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Hello Folks

And a nice June morning (even tho 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.

HAVE A NICE DAY!



WORD TO THE WISE...

OUR WISE OLD OWL SEZ...

DO 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 help 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.

IRIS TERMINOLOGY

- 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 F .
- HAFT** - area of attachment 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 , red-wine , 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 among 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
Victoria Falls	Gay Parasol
Uanity	Lovely Kay
Mystique	New Moon
Mary Frances	Pink Taffeta
Joyce Terry	Superstition
Going My Way	Dazzling Gold
Kilt Lilt	Mandolin
Michigan Pride	Blue Sapphire
Stepping Out	Bride's Halo
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 ^{is} 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 JULY 18 , 1987 at the home of
BERNIECE and CLYDE IKINS
EL RANCHO ENCANTADO
BANDERA , TEXAS

AT 4 PM

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

Directions to El Rancho Encantado

FROM BANDERA COURTHOUSE :

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 KERRVILLE :

GO THROUGH KERRVILLE 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 .



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B I R T H D A Y C E

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

Happy Birthday to you!



I R I S

FLEUR DE LUCE

Flower of light! Fair prism that
disparts

But to remake the Sun's too sover-
eign 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 among 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 hy-
bridizing 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 accom-
plishments , 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 some-
thing special and it would be very helpful
for them to know the number of persons
expected .

THEIR MAILING ADDRESS IS :

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Bandera , Texas 78003

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