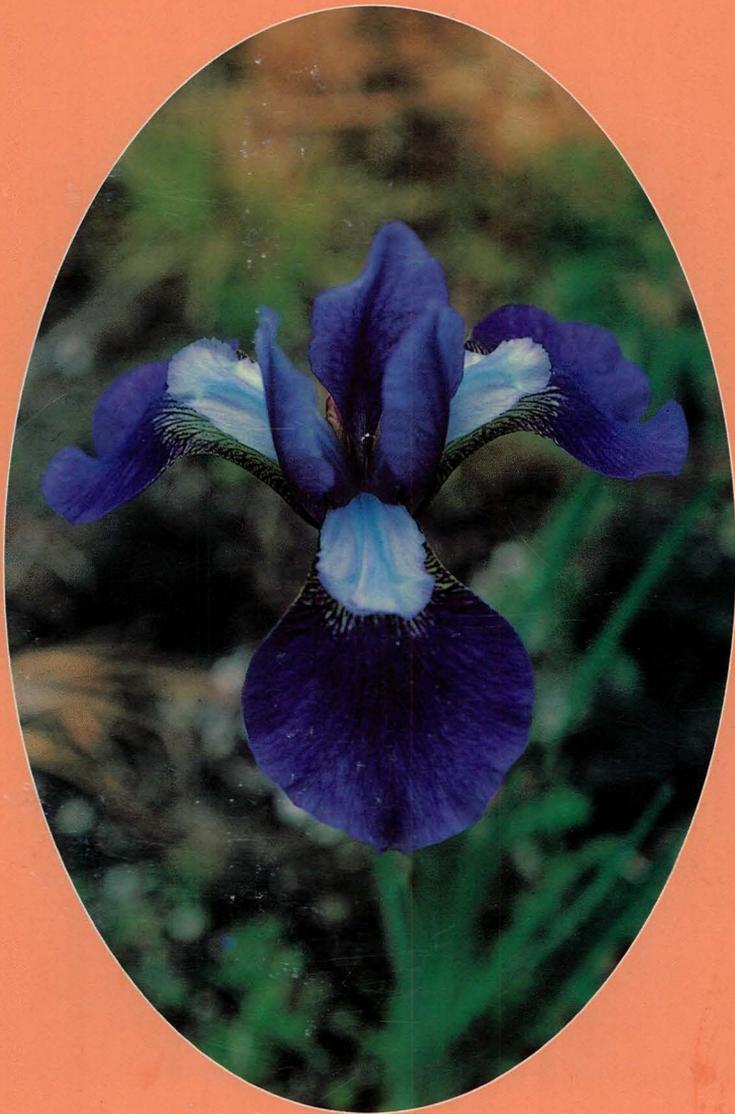


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Bottom - CAESAR'S BROTHER (Morgan '31).  
Photo by Anna Mae Miller**

## **President's Message**

I am honored to have been elected President of the Society For Siberian Irises and am eager to serve to the best of my ability. Tom Abrego has led the group well for the last three years and has left very large sandals for me to fill. The former officers and directors of SSI have helped us to build a reputation of excellence. The new slate of officers and board members who have agreed to serve your Society are fantastic, and with their support we can meet any challenge.

The Society is, however, only as good as its membership, and we are hoping that each of you will contribute in some small way to the success of the whole. I welcome any suggestions or ideas that any of you have or ways to better serve our members. Drop me a line, e-mail or all. I'd love to hear from each of you in the next three years.

The annual meeting of the Society will be in conjunction with the American Iris Society national convention in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The board will meet from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 22, and the annual meeting and program will be WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend either meeting and offer ideas and suggestions to further our Society. The location of this convention in prime growing territory will offer many opportunities to see Siberian irises in the landscape as well as in commercial settings. My personal garden will be one of the tour gardens for the convention, and so I have some first-hand knowledge of the quantity of Siberians available to be seen.

I am pleased to report that we are making great progress in updating our display garden program (SDG) headed by

Bill Dougherty and Bill Smoot. You will find a copy of the new list in this issue. Make a resolution to visit at least one of the display gardens this year. Would you like to have your garden listed? Contact either of the Chairmen.

Please read through the revised SSI by-laws and send any comments to me PROMPTLY. We need to vote as a Society to accept a revised version at our annual meeting before progress toward non-profit status can continue.

This, of course, is the first issue of TSI composed by our new Editor, Ellen Gallagher. Judy Hollingworth, in her 14 years as editor, set the standard of excellence extremely high. While Ellen has some interesting and exciting ideas of her own for articles, she would like to make this journal reflect your interests and needs. Please contact her with ideas for articles that you would like to see in future issues.

I would like to thank the new committee chairmen who have agreed to serve SSI. Tom Abrego will be our new PUBLICITY chairman, Michael Zarky has accepted responsibility for the ROBINS program, and Bill Dougherty is joining Bill Smoot as co-chairman of the SDG. We are also grateful that Bob Hollingworth has agreed to continue to head the SLIDE and the RESEARCH committees again. Linda Doffek is our new MEMBERSHIP chairman having taking over from Howard Brookins who served SSI ably for many years. Howard decided to step aside for health reasons. Thank you Howard for your years of service and we are fortunate that you will continue as PUBLICATIONS chairman.

Please be sure that you take time to visit our interesting and informative SSI web page:

(<http://w3/one.net/~wilsonjh/ssi.htm>) maintained by Jim Wilson. Good pictures of award winners are always welcome to complete our collection.

Instructions were printed in the Fall 2000 TSI for sending Siberian and species' guest irises for the 2003 convention in Burlington/Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. We are all looking forward to seeing lots of new things at that meeting, and it is not too early to start making your plans to attend.

I would like to wish everyone a good year growing, showing, studying and viewing Siberian irises.

*Carol Warner*



## 2000 SIBERIAN REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

(From the AIS Registrations and Introductions, 2000, compiled by Keith Keppel, Registrar, and catalogued by Howard Brookins of SSI)

**ADRENALINE RUSH**, (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2000). Sdlg. 92JS1B. SPEC-X (48" 122cm) EM S. light blue-violet, center veined blue; stylearms lighter blue-violet, gold at hafts. Unknown JI X unknown SI.

**ALLY OOPS** (Dana Borglum, R. 2000). Sdlg A006 SPEC-X (18" 46cm) EM. S. and stylearms light blue; F. yellow, blue veining F. yellow, blue veining, foliage tall, ribbed center. Parentage unknown ---- presumed siberian X *pseudacorus*..

**BEGIN THE BEGUINE** (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2000) Sdlg SSTT 287 SIB (sino-sib, tet) 32" (80cm) M. Dark violet F. with yellow signal lines. Eckard Berlin Sdlg.. (converted) x Tamberg sdlg (converted). Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**BERLIN NETWORK** (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2000) Sdlg SSTT 350 SPEC-X, 24" (60cm) M. S. medium blue, some darker lines: F. blue lined network on lighter ground, white and yellow signal. Cream yellow *siberica* sdlg. (tet) X Mint Fresh. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**BLAUE MILCHSTRASSE** (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2000) Sdlg SSTT 313 SIB (tet), 28" (70cm) S. light blue; stylearms lighter blue. F. dappled mediumblue, whitish signal. Regency Bell X sdlg.

**BLUE SERAPH** Gary Dunlop by Jennifer Hewitt, R. 2000. Sdlg. DPG SIB (dip) 30" (75cm,) EM S. pale blue (near RHS 95D), stylearms paler blue; F. pale blue-violet (near 92C) deeper blue-violet on shoulders and around yellow to white signal, hafts light yellow. Origin and parentage unknown.

**BOOK OF SECRETS** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R.2000) Sdlg. S92-75-12 SIB, 28" (71cm), M. S. chalky white, haft pale yellow; stylearms pearly white, warm yellow cast; F. chalky white, very pale lavender (RHS 76B) flush, deep golden yellow (13B) signal blending into light yellow (4C). S89-16-1; (Reprise X Mad Magenta) X S89-9-2; (Isabelle x Silver Illusion). Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**BUNDLE OF JOY** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000) Sdlg. 95JEC24-1, SIB (tet) 24" (61cm), M. S. multiple (6-9) rose violet, tight cup formation; stylearms dark rose, usually absent; F. (3) dark wine, velvety, strongly flared to horizontal. Colchicine-converted sib to Tornado Rose. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**BUTTERFLY FOUNTAIN** (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2000). Sdlg. SSTT 610, SPEC-X (sibtosa), 30" (75cm). M. White, F. with small brownish yellow signal. Snow Prince X *I. setosa alba*. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**CANANDAIGUA LADY** (Dana Borglum R. 2000). Sdlg. CL 00 SIB, 30" (81cm) L. S. .medium blue; style arms near-white; F. medium to dark blue. Unknown Parentage.

**COLD FROSTY MORNING** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks R.. 2000). Sdlg S92-117-11. SIB, 27" (69cm), L. Clean white self, signal hidden; stylearms white, green center flush. Careless Sally X Just Because. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**COMMON DENOMINATOR** (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2000). Sdlg. 92JS2A. SPEC-X, 43" (109cm) EM. S. lavender lightly veined medium-purple, white wire edge; stylearms cream brushed light purple; F. white washed lavender, dark yellow signal lined olive green with narrow soft blue halo and purple veins radiating outward, sides of throat grape. Unknown JI X Unknown SIB.

**DIRIGO BY DESIGN** (John White, R 2000). Sdlg 965B-MW5-4, SIB (tet) 26" (66cm), ML. S. Medium blue-violet, whitish edge; stylearms white, slight aqua rib, feathered; F. medium blue-violet, whiteish edge, yellow signal; ruffled.. Dirigo Ruffled Feathers X feathered sib 93K-B11-5.

**DIRGO RUFFLED FEATHERS** (John White, R. 2000). Sdlg. 93K-B11-20. SIB (tet.) 30' (76cm), ML. S. light blue-violet paling to whitish rim; stylearms white, feathered at top; F. light blue-violet paling to whitish rim, lightly ruffled. Ivory Cream X McEwen T(6)83-94.

**DORFFEST** (Artur Winkelmann, R. 1992. Winkelmann 2000.

**DOUBLE STANDARDS** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000) Sdlg. S95Y-6, SIB dip. 34" (87cm) M. S. light blue-violet (6+, stamens converted to standards); stylearms light blue-violet, usually absent; F. (3) blue-violet, gold signal inside large white sunburst halo, horizontal, sometimes with additional 3 F. in center nest of S. to give hose-in-hose form. S93R-2 (Silver Illusion x S90M-8 (Mesa Pearl x Silver Illusion)) X Shebang. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**EGOIST** (Sergey Loktev, R. 2000). Sdlg. Z1, SIB 27" (68cm), VE-M. S. medium blue, center lighter; stylearms medium blue, blue-white midrib; F. blue rimmed darker, hafts brownish bordeaux violet, pale lemon signal on white. Ego X unknown.

**GIN GAME** (Calvin Helsley, R. 1999). Helsey 2000.

**GORING STEEPLE** (Peter Maynard, R. 2000). Sdlg. GBS 9/97. SPEC-X (cal-sib, tet) 28" (72cm). M. S. indian yellow (RHS 19C); stylearms near aureolin yellow (12D); F. magenta-rose (near 186C), flushed and veined plum purple (79A), hafts buttercup yellow (15A). From sdlgs).

**GOSSAMER BREEZE** (Chandler Fulton, R. 2000) Sdlg. F8A11. SIB dip. 33" (84cm) EM. S. blueberry blue (RHS 93C) veined darker (93B); stylearms blueberry blue, midrib darker; F. creamy naples yellow (11C) aging paler empire yellow (11D), veined blue (93B), hafts with beech brown (165A) veining. Sparkle X Snow Prince.

**GRACE ASHLEY** (William Shear, R. 2000) SIB dip. 18" (46cm). L Deep violet-blue self. F. small gold signal; narrow verticle form. Selection of *I. sanguinea* at Niche Gardens, NC.

**GRAPE RUFFLES** (Dana Borglum, R. 1999). Borglum 2000.

**INTAGLIO** (Christy Ann Hensler, Reg. 2000) Sdlg. 92JS9A. SPEC-X, 44" (112cm), M. S. medium grape, white wire edge, light lavender-blue basal flush; style arms white, brushed medium purple; F. white heavily sanded and veined medium purple, dark yellow signal lined olive green with blue at bottom of signal becoming dark grape at shoulders. Unknown JI X Unknown Sib.

**JACK'S HEALTH** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg. S93-52-1 SIB dip. 30" (76cm), E. S. light rosy- pink (RHS 77C/D), pale white centerline; stylearms pearly white, rosy flush darkest at midrib; maroon anthers; F. rosy-pink (77B/C) some darker speckling, small white signal with dark rosy veining. S88-11-2 (Mad Magenta x Lady Vanessa) X S90-

58-3: (S87-58-3: (S87-9-4: (Lavender Light x Mad Magenta) x Pleasures of May)). Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**JIGGLES** (Bob Bauer/John Coble, R. 2000). Sdlg. S95L-5. SIB dip., 32" (81cm), EM. S. light blue; stylearms light blue; midrib turquoise, edges and crests ruffled; F. light blue, veined slightly darker, light yellow signal with white halo, ruffled. Just Because X S88N-2: (S85P-1: (Ruffled Velvet x unknown) x S85P-2, sib). Ensata Gardens 2000.

**JUNGER FALTER** (Artur Winkelmann, R. 1992 Winkelmann 2000.

**KARLA'S FADED DENIMS** (Dana Borglum, R. 2000). Sdlg. KFD 97. SIB, 30" (76cm), M. Stone-washed blue, deeper on edges and hafts. Parentage unknown.

**LAKE SENECA** (Dana Borglum, R. 1999) Borglum 2000.

**LAUGHING ALLEGRA** (Harold Stahly R. 2000). Sdlg. 92-37. SIB dip. 26" (65cm). M. Ruffled pinkish-lavender (RHS 84A/B), S. with aqua midrib, stylearms with aqua keel, F. with full length aqua centerline and small yellow-green signal with deep blue-veined halo. Reprise X Unknown. Stahly 2000.

**LEMON VEIL** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95-1. SIB, 34" (87cm), EM. S. pearl white, yellow midvein; stylearms pearl white, base shaded lavender; F. light yellow ground overlaid pearl lavender with lavender veins, gold yellow signal, green throat. S93R-2: (Silver Illusion x S90M-8: (Mesa Pearl x Silver Illusion)) X Shebang. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**MAGNUM BORDEAUX** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95T-1. SIB, dip. 32" (81cm), M. S. wine red held at

45-degree angle; stylearms wine red, ruffled side wings and crests. F. wine red, blue violet veins extending from blue-violet halo, white signal area. S93P-3 (S90M-8: (Mesa Pearl x Silver Illusion) x S89N-2:(Temper Tantrum x Ruffled Velvet) X S93J-1: S90M-8 x Devil's Dream). Ensata Gardens 2000.

**MEREL** (Michael Midgley, R. 2000). SIB 22" (55cm). M. Royal Blue, F. with gold line signal. Parentage Unknown.

**MERRYSRING** (Currier McEwen,, R. 2000) Sdlg. T(8)92/24A. SIB (tet) 30" (76cm). EML. S. pale sap green (RHS 150D) veined deeper (150C); stylearms tufted, pale yellow (3C/D); F. hafts with green (150A) veining; ruffled rounded and flared form. T(7)84/62: (Green Promise x Golden Crimping) X Chartreuse Encore.

**PAGLIACCI** (Christy Ann Hensler, R. 2000). Sdlg 92JS11A SPEC-X, 24" (61cm). EM. S. Medium red violet, white wire edge, small blue basal flash; stylearms white, heavily dusted light-purple; F. white ground with pinstriping beginning as dark blue at yellow signal and changing to red violet near edge; S. cupped, upright, F. bowed. Unknown JI X Unknown SIB.

**PENNYWHISTLE** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks R. 2000) Sdlg. S92-79-11. SIB dip. 34" (86cm) EM. S. violet (RHS 93B): stylearms light blue, midrib darker; F. blue violet (94A), darker (95A) veining, large signal gold, changing to yellow and cream, veined dark blue violet; slight fragrance. S89-23-1: (Star Cluster x Ruffled Velvet) x Isabelle) X Snow Prince. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**RACHEL HEWITT** (Jennifer Hewitt, R. 2000). Sdlg B801/3. SIB dip. 27" (68cm). M. S. light violet blue (RHS 97B), upright; style arms very pale, darker (97B) midrib, edges,

and crests; F. light violet blue (97A) fading (97B) on lower half, greenish yellow signal edged white; F. flared horizontally. Clee Hills X Dear Delight.

**RED ROYALE** (Hugh Pearson, SIB, R. 1991). Whitehouse Perennials 1998.

**RIGAMAROLE** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95Y-3 SIB, dip. 34" (87cm), M. S. (9+) light pink lavender; stylearms absent; F. (9+) lavender, edges light pink, yellow signal inside large white sunburst halo; hose in hose form. Sib to Double Standards. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**ROLLING CLOUD** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg. S92-38-12. SIB, 29" (74cm). E. White, F. with hint of yellow signal; stylearms white, upright, with large curls. S87-10-1: (Mad Magenta x Percheron) X Sailor's Fancy. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**ROSY BOWS** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95L-2. SIB, 30" (76cm), EM. S. rose lavender; stylearms lighter; F. rose red, edges rose lavender, white signal with bluish halo; heavily ruffled. Sib to Jiggles. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**ROWDEN AURELIUS** (John & Galen Carter, R. 2000) SIB 38" (97cm), M. S. dark royal blue, midrib whitish at base; style arms lighter royal blue, darker midrib; F. dark royal blue, signal yellow with tawny overlay at edge. Probably---from Marcus Perry X Emperor.

**SAPPHIRE ROYALE** (Hugh Pearson, SIB, R. 1991) Chapman 1999.

**SEA OF DREAMS** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg. S92-38-13. SIB, 35" (89cm), EM & RE. S. Blue

(RHS 97C/D), diffused darker veining; style arms blue (97D), aqua midrib, deep blue picoteed wire edge; F. blue (97A/B) overall effect, with lighter ground and darker veining overall effect, with lighter ground and darker veining especially on shoulders, signal soft yellow veined dark blue; slight fragrance. S87-10-1: (Mad Magenta x Percheron) X Sailor's Fancy. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**SENECA GLACIER FLOW** (Dana Borglum R. 1999). Borglum 2000.

**SENECA MOODSTONE** (Dana Borglum R. 1999). Borglum 2000.

**SENECA PROM GOWN** (Dana Borglum R. 1999). Borglum 2000.

**SENECA SILVERY SKIES** (Dana Borglum R. 1999). Borglum 2000.

**SENECA WINE TRAIL** (Dana Borglum R. 2000). Sdlg. SWT 00. SIB, 30" (76cm), M. S. light pink; speckled darker; F. rose pink, light narrow edge, dark wine veins in center. From sdlg. Parentage unknown.

**SOMEBODY LOVES ME** (Robert Hollingworth, R. 1998). Sdlg. 92J3B20. SIB tet, 32" (81cm) EM. Ruffled medium blue violet, F. with very large white blaze; stylearms light blue. 88U2D4: (((Wizardy x Wildwood Springs sib) x (78F1, induced tet. from Dreaming Spires Spires, x 78G2, induced tet. from Cambridge)) x (Happy Event x 82J2C7, Jewelled Crown sib.)) X Coronation Anthem. Windwood Gardens 1998 **(Pollen parentage added).**

**STEPS IN BLUE** (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2000) Sdlg. SSTT

373 SIB tet, 32" (80cm), M. S. light blue; stylearms pale blue; F. medium blue hafts, lower part lighter, small yellowish signal; ruffled, flared. Marshmallow Frosting X sdlg. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg. 93-52-3. SIB 28" (71cm). EM Deep rosy-pink (RHS 77A-C) self, F. with white signal nearly covered by heavy rosy veining; style arms lighter, speckled and flushed blue violet. Sib to Jack's Health. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**SUNNY SPELLS** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg.. 92-88-14. SIB 35" (89cm), M. S. pale yellow (RHS10D), darker (13C)highlights; stylearms light yellow, darker (13C) tips and shadings; F. yellow (10A), warm yellow (13B) signal blending imperceptibly into yellow (10A); slight fragrance. S89-23-4: (S85-6-6: (Star Cluster x Ruffled Velvet) x Isaabella) X Careless Sally). Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**TOM SCHAEFER** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg. S93-76-2. SIB, 27" (69cm), ML. 12D), S. light yellow (RHS 12D), deeper edge and veins; stylearms pearly yellow (10D); F. deep smooth yellow (13A/B, deep yellow (13A) signal indistinguishable. S90-48-3: (S86-18-1: (Percheron x Butter and Sugar) X Hollingworth 91Y2A8: inv Butter and Sugar, ruffled velvet. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**TORNADO ROSE** (Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95JE-1, SIB, 36" (91cm), E. S. S. (3 - 6) light lavender pink veined turquoise blue; stylearms lavender pink, usually absent; F. (3 - 6) rose pink , darker veins, lighter rim, signal green yellow veined rose; hose-in-hose form. S93J-6; (S90M-8: (Mesa Pearl x Silver Illusion ) x Devil's Dream) X S93E-9: (S89A-2:(Shirley Pope x Sultan's Ruby sib) x Ranman). Ensata Gardens 2000.

**TUMBLE BUG** Bob Bauer/John Coble R. 2000). Sdlg. S95JE-5 SIB 34" (87cm), M. S.(3-6) rose wine; stylearms absent; F. (6) dark rose wine; small yellow signal with large white halo veined dark wine; hose-in-hose form. Sib to Tornado Rose. Ensata Gardens 2000.

**TURN A PHRASE** (Marty Schaefer/Jan Sacks, R. 2000). Sdlg S92-54-10. SIB 36" (91cm). E & RE. S. light blue (97D), faint darker veining; style arms pale blue, touched dark blue (93A/B) on some edges; F. medium blue (97B), darker (96B) veining and dappling, dark (95A) rim heaviest (93A) at shoulders, small white signal with blue veining and halo; slight fragrance. S89-4-1: (Forrest McCord x Devil's Dream) X Careless Sally. Joe Pye Weed 2000.

**WISE GIFT** (R.A. Wise, deceased, by Peter Maynard, R. 2000). SPEC-X (cal-sib), 22" (65 cm), M. S. near bishop's violet (darker than RHS 81A); stylearms bishop's violet (81A to 82A); F. bishop's violet (81A), hafts pansy (83A), aureolin yellow (12B) midrib. Parentage unknown.

## AIS Gold Medal to Currier McEwen

*By Ted White*

Dr. Currier McEwen was presented the American Iris Society's Gold Medal by at the Maine Iris Society's Japanese Iris Show in Auburn, ME on July 8, 2000. This prestigious award was voted by the AIS Board of Directors and is presented only to those individuals who have made truly outstanding contributions to the Society. AIS Board member irisarian Shirley Pope, who is Currier's long-time friend, presented the medal in the presence of his friends in the Maine Iris Society.

Dr. McEwen's work with Japanese and Siberian irises is, of course, well known throughout our country and the world. As the pioneer of tetraploidy in Siberian and Japanese irises, he has made major contributions to the world of irises. His work with tetraploidy in irises has not only earned him worldwide acclaim, but it has provided a vastly improved gene pool for those who follow him to use in their hybridizing programs.

Currier also has traveled across the United States, speaking at national conventions and lecturing on irises. On several occasions he has been the featured speaker at the Maine Iris Society and Region 1 meetings. More importantly, Currier has served as a mentor for many prospective hybridizers, and has provided them with much inspiration to carry on his work.

In recent years Currier has worked in close association with John White who, under his tutelage, has carried on many breeding lines that originated in Currier's *Seaways Gardens* in South Harpswell, ME.

## *Scope of Dr. McEwen's work*

To appreciate the scope of Dr. McEwen's work in hybridizing, one has only to visit iris gardens around New England, North America, and throughout the world where a multitude of his introductions grace many an iris garden. In almost all Siberian and Japanese iris gardens, his influence in the improvement of irises is evident. With his first tetraploid introduction, Orville Fay in 1970, a whole line of blue Siberians emerged. Ruffled petals, heavier substance, and sturdier plants are just some of the many attributes found in Currier's 100 or more iris introductions. Along the way, some surprises evolved in his hybridizing efforts. Witness the beautiful yellow amoena **Butter and Sugar** introduced in 1977.

It is with a great pride that we in the iris world honor Dr. Currier McEwen with the AIS Gold Medal. For he epitomizes all of the attributes that one would expect to see in a Gold Medal recipient. We thank him for sharing his knowledge and for serving as an inspiration for others to try their hand at further improving our beloved irises. For us in New England, he is a continuing source of friendship and pride.



*Dr. Currier and Elisabeth McEwen*

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## **Hybridizer Robin Is Now E-Mail**

*By Michael Zarky, Moorpark, CA, USA*

When the Siberian hybridizers' robin finally limped its way to me after a nineteen-month hiatus, I determined to see whether the dozen members would like to phase out the snail-mail version and try to exchange information via e-mail. Most everyone had an e-mail connection; the few who didn't will get printed versions from nearby friends who are in the loop. So the SibHyb robin was launched and while most of the crew haven't offered comments so far, I hope increased activity will come as bloom season approaches. And the subscriber base has broadened - well over two dozen now belong.

While many subjects related to hybridizing also get exposure on the Sibrob list, probably some of the hybridizing topics will be a bit arcane for the average reader; so having a separate group will allow us to focus on more technical questions. For instance, one recent thread dealt with the chemical structure of the flower pigments. Anyone interested in joining the group can visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SibHyb/> and click "Join This Group".

## **IN MEMORIAM - Julius Wadekamper**

*Former President of the Society*

**Julius Wadekamper, 70, horticulturist, teacher, world traveler, and friend to many ISM and AIS members, past and present, died January 10 in Parkdale, Oregon. Besides iris, he had an abiding interest in daffodils, daylilies, rock garden plants and, most especially, lilies, though it is doubtful any flowers escaped his attention.**

**Julius left his calling as a Christian Brother teaching in Santarem, a Brazilian town on the Amazon River, to return to Minnesota where he taught at Shattuck Academy and later at the Buffalo, MN High School, from where he retired to his own business. Always the willing and able teacher, he shared his knowledge of iris of all kinds (as well as other plants), both formally, in classes, and informally, in conversation. He also wrote extensively for many specialty plant organizations.**

**Julius served as president of ISM in 1970 and 1971, RVP of Region 8 from 1977 to 1979, and on the AIS Board of Directors during the early 1980s. He was a certified AIS judge (also certified judge of the American Daffodil Society and North American Lily Society), and frequently taught judges' training classes, not only in Minnesota but throughout the country.**

**He was active in several AIS Sections, especially the Siberian Iris Society serving as President in the late 70s. He became less involved with iris as his lily business named Borbeleta (Portuguese for butterfly) Gardens became more demanding of his time.**

**Borbeleta was first located south of Elk River, MN and, later, west of Faribault, MN, on a part of what had been his**

family's farm. At Shattuck, Julius raised a number of irises, including a large collection of spuria iris. He taught many of us to value iris other than tall bearded.

He hybridized and introduced several irises, including the tall bearded: OLYMPIC GOLD '79 and NADEAU '87. Siberians: BORBELETA 79, SNOW COVER '85, SWALLOWTAIL '90 and CLEAR CREEK POND '99. SDBs: GYPSY EYES '80, TUMBAGO '80, CHERRYWOOD '83, and ELLIOT GLACIER '99. At Borbeleta Gardens, he continued to introduce and sell Siberian and SDB irises. He won the Minnesota Hybridizer's Award for the Siberian Iris BORBELETA in 1981. He hybridized and introduced innumerable lilies.

Julius traveled all over the world, frequently on horticultural trips, where he often served as tour guide. He planned and conducted a 26-day tour of European gardens and horticultural landmarks. He represented the US on a trip to Latvia to exchange information on lily breeding. He led a group to tour the Amazon area, familiar in his younger days. He made friends in horticulture all over the world.

Eventually Julius sold Borbeleta Gardens to begin his Oregon enterprise, Willowwood (named for one of his early lily introductions), specializing in rare and unusual plants. He spent several years moving special plants to Oregon but still lived in Minnesota. He moved to Oregon a few years ago but, unfortunately, due to failing health was only able to make a small start at his dream. He was known to his friends as a wonderfully generous and helpful person, sharing not only his knowledge but, often, his plants as well.

(This was written by Joan N. Cooper of the Iris Society of MN and it first appeared their in their New and Views)

## Culture Corner

*Eddie Johns, Rongotea, NZ*

My beds are raised since heavy rains come at winter and water tends to sit around for days which I found retarded the growth of my Siberians if they sat in it for too long (especially in wet, heavy soils) in their dormant winter stage. I have a two-inch layer of untreated sawdust (fine woodchips) all over them. In a season of extreme dryness I line out soak hoses down the middle of the raised beds and water for a good 8 hours overnight to give them a well-deserved drink. I continue this through the summer till we get decent rains. The untreated sawdust used as a mulch retains the moisture near the ground surface which I put this on in spring just as the irises start to show shoot growth. (I also apply slug and snail baits to control the creatures' dining habits.)

I believe is important for those white roots development. This reduces my weeding problems and the main reason was to help retain as much moisture in the soil to give the irises maximum conditions for growth and flowering. I add a small amount of nitrogen fertilizer to them to compensate for the lost nitrogen when the sawdust breaks down or starts to rot.

My soils are slightly acid anyway because of our heavy rainfall over the year. Normally our soils are 5.5 to 6 on the pH scale. I find that the Siberians just enjoy my soil as it is - a loam and clay blend. I had added loads of rotten loafing pad material (aged untreated woodchips and cow manure off a feeding area for cattle) three years ago to condition the soil and make it more workable. My water table varies and can be as high as 2 feet below ground level in the worse of winter weather our normal is about 3 to 4 feet.

In the next few years, I plan to have hybridized a few of my own Sibs hoping to work on branching and more smaller flowers per stem. After listening to Bob and Judy I would like to follow this avenue and certainly have an exciting gene pool to work from.

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From Anna Mae Miller speaking about Eddie Johns: He cuts the foliage in fall and sprays with Roundup. If he cuts first and then waits one month and cuts and sprays, in that order, he gets delayed bloom. I think that is evident in his long rows of **Caesar's Brother** but I guess it would work on any large clump of iris.

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## *IRISES IN NEW ZEALAND*

**Several of our members attended the International Species Iris Symposium in New Zealand last October/November. The New Zealand Iris Society (NZIS) hosted the Symposium in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jill and Jim, Bob and Judy, Anna Mae and Carla have graciously shared some of their time there with us.**

### *Jill Copeland, Lawton, MI*

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000, Jim and Jill Copeland and Anna Mae Miller started an irisarian's dream trip. The New Zealand Iris Society (NZIS) was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting the International Species Iris Symposium. This would be enough reason to be making the trip but the NZIS went one better or rather two better. They went to a travel agent and set up two tours that combined the abundant tourist attractions of the country and gardens of the members of NZIS. Everyone had a wonderful time.

At the Symposium there were 70 people from foreign countries (well, foreign to New Zealand) and another 70 from New Zealand. There were 17 papers on various species of irises presented. One very good presentation was by Bob Hollingworth titled "Recent Trends in Hybridizing Siberian Irises in the USA". There were 10 different countries represented at the symposium: Czech Republic, Japan, Scotland, Italy, England, Germany, France, Australia, USA, and New Zealand. The post symposium tour of the North Island had people from the above countries (excepting Czech

Republic and Japan) and the South Island tour had people from half of the countries. The whole country looks like a park because sheep keep it mowed. Since sheep eat around the hill and not straight up and down, the hills are terraced by the sheep which contributes to the park effect. Besides very nice people, good presentations, wonderful gardens, and great scenery, everything was 60% off for the Americans who attended because of the currency exchange.

There are no active iris hybridizers in New Zealand. Some members are “pollen daubing” but nothing like in the United States. The population of New Zealand is less than four million so they do not have a large market. Some of the members commented that their sales had dropped when new commercial gardens opened. We only saw one iris introduced by a New Zealander. Allison Nichols, one of our tour guides, introduced a tall bearded iris named **It's a Tribe** and she was doing much TB hybridizing. Most of the tall bearded irises were older varieties imported from other countries. Incidentally, most irises on the tours were very well grown..

### ***Siberians***

Siberian irises were grown especially well in the *O'Tara Birch Gardens* of Eddie Johns, the *Otepopo Garden Nursery* of Gwenda Harris, and the *Waimate Garden* of Barbara and Brian Harris. The *O'Tara Birch Gardens* has grown in the last ten years from an acre to over 8 acres today. This garden had the nicest collection of Siberian irises of any garden on the tours. They were grown in rows and most had nice clumps in bloom. Eddie imports the newer varieties of Siberian irises from the U. S. His garden also features many tall bearded, Louisiana and Japanese Irises. The Japanese Irises were located around ponds, but few were in bloom when we were on tour.

The *Otepopo Garden Nursery* is a specialty iris nursery concentrating on species, historic cultivars, and beardless iris. New Zealand plants are used extensively to provide shelter and year-round interest. A good view of the Southern Alps (NZ) can be seen in the distance.

In the *Waimate Garden*, Siberian and spuria irises are grown for display purposes only. The main interest of this garden is modern tall bearded irises. This is one of the largest commercial tall bearded iris gardens in New Zealand. They grow over 600 varieties on approximately one acre. They follow an extensive importing program and regularly import from Aitken's, Black's, Schreiner's and Keppel. Modern bearded irises from these sources are the showpiece of this garden.

Jim and Jill got home on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. They left spring, lengthening and warming days, wonderful gardens showing potential for summer splendor, and many new friends to fly into the snowiest, cloudiest Michigan autumn on record.

### *Carla Lankow, Reston, WA*

The gardens of New Zealand were a delight to all true gardeners. Most were well-designed mixed borders full full of roses, bulbs, unusual perennials and many types of irises. We saw a wide-range of species iris especially hybrids and species of the tender-crested group most of which are not available in the USA. New Zealanders are not set on growing only the most recent introductions. Many iris we saw would be classed as antiques, yet they inspired us.

The Siberians we saw were also varied in age, some very new but also many antiques. Eddie Johns' garden was filled with many newer Siberians from Anna Mae Miller, Bob Hollingworth and Schafer/Sacks.

Some very fine clumps we saw included **Ragtime Dance**, **Over in Gloryland**, **Simple Gifts** and **Mary Louise Michie**. As you entered the Siberian area of the garden it appeared that there was a long winding river of blue through the middle of the garden. On closer inspection, it turned out to be a one-hundred foot swath of **Caesar's Brother** in full bloom. It was indeed very impressive!

Eddie Johns' garden was not the only place we saw Siberians. Several other gardens had nice collections of Siberians and many gardens used Siberians in mixed borders. In the garden of Julie May we saw a fine collection of Siberians surrounding a small pond. These included several of Anna Mae Miller's irises.

Frances Love is known world-wide for her work with irises in New Zealand and meeting her was one of the reasons I wanted to attend the Symposium. Frances recently won the first New Zealand Dykes Medal for her lovely Siberian **Emma Ripeka**. There was a huge clump of this iris in her daughter Piki Carroll's garden and we saw it in many other gardens as well. **Emma Ripeka** is a rich blue Siberian with light styles.

### *Judy Hollingworth, Williamston, MI*

The idea of taking a trip to New Zealand had been incubating in our minds for some time. Reports of its beautiful scenery, wonderful gardens and friendly people made it tempting enough but the added attraction of a second spring in one year made the prospect almost irresistible. Then we heard that the New Zealand Iris Society would hold a fiftieth anniversary symposium in November. This provided the impetus and off we went.

We got off the plane in Auckland and headed straight into the bookstore where we found not only an excellent map, but

several guide books for touring private and public gardens. The one we chose had over 200 listings and confirmed our impression that New Zealand must be a gardener's paradise.

### *Garden discoveries*

The symposium was held in Mount Manganui on the North Island and after that we had firm dates to visit Eddie Johns in Rongotea and Brian and Barbara Harris in Waimate but otherwise our time was our own so we took out our guide book and looked for interesting gardens along the way.

Discovery number one was *Tikitere Gardens* about thirteen kilometers short of Rotorua. We had no special expectations of seeing many Siberians, but they were mentioned in the garden description. Our first impressions were guarded. We saw a field, enclosed by a 30-foot living hedge, which contained mostly older bearded irises. We found out later that these hedges were necessary protection from the prevailing winds. There was a stream running through the garden flanked by magnificent rhododendrons, azaleas and the best collection of cut leaf maples we had ever seen. It had an inviting footpath along its banks, so off we went.

After walking through a beautifully landscaped shade area with pulmonarias, hostas, foxgloves and other shade-loving plants the path opened up into a sunny area and lo and behold there were clumps of Siberians by the stream and Eureka our own **Lady Vanessa**! How exciting to come across one of your own children by chance so far from home. After that we were happy just to enjoy the rest of this magnificent garden, but on crossing the stream there was more excitement. A whole field of Siberians! Steve Varner's **Pirate Prince** was planted en masse, backed by orange azaleas, and looking wonderful. There were also several McGarvey irises in large clumps but most of them were lined out for increase. It was very

encouraging to see many recent American introductions growing well and in significant numbers. We walked the rows in a state of disbelief shouting out the names to each other, and generally felt in very good spirits.

We then headed to the office to try and find who was responsible for this feast. There we met Ann Ford, partner Bill Robinson and Bronwyn, their helper, and expert on Siberians. We had a good chin wag and found out that they shared imported Siberians with Eddie Johns at *O'Tara Birch Garden*.

The outdoor sales area contained a wonderful array of strong, healthy potted trees, shrubs and perennials, many obtained through their energetic import policy, and we were gratified to see one customer heading out with a blooming plant of **Roaring Jelly**.

Before we left, Bill headed off to get us a copy of their catalog and we all ended in fits of laughter! On the front was a color photo of **Jewelled Crown** and, on the inside, our house and garden! They had no idea whose garden it was. The photo was chosen from slides that we had sent Eddie Johns for a talk he was giving in Australia.

### ***Eddie Johns' O'Tara Birch Garden***

Our next major stop was in Eddie's *O'Tara Birch Garden* Rongotea. We arrived in the late afternoon and saw an extraordinary mass display of Siberians in that magical light of early evening.

Eddie paints his garden designs with broad strokes. Here were great swaths of a single color. Not beds with one of each cultivar, but with twenties, fifties, even hundreds all planted together in large raised beds. **Caesar's Brother**, growing beautifully, must have covered almost a quarter of an acre.

Most were growing well and many of Anna Mae Miller's cultivars were looking great. Three of note were **Aqua Whispers**, **Cheery Lyn** and **Frosted Cranberry**, which, planted en masse, looked better than we have ever seen it, with deeply saturated color. Many of our own irises had been grown to perfection and two in particular come to mind – **Ragtime Dance** was showing very well and **Band of Angels** was just coming into bloom with strong, well-formed clumps.

Another iris of note was **Emma Ripeka**, introduced by New Zealand hybridizer Frances Love and winner of the Australasian Dykes Medal in 1994. It is an attractive mid-blue with a strong classical form. Pale blue style arms contribute in a big way to its overall clump effect. It has just been honored on one of a series of New Zealand postage stamps featuring flowers. Another iris new to us was **Coolabah** a large, well-formed wine red from Barry Blythe in Australia. Both these irises deserve to be better known in the USA.

Two oldies **Cool Spring** (Kellogg '39) a vigorous large light blue with white stylearms and **Crystal Charm** (Scheffy '49) a small classical white Siberian with a yellow throat caught our attention. Later, we saw what seemed to be **Crystal Charm** naturalized by the roadside in parts of the South Island.

Eddie prepared a super smoked fish dinner and we stayed up well into the night enjoying slides and talking irises. In the morning we walked the seedling beds and discussed hybridizing strategies with him.

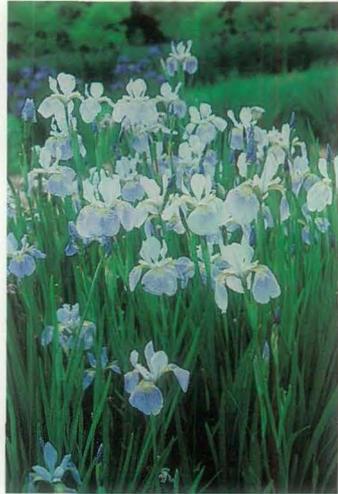
### *Garden work = chance to see New Zealand ?*

Eddie's main income is from dahlias, but he is running this huge eight-acre operation which includes hostas, roses and other bearded and beardless irises mostly on his own. If you

*Siberians in New Zealand*



**Dancing Nanou(Miller'83)**



**Cool Spring(Kellogg'39)**



**'Borbeleta(Wadekamper'79)**



**Romano(Kokich'72)**

## Siberians in New Zealand



**Lilting Laura(A.M.Miller'96)**



**Foretell(McGarvey'69)**



**Ragtime Dance(Hollingworth'92)**



**P.Carroll's Garden**

are interested in contributing garden work for free board and lodging, (he is a great cook) good company and a chance to see New Zealand, contact Eddie.

At the conference, Joyce Miller, a very knowledgeable iris gardener, invited us to visit her garden at Balclutha near the southern end of the South Island. This was a very special place on a hillside. The ground had been excavated to form two large ponds one on either side of the house but at a distance from it. The ponds were surrounded by trees so that each was like walking into a secret dell. The plantings were beardless irises: Siberians, *laevigatae*.. *pseudocorus* and Japanese, supplemented by hostas and many moisture-loving plants. Everything was lush with a natural almost jungle-like feel and wooden bridges crossed the ponds.

Joyce and her husband Morris take pride in growing many of their plants from seed. They had many seedling Siberians and PCN'S in addition to named cultivars. We saw large clumps of **Butter and Sugar** and **Rikugi Sakur** in flower but unfortunately most of the Siberians were not. Everything in this wonderful garden was well-grown..

The Millers were an inspiration. Besides cultivating their garden and building an addition onto their house which is to include an indoor water garden, they also manage a 400-acre tree farm. They explained that the iris gardens had been planned at some distance from the house so that when they were 'old' and could no longer take care of them, they would not be an eyesore. They were successful since nary an eyesore was visible.

### *Waimate Iris Gardens*

The last garden we visited with major Siberian plantings was that of Barbara and Brian Harris. Brian decided that after

retirement as an auctioneer, he needed something to occupy his time. As a result they started *Waimate Iris Gardens* although Barbara had marvelous roses which we suspected were her first love. They concentrated initially on bearded irises and those are the ones that account for the majority of their sales. Lately, though, they have been collecting Siberians and now have a total of sixty cultivars. Some of these were potted up for sale at the nursery.

When we arrived at Waimate we were welcomed like old friends. Barbara put on an excellent dinner (good cooks, the Kiwis) and we were pressed to stay in their guest room rather than the somewhat crowded conditions of our camper van. The next morning we toured the garden which surrounds their house and the larger area across the street which has the main iris planting. There we saw **Aqua Whispers, Cheery Lyn Flight of Butterflies, Lilting Laura, Roaring Jelly, Wizardry and Lady Vanessa**, all looking good. It was interesting to see that **Lady Vanessa** grew taller as we went further south and the weather got cooler. The TB's were also spectacular.

Brian took us to the local park where he maintains a Siberian planting funded in part from money donated by Betty Wood (wife of Ira Wood) to promote Siberians in the southern hemisphere. As we drove around town he kept pointing out gardens which contained his irises. Like many gardeners he ran out of space before he satisfied his iris appetite and has persuaded several homeowners that their undeveloped gardens could be put to good use housing his plants. I think Waimate may soon have to be renamed "Irisville".

### ***More gardens and chance encounters***

We visited several botanic gardens including Auckland,

Dunedin, Hamilton and Christchurch and all had irises, including Siberians. Many were recent plantings and not yet fully developed, but with time they will be beautiful.

Most of the Siberians were planted at water's edge, where they were certainly attractive, but we did hope that New Zealand gardeners recognized their value for the perennial border. Also in Christchurch was Mona Vale garden where the local iris society maintains both bearded and beardless iris beds. This garden is an idyllic spot on the banks of the Avon with people punting down the river. It was evocative of Edwardian England. Again we were too early to see much bloom but **Anniversary**, **White Swirl**, **Steve** and **Ewen** were showing well. **Silver Edge** was another iris that we saw growing well here and in many other locations.

Most of the other private gardens we visited, had excellent iris plantings and I must mention two, more briefly than they deserve. Gwenda Harris's delightful and extensive cottage garden, visited in pouring rain, had lots of 40 chromosome Siberians including a beautiful **Dotted Line** and **Foretell**, a 28 x 40 cross, growing in a huge, vigorous clump that would be the envy of anyone, except perhaps, gardeners in the Pacific Northwest (US).

I must confess that my attention was diverted here by the roses and perennials. This garden needed more time to explore than we were able to spare. Julie May's garden, just outside of Christchurch, we found by chance when we saw a roadside sign saying "to The Iris Garden" and followed it. The family garden was lovely with marvellous borders lush with roses, irises, delphiniums and other perennials in impeccably chosen color combinations. Much of the extensive Siberian planting was very recent, encircling a good-sized pond. It would certainly be worth a visit in another couple of years!

It's true, New Zealand is like one enormous garden. The favorable climate seems to make everything grow larger than life – as long as it isn't blown over by the wind. Even gardeners from England and the Pacific Northwest were in awe at times. Now we have to come to terms with our own garden, ravaged over the winter by hungry deer, and hope that memories of New Zealand will give us the necessary strength!

### **Anna Mae Miller, Kalamazoo. MI**

We began by spending five days north of Auckland in winterless Northland, an irregular peninsula about 280 miles north, (the Bay of Islands), fabulous scenery, including the Kiwi Christmas tree (Pohutukawa) which erupts into a blaze of scarlet blooms in December and has dunes and beaches including the 90-mile stretch our bus traveled at the surf's edge.

We saw the beautiful 173' tall Kauri tree, the largest tree in NZ, said to be 1200 years old, and another reputed to be 2000 years old in the 6100 acre Waipoua Kauri Sanctuary. These dead Kauri trees left gum deposits that fossilized and was used to make varnishes. The historic light house at Cape Reinga overlooks the area where the Tasman Sea meets the Pacific Ocean. In Maori mythology the spirits of the dead depart their homeland for the journey back to the ancestral land of Hawaiki here.

While Jill Copeland and I enjoyed Fuller's bus tour, Jim was catching fish for our dinner. While traveling down the coast area to Taugangua/Mt.Maunganui we visited Kiwi Country, the first kiwi-growing area. We also visited Rotorua, the sulfurous thermal wonders: bubbling mud pools, scalding cauldrons and geysers: Lake Tarawera and Mt. Ruapehu (9175') onto O'Hope, claiming to be the most beautiful beach in New Zealand.

### ***Species Symposium***

The Oceanside Hotel was home for four days, a block from the

ocean, where the Species Iris Symposium 2000 afforded an opportunity for iris lovers to get together, communicate their findings and discuss, enjoy and learn. Since it was international in scope we heard about: 'Junos at Kew' Tony Hall, England; 'Systematics of Iris Species' by Maretta Colasante, Italy; 'Wild Irises of China' by Dr. Zhao Yutang, China; 'Pacific Coast Irises' by Jean Witt, USA, 'Arils' by Pat Toolan, Australia; 'Reticulatas' by Lesley Cox, NZ; 'Botanic Garden of Slovakia' by Milan Blazek. This was the first day. Whew!

The next day brought: 'Watsonias & Babianas' by Terry Hatch, NZ then 'Irises for the Water Garden' by Eberhardt Schuster, Germany; 'A History of Louisianas' by Tom Dillard, USA; 'Landscaping with Irises' by Robyn Rohrlach, Australia; 'Recent Trends in Hybridizing Siberian Irises in the USA' by Bob & Judy Hollingworth, USA. Then we were treated to the New Zealand Iris Show.

The third day brought 'Interserial and Siberian Hybrids' by Tomas Tamberg, Germany; 'Development and Form in Bearded Iris' by Anne and Mike Lowe, USA, and finally "Les Iris en France" by Claudette Dorchain, France. Fine slides and presentations made our heads swim with new knowledge from these talented experts. Beautiful English mass arrangements were displayed during these sessions. The afternoon was spent visiting local gardens and then attending The New Zealand Iris Society's 50th Anniversary Banquet.

On the North Island we visited several lovely gardens. I will mainly concentrate on Siberians that we saw. Many gardens had a nice clump of **Caesar's Brother** which seems to grow well in most countries.

However, I want to mention more up-to-date varieties. We moved from the East coast to the West coast on our second day of touring. *Puketapu Iris & Hemerocallis Gardens* grew many types of irises. Ray and Dorothy Wood of New Plymouth were growing 21 varieties including early tetraploids of Currier McEwen, and several USA varieties from the 60s

& 70s. There were three NZ introduced Siberians: **Castlegrace**, **Moon Moth**, and **Romano**, a child of **Towanda Red Flare**, were looking good in this garden. **Foretell** (McGarvey '69), a 40 x 28 chromosome cross involving *I. forestii*, **White Swirl**, **Gatineau** and **Caesar's Brother** was growing well in several gardens on both islands.

We enjoyed wonderful views of Mt. Taranaki (Ergmont, the Maori name) and began our journey down the west coast along the Tasman Sea where we passed many dairy farms and where the timber industry is now planting trees for pulp.

### ***Siberians in Rongotea***

*O'Tara Birch Gardens* had the largest planting of Siberians at an 8-acre site of lawn, gardens and lakes designed by Eddie Johns of Rongotea. It was designed to have bloom from spring bulbs, magnolias and cherry blossoms plus our beautiful irises, of course. We were visiting in early November which is the peak of spring/summer flowering time, a delight for us.

Eddie Johns decided to specialize in Siberians after he visited the 1994 AIS Convention at Portland, OR where he saw the Siberians growing so well at *Chehalem Gardens* (the Abregos) and at the *Schreiner*, *Cooley*, and *Silverberg* to mention a few. He ordered one division of each of his favorite, newer introductions. They grew exceptionally well and he decided for his large area he needed to order ten divisions of his favorites and called Judy Hollingworth with an order for **Over In Gloryland**, a recent introduction still selling for \$40 plus the phytocertificate and shipping costs. Judy asked, "Do you really want 10 divisions and do you know how much this is going to cost?" Eddie responded, "Yes, I do and that is what I do want".

His large curving beds were spectacular and I saw larger plantings of my introductions than I have ever seen growing even in my own garden and Judy and Bob observed the same for their intros. I saw **Aqua Whispers**, **Mary Louise Michie**, **Frosted Cranberry** and others.

The focal point in the garden was a knot garden with roses planted five years ago in the center and there was a marvelous viewing platform which we climbed for a magnificent view. There was a huge planting of **Caesar's Brother** and I counted the rows and estimated the number of clumps to be 15 clumps wide and 76 plants in length which is at least 1140 clumps.

We were wined and dined very well at each garden with home-made goodies including truffles. Since we were going to have a longer time at O'Tara, they had brought in chairs and a few tables. Eddie's sister Helen entertained us royally. *Helm Park Garden* of Gwen Bicknell, was a lovely garden with large trees and perennials using her favorite irises. (Gwen is an excellent needlewoman and showed us her original Jacobean crewel embroideries, chairs, draperies.)

*Te Ohanga*, garden of Piki Carroll, Masterton, daughter of Frances Love, and her husband John. Piki had accompanied her parents to the NZ Iris Society from early childhood. Four years ago she began developing a small area, removing the gorse and Scotch broom between the Ruamahunga River and a water race to accommodate a few of her Mother's irises. Now she has about one acre developed and it is a lovely garden and has many of Frances' lifetime collection of plants.

Later in the day we visited *Bushby Garden* of Alison and Tommy Underhill in Carterton and this garden also had many types of irises growing. The outstanding event, (besides a lovely lunch) was seeing the costumes that Alison dyes the fabrics for original costumes and we were lucky to see Captain Hook and Peter Pan's costumes. We visited the annual flower show in Carterton and saw marvelous horticultural exhibits including unusual floral arrangements.

## ***South Island***

We left the North Island and its beautiful and varied scenery

at Wellington for an overnight and farewell to the Italian group and others and met the next morning on the ferry to Picton to begin our South Island Tour for 11 days. We went by bus for a lovely trip in the Marlborough Sounds area through Nelson, Abel Tasman National Park--such lovely scenery! We visited many lovely gardens with a wealth of plant material we can grow and of course the many unusual tropicals. I dream about such as Banksia, Proteas, so many beautiful gardens and lovely people as Alison Nicoll who was one of our guides.

The Banks Peninsula is a favorite scenic area and a special treat was a visit to Barry Sleight's garden who is working with Arums, hybridizing Hostas (which are available in US as Blue Kiwi) and has developed a lovely garden featuring a stream. The house is unique, a property that was settled in 1853 and we saw a tree that was planted 150 years ago. Barry grows several Siberians.

Michael Micgley is a rock garden plant specialist and is doing some interesting iris specie-x crosses. He and his wife operate backpacker's cottages and organize trips. South of Oamaru, halfway between Invercargill and Christchurch, we visited a specialist iris nursery owned by Gwenda Harris, who grows to perfection many types of plants and hybridizes Siberians and interspecie iris at *Otepopo Garden Nursery*.

Another Harris family, Brian and Barbara established *Waimate Iris Gardens* in 1991 as a retirement hobby. It has grown from 1/8 acre to 2 acres with some 600 varieties of TBs, Siberians and spurias. They import from the USA and also Australia. This was a wonderful garden to explore.

Our last day was gardens in Timaru with *Fairview Gardens* having many interesting plantings especially featuring textures. Barry and Eleanor Rippin were our hosts for morning tea and a relaxing time before ending the tour at Christchurch.

This was just a sampling of a few of the beautiful gardens that we experienced. I love to see unusual plants so this New Zealand trek was pure gift.

# **Siberian Iris Display Gardens**

By Bill Dougherty

This year Bill Smoot and I will co-chair the Siberian Display Garden (SDG) Program. The goal of the SDG program is to promote Siberians in our gardens.

SDG owners grow and maintain a quality collection of Siberian Iris and are willing to open their gardens to show and educate the gardening public about the qualities and culture of our cherished iris. Where better to praise the virtues of Siberian iris than in the garden? Not only does the gardening public have a place to examine well-grown Siberians but AIS members and Judges could use SDGs to examine the latest hybrids and introductions if available.

## **Qualifications**

- 1) SDG owners must be members of SSI.
- 2) They are willing to have their addresses and contact information publicized.
- 3) They should have a collection of well-grown Siberians and be willing to tell others about their culture.

## **The Program**

\*Program enrollment will be in November when new gardens will be enlisted. (Enrollment is closed for 2001)

\*Existing garden owners will complete a yearly activity report and determine if they wish to continue in the program.

\*SDGs will be published in the Spring TSI, the SSI website, new SSI membership material and other SSI publicity opportunities. SDG owners will receive SSI membership brochure's culture sheets, annual questionnaire and activity report.

\*Annual publication of the member list will detail the contact name, address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Visits will be appointment only arranged with the garden owner. **Please call or e-mail In advance.**

We have talked to some commercial growers and they have shown interest in providing a small discount to SDG owners. Commercial growers that wish to provide a discount to SDG members contact either co-chair listed below. We are eager to answer questions or respond to comments.

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Dean O. Cole

21C Great Falls Road

Gorham, ME 04038

(207)892-5248, **doc070352@aol.com**

Bloom: 12 – 27 June

Jeff & Joyce Dunlop

24 Basin Road

North Windham, ME 04062

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Bloom: 5 – 20 June

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Sharon(207)833-6905, Currier(207)833-5438

**(e-mail for an appt.) ertheart@gwi.net**

Bloom: Early to Late June

Note: Open Garden Day, 3rd Sunday in June

John W. White

193 Jackson Hill Road

Minot, ME 04258-4413

(207)345-9532, **Tedwhitel@aol.com**

Bloom: Mid-June – Mid-July

Anne & Dick Jarowski, Reflections

17 Chestnut Street

West Newbury, Mass 01985

(978)363-2282

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Kathy & Curt Marble  
84 Littleton Country Road  
Harvard, MA 01451-0287  
(978)465-8086, [km222@cornell.edu](mailto:km222@cornell.edu)  
Bloom: Early June

Granite Gardens  
Andrew and Ellen Gallagher  
1689 Main St.  
Berlin, NH 03570  
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Bloom: Mid-June/earlyJuly. Peak June 20-25

Poker Hill Gardens  
Philip W. Cook  
PO Box 338  
Underhill, VT 05489  
(802)899-9928, [phgarden@together.net](mailto:phgarden@together.net)  
Bloom: Early to late June

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Holland, NY 14080  
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Bloom: June

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(716)526-6729, [Sylborg@aol.com](mailto:Sylborg@aol.com)  
Bloom: June

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(716)655-1762, **Irisborer@aol.com**  
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

Robert E. Kontak  
207 Hinsdale Road  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315)487-0284, **robert.kontak@lmco.com**  
Bloom: June

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Draycott Gardens  
Carol Warner  
16815 Falls Road  
Upperco, Maryland 21155  
(410)374-4788, **draycott@qis.net**  
Bloom: 20 May – 10 June

Libby Cross  
8907 Potts Creek Road  
Covington, VA 24426  
(540)747-2123, **LibCROSS@aol.com**  
Bloom: Early May to Early June

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Portsmouth, VA 23702  
(757) 393-4617, **BillSmoot@msn.com**  
Bloom: Early May – Early June

Nicholls Gardens  
Diana Nicholls  
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Gainesville, VA 20155-1217  
(703)754-9623, **nichollsgardens@juno.com**  
Bloom: May

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837 S. Green River Road  
Gaffney, SC 29341  
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Bloom: Late April thru May

**Region 6 (OH,IN,MI)**

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9531 Robinson Road  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(440)285-3287, [ei048@cleveland.freenet.edu](mailto:ei048@cleveland.freenet.edu)  
Bloom: Early June

Tony and Dorothy Willott  
26231 Shaker Blvd.  
Beachwood, OH 44122-7111  
(216) 831-8662, [DWiris@aol.com](mailto:DWiris@aol.com)  
Bloom: June

Anna Mae Miller  
1700 Bronson Way, Apt. 155  
Kalamazoo. MI 49009  
(616) 349-5934, [Irisquilt@aol.com](mailto:Irisquilt@aol.com)  
Bloom: Late May – Mid-June

Donald R. Sorensen  
5000 Eleven Mile Road  
Rockford, MI 49341  
(616) 866-1493  
Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

Ensata Gardens  
Bob Bauer & John Coble  
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Galesburg, MI 49053-9756

(616)665-7500, **Ensata@aol.com**  
Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

Windwood Gardens  
Bob & Judy Hollingworth  
124 Sherwood Rd. East  
Williamston, MI 48895  
(517)349-8121, **cyberiris@netscape.net**  
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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Iris City Gardens  
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Nashville, TN 37205  
(800)934-4747, **icity@msn.com**  
Bloom: May

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Borbeleta Gardens, Inc.  
Dave Campbell  
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Faribault, MN 55021  
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Bloom: Mid-May – Late June

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(W) **wdougherty@nbsusa.com**  
Bloom: June

### **Region 9 (IL)**

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7805 Tryon Grove Road  
Richmond, IL 60071

(815) 678-4383  
Bloom: Mid - Late June

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Ken & Carol Coleman  
2606 S. Pond  
Boise, Idaho 83705  
(208)336-3052, [ciris@qwest.net](mailto:ciris@qwest.net)  
Bloom: June

Angelique Monet Violette  
228 Mud Lake Trail  
Polson, Montana 59860  
(406)883-5535, [aviolet@digisys.net](mailto:aviolet@digisys.net)  
Bloom: June

**Region 13 (AK,OR,WA)**

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Seattle, WA 98103  
(206)633-4240  
Bloom: Mid-May - Mid-June

Chehalem Gardens  
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Dundee, OR 97115  
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Bloom: May

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Bloom: first two weeks of May

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Bloom: usually June (sometimes late May)

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(250)766-1394, [ambrosia@silk.net](mailto:ambrosia@silk.net)  
Bloom: May & June - Peak early June

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Chelsea, Quebec  
J0X 1N0 Canada  
(819)827-2592, [mboileau@uottawa.ca](mailto:mboileau@uottawa.ca)  
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

Erin Mills Iris Garden/Chris Hollinshead  
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Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5N 2K3  
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web: [www.members.home.net/erin-mills](http://www.members.home.net/erin-mills)  
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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Newmarket, Ontario, Canada I3Y 5J2  
(905)853-5209, [dlouis@dynamicron.ca](mailto:dlouis@dynamicron.ca)  
Bloom: Mid-June

Henry Pauls  
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Canada V4Z 1E8  
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Bloom: May 15 – July 1

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Bloom: Late May thru June

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Bloom: May

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Bloom: early to late May

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Bloom: Mid-May thru June

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Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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Bloom: Last week of May – Mid June

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Bloom: 20 May – 10 June

*Regions 3,10,12,15,22,23 have no Siberian  
Display Gardens for 2001.*

# **SIBERIAN – SPECIES CONVENTION 2003**

**Date: June 12-15, 2003**

**Location: Burlington/Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
(main display garden and center of activities is at the  
Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) )**

## **Information for submission of guest iris to the convention.**

We will be accepting either Spring or Autumn shipments:

### **Spring shipments - until April 30**

Spring 2000

Spring 2001

### **Autumn Shipments - until September 15**

Autumn 1999

Autumn 2000

Autumn 2001

**Canadian hybridizers** will send guest iris directly to RBG in Canada.

**USA hybridizers** may send iris directly to RBG in Canada (required phyto to be supplied by sender for direct to Canada shipments) OR iris may be sent to the USA collection point in Buffalo. No phyto required for shipment from within USA to the Buffalo, NY collection point. The contact and address for the USA collection point is:

**Peter Weixlmann**

**280 Seneca Creek Road**

**West Seneca, NY 14224**

**E-mail: pweixl@aol.com**

**Europeans / other foreign hybridizers** should send guest iris directly to RBG in Canada (any required certification to be provided by sender). Contact Guest Iris Registrar David Schmidt, at the RBG for import information if necessary.

**David Schmidt, Plant Propagator & Production Supervisor**

**Royal Botanical Gardens P.O. Box 399**

**Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3H8**

**E-mail: dschmidt@rbg.ca**

**Phone-905-527-1158 ext 279, Fax 905-577-0375**

**Photographs:** We are requesting that hybridizers send a 35 mm color slide of each of their submissions. Please mark them clearly with the name or seedling number of the iris. We will use these in one of our evening convention programs to help increase exposure for the irises.

**Guidelines:** Three to five divisions of each variety may be shipped. The name of the variety or seedling number must be clearly marked on each division. In addition, the following information for each plant must be supplied on a packing list.

Hybridizer name and address

Name or seedling number of variety

Category/type of iris (Siberian, species, etc.)

Height, color, description, bloom season (E,M,L)

Year of introduction (if applicable)

If a guest seedling is named subsequent to shipping to the convention, it is the responsibility of the hybridizer to notify the Guest Iris Chairman not later than January 1, 2003.

**Disposition of Guest iris after the convention:** Please include information as to the disposition of irises after the convention. We can offer the following alternatives;

**1. Destruction of the iris.**

**2. Return of the iris** to the hybridizer. Unfortunately due to the fact that plants require a phytosanitary certificate and cross-border shipping there will be a charge for this service, still to be determined but likely to be approx. \$ 25-30

**3. Donation of the iris to the RBG, Canadian Iris Society, and West New York Iris Society** for permanent display plantings or such dispersal as they see fit.

(We hope that participating hybridizers will opt for the third choice. The absence of instructions will automatically indicate this option).

The convention committee and owners of tour gardens will follow the code of ethics as printed in the AIS Convention Handbook. Only officially submitted guest iris will appear in the convention booklet.

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