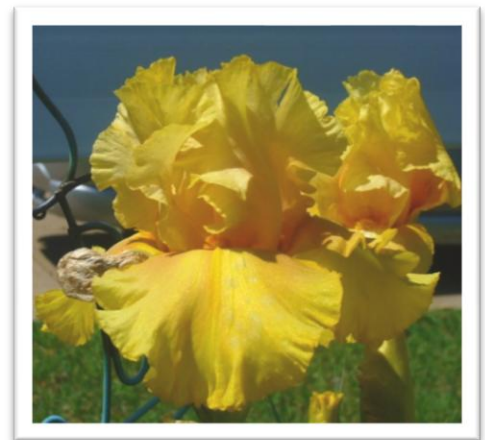
The garden tours will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There are five fantastic gardens to visit in different parts of Northern California.

- [The C&L Garden in Sonoma](#)
- [The Cummins Garden in Scott's Valley](#)
- [Dry Creek Garden in Union City](#)
- [Frannie's Garden in Elk Grove](#)
- [The Horton Garden in Loomis](#)

Finally, Saturday evening will be the Awards Banquet where recipients of last year's awards will be honored. Various other awards will be presented as well.

We hope you will join us!

*Two of Joe Ghio's introductions, left: 'Double Platinum' (2012); right: 'Abbondanza' (2003)*



# 2019 Show Dates and Region 2 Awards

*Submitted by Kathryn Mohr, Show Chair*

Join iris lovers as they exhibit bloom stalks from their personal collections. You can come to simply admire the flowers or perhaps photography is your thing...bring along your camera. If you like, you can learn how to exhibit. Members are more than willing to lend a hand.

If you are interested in exhibiting, contact your local affiliate for a copy of their Show Schedule and come prepared to have some fun!

Mark your calendars!

## **June 1 - Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS)**

AIS Region 2 Award: The Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award – awarded to the highest placed historic iris.  
Location and Time TBD

Show Chair: Kathryn Mohr – for details e-mail [kemohrke@aol.com](mailto:kemohrke@aol.com) or call - (518) 952-4995

## **June 1 - Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)**

AIS Region 2 Award: The Ruth V. Blenis Award – awarded to a tall bearded iris winning Best of Show.  
Location TBD

Show Chair: Marilee Farry – for details email [farmare@aol.com](mailto:farmare@aol.com).

## **June 2 - Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)**

AIS Region 2 Award: The Magdalen Award – awarded to the highest placed Median iris.

Location: Marketplace Mall, 1 Miracle Mile Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

Show Chair: Cara Hutchings – for details [thehutchings@me.com](mailto:thehutchings@me.com).

## **June 9 - Ontario Iris Society (ONIS)**

AIS Region 2 Award: The William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award – awarded to the highest placed beardless iris.

Location: Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, ON M3C 1P2

Setup starts at 10 am for those entering bloom stalks. Judging commences at 11:45 am.

Show Chair: Terry Laurin – for details e-mail [tlaurin@rogers.com](mailto:tlaurin@rogers.com).



*An Enthusiastic Crowd at the Ontario Iris Society Annual Flower Show held at the Toronto Botanical Garden*



# Judges' Training Report

*Submitted by Wendy Roller, JT Chair for AIS Region 2*

## **REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY – JUDGES and STUDENT JUDGES Status Roster – as of January 1, 2019**

<b><u>Active Master</u></b>	<b><u>Garden / Exhibition</u></b>	<b><u>Apprentice Judge</u></b>	<b><u>Retired Master</u></b>
David Baehre	Kate Brewitt	Suzanne Perry	Daniel P. McMillen
Joanne Bassett	John Colley		Gloria McMillen
Chuck Chapman	Marilee Farry		James McMillen
Maria Gerbracht	Terrance Laurin		Carolyn Schaffner
Raymond Ives	E.J. Mattson		Helen B. Schueler
Donna James	Jinny Missons		Kathleen Shadrack
Donna J. Lowry	Vaughn Sayles		Mary Jane Shanley
Maureen Mark	Janette Smith		
Wendy K. Roller	Mary J. Urist		
Dorothy Stiefel			

Please note that one change occurred in this roster as of January 1, 2019

- Gloria McMillen has requested AIS Retired Master Judge status. Gloria, who lives in Otterville, Ontario, Canada, has served the American Iris Society as Garden / Exhibition judge since 1989 and Master Judge since 2001.

### **SPRING 2019 JUDGES TRAINING COURSES IN REGION 2**

Neil Houghton, who lives in Mendon, NY, has offered to host a two-hour in-garden median iris Judges' Training session in his garden. Neil grows an extensive collection of newer irises as well as many classic varieties. He probably has the largest collection of median irises growing in one place in the western part of New York State. At last count, Neil was growing 871 varieties of irises, of which 583 were TB's, 203 were medians, and 74 were irises in the MDB, beardless and species classes.

This session will be presented by AIS Master Judge Wendy Roller. Please get in touch with Wendy by telephone at 585-621-8985 or by e-mail at [gwr67@frontier.com](mailto:gwr67@frontier.com) if you are interested in attending a training session and/or touring Neil's garden during the week before Memorial Day Weekend.

*PLEASE NOTE: Judges training sessions must be approved in advance by the Region 2 Judges Training Chairperson. Please let Wendy Roller know of any additional judges training sessions being proposed within the region during the year 2019. The deadline to have information included in the May mailing to the judges is April 15, 2019.*

# 2018 AIS Region 2 Annual Meeting

*By Kate Brewitt, Secretary, with "helps" from Euthemia Matsoukas*

About 35 people attended the 2018 AIS Region 2 annual meeting hosted by Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) at the Delmar Presbyterian Church in Delmar, NY. As always they put together a top-notch meeting with lots of good food, an interesting speaker and a Silent Auction that had many of us caught up in trying to out-bid the previous bidder. They also had their usual supply of door prizes of which everyone was encouraged to take home at least one!



*Tallying the Results of the Silent Auction, left to right, Euthemia, Linda and Dan*

Bonnie Nichols, President of the Novelty Iris Society, was our guest speaker. Bonnie is also co-owner with her husband, Hooker Nichols, of Hillcrest Iris and Daylily Gardens in Mesquite, Texas. She gave an informative presentation on "Novelty Irises: Looking Forward, Looking Back". Her presentation included beautiful slides of the different types of novelty irises; 'flatties' (irises with six falls), broken color, space-agers with horns, spoons and/or flounces and others. She also gave two judges training sessions, one on Saturday morning on Awards and Ballots, and another on Judging Novelty Irises. Both sessions were

well attended by Region 2 members.

A very special thank-you to all those CHIS members, family and friends, including members from other affiliates, who contributed to the organization of the meeting. Also thanks to the members who reached into their pockets to bid in the Silent Auction. In the end the auction raised just over \$800 for the Region.



*Joanna, Margot, Kathryn, EJ, Euthemia and Dan at the Silent Auction cashout*

*Right top: Sylvia, Reba and Sara and Dana enjoying their lunch*

*Right bottom: Halloween Treats!*



**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 2 ANNUAL FALL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**HELD IN DELMAR, N.Y. – OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM**

**1. Call to Order**

RVP Dorothy Stiefel presiding. Meeting called to order at 9:55 am. Those in attendance were thanked for coming. Capital-Hudson Iris Society was thanked for hosting the meeting.

**2. Attendees - Roll Call – Officers, Affiliate chairpersons**

Dorothy Stiefel – RVP and President

Kathryn Mohr – Assistant RVP and Vice President

Kate Brewitt - Secretary

Vaughn Sayles - Treasurer

Linda Knipper – Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) President

Wendy Roller – Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS), representative for Cara Hutchings

Terry Laurin – Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President

Marilee Farry – Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS) President

**Other Attendees**

EJ Mattson, Joanna Doggett

**Absent and Excused**

Cara Hutchings – GRIS

Betty Schnellinger – Newsletter Editor

Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS) Representative

RVP Dorothy Stiefel reported of the passing of Ed Jowett, SOIS President, and advised the group would be discussing their future at a meeting on Sunday, October 21. The RVP will be advised of the results.

**3. Additions/corrections to the minutes of the Oct. 21, 2017 meeting.**

**Motion by Kathryn Mohr to accept the 2017 Board Meeting minutes as circulated. Motion passed.**

**4. Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Affiliate chairs and representatives met Friday, October 19 to audit the books of the Treasurer.

**Motion by Terry Laurin to accept the Treasurer's audit. Motion passed.**

Bylaws Committee - no changes at this time.

Membership Committee – Vaughn Sayles reported there were four new members during 2018 for a total of 119 members. Since June 2016, when Region 2 had 155 members, membership has declined by 36 members. The new member's handbook has been revised to incorporate affiliate changes.

Treasurer's Report and 2019 Budget – Vaughn Sayles reported that the Region is in good shape financially. The contributions from auctions/raffles tremendously augment operating funds.



Region 2 was saddened to lose Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society (HVIDS). Upon their dissolution a contribution of \$450 was made to AIS Region 2. Dorothy was thanked for waiving the \$300 allowance for the convention fee.

Looking ahead to 2019, because there will be a decrease in operating funds due to the loss of affiliates, Vaughn recommended the \$300 allowance for the RVP to attend conventions be removed and the allowance for Judges' Training mailing be reduced to \$25 for a total operating budget of \$1,760.00.

**Motion by Vaughn Sayles to remove the \$300 allowance for the RVP from the 2019 Budget. Motion passed.**

Discussion resulted in further cuts plus an increase of \$50 for the Youth Committee. As a result the proposed 2019 Budget was revised to \$1,690.00.

During discussion Kate Brewitt volunteered to become editor for the AIS Region 2 newsletter.

**Motion by Marilee Farry to accept the proposed 2019 Budget with alterations. Motion passed.**

A discussion ensued regarding the future format of AIS Region 2 Annual meetings. Issues include declining manpower, increasing expense and time commitment. This discussion was tabled as a more in-depth review is required.

Nominating Committee: Kathryn Mohr, Chair, reported the following slate of Officers has been proposed,

Kathryn Mohr – Regional Vice President (RVP)  
Carolyn Schaffner – Assistant RVP  
Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer  
Kate Brewitt – Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. Proposed slate of Officers will be presented to the general membership for voting.

## **5. Affiliate reports**

Last year it was agreed that Affiliates would no longer submit reports. Any submitted reports will be filed with the minutes.

## **6. 2019 Region Meeting**

During the discussion of the 2019 Budget it was determined that none of the current affiliates are able to host the 2019 meeting. Further discussion is required.

## **7. Other business**

None

## **8. Other committee reports as time allows**

Time did not allow for additional reports.

## **9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 2 ANNUAL FALL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**HELD IN DELMAR, N.Y. – OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT 10:30 AM**

**1. Call to Order/Welcome**

RVP Dorothy Stiefel, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am. Everyone was welcomed and thanked for attending. Capital-Hudson Iris Society was thanked for hosting the meeting.

**2. Roll Call – Officers, Committee chairpersons, Affiliate chairpersons**

Dorothy Stiefel – RVP and President, Archives, Bylaws  
Kathryn Mohr – Assistant RVP and Vice President, Awards & Exhibitions  
Kate Brewitt – Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor (new)  
Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer, Membership Chair  
Wendy Roller - Judges Training Chair, Representative for Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)  
Linda Knipper – Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) President  
Terry Laurin – Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President  
Marilee Farry – Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS) President

Absent and Excused

Cara Hutchings – GRIS President

Joanne Maier – Youth Chair

Betty Schnellinger – Past Newsletter Editor

Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS) Representative

Also in Attendance

Erica Berger, Len Berger, Joanne Bassett, David Blake, Dana Borglum, Sylvia Borglum, Debi Chowdhury, John Colley, Joanna Doggett, Virginia Dorwaldt, Maria Gerbracht, Margo Heck, Donna Lowry, Dan Maier, Reba Martin, Sara Ann Martin, Euthemia Matsoukas, E.J. Mattson, Bonnie Nichols, Barb Owens, Suzanne Perry, Gary Roller, Don Salhoff, Pat Salhoff, Magdalena Slone, Ted Slone, Betsy Thompson, Ann Vandervort,

RVP Dorothy Stiefel reported of the passing of Ed Jowett, SOIS President, and advised the group would be discussing their future at a meeting on Sunday, October 21. The RVP will be advised of the results.

**3. Additions/corrections to the minutes of the Oct. 21, 2017 meeting.**

**Motion by Sylvia Borglum to accept the 2017 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.**

**4. Committee Reports**

Archives Committee – Dorothy Stiefel had nothing to report.

Bylaws Committee – Dorothy Stiefel indicated there were no changes at this time.

Creative Money Committee – This position is open.

Awards & Exhibitions - Kathryn Mohr announced that the new Show Rotation Guidelines have been completed. This year's rotation is WNYIS, ONIS, CHIS, GRIS. She also announced that a new Awards Chair would be appointed for 2019.

AIS Region 2 awards were presented; Magdalen Award to Wendy Roller, Ethel Anson S. Peckam Award to Lyn Hickey and Ruth V. Blenis Award to Dorothy Stiefel. Outgoing RVP, Dorothy Stiefel was also presented with a Past RVP pin and a small gift. Marilee Farry, president of WNYIS, presented their award certificates from their 2018 show.

2019 Show dates and Region 2 awards were selected as follows,  
WNYIS – June 1 – The Ruth V. Blenis Award  
ONIS – June 9 – The William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award  
CHIS – June 1 – The Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award  
GRIS – June 2 – The Magdalen Award

Copies of the proposed Region 2 Show Rotations were passed out and discussed.

**Motion by Dan Maier to accept the proposed Region 2 Show Rotation Guidelines. Motion passed.**

Judges Training – Wendy Roller reported that Region 2 has eleven Master judges, nine Garden/Exhibition judges, one Apprentice judge and one Candidate for Judgeship Thanks to those regional judges who provided training during the year; Chuck Chapman, Sandy Ives, Maureen Mark and MJ Urist. Gloria McMillen, Master Judge, has decided to retire.

Membership – Vaughn Sayles reported there were four new members during 2018 for a total of 119 members. Since June 2016, when Region 2 had 155 members, membership has declined by 36 members.

Newsletter Editor – Kate Brewitt was introduced as the new Region 2 editor. She will advise the Board of deadlines and publication dates. For now the current deadlines for article submission should be followed. Also, members should ensure they have an e-mail address on file; those without one should let Kate know and something will be arranged.

Youth Committee – In Joanne Maier's absence, Kate Brewitt read her report. There are six Youth members in Region 2.

Webmaster – Kate Brewitt reported there are no web stats because the hosting company (iHost) implemented a new reporting system in June. For the last 3 months there have been, on average, 135 visits per month.

## **5. New Business**

### Election of officers for 2019

Kathryn Mohr, reporting for the Nominating committee, proposed the following slate of officers,  
Kathryn Mohr – Regional Vice President (RVP)  
Carolyn Schaffner – Assistant RVP  
Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer  
Kate Brewitt – Secretary

Since there were no nominations from the floor, it was requested that the Secretary record one vote in acceptance of the presented slate of officers.

## **6. Budget for 2019**

Vaughn Sayles reported that the Region is in good shape financially. Vaughn then provided his recommendations for budget reductions due to the loss of three affiliates. Also presented were the changes discussed at the Board Meeting to further reduce the budget for 2019 to \$1,690.00. There was a brief discussion about the need to change the meeting format and provide Judges' Training separately.

**Motion by Wendy Roller to accept the 2019 Budget as amended. Motion passed.**

## **7. Show dates and regional award selection for 2019**

Reported under Awards and Exhibitions above.

## **8. 2019 Region Meeting**



Dorothy thanked the affiliates who hosted meetings for the last 3 years however it is time for Region 2 to take a new direction as none of the current affiliates are able to host an annual meeting in 2019. Kathryn Mohr, incoming RVP, would like to form a committee to review the future of the Region. It is hoped that all current Board members will be part of the committee. Also, general members interested in joining the committee should e-mail Kathryn.

## 9. Other business

None

## 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm

### More Pictures from the 2018 Region 2 Annual Meeting



*Listening to Bonnie Nichols give a JT Session on Novelty Irises*

*Euthemia and Ted*



*Magdalena Serving Up Dessert*



# 2019 AIS Region 2 Annual Meeting

Greater Rochester Iris Society has graciously offered to host the 2019 AIS Region 2 Annual meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this enjoyable event.

Dates: Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5, 2019

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls, 27 N. Main St. Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

Speaker: Hugh Stout (pictured right) of Stout Gardens at Dancing Tree in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be presenting. Take a look at the website, [www.stoutgardens.com](http://www.stoutgardens.com). Hugh is the past president of the Tall Bearded Iris Society.

Judges' Training: To be announced.

Registration Fee: Tentatively set at \$20. This will be confirmed at a later date.

Accommodation: There are no hotels in the town, but there are plenty of hotels in all price ranges at the Thruway exit #46, about 7 miles away. A list including price ranges, along with directions, will be provided at a later date.

If any member wants to help out, please let Neil Houghton know. You can contact him through e-mail at either [images@irises.org](mailto:images@irises.org) or [neil.houghton@me.com](mailto:neil.houghton@me.com).



## Join the American Iris Society



Annual Single: \$30 US / Dual: \$35 US  
Triennial Single: \$70 US / Dual: \$85 US  
(Includes a quarterly bulletin)

A one-year electronic membership, or e-membership, is also available for \$15 US.

Annual Youth Rates (under age 19): \$8 US without a Bulletin  
\$12 US with a Bulletin

Click here to go to the American Iris Society website and a list of additional membership types.

# Treasurer's Report

Region 2 of the American Iris Society  
December 31, 2018

*Submitted by Vaughn Sayles, Treasurer*

<b>Balances</b>	<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>12/31/2018</b>
Checking Account	\$2,997.68	\$3,399.63
Savings Account	\$3,621.23	\$3,623.03
Certificate of Deposit	\$3,594.72	\$3,603.76
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,213.63</b>	<b>\$10,626.42</b>

## **Revenue received 2018**

<b>Affiliate Contributions</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
CHIS	\$100.00	
GRIS	\$150.00	
ONIS	\$50.00	
SOIS		
WNYIS	\$100.00	
<b>totals</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	

## **Interest Income \$10.84**

Savings Account	\$1.80
Certificate of Deposit	\$9.04
<b>totals</b>	<b>\$10.84</b>

## **Other Revenue \$1,259.00**

Silent Auction	\$809.00
HVIDS -disbandment	\$450.00
<b>totals</b>	<b>\$1,259.00</b>

## **Total Revenue received 2018 \$1,669.84**

<b>Expenses (2018)</b>	<b>Budgeted 10/21/2017</b>	<b>Expended 12/31/2018</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/2018</b>
Archives	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Awards	\$300.00	\$48.50	\$251.50
Judges Training	\$50.00	\$5.75	\$44.25
Membership	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Newsletter (2 issues)	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
RVP (miscellaneous)	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
RVP (AIS Convention Registration)	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$10.00	\$4.45	\$5.55
Secretary	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Creative Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fall Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Website	\$175.00	\$163.35	\$11.65
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$15.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,085.00</b>	<b>\$1,257.05</b>	<b>\$827.95</b>

## REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

### COMPARISON OF 2018 AND 2019 BUDGETS

Expenses	Budgeted 2018	Budgeted 2019	Budget Changes
Archives	\$10.00	\$0.00	-\$10.00
Awards	\$300.00	\$200.00	-\$100.00
Judges Training	\$50.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Membership	\$20.00	\$10.00	-\$10.00
Newsletter (2 issues)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
RVP (miscellaneous)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
RVP (AIS Convention Registration)	\$300.00	\$0.00	-\$300.00
Treasurer	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Secretary	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Creative Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Membership	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fall Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Website	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,085.00</b>	<b>\$1,690.00</b>	<b>-\$395.00</b>



Do you support Region 2 of the American Iris Society? Do you shop on-line? If you shop on Amazon you will be able to have .5% of eligible purchase prices donated to Region 2 of the American Iris Society\*. In light of the changes that will be taking place in Region 2 additional sources of revenue will be beneficial. There is no cost to Region 2 and there is no additional cost to you. It is a win-win scenario if you make purchases this way.

Use the following link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1743524> to log directly into **AMAZON SMILE**. You won't even have to search for Region 2 of the American Iris Society and 0.5% of the price of your purchases will be donated to Region 2.

*\*(Note: this is available to US Amazon shoppers only.)*



# AIS Region 2 Membership Report

January 1, 2019

*Submitted by Vaughn Sayles*

During 2018 AIS Region 2 gained four new members. As of January 1, 2019 the Region has 114 members.

**Do you know when your AIS membership expires?** Go to [www.aislookup.org](http://www.aislookup.org) to find out your expiry date. If your membership is expiring you can go to [www.irises.org](http://www.irises.org) and renew on-line through PayPal. It could not be easier to keep your membership up to date.



**Did you know AIS Region 2 has a Youth group?** Currently there are six youth members throughout the region. Joanne Maier is the AIS Region 2 Youth Committee Chair. She provides this group of aspiring iris lovers with a newsletter full of interesting information and things to do. Regional Youth are also permitted to enter annual flower shows put on by the affiliates. Check with your local affiliate to see if their Show Schedule includes a section for youth. If not, you may want to persuade them to add one.

As an AIS Youth Member, they are entitled to all of the privileges and pleasures of adult members including a quarterly Bulletin (optional) and related activities such as the annual photo contest. One of our Region 2 youth regularly enters the Youth Category of the AIS Photo Contest. Here is one of her winning entries.



*Winner, Close Up of an Iris: 'Orange Tiger', C. Roller, NY*

**For more information on the AIS Youth group go to their website, [www.aisyouth.com](http://www.aisyouth.com).**

# From the Editor's Desk



While I was driving home from work one day in January I was mulling over in my mind some ideas for my first edition of the AIS Region 2 newsletter. Suddenly I panicked and realized I felt like Elton John when he played the Pinball Wizard in the movie *Tommy*...I had some pretty big boots to fill!

Betty Schnellinger was editor of our newsletter for five short years. She enhanced the layout design by introducing color, decorative fonts, pictures and a lot of flare. Her dedication to producing a first-class publication was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. Thank you, Betty!

I also have to thank everyone who helped me with this edition of the newsletter! I could not have put it together without the support of all those Region 2 members who were inundated with my e-mails asking for reports, pictures and clarification of details. I also owe a big thank you to Dorothy who had the laborious task of proofreading the finished product. It is a thankless job but one that is so very important!!

Looking ahead, if anyone is inspired to write an article or suggest a topic for one feel free to contact me. Remember, the AIS is one year away from its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and, if I'm not mistaken, it all started at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx which is in our Region! Got any stories you want to share?

As I put my first edition to bed the words of wisdom that Betty passed along to me ring in my ears, "Have fun with it, dear, and make it your own." That said, I will put the images of Elton John as the Pinball Wizard aside and remember that in the iris world 'Pinball Wizard' is a beautiful iris with golden standards and oxblood red falls (pictured below).

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Until next time....Kate ([just1moreiris@gmail.com](mailto:just1moreiris@gmail.com))



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Did you know that you can also find past editions of each affiliate's newsletter?

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Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)  
[https://www.aisregion2.org/region2\\_008.htm](https://www.aisregion2.org/region2_008.htm)

Ontario Iris Society (ONIS)  
[https://www.aisregion2.org/region2\\_010.htm](https://www.aisregion2.org/region2_010.htm)

Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS)  
[https://www.aisregion2.org/region2\\_011.htm](https://www.aisregion2.org/region2_011.htm)

Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS)  
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Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) is on FACEBOOK

Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) is on FACEBOOK

You can also find the American Iris Society On-line:

American Iris Society Website: <http://irises.org>

AIS Iris Encyclopedia <http://wiki.irises.org/bin/view>

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