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Greetings from your RVP--Margaret Kelly



Greetings to all!

First of all, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! It's January, it's cold, and more snow is on the way. However, maybe by the time you are reading this it will be closer to spring!! Green grass and spring blossoms will be a welcome sight. I have been looking back to the last growing season in the garden and planning to do a few things a little differently this time around. One big project is to create new labels for the iris beds as the old labels are getting lighter and harder to read.

I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with old and new challenges. All our societies have planned for the coming year's events and we will share those with you in this newsletter. We now

have six iris societies here in Region 9. They are: Northshore Iris and Daylily Society, Northern Illinois Iris Society, Prairie Iris Society, Mid Illinois Iris Society, Sangamon Valley Iris Society and Southern Illinois Iris Society. My wish for all of you is to have a great year and enjoy your garden and friends.

Spring is also the time for spring iris shows, garden visitations, and conventions. I hope you are making plans to participate in your society's iris show and other activities throughout the year. Whether it is showing stalks of irises or making cookies, it's important we all work together to show the public the beautiful iris. I must say that all of you did just that at the fall iris sale. Without all of your help, we would have not been able to promote our irises as we did and have a successful sale. Thanks everyone!!

Respectfully yours,

Margaret Kelly, Region 9 RVP

Website for Region 9:
www.aisregion9.com



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Agenda for Region 9 Spring Meeting 2011

Welcome

Call meeting to order

Approval of minutes as published

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports:

Reports by affiliate presidents

OLD BUSINESS:

Region 9 Membership Fall Meeting: Friday afternoon August 12 thru Saturday August 13, 2011, Springfield, IL

Friday August 12, 2011

Set up at Botanical Gardens 1:00 PM for Iris Sale

Group get together for dinner 6 PM place TBA

Approximately 7:30 Set up at Hampton Inn for Silent Auction & Meeting

To Follow - Pictures and discussion of irises seen during growing season with snacks and door prize

Saturday August 13, 2011

8AM – 10AM Placement of iris for the Public sale

10 AM – 11 AM Region 9 Business Meeting

8AM – 12:30 PM Silent Auction for AIS members

11:15AM -12:15 PM - Box Lunch

1PM – 4PM Public Iris Sale at Springfield Botanical Gardens *Clean up by all members to follow*

Accommodations: Hampton Inn & Suites, 2300 Chuckwagon Drive, Springfield, phone 217-793-7670.

Rooms are \$109.00 and rooms are available up until 3 weeks (July 23rd) before the meeting. They will not accept reservations after that at this rate.

We have the meeting room for Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Hampton Inn.

Post Judge's training: Mineral Area College, Farmington, Missouri

Kelly Norris editor of the Bulletin of the American Society is soliciting contributions to a new department called "In Your Backyard" This is an opportunity for readers to contribute information about their garden, what they grow, your favorite things and your successes



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Iris Encyclopedia – per Robert Pries, as of December 2010, there are over 100,000 hits on this web site, what I understand is very good. Contains 32,000 cultivars and over 21,000 images.

Something new – Plant auction for spring meeting 2011 – everyone donate a plant – iris, daylily or perennial, to be auctioned.

****Judges training today worth 2 ½ hours for judge's training credit. ****

**AIS National Convention Victoria British Columbia, Canada
Sunday May 29 thru Friday June 2, 2011 Fairmont Empress Hotel**

**Japanese Iris Convention June 24-25, 2011 Greater Portland Iris Society Portland, OR
Median Iris Convention April 14-16, 2011 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (See more in this newsletter)**

Local Societies Iris Shows:

1. Mid Illinois Iris Society--May 7, 2011 Alton Mall, Aton, IL
2. Sangamon Valley Iris Society--May 14, 2011 Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Springfield, IL
3. Northern Illinois Iris Society--May 14, 2011 Mock Iris Show TBA
4. Prairie Iris Society--May 21, 2011 Lincoln Village Mall, Urbana, IL

Local Iris Sales

1. Sangamon Valley Iris Society--July 23, 2011 Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Springfield
2. Prairie Iris Society, July 30, 2011--Lincoln Village Square, Urbana, IL
3. Northern IL Iris Society--End of July, Table & Iris Sale Elmhurst Garden Walk
4. Mid Illinois Iris Society--August 8, 2011 Public 8-12AM Club Sale 1PM +

Plan to visit a garden or two while Irises are in bloom, that way you will have the opportunity to see new and different irises than perhaps what you grow.

Does anyone need in the Garden Training?, if so I will be happy to host two hours of garden training. Just let me know.

We have received an invitation from Region 6 (Indiana, Ohio & Michigan) to attend their Spring meeting and Garden Tour May 20-21, 2011 in Lafayette, IN with garden tour on Saturday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Garden Judging at the Bunnell garden . Cost of garden tour is \$60.00

I would like to thank our members who agreed to participate on our panel discussion for Culture and Cultivation of Irises. These members will be giving us pointers on planting and growing different classes of irises.

MANY THANKS FOR EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING. I APPRECIATED YOUR DEDICATION.



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REGION 9 Affiliate Calendar Dates for 2011

Region 9 Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday April 2, 2011

Rochester Community Building, Rochester, IL
Tentative - Panel of Judges discussing culture, soils, fertilizers, insecticides, and tips on growing all types of irises

Region 9 Fall Membership Meeting

Friday August 12, 2011 and Saturday, August 13, 2011
August 13 - Silent Auction and Public Iris Sale at the Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Springfield, IL

Mid-Illinois Iris Society

Feb 28, 2011

March 28, 2011

March 2011—5 hours of judges training

April 25, 2011

May 7, 2011—Iris Show—Alton

August 6, 2011—Bearded Iris Auction

September 26, 2011—Beardless Iris Auction

October 24, 2011

December 10, 2011 – Christmas Party

Prairie Iris Society

Saturday, April 9, 2011 - Spring Meeting
Meeting place to be announced later

Saturday, May 21, 2011 – Annual Iris Show
Lincoln Square Village, Urbana, IL - Tentative

Saturday, July 30, 2011 - Annual Iris Rhizome Sale
Lincoln Square Village, Urbana, IL - Tentative

Saturday September 24, 2011 - Fall Meeting
Meeting place to be announced later

Sangamon Valley Iris Society (SVIS)

February 18, 2011 - Valentine Potluck and Plan for Iris Show

March 18, 2011 - MDB Iris-Jim Morris

April 22, 2011 – Make an Iris Carrier-Dale Coates
May 14, 2011- Iris Show--Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Springfield, IL

July 23, 2011 Iris Auction for club members & Iris Sale for public Washington Park Botanical Gardens, Springfield, IL

September date TBD - Work Day at Washington Park Botanical Gardens

October 21, 2011 - Types of Iris-Nancy Pocklington

Southern Illinois Iris Society

April 10, 2011—Spring meeting

July 30, 2011—Fall meeting and sale

Northern Illinois Iris Society

March 20 - Board Meeting 1:30, Membership Meeting 2:30, Program to follow. Program: Master Gardener to speak on an iris-related topic. Westmont Public Library, Kwasek Meeting Room, Westmont, IL.

May 15 - Iris Exhibition/Mock Show and Lesson on Preparing for and Entering an Iris Show, with "Entry" feedback from AIS-accredited judges. Location and time TBA.

End of July - NIIS table and iris sale at Elmhurst Garden Walk?

August 21 - NIIS Summer Potluck Picnic and Plant Swap at Virginia Samel's award-winning garden in Berwyn, IL. Time TBA.

November 20 - Year-End Party, details TBA.

Northshore Iris and Daylily Society

No Input

Out-of-State Major Events

April 14-16, 2011—Median Iris Society convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(See information later in newsletter)

May 20-22, 2011—Region 18 meeting, Saint Joseph, Missouri

May 29 thru June 3, 2011—AIS Convention—Canada

September 30-October 1, 2011—Washington, Missouri—Region 18 meeting



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RITA CASEY GORMLEY (1941-2010)

Jim Morris

Where does one begin when describing a wonderful friend and one who was all things to all people in the Iris world? Anyone active in AIS or MIS or the many other iris organizations to which she was an active contributor or participant, knows the enormous hole that is left by the passing of Rita Gormley, 69, of DeLeon Springs, FL, in Region 5, and previously of Cedar Hills, MO, in Region 18. Rita had a massive stroke at home and died in hospice November 17, 2010. She was known as the “Energizer Bunny” to some because of her boundless energy and incredible drive to get things done.

Rita was born in Syracuse, NY, April 1, 1941 and graduated from North Syracuse High School. She worked in the insurance industry all her life culminating as VP Marketing & Sales for Walker Group in Syracuse, followed by a position as a specialty broker at AON Group in St. Louis, MO. She retired in 2001. She spent three years in Turkey in 1961-63 during a former husband’s USAF tour there. Rita was heavily involved in foster children programs in the 1960s and 1970s including hosting several kids of her own. She was also heavily involved in battered women’s shelters in Syracuse (Dorothy Day House) during the 1980s. She met Tom in Ithaca, NY in 1976 and they were married March 10 in East Syracuse and lived in Ithaca for a short while. They lived a year through 1977 in San Louis Obispo, CA, before returning east to Liverpool, NY for eleven years.

Rita and Tom, an engineer and patent holder in the air conditioning equipment business, moved in 1989 to Cedar Hills, MO, just outside the St. Louis area. Their son Kevin became interested in irises and the AIS youth program so Rita and Tom supported him and started their involvement with irises in 1991. Kevin went on to win the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Achievement Award and Rita was awarded the AIS Distinguished Service Medal at the AIS Fall 2010 board meeting in Portland, OR. We are so glad she was able to receive and enjoy the honor while also having a fun visit with friend Judy Nunn. Tom said, “Our Rita, over the course of her life has unreservedly thrown herself and all the resources available to her at every problem, issue or project that came her way.” Rita was active in the Greater St. Louis Iris Society and served as RVP of Region 18 2004-06, and after a 2007 family move (job related) to Dubuque, IA, served there as Assistant RVP of Region 21. Another job related move was made in 2009 to DeLeon Springs, FL. Rita’s iris involvement was legion and Tom has asked, “...all of you to step up to the bar and help me in making arrangements to transfer this workload to the many of you she was working with. Whether it was in her capacity as Editor of *The Medianite* or SJI *The*

Review, RVP Counselor, treasurer of HIPS or MemSec of MIS.” Tom continued, “There are a good many things that need to be attended to and I for one don’t want to be on the receiving end of one of her cat reminders.” Rita had enormous impact on MIS as editor of *The Medianite* for seven years, first as co-guest editor with Judy Keisling (Summer/Fall 2003, Vol. 44, No.1) and on her own through the Fall 2010 issue. The major undertaking of the *50th Anniversary History of The Medianite* (Spring 2007, Vol. 48, No.1) was a co-op effort with Jim Morris, Nyla Hughes, Perry Dyer and her graphics designer, husband Tom. She will always be special to our writers and editors.

Rita Gormley was preceded in death by her father Edward Thompson Casey; mother Loretta Schue Casey and Step-Mother Lillian Pilcher Casey, all of Syracuse, NY. She is survived by husband Tom; daughter Karla (Mark) Piazza and grandchildren Nicholas & Nathan of Baldwinsville, NY; daughter Suzan Oakley (Brian) Marsh of DeLeon, FL; son Kevin (Diane) Gormley and grandchildren Benice & Casey of Longmont, CO; and, Siamese cats “Sam What Am” and “Grace.”

Garden Judging of Louisiana Irises In May of 2012 (changed from 2011)

Southern Illinois Iris Society (SIIS) will sponsor 3 hours of free garden judging training of Louisiana Irises.

Trainers: Jerry and Melody Wilhoit

Location: El Dorado, Illinois

Guest Iris Chair: Steve Poole

This will be the first such judges training session of Louisiana Irises by Region 9 AIS. Pre-Registration will be needed to determine food quantities—more details at a later date.

Please mark your calendars now for this very special event!!



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MEDIAN HEAVEN IN 2011 April 14-16, 2011, in Oklahoma City, OK

See 5 great gardens with more than 424 cultivars of median irises (including arils) from over 45 hybridizers.



REGISTRATION:

\$120/person before March 15, 2011
\$140/person after March 15, 2011

Send registration and fee to:
Mona French
4521 NE 55th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73121-6024
email: mona@eclectic-garden.com
phone: 405 424 6634

Number of Registrants: _____

Money enclosed: _____

Meal preference: _____ meat _____ vegetarian

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Median Heaven in 2011 *April 14-16, 2011 in Oklahoma City*

Hotel: Clarion, 737 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City OK 73108;

Phone: 405-942-8511, 1-877-424-6423,

Rates: \$71 + tax per night, free continental breakfast,

Mention Median Iris for discounted rate before March 14, 2011.

Registration Fee: \$120 per person before March 15, 2011

\$140 per person after March 15, 2011

Send registration fee to: Mona French, 4521 NE 55th St., Oklahoma City OK 73121-6024

E-Mail: mona@eclectic-garden.com Phone: 405-424-6634

Please include your name, address and phone number/e-mail
along with your choice for meat or vegetarian meals.





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“MEDIAN HEAVEN IN 2011”, APRIL 14 -16, 2011
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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| THURSDAY, 4.14.11 | |
| Morning | Registration- 9 AM to 6 PM Mock Show Prep/ Entries / Hospitality |
| 2:00 - 4:00 PM | Mock Show Judges Training / Hospitality |
| 7:00 PM | Welcome Dinner & Program / Biltmore Hotel, transportation provided by volunteers. |
| FRIDAY, 4.15.11 | |
| 7:30 AM to 9:15 AM | Breakfast provided by Oklahoma Iris Society / Hotel |
| 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM | Depart Hotel |
| 10:15 AM- Noon | Stout Gardens |
| Noon to 1:00 PM | Lunch / Stout Gardens |
| 1:00 to 2:15 PM | Garden Judges Training / Stout Gardens |
| 2:30 to 4:30 PM | Tour The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum |
| 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM | Median Iris Society Board Meeting / Hotel Dinner on your own |
| 7:00 PM... | Program / Hotel |
| SATURDAY, 4.16.11 | |
| 8:00 AM | Depart Hotel |
| 8:15 AM-- 9:45 AM | Carson Garden (alternate busses) |
| 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM | Wade Garden (alternate busses) |
| 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM | Pavilion |



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| 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM | Will Rogers Park Iris Gardens |
| 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Awards Banquet / Hotel |
| 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Median Auction / Hotel |

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY (AIS)
REGION 6
SPRING MEETING & GARDEN TOUR
MAY 20-21, 2011

Region 6 of the American Iris Society, which includes Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, will hold its Spring Meeting and Garden Tour for 2011 in Lafayette, IN, hosted by the Indiana Daylily and Iris Society. This convention includes the following activities from Friday, May 20, 2011--Saturday May 21, 2011

Friday, May 20, 2011:

- Registration from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Best Western, Lafayette.
- Meet and greet, hospitality room, goody bags
- Snacks and slides

Saturday, May 21, 2011:

- Garden tour from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm by bus, with over 110 guest iris plants on display from nationally recognized hybridizers, plus classic old favorites and historic irises:

Swann-Young Garden, McCordsville

Wilke Garden, Lawrence

Allen Garden, Whitestown

Bunnell Garden, Lafayette

- Catered lunch at the Nolin Garden

- Garden judges training at the Bunnell Garden (Stephanie Markham)
- Banquet from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Best Western, Lafayette
- Dinner, Door Prizes

Guest Speaker, Stephanie Markham, (Hybridizer, 1st VP and Awards Chair for the Median Iris Society), Iris Auction (new and recent introductions)



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A block of rooms has been reserved for this convention at the Best Western Lafayette Executive Plaza & Conference Center, Lafayette IN under the name Indiana Daylily & Iris Society at a rate of \$82.99 per night. For room reservations: (765) 447-0575.

4343 State Road 26 East, Lafayette, IN 47905

For more information, contact Bruce Schaffer (Kettering, Ohio) at: (937) 254-2933.

REGISTRATION FORM AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY (AIS) REGION 6 SPRING MEETING & GARDEN TOUR MAY 20-21, 2011

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name (as you would like it to appear on badge)

Name (as you would like it to appear on badge)

Address:

Address:

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Full Registration (all events): _____ persons X \$90.00 = _____

Garden Tour Only (bus, lunch, garden booklet): _____ persons X \$60.00 = _____

Banquet Only (dinner, guest speaker, auction): _____ persons X \$30.00 = _____

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to: Barb Zupan (Barb is treasurer of the IDIS)

Mail your Registration Form and check to:

Chuck Bunnell (Registrar)

Phone: (975) 296-6955

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Email: whozher2003@yahoo.com

Lafayette, IN 47905



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Registration must be received by Monday, May 2, 2011.

NOTES: Bus transportation for the garden tour will leave from the Best Western Inn Lafayette promptly at 7:30 am on Saturday morning, May 21, 2011. Please arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 am.

[Do you have Special Dietary Requirements? Please identify: _____]





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American Iris Society-Region 9 Spring General Member Meeting Meeting Minutes

Hampton Inn & Suites, Meeting Room
Chuckwagon Drive Springfield, Illinois
August 14, 2010

Margaret Kelly, President, welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for taking time to support the local societies and the AIS.

Margaret introduced the prior Regional Vice Presidents who were present: Nancy Pocklington, Melody Wilhoit, Jerry Wilhoit, Orville Dickhaut, Chuck Simon, Ernie Henson, and Steve Poole.

She then introduced the new Regional Officers – Assistant RVP - Richard Funk, Secretary – Debra Miller, and Treasurer – John Bilski.

Call to Order:

Margaret called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes:

Margaret said the minutes were published in the newsletter. She asked for any revisions or corrections. There were none. Nancy Pocklington made a motion the minutes be approved as published. Steve Poole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Bilski gave the Treasurer's report. Chuck Simon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Richard Funk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter

Dave Miller provided a handout showing the newsletter costs from March 2009 through July 2010 and projected expenses for the fall newsletter. The handout also described the newsletter focus.

Dave provided an update on the Washington Park Botanical Gardens and talked about Washington Park hosting one of three MDB master beds of 500 MDB irises.

Dave also provided a list of gardens in the State of Illinois who the affiliates of Region 9 might consider partnering with.

By-Laws:

At the Spring meeting, Steve Poole reported Article 4 of the By Laws said that the Annual Membership meeting will be held the 3rd Saturday in August as determined by the RVP and accommodations availability. He made a motion to delete the wording "3rd Saturday". In reviewing the past minutes Debra Miller found this change had already been approved by Region 9. Steve Poole withdrew the change,

Iris Auction

Chuck Simon thanked everyone for helping – submitting press releases, digging irises and supporting sale, and helping set-up Friday. He reported 335 post cards were sent, the sale was posted on the website. Margaret reported the sale was announced in the Peoria Journal Star and the Pekin Times. Chuck suggested the results of the sale be reviewed at the spring meeting. He reported the silent auction was at the back of the room and that it contained 31 irises from Paul Black.

Membership

Margaret reported there are 126 members and 8 Youth members.



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Judges Training:

Becky Simon reported there are 35 judges in the region and that everyone met the August 1 deadline for reports.

Web Master

Dave Kelly reported everything is working well and those attending agreed. Dave received a round of applause (initiated by Ernie Henson) for a job well done.

Youth Co-Chair

Carol and Brian Davis who are the Co Chairs of this Committee were unable to attend. Margaret reminded everyone to submit youth member nominations for the Cosgrove Award. The nominations are to be submitted to the AIS Youth Chair, Cheryl Deaton before January 31, 2011. Cheryl's email is region15@hotmail.com. For more information see www.youth-iris.com.

Reports by Affiliate Presidents:

Northshore Iris & Daylily Society – Alice Simon unable to attend.

Prairie Iris Society – Jerry Wilhoit reported their events included:

April - Meeting at Hideaway Woods

May 22 – Iris Show

May 29 – Judges' Training on Spuria and Louisiana. People from three regions (Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky) attended.

June – AIS Convention – Madison Wisconsin

July 19 – Public Iris Sale at Lincoln Square – sales were down.

September 25 – Meeting at Hideaway Woods

Mid – Illinois and Southern Illinois Iris Society – Ernie Henson reported their events included:

3rd week of May – Exhibition with 40 to 50 entries (Southern Illinois)

May – Show with 100 entries

July sale – made \$1,100

Spring 2012 – 5 hours of Judges Training at Steve Poole's

Sangamon Valley Iris Society – Debra Miller reported SVIS had their first Iris Show on May 15. SVIS is had their second public iris sale in July .

Northern Illinois Iris Society – Diane reported the Society has been reorganized and they have a new Board. On November 21 they will have a holiday get together – potluck and gift exchange. They are also planning to meet the 3rd Sunday in February. The Society will be more iris focused.

Old Business:

August Meeting

Margaret reported Region 9 was recognized (in the program book) as contributors to the National AIS Convention at Madison, WI. She also reported Region 9 had a new celebrity at the convention – Steve Pool. She thanked those who attended the convention.

Margaret reviewed the involvement of Region 9 members in other societies:

Aril Society International – Margaret Kelly

Dwarf Iris Society – Dave Miller, Newsletter Editor

Median Iris Society – Ann Henson, former Secretary

Society for Louisiana Irises – Jerry and Melody Wilhoit

Society for Siberian Irises – Chuck Simon, 1st VP



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Region 18 Judges Training--Keith Keppel

Margaret reported Keith Keppel will provide training on October 16 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Mineral Area College in Farmington, Missouri. The cost is \$20 for 5 hours of training with lunch included.

Siberian Judges Training

Chuck Simon reported Rick Tasco will be providing training in Michigan on October 16. It is a two day event which includes Jim Copeland's infamous fish fry. They are expecting 120 to 130 people.

New Business

2011 Spring Meeting

Margaret discussed the date of the Spring Meeting. It was decided the Spring Meeting will be April 2, 2011 at Rochester Community Center at 10 o'clock. It was decided we would have a potluck. Orville Dickhaut made a motion that the topic be Gardening Tips. Nancy Pocklington seconded. Motion carried.

Deb Miller made a motion that there be a plant auction of plants donated by members – the plant can be an iris, a perennial, or iris item. Orville Dickhaut seconded. Motion carried.

2011 Fall Meeting

Ernie Henson made a motion that the Fall Meeting will be August 13, 2011. Norma seconded. Motion carried. It was decided to reserve the Washington Park Botanical Garden. Everyone agreed Hampton Inn & Suites is a good hotel. Details will be discussed and finalized at the 2011 Spring Meeting.

AIS 2011 Convention Package

The AIS is holding a drawing for a 2011 Convention Package. The Convention is at Fairmount Empress Hotel, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The package includes registration for 2 people for 5 nights plus two tickets to Butchart Gardens. Margaret has tickets. The ticket prices are:

1 ticket \$1.00
3 tickets for \$10.00
7 ticket for \$20.00

Tickets are available until December 31, 2010.

In Your Backyard

Margaret reported Kelly Norris, editor of the Bulletin of the American Iris Society is soliciting contributions to a new department called "InYour Backyard". This is an opportunity for readers to contribute information about:

What is going on in their garden
What varieties grew well this season
What turned out to be your favorite cultivar
What new species you grew with success
Garden news

Iris Encyclopedia

Margaret reported there is a new Iris Encyclopedia (a wiki) of the American Iris Society. People can view and add iris photos. Margaret suggested we check it out.

Thank You for Iris

Margaret thanked the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, the Missouri Botanical Garden, and Mid Illinois Iris Society for the irises donated to the public sale.

Thank You from Norma Bennett

Margaret read a thank you card from Norma Bennett for the flowers for Fred.



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Memorials for Fred Bennett and Avis Varner

Joe Carlove made a motion that we give \$50 to the AIS General Fund in memorial to Fred Bennett and Avis Varner. Jerry Wilhoit seconded. Motion carried.

Other

Steve Poole showed pictures of his Iris beds.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Miller, Secretary, Region 9 AIS, January 11, 2010

UPDATE ON WASHINGTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDENS

WASHINGTON PARK IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE IRIS GARDEN.

**SVIS MEMBERS WORKED FROM A SCHEDULE THIS YEAR TO KEEP GARDEN MAINTAINED-
-WE WERE ASSISTED BY THE PARK STAFF TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EFFORT.**

**PARK STAFF IS VERY INTERESTED IN HOSTING ONE OF THREE MDB BEDS IN THE
UNITED STATES-EACH ONE OF THESE BEDS WOULD HOST 500 MDB'S.**

**PARK STAFF IS WILLING TO HELP WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE MDB BED-THIS BED
WOULD ATTRACT VISITORS FROM THIS PART OF THE NATION.**

**ROBERT PRIES HAS INFORMED THE DWARF IRIS SOCIETY, HIS GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH
THREE 500 MDB BEDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ONE 1,000 MDB BED IN
KANSAS AT A LOCATION YET TO BE DETERMINED. SPRINGFIELD WOULD BE
ONE THE THREE 500 BED MDB GARDENS.**



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PARTNER GARDENS WITHIN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

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| ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS | ROCKFORD |
| CANTIGNY PARK | WHEATON |
| CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN | GLENCOE |
| FELL ARBORETUM | ISU, NORMAL |
| GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY | CHICAGO |
| MABERY GELVIN BOTANICAL GARDEN | MAHOMET |
| KLEHM ARBORETUM AND BOTANIC GARDEN | ROCKFORD |
| LADD ARBORETUM | EVANSTON |
| LILACIA PARK | LOMBARD |
| LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDENS | SPRINGFIELD |
| LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY | CHICAGO |
| LONGVIEW PARK CONSERVATORY AND GARDENS | ROCK ISLAND |
| GEORGE L. LUTHY MEMORIAL BOTANICAL GARDENS | PEORIA |
| MORTON ARBORETUM | LISLE |
| OAK PARK CONSERVATORY | OAK PARK |
| DON OPEL ARBORETUM--HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE | FREEPORT |
| QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER | ROCK ISLAND |
| STANDISH PARK ARBORETUM | GALESBURG |
| UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN | CHICAGO |
| UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ARBORETUM | URBANA |
| UNIVERSITY OF ILL CONSERVATORY & PLANT COLLECTION | URBANA |
| WASHINGTON PARK BOTANICAL GARDENS | SPRINGFIELD |
| WILDER PARK CONSERVATORY | ELMHURST |



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“Gardens in our Back Yard” **Traveling the State with Dave Miller** **Luthy Botanical Garden, Peoria, Illinois**

Garden Mission Statement: to provide a garden showcase and resource center, highlighting the vital connections between people and plants. Address for the garden is: 2218 N. Prospect (corner of Prospect & Gift), Peoria, IL 61603. You can reach the garden at: 309-686-3362

The George Luthy Memorial Botanical Garden encompasses five acres of landscaped displays that give you ideas for your own gardening endeavors. The Garden also offers a place to escape the rush of everyday life and enjoy a relaxing time in one of Peoria’s most beautiful sites. Make sure you visit the redesigned Rose Garden, and venture off the sidewalk to see hidden treasures at the far corners of the Garden. Then enjoy the vibrant tropicals inside our Conservatory, home of the ever popular Lily Show, the Orchid Show on Mothers' Day and the Plant Sale this spring.

Conservatory and Garden Shop Hours

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| Tuesday-Saturday | 10 am-5 pm |
| Tuesday-Saturday | 10 am-7 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day) |
| Sunday | 12-5 pm |
| Monday | Closed |

Garden and Conservatory Admission

\$2 for adults (13 and up). Children 12 and under and Garden Members are free. Admission may vary with special events and shows. Luthy Botanical Garden is proud to be a member of the American Public Garden Association (APGA). Luthy Botanical Garden participates in the reciprocal admissions program sponsored by the American Horticultural Society.

Directions to the Garden: From I-74 West: take Exit 89 and War Memorial Drive East (U.S. 150 East); stay on eastbound War Memorial Drive. Continue on War Memorial Drive through 7 stoplights, to Prospect Road (Prospect Road is at the 8th light and approximately 2.5 miles from the War Memorial exit. Turn right on Prospect Road, (which is south); continue on Prospect Road going through 2 stoplights to Gift Avenue. Gift Avenue will be 6 blocks or .3 miles after the 2nd stoplight. Turn left onto Gift Avenue (sign at corner) and follow it to the right into our parking lot. **From I-74 East:** take Exit 89 and War Memorial Drive East (U.S. 150 East); stay on eastbound War Memorial Drive. Continue on War Memorial Drive through 7 stoplights, to Prospect Road (Prospect Road is at the 8th light and approximately 2.5 miles from the War Memorial exit). Turn right on Prospect Road, (which is south); continue on Prospect Road going through 2 stoplights to Gift Avenue. Gift Avenue will be 6 blocks or .3 miles after the 2nd stoplight. Turn left onto Gift Avenue (sign at corner) and follow it to the right into our parking lot.

Quick Tour of the Garden:

- **Tropical Conservatory** housing tropical plants and succulents
- **15 Theme Gardens/Borders within 5 Acres:** AARS Rose Garden, Children's Garden, Cottage Garden, Crabapple Cove, Fall Border, Flowering Shrub, Herb Garden, Hosta Glade, Prairie Border, Spring Border, Viburnum Border, Wildlife Garden, Wilson Garden, Woodland Garden
- **The Luthy Garden Shop:** Our Garden Shop carries some of the most unique merchandise in Peoria--everything from educational toys and books to jewelry, garden tools and plants. Remember, Garden members receive 10% off all purchases, so ask about becoming a member!
- **Floral Shows:** Lily Show, Orchid Show, Chrysanthemum Show, Poinsettia Show
- **Adult Classes & Tours:** We offer Garden tours and classes on a wide variety of topics ranging from gardening basics to making hypertufa troughs.



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- **School Programs & Tours for Children:** Introduction to Plants, Nature's Kitchen, Rainforest Versus the Desert program, Terrarium program, Garden Scavenger Hunt, Garden/Greenhouse/Conservatory tours
- **Special Events:** Wine and Roses, Gigs in the Garden, Rhapsody in Bloom Arts Festival, Rhythm in the Rainforest, Jinglin' Jazz, Spring Plant Sale, June Plant Sale, Garish Garden Show, Kwanza Show
- **Production:** Each year we produce 100,000 flowers, grasses and tropicals that are planted throughout the city in parks, boulevards and the streets

Region 9 2010 Symposium Top two vote winners:



'Dusky Challenger' (Schreiner, R. 1986)



'Vanity' (Ben Hager, R. 1974)