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And a nice June morning (even the I am typing this May 8) to each of you . By the time that you receive this newsflyer I am sure the bloom season will have been over for another year (unless of course you are growing rebloomers). Now is the time for cleaning up the ole iris beds and perhaps browsing through the Wish Books (catalogs). As you try to decide which iris you would like to add to your garden, (if you don't already grow them) you might want to try some rebloomers. Some could almost be called constant bloomers.

HAUE A NICE DAY!



WORD TO THE WISE .

WISE OLD OWL

no NOT cut (fan) the leaves of your T. B. iris when you are cleaning the beds. It is alright to trim off brown or torn leaf tips, but don't cut just to be cutting. The leaves manufacture food for next year's rhizome . Also carefully remove dried leaves - try not to tear green healthy leaves . It would be best to "trash" these rather than compost them , as the old foliage may harbor disease spores or harmful insects .



AMOEONA - white standards with colored falls.

APOGON - iris which have no beard or crest.

ARIL - a small white collar on some iris seeds. Also the name of these iris.

BEARD - the line of hairs growing from the haft of the falls of some iris .

BICOLOR - standards light colored; falls a different, darker color.

BLEND - combination of two or more colors: even or unevenly applied.

FALLS - three lowest petals of the flowers; usually designated

HAFT - area of attatchment of the falls to the stem; also known as the shoulder area

NEGLECTA - light blue standards and darker falls.

PLICATA - white , cream or yellow ground; dotted, stippled, or stitched, & or margin color on lighter ground.

SELF - an iris of on solid color .

SIGNAL - a patch of contrasting color at the tip of the beard.

STANDARDS - the three upper petals of the flower; usually designated S.

VARIEGATA - yellow to gold standards

Deeper falls of brown , redwine , or purple in color .

WHAT GROWS ?

There has been interest expressed in iries that would grow well in our area. The Region 17 A I S conducts a symposium each year amoung its members (Texas growers). This list was published in their March 1986 Newsletter. The irises are listed in order of votes received. My thanks to Region 17 A I S for this information.

Beverly Sills Debby Rairdon Gay Parasol **Uictoria Falls** Vanity Lovely Kay Mystique New Moon Pink Taffeta Mary Frances Joyce Terry Superstition Going My Way Dazzling Gold Kilt Lilt Mandolin Michigan Pride Blue Sapphire Bride's Halo Stepping Out White Lightening Buffy Entourage Catalyst Laced Cotton Copper Classic Song of Norway

Also I will list a few that were on 1985 Symposium (that are not on 1986 list). Well Endowed, Orange Empire, Persian Berry, Camelot Rose, Haunting Music, Homecoming Queen, Lemon Lyric, Lemon Mist, Mistress.

Even though the iris on this list was compiled in 1985 and 1986 there is no reason that they will not still perform well in our Texas gardens. Most have been around a good while and have proven that they can and will grow well.

If you do not have some or most of these iris then you might want to select some of them to increase your iris collection. REGION 17, 1987 SYMPOSIUM RESULTS

" The Top Twenty-Five "

Will wonders never cease ? I found my

Region 17 A I S Newsletter - so here

are this year's list of " good " Texas

iris.

- 1. Beverly Sills (Hager ' 79) -DM '85 pink
- 2. Vanity (Hager' 75) -DM'78 lt. pink rebloomer
- 3. Victoria Falls (Schreiner '77)

 DM '84 med.blue rebloomer
- 4. Mary Frances (Gaulter '73) DM ' 79 blue-orchid self
- 5. Going My Way (Gibson ' 72)

 deep purple plicata
- 6. Entourage (Ghio '77) rose-pink
- 7. White Lightning (Gatty ' 74)

white rebloomer

- 8. New Moon (Sexton '68) DM '73 yellow
- 9. Copper Classic (Roderick '77) org. 10.Laced Cotton (Schreiner ' 80) white 11.Superstition (Schreiner ' 77) black 12.Song Of Norway (Luihn ' 77) DM '86 pale blue
- 13.Gay Parasol (Schreiner '74)

 white / rose purple

14.Dazzling Gold (Anderson ' 81) gold 15.Mystique (Ghio ' 75) DM ' 75 blue bitone

16.Catalyst (Keppel'80) yellow 17.Joyce Terry (Muhlestein'74) yel. 18.Persian Berry (Gaulter'77) blue 19.Well Endowed (Ghio'74) yellow 20.Debby Rairdon (Kuntz'65) DM'71 yellow / white

21.Lady Friend(Ghio '71) garnet-rose 22.Study In Black (Plough '68) black 23.Mandolin (Ghio '77) apricot 24.Rancho Rose (Gibson '75) rose plic 25.Titan's Glory(Schreiner '81) violet NEW BRAUNFELS IRIS SOCIETY will meet on <u>JULY 18, 1987</u> at the home of BERNIECE and CLYDE IKINS EL RANCHO ENCANTADO BANDERA, TEXAS

MRS. CHARLES A. HOWARD, R V P A I S REGION 17 will install N B I S officers. IRIS SOCIETY OF AUSTIN MEMBERS ARE INVITED.

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Directions to El Rancho Encantado

FROM BANDERA COURTHOUSE ;

AT

GO NORTH ON MAIN STREET (HWY 16)
TURN RIGHT (EAST) ONTO HWY 173
at BOYLES SUPERMARKET.
AT TOP OF HILL ACROSS FROM
CEMETERY TURN LEFT (WEST) ONTO
FM 3240 AND GO 8 MILES.
AT HICKS RANCH SIGN TURN LEFT
(SOUTH) ONTO CALICHE ROAD.
DO NOT TURN INTO HICKS RANCH!
GO 1.2 MILES ON CALICHE ROAD.
AT RANCH SIGN ON LEFT (EAST)
SIDE OF ROAD, TURN INTO DRIVEWAY
TO RANCH.

DIRECTIONS FROM KERRUILLE:

GO THROUGH KERRUILLE ON HWY 16 S.

PAST THE RIVER HILLS MALL.

AT TOP OF HILL TURN LEFT ONTO

HWY 173 TO BANDERA.

GO THROUGH CAMP VERDE.

3 MILES PAST CAMP VERDE TURN

LEFT (WEST) ONTO FM 2828.

GO 5.9 MILES TO INTERSECTION

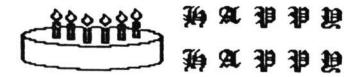
WITH FM 3240 TO BANDERA.

TURN LEFT (EAST) ONTO FM 3240

GO.2 MILES, AT HICKS RANCH SIGN

TURN RIGHT. DO NOT TURN INTO

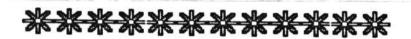
HICKS RANCH! GO 1.2 MILES TO GATE.



BIRCHBAR TO

Pat Freeman June 11
Cecil Rockwell June 11
Marvin Schaefer June 16
Audrey Cooper June 23
Pauline Guerrero June 29

Happy Birthday to you!



IRIS

FLEUR DE LUCE

Flower of light! Fair prism that disparts

But to remake the Sun's too sovereign light,

Tempering his blinding, incandescent white

In Iris colors to our human sight,
Filling with uncommunicable joys our
heart; -

As the arched splendors of God's rainbow, blent,

Make the white glory of His firmament.

This is the second of 5 verses of a poem that was written by W. H. W. Bliss(brother of A. J. Bliss) and presented to the A. I. S. May 11, 1922. A. J. Bliss was an English hybridizer who introduced "Dominion", a violet bitone, which was a break amoung the early tetraploids.

PAUL COOK

Paul Cook , distinguished iris breeder, was born near the village of Poneto in Wells County, Indiana in 1891. As a young man he started hybridizing small fruit. Then in 1922 he started what was to be a life long hobby and "love affair " with iris. He worked with every variety of iris known at that time except Japanese.

He worked with his iris breed ing 41 years until his death in 1963
at the age of 72. His wife was his
helpmate in this fascinating hobby.
He had the scientific imagination,
but she carried out most of the
actual pollinating. He kept detailed
notes but published only a few
articles about his breeding programs.
He did share his information with
other breeders of his day through
letters and discussions.

After 14 patient years of hybri-dizing he decided to make his first introductions. These were 2 hybrids, a reddish, small flowered, slender-stemmed iris that he named "Tampa" and a pale yellow iris, "Keepsake". These were both progeny of "Socrates "crossed with I. flavissima. By this time he had established both his red and blue lines.

In 1937 he introduced his first tall bearded iris, " E. B. Williamson ". Named as an honor to a close " IRIS " friend who had helped stimulate his interest in iris breeding.

One of his greatest achievements was "PROGENITOR". Mr. Cook's clear vision saw in this iris with pale yellow standards and streaky falls the making of new amoena patterns,

and truly prophetic he was right. This cross from a species produced "Whole Cloth" and a series of light blue ameonas.

He was also successful with dwarfs and intermediates.

He was awarded 3 Dykes Medals with "SABLE NIGHT" (1955), "WHOLE CLOTH" (1962), and "ALLEGIANCE" (1964) He was also honored with the HYBRIDIZERS MEDAL (1945) and the FOSTER MEMORIAL PLAQUE (1957).

Paul Cook's iris introductions are the visible signs of his high accomplishments, but the invisible story lies in the increased understanding of iris genetics which his patient work and inspired thinking have given to theiris world.

Most of this information came from an article written by Molly Price,

and printed in the A I S

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My thanks to A I S.

NOTE:

I have talked to Berniece and Clyde Ikins and they have requested that members of both societies who are planning to come to their home for N B I S meeting on JULY 18 to please let either them or me know. They are planning something special and it would be very helpful for them to know the number of persons expected.

THEIR MAILING ADDRESS IS :

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I WILL PRINT A ROAD MAP NEXT MONTH. L.D.