



AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY (AIS), REGION 9, NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2023



'Memories of Melody' (J. Copeland 2016)

AIS Region 9, State Spring Meeting, Saturday, April 1, 2023

Tazewell County Farm Bureau Building, 1505 Valla Vista, Pekin, IL

Agenda : 10AM: Short Business Meeting, Silent Auction

Morning Program: "Review of 2022 Iris Award Winners" by American Iris Society - in Pictures

Lunch: Box Lunch – see page 4 for your *choice* of lunch or you may bring your lunch

Send your reservation and lunch order and payment

to Margaret Kelly by March 29th

Make checks payable to AIS Region 9

After Lunch Program:

Louisiana Irises With Jerry Wilhoit,

Emeritus Judge of AIS, Owner of Red Bud Iris Gardens – Kansas, IL,

Former RVP, Former President of Prairie Iris Society

COMING EVENTS: Everyone is welcome to all events

1. **American Iris Society National Convention:** April 12 – 16, 2023, Grapevine, Texas. More information may be found in *Iris*, *The Bulletin of the American Iris Society*, or the American Iris Society website: irises.org
2. **Sangamon Valley Iris Society Iris Show:** Saturday May 20, 2023 Washington Park Botanical Exhibit Hall, Springfield, IL. All are welcome to show their irises.
3. **Fall Illinois Region 9 Meeting, Public Sale, Silent Auction for AIS members, plus a speaker on irises:** Aug 11 & Aug 12, 2023 Hampton Inn, SW and Washington Botanical Garden, Springfield
4. **Webinars** coming by zoom, watch The American Iris Society “News and Notes” for details.
March 8: Reticulata Irises **April 5:** Growing Siberian Irises with Bob Hollingworth
Summer – date to be announced: Irises of Israel

The American Iris Society announced “The Iris of the Year”
for 2023 tall bearded ‘Football Hero’ (L. Miller 2015)



‘Football Hero’
Photo by Lynda Miller

REMEMBERING FRIENDS -

It is with great sadness that I tell you of the passing of Chuck Simon of Willowbrook. Chuck has been a member of the American Iris Society since 1972, Past RVP, Past Chairman of Region 9 Iris Sale, and member and Past President of Northern Iris Society. Please keep his family in your prayers and thoughts.

Attention AIS Judges – there have been changes in the 8.22 edition of the Handbook for Judges -see page 18 in Winter 2023, *Iris*, *The Bulletin of the American Iris Society* for updates. Copies of the new edition of handbooks are available at the AIS Storefront.

AIS IRIS ENCYCLOPEDIA – In case you have not experienced the Encyclopedia (wiki) – it offers a wealth of information about irises and iris events. Go to American Iris Society, click on resources, then iris encyclopedia.

Gardening Tip:

Here is the recipe for Alfalfa Tea (used as liquid fertilizer):

2 ½ Tablespoons Epsom Salts

2 ½ Tablespoons plant food (like Miracle Grow)

2 ½ cups Alfalfa meal or pellets

Put all in a 5-gallon bucket. Fill bucket with water to the rim.

Let these ingredients stand for a day or two. (It will start to smell.)

Stir and pour into sprinkling can and water plants

Works well on irises as well as roses

PHOTO CONTEST: Please congratulate Greg Glothzbach of Yorkville, who received Honorable Mention in the 2022 Photo Contest in the category: “Iris photos – MACRO”. The titles are: “Gift 30 Years Ago” and “Sorbonne”



HONORABLE MENTION—Iris photos-MACRO: “Gift 30 Years Ago”
GREG GLOTZBACH



HONORABLE MENTION—Iris photos-MACRO: “Sorbonne”
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The American Iris Society 2023 Photo Contest May 1 – August 1. This contest is free and open to anyone. More information in Winter 2023, Irises, The Bulletin of the American Iris Society.

2022 AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium Top Ten



Edith Wolford

1. Victoria Falls
2. Black is Black
3. Edith Wolford
4. Elizabethan Age
5. Going My Way
6. Hello Darkness
7. Hollywood Nights
8. Money in Your Pocket
9. Plot Line
10. Rare Treat

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Lunch Box Choice _____

Payment _____

Return completed by **March 29, 20**

Box Lunch provided by Avanti's of Pekin

All sandwiches made on Avanti's bread (whole wheat available)

Choice of 1/3 sandwich, chips and cookie \$8.00 tax included

Choice of 1/2 sandwich, chips and cookie \$9.00 tax included

Sandwich selection listed below 1-8

1. **Veggie Gondola...** Mozzarella cheese, American cheese, cucumber, onion, green pepper, tomato, and lettuce
- 2, **Veggie Gondola w/ Turkey**
- 3, **Avanti's Famous Gondola...** ham, Salami, American cheese, and lettuce.
4. **Avanti's Gondola Deluxe...** extra ham and salami, American cheese, Mozzarella cheese, tomato, and lettuce.
5. **Ham & Cheese...** ham, American or mozzarella cheese, and lettuce
6. **Turkey, Ham & American Cheese Gondola...** turkey, ham & American cheese, and lettuce
7. **Turkey & Swiss Gondola...** turkey, Swiss cheese, tomato, and lettuce
8. **Turkey & Swiss Gondola Supreme...** turkey, Swiss cheese, tomato, lettuce, cucumber, onion, and green pepper

Box Lunch includes: sandwich, chips, cookie, napkin, and condiments.

Coffee, tea, soda, and bottled water will be provided.

Send all registration and box lunch orders to:

Margaret Kelly, RVP

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