

The Siberian Iris



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2002 RUNNERS-UP TO MORGAN-WOOD MEDAL



SPRINKLES (Bauer/Coble '94)



RILL (Bellagamba '92)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Siberian bloom season is long past but here the lovely foliage still remains erect and is turning a golden yellow. One of the great advantages of Siberians is their usefulness in the garden throughout the whole growing season.

After a few hard freezes it is time to think about cutting off the foliage for winter or leaving it to provide a protective mulch. For me that decision is based on the likelihood of rodents making a home under the foliage and eating the roots and rhizomes. The field gardens are never bothered but beds in my landscaped areas have much better soil and are close enough to the woods to attract varmints so that foliage must be trimmed to the ground for winter.

This year was another in a succession of drought years for Maryland but the Siberians seem to be unscathed. Large trees and shrubs show tremendous stress but all of the irises have no outward signs.

We are all looking forward to our next SSI convention in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in June 2003 and there is information in this issue for registration. Remember the number of attendees is limited so be sure to register early. The board meeting of the Society will be held at the mini convention and not at the AIS Convention in Virginia in May.

Our wonderful membership Chairman, Linda Doffek, is resigning as of March 31, 2003. I would love to hear from someone who might be interested in filling that position. Linda also rescued a lot of older issues of TSI when Howard Brookins passed away. If you have ideas on how these could be utilized without paying huge postage costs from Wisconsin, please let me know. It seems such a shame to waste excellent publications. Have a wonderful winter planning for more Siberian beds, reading catalogs and dreaming of the blooms to come.

Carol Warner

AIS AWARDS FOR SIBERIANS FOR 2002

	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Votes</u>
MORGAN-WOOD MEDAL		
LAKE KEUKA	Dana Borglum	115
<i>Runners-Up:</i>		
SPRINKLES	Bob Bauer/John Coble	76
RILL	Louise Bellagamba	57
AWARD OF MERIT		
BLUEBERRY FAIR	Robert Hollingworth	84
RIVERDANCE	M. Schafer/J. Sacks	74
<i>Runners-Up:</i>		
WHERE EAGLES DARE	Calvin Helsley	66
CARMEN JEANNE	Calvin Helsley	62
HONORABLE MENTION		
FOND KISS	M. Schafer/J.Sacks	60
BUTTER AND CREAM	Currier McEwen	56
DIRIGO BLACK VELVET	John White	46
SALAMANDER CROSSING	M. Schafer/J.Sacks	46
LOUISON	Calvin Helsley	43
<i>Runners-Up:</i>		
BANISH MISFORTUNE	M. Schafer/J. Sacks	37
HARPSWELL LOVE	Currier McEwen	36

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

The following Siberians irises were chosen Best Specimen at accredited American Iris Society shows in 2002. Congratulations to the exhibitors!

<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
TWELFTH KNIGHT	Carol Warner	Winchester, VA	5/17
GOLDEN EDGE	Carol Warner	Baltimore, MD	5/25
CHILLED WINE	Rita Butler	Puyallup, WA	6/1



Note from the Editor:

You will notice that the Siberian Popularity Poll for 2002 is in this issue as well as appearing in last spring's TSI. Our Popularity Poll Editor, Barbara Schmieder, decided to wait until the spring 2003 TSI to publish the results since we would have more responses and comments.

If you did send in your 2002 Popularity Poll ballot, there is no need to send it again unless you would like to add additional comments for the spring 2003 TSI.

In previous years, we have done the Popularity Poll in alternate years but we thought we would try each year if there is enough interest.

Ellen Gallagher

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2002 SIBERIAN POPULARITY POLL

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Comments are welcome and encouraged! Please send by March 1st for inclusion in the Spring 2003 TSI. Please include your location and send to: Barbara Schmieder, 566 Old Road to 9 Acre Corner, Concord, MA 01742 OR e-mail to: ellengalla@yahoo.com.

SIBERIANS IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

by Calvin Helsley, Missouri

When you attend an AIS Regional meeting and tour, you never know what iris you will find in bloom. This spring the Iris Society of the Ozarks hosted the joint meeting of AIS Region 18 and the Tall Bearded Iris Society in Springfield, Missouri. With around 1,500 guest iris planted in 6 gardens, everyone expected to see an abundance of tall bearded iris. That they did, however, with 150 guest Siberian irises and large Siberian plantings of the host gardeners, Siberians seemed to take center stage at the convention. The Siberians were in peak bloom and perhaps stood the 12 inches of rain most gardens had during the two weeks prior to the tours better than their bearded cousins.

Being a “local” gave me a chance to view several earlier and later cultivars that were not seen by convention attendees. Both the new and the older Siberians were putting on a show. With so many Siberians performing so well, here is an attempt to list my favorites that were seen in the convention gardens:

SHIPS ARE SAILING (Schafer/Sacks 1998) was outstanding and perhaps my favorite this year. I kept returning again and again to see this beautiful blending of shades of blue...a medium blue with a narrow lighter edge and lighter blue standards. Wonderful wide form, light ruffling branching that kept the season going, and great substance combined for a winning combination.

OFF SHE GOES (Schafer/Sacks 1998) Marty and Jan have some really outstanding iris on the market. Off She Goes is a difficult color to describe (as are many of their creations!). The overall impression is a soft lavender blue-pink with yellow around the signal area. I love the ruffled, starchy form. It was also a rebloomer sending up more stalks after the first round of bloom had finished.

CARMEN JEANNE (Helsley 1996) This is always my favorite introduction. It is an early bloomer so convention attendees don't always get to see the best bloom, but it has branching and bud count (up to 7) that keep it going for a long time. Ruffled, dark blue flowers are set off by really large white signals. Faintly fragrant.

STRAWBERRY FAIR (Hollingworth 1994) I must admit that in the past, Strawberry Fair had never impressed me like it seemed to impress the rest of the iris world. However, this year it absolutely converted me to its following. Wow, what color, form, and vigor. If only my camera could pick up the contrasting violet influence around the signal of this wonderful crushed strawberries and cream beauty.

IMPERIAL OPAL (Bauer/Coble 2001) This iris should win over those that do not care for double Siberian irises. I have seen most of the introduced “doubles” but this one ranks well above the others. HUGE flowers of soft lavender rose with most blooms being uniform and symmetrically double with open peony form. In fact, I was able to convince iris friends that it was a Japanese iris! It flowers late in the season but is definitely worth the wait.

OUT IN MISSOURI (Niswonger 2001) Dave ventured into the Siberian world last year with this beautifully formed blue. No branching this year but I loved the deep blue flowers. Flowered late in the season well after the convention and had the substance to withstand the warmer temperatures. Really nice.

QUIDAM (Helsley) Lots of ruffles in a subtle rose-pink-magenta combination with a signal area lined in blue-violet. This special someone is shorter and stems carry wide, flaring flowers.

SEA OF DREAMS (Schafer/Sacks 2000) Another outstanding Schafer/Sacks’ introduction, this time in the light blue color range with soft yellow signals. Substance, stems and plant habit would make you think it was a tetraploid. This was my favorite guest iris last year.

NIGHT KNIGHT (Helsley 2002) Many liked this deep, deep purple, opening near black with the white “eyelash” signals. Vigorous plants provide lots of bloom on well branched stalks. Form is flaring and lightly ruffled.

PRIDE IN BLUE (McEwen 1999) This iris drew many admirers at the convention. The clump created the “wait in line for a photograph” situation. Huge flat flowers that appear to be a true blue. For my taste, it is a bit short for such large flowers but is, indeed, a beautiful iris.

WHERE EAGLES DARE (Helsley 1995) This iris seems to improve each year. Few hybrid Siberian irises can compete with its branching and bud count. I have had stems with 3 branches and up to 9 buds. The deep blue violet of the flowers is emphasized by the lack of signal (actually a slight white signal rests under the style arms.)

ROSY BOWS (Bauer/Coble 2000) This flower requires a closer look. First impression is that it is a double, however, closer inspection reveals that the standards and style arms are fantastically large and ruffled. I love it.

JATINWANE (Helsley 1994) This iris blooms late in the season so is often missed at conventions. Compact “rosebud” form with overlapping petals, good branching and bud count with flowers of medium blue-violet with almost no signal to mar the smooth coloring. Style arms are small and more red-violet.

BOOK OF SECRETS (Schafer/Sacks 2001) This is another hard to describe color. Sort of mother of pearl with tints of yellow and lavender. Add good form and growth to this iris and you have a one-of-a-kind special Siberian. The color is so unusual, everyone I asked to describe it came up with a different description!

NAVY TRIM (Helsley 2002) Lots of branching here giving a really long season of bloom. Lightly ruffled flowers are a light blue with the falls edged with a rim of navy blue. Upright light blue standards are veined darker.

MERRYSRING (McEwen 2002) Currier has found the key to ruffles in this iris and in an uncommon color. I would describe it as a soft creamy yellow with a definite green cast. Wonderful frilly flowers on branched stems.

FEEL THE PASSION (Helsley) The color is striking with vivid magenta-rose flowers with just a slight violet flash around the signal. Unusual pendant form with hafts that are near touching. This provides a brilliant color splash in the garden. Not much branching this year but the color is startling.

DANDY'S HORNPIPE (Schafer/Sacks 1999) Another color advance in the Siberians. Falls are a combination of reddish lavender and yellow, veined with darker red-violet. The standards are pale lavender and the style arms near white. Very acceptable plant habits. What color will this lead to in the future?

FISHERMAN'S MORNING (Copeland 1994) See TSI Spring 2001. This iris has been overlooked by the judges! Describing it as a rosy-violet might seem ordinary until you add the shocking blue blaze below the signals and the light blue styles with turquoise midribs. Colorful indeed!

MISTY MEMORIES (Helsley 1996) This is an unusual sultry iris. Basically a dark blue-violet with red-violet casts which gives it a "smokey" cast and a lighter edge and darker veining. Shorter growing than most.

TOM SCHAEFER (Schafer/Sacks 2000) By far the deepest yellow in the 28 chromosome Siberian world. At times you can almost see orange tints in the flowers. Form is not as broad as some but, oooh the color! With all the blues and violets in a Siberian planting, this one really stands out.

REGENCY BUCK (McEwen 1985) This iris continues to captivate me each year. As far as awards go, it's a shame it flowers so late in the season, but for the gardener it is really a season extender. Beautiful deep blue-violet flowers with lighter standards, wonderful form, great branching and it grows well. Check out the fragrance on a still day!

FOND KISS (Schafer/Sacks 1999) Irresistible very large flowers of soft creamy white with a huge lavender pink spot in the middle of the falls. This is an unusual color pattern on a plant that performs.

LOUISON (Helsley 1998) Sparkling deep wine red flowers are contrasted with huge snow white signals on shorter plants. Flowers are flaring and lightly ruffled.

FROSTED EMERALD (Stahly 1999) Another late one to be enjoyed by the gardener since it flowers long after most garden

guests have departed. Heavily ruffled white flowers with a lot of greenish veining. Great form and very nice.

With so many nice iris to choose from my “favorites” list turned out to be longer than I planned. But how could I possibly whittle it down?



THOSE SHORTER SIBERIANS

by Ken Walkup, New York

Recently, there has been some discussion on Sibrob (e-mail Siberian mailing list) about dwarf Siberians. There is quite a bit of interest in them although there are at least two distinct camps: those who want more of the really tiny ones, under 10", and those who would like more modern flower types on medium short plants. My own definition of dwarf Siberians is anything under 20". The really short ones function almost like SDBs or rock garden plants while the medium short ones make good companions to taller Siberians and other more statuesque plants.

Without repeating what I wrote in the article that appeared in the Spring 2000 TSI, there is more to say about the little Siberians. I've been collecting all of them I can find, and I can offer a review of what's out there, subjective to be sure. Heights are approximate. They can vary quite a bit due to cultural and environmental differences. Most have only two buds per bloom stalk, which is typical of species level, *I. sanguinea*:

LITTLE RED, 18" - one branch, light wine red with a white signal. This has slightly old-fashioned form, but among this group it's well worthwhile.

BLUE SNIPPIT, 10" - with one branch, violet blue. The color is not too exciting.

LITTLE PAPOOSE, 20" - with one branch, deep red grape with a vein pattern. One of the nicer flowers, but it's reputed to have vigor problems for some people, although not for me.

PRECIOUS DOLL, 13" - lavender to pink with some aqua on styles. Exquisite flower, but usually only one bud per stalk for me. Also not terribly vigorous.

WEISSER ZWERG, about 10" - white, wide foliage. Unregistered and of unknown origin. The coarse foliage and an unusual habit of growing at an angle count against it.

SIBIRICA SCHWAN, 18" - white, one branch, with attractive grassy foliage, species form.

VIOLET SWIRL, 19" - dark violet. Looks like a mini-Caesar's Brother.

ANNICK, 12" - mid violet blue, good grower, flaring falls. The color is not distinctive.

BABY SISTER, registered at 6" but usually grows about 15" for me. Good blue about the color of new blue jeans. Vigorous to a fault. One of the best all around dwarf Siberians.

SIBIRICA NANA ALBA, 10" - white flowers with species form, grassy foliage. Nice, but not too vigorous for me.

SANGUINEA NANA, 10" - flower color is mid blue violet, a little washed out.

SASSY KOOMA, 18" - bright white with a prominent yellow signal, flaring falls, and good substance. One of the best. In bright light it will hurt your eyes to look at it. Registered as a repeater, but not for me.

LITTLE WHITE, 18" - flowers are not much improved from the species. Has a reputation for growing taller once it gets established.

SNOW QUEEN, 18" - I shouldn't even mention, since I have never actually seen it, but it appears in some lists at 18" and some at 30". The latter are probably imposters.

RILL, 18" - blue with contrasting white styles. This grows nearer 24" for me than its registered height.

I. sibirica has a few representatives at around 24", such as **FLIGHT OF BUTTERFLIES**, **SUMMER SKY**, and one of my all-time favorites, **LORENA CRONIN**. I don't know if there are any shorter ones out there, although I'm keeping my eyes and ears open. Their naturally small flowers and high bud count would be especially valuable in short plants.

There are many more listed in the checklist which I haven't been able to find, including **BLUE HYACINTH LITTLE MOO**, **PRIMROSE CREAM**, **PERRY'S PYGMY**, and **LILAC NYMPH**. Some are probably extinct. **BLUE HYACINTH** is listed as an early bloomer, which would be valuable. George Bush, the hybridizer of **BLUE HYACINTH**, also registered **PINK HYACINTH** but he told me all stock was lost due to disease. Tomas Tamberg has three dwarf Siberians, which to the best of my

knowledge, are not available in North America. There are also a few unregistered ones making the rounds.

There are some recent introductions which are over my arbitrary height limit of 20" but may be of interest. Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks have **SWEET LITTLE SUSIE**, 24", which has a vein pattern, improved form and four buds. Bob Hollingworth has **THAT'S MY BABY** listed at 21", heavily ruffled deep red-violet, and more on the way according to his list. **CLEAR CREEK ROAD** was registered by Julius Wadekamper shortly before his death. It's a dark-purple self with grassy foliage growing to around 24". The form is not modern and it has only two buds, but I like it.

If you like the idea of median Siberian irises, you might also want to consider some of the other beardless species irises. There are attractive small versicolors such as Schafer/Sacks' charming white **VERSICLE**. *I. setosa* also has some short forms, although they are not named and you will probably have to grow them from seed. These generally have better branching than the Siberians and if they have species form, at least it's a different form. Most of the Cal-sibs are short as well, and if they are hardy for me in central New York, they are hardy in a lot of the country.



Dana Borglum and LAKE KEUKA

Morgan-Wood Medal Winner

by Donna James, Region 2-RVP

Dana Borglum is a quiet, shy, and gentle man who is very family-oriented, but this ALL changes when he walks through his many rows of iris. He shows no mercy! His quick but sure eye checks indiscriminately over his 4,000 to 6,000 seedlings separating the most distinctive from the merely attractive iris or just the “plain dogs.” Dana has no time to waste. His plants must survive the ever-changing climatic conditions of his three-acre plus farm, located in Hall, a small town near the heart of Wine Country on Seneca Lake in Central New York in the Finger Lake Area.

Dana and Sylvia walk through their rows of seedlings with a bunch of red flags and a digging fork in hand. A red flag stabbed into the soil next to a plant signals the iris’ possible candidacy for breeding. These conditions must meet ALL of Dana’s rigorous qualifications. Dana requires an iris to have attractive foliage even when there is no bloom; blooms need proportional wide overlapping petals; proportioned good candelabra branching; hard, slender stalks; and evenly proportional distributed blooms.

If they don’t please Dana’s discriminating eye he uproots them and tosses the “dogs” behind himself to wilt in the row or he’ll save the less promising irises to be transplanted into his “dig your own iris.” As their customers from throughout the USA visit their gardens they may choose that special iris in bloom the following season and take it home with them at a very reasonable price. Thousands of people flock to Dana and Sylvia’s and they love being able to take their time and pick out their own clump of iris in bloom. Some people just bring their easels and paint a picture of his iris or just take a photo to remember the beauty of their rainbow colored fields of iris.

Dana and Sylvia love to share their world with others. Dana states **LAKE KEUKA** is an original cross between **GULLS WAY** X **OUTER LOOP**. He crossed them because **GULLS WAY** had

no pollen and **OUTER LOOP** was growing right next to it, but away from any other Siberians. These seedlings grew like crazy and bloomed in several shades of blue, plus some nice white ones. At the 1994 AIS National Convention a piece of **LAKE KEUKA** made its first appearance and you all know the rest of the story.

If an iris is lucky enough to be named, Dana, being a family-oriented person has a very special system of his own. He names his iris after relatives especially his grandchildren or his favorite Finger Lake. **JUSTIN'S JOY** was named after his grandson; **ROSA ADELL** named for his mother-in-law and **SYLVIA ANN** named after his wife, and it is a rebloomer. **LAKE KEUKA**, **LAKE SENECA** and **CANANDIAGUA LADY** are named after the Finger Lakes.

Dana and Sylvia amend (top-dress) their soil yearly with Nutri-Brew. Nutri-Brew is compost produced as a by-product of the fermentation industry. Nutri-Brew is made from the by-products of rice, barley, corn and other brewery products, then mixed with selected sawdust in a controlled environment to produce a natural organically seed-free rich compost. ALL irises love it. Their roots system, plant and bloom size and color are amazing.

Dana doesn't always remember precisely what goes into all his many crosses. He inherited his love of flowers from his Danish mother, whose gardens of irises surrounded their farmhouse. Dana spent many years of his life breeding and milking dairy cows so breeding iris came naturally to him. He started with about 40 plants in 1985 after he learned how to cross-pollinate from Bert Porrica, who lived in a small town near Rochester, NY. Bert was in his early 90's at the time he taught Dana the joys of the iris world. It didn't take Dana long to catch the "hybridizing disease."

In the summer of 1987, Dana retired from the Ontario County's Weights and Measures Department because of his wife's ill health and he wanted to work full time with his gardens. His wife of 41 years, Norma, died in November of that year. Dana has since remarried to a great gal named Sylvia who has become his new partner in life. She is happy and outgoing and works as his sales

supervisor and inspiration advisor. She is also Secretary of Region 2. Their business is closed on Saturday but is open the other six of the week 8 AM to 8 PM. They have plenty of peonies, hostas, daylilies, and Siberian iris in pots, plus if you write or e-mail at: Sylborg@aol.com, they'll be happy to send their catalog of their latest introductions to you. Also they have a web page at: www.Borglumsirisdgarden.com with bloom pictures, garden pictures and directions to their farm.

Dana and Sylvia appear at most AIS National Conventions, Region 2 functions, and visit many local area affiliates. They jump at the chance to put on a slide presentation and share their iris and other gardens with all. They love it when people stop by their farm in Hall, NY which is a short pleasant drive through rustic farmlands. Their carefully designed hillside gardens are a delight to one's eye where huge iris, delphinium, columbine, lupine, hosta, peonies and daylilies grow to unbelievable heights and splendor. It is Dana and Sylvia's own piece of heaven on earth.



BEARDLESS AND BORDERLESS

***The 2003 Siberian-Species Iris Convention
June 12-15 – Hamilton, Ontario, Canada***

by Kathy Guest, New York

Region 2 is about to embark on a fabulous adventure; the hosting of the first ever international iris convention. This is an idea whose time has come, and we urge you to **all** to be part of it.

The Western New York Iris Society (one club in Region 2) happens to be perched on the border of Canada. Because of this proximity, we enjoy sharing activities with our Canadian iris friends – just like some other areas of New York enjoy events and activity in Massachusetts or Vermont. We have judged each other's shows, we have attended each other's sales, and we have even shared a speaker or two. As a result, when the Siberian Iris Society put out a request for convention site for 2003... we were bold enough to decide to apply for the privilege together, **and here we are!**

The Canadian Iris Society is largely located in the “golden triangle” of Canada. Those of you who have visited Toronto or attractions like Niagara Falls, know that Ontario is very garden-oriented. It only seemed natural that if we were to co-sponsor a convention, the site should be this lush and beautiful province, with ample support in terms of manpower and funding from their U.S. iris friends. It's an ambitious idea, and we know you're going to love what we have in store for you!

The convention will be based in Hamilton, Ontario. This is centrally located to the gardens we will visit and is the home of the famous Royal Botanical Gardens which is the site of our main planting. We have a full schedule planned, including a welcome dinner on Thursday and banquet on Saturday. There will be two days of bus tours covering four large gardens. We have scheduled two sessions of Judges Training, and an exciting auction. You will not be bored and you will not be disappointed.

Hosting a convention in a “foreign country”, even one as seamless as Canada, presents special challenges. There is a difference in currency and value, the problem of transporting plant material and other items across the border for those arriving by car, and customs and immigration for those flying from the US to Toronto or Hamilton. We think these challenges actually make the entire convention more adventuresome and we hope you agree. Most of the organizers were involved the 1999 Japanese Iris Symposium, and we also have organized several cross-border daylily events. The wrinkles were worked out on those poor folks and we are primed and ready for you.

The details:

DATES: June 12 through 15th

WHERE: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

HOTEL: Sheraton Hamilton (905-529-5515 or 800-514-7101)

RATE: \$136 Canadian – approximately \$100 US, plus tax

REGISTRATION: \$135 US \$200 Canadian
(before 3/31/03)

US Registrations to Peter Weixlmann, 280 Seneca Creek Road, West Seneca, NY 14224

Canadian Registrations to Pat Loy, 18 Smithfield Drive, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 3M2

Checks in both cases payable to Siberian-Species Convention 2003

Registration form is included in this issue with detailed information. We are limited to 300!

AIRPORT: You may fly in to Hamilton, Toronto or Buffalo

The Gardens:

The Convention will feature four tour gardens, each one different and each one special.

Royal Botanical Gardens – this is the site of the main planting. The RBG is a destination for iris lovers every spring since their Laking Garden features hundreds of irises, new and historic as well as peonies and other perennials. We will also have our welcome dinner at the RBG.

Chapman Garden – Chuck Chapman is a well-know hybridizer (**RUBY ERUPTION**, among others) and is in demand as a speaker. His is a hybridizer's garden and you will be treated to not only guest irises from around the world, but also his own interesting and unique seedlings.

McMillan's Iris Gardens – the McMillans have been operating a commercial iris garden for many years. They boast 15 acres of irises, in addition to the siberian guests.

University of Guelph Arboretum – this is the smallest of the guest plantings, but choice for its wide array of plant, trees and shrubs.

We promise you a convention unlike any you've been to before. See you in June!

For updates and further information; please visit the official web-site at: <http://members.rogers.com/iris2003/>



REGISTRATION FORM

Siberian-Species Convention 2003

Burlington/Hamilton, Ontario, Canada JUNE 12-15

Registration includes: garden tours, welcome and awards banquets, judges training, special speaker(s).

NAME OF REGISTRANT 1 _____

NAME OF REGISTRANT 2 _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE/PROVINCE _____ ZIP/POSTALCODE _____

COUNTRY _____

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES

\$135US/ \$200CDN per person x _____ persons postmarked prior to April 12, 2003

\$175US/ \$250CDN per person x _____ persons postmarked by April 30, 2003

Please note that registrations are LIMITED to 300. Additional registrants will be notified and placed on a waiting list. PLEASE CAREFULLY NOTE CURRENCY OPTIONS - US residents remit US funds, Canadian residents remit in CDN funds. Full registrations only. Sorry, we will be unable to refund registration fees after April 30, 2003. Credit card registration is not available. Please remit by check or money order. No cash.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make all checks payable to: **Siberian-Species Convention 2003.**

Please complete the following to help us plan the events:

Main banquet dinner choices: (CIRCLE SELECTION)

REGISTRANT 1: VEGETARIAN LASAGNA, ONTARIO
TURKEY, PRIME RIB

REGISTRANT 2: VEGETARIAN LASAGNA, ONTARIO
TURKEY, PRIME RIB

Please register _____ persons for the classroom Judges Training session on: Friday June 13, 2003, 7:00PM-8:30PM

Please register _____ persons for the garden Judges Training session on: Sunday June 15, 2003, 10:00AM-12Noon

Mail this completed Registration Form to one of the convention registrars.

USA residents: remit in US funds and send to:

USA Registrar, Peter Weixlmann,
280 Seneca Creek Road,
West Seneca, NY 14224

CANADIAN residents: remit in CDN funds and send to:

Canadian Registrar, Pat Loy,
18 Smithfield Drive,
Etobicoke, ON M8Y 3M2

A confirmation letter will be sent out to all registrants.

GENERAL MEETING OF SSI

The general meeting of the Society for Siberian Irises was called to order to order by President Carol Warner at 9:45 a.m. on April 26, 2002 at Memphis, Tennessee.

E. Roy Epperson presented the nominating committee's nominees for Directors as: Jim Wilson, 2 years; Dave Niswonger, 3 years and Peter Weixlmann, 3 years. There being no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the nominees were elected. These terms of office are to begin immediately.

The dates and places of upcoming Siberian conventions were announced as follows:

June 12-15, 2003, Canada

2006, Oregon

2009, Minnesota

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Carol Warner. Following the meeting, E. Roy Epperson presented a program on 'irises in the landscape'.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 25, 2002

Memphis, Tennessee

The Executive Board Meeting of TSI was called to order by President Carol Warner at 12:00 noon on April 25, 2002 at Memphis, Tennessee.

The minutes of the 2001 meeting were read by Secretary Marjorie Jansen. Ellen Gallagher pointed out the minutes should refer to the society as SSI instead of TSI. E. Roy Epperson moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Jim Wilson seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Jim Copeland gave the treasurer's report which showed expenses are greater than income. Interest income is up this year, but is expected to go down and donations are declining. TSI funds are adequate for the present, but the disparity between expenses and income will have to be addressed at some point in the future. E. Roy Epperson questioned whether we want to continue to subsidize the costs of publication of TSI when membership dues don't cover the cost.

Nominating committee chairman, E. Roy Epperson presented the committee's recommendations for directors as Jim Wilson, 2 years and Dave Niswonger and Peter Weixlmann, 3 years. Jim Copeland moved nominations cease. Ellen Gallagher seconded.

Editor Ellen Gallagher reported she has been handling the stuffing and mailing of TSI bulletins herself. She would like more pictures for the bulletin and she has the TSI issues on computer disks. Ellen inquired as to whether a better method of paying printing costs could be set up that would free her from paying the costs and waiting for reimbursement. Jim Copeland and Ellen will work out a publishing payment plan. E. Roy Epperson stated editors have to commit a great deal of time to the job and we should all be appreciative of her efforts.

Marsha VandeBrake, RVP of Region 8, extended an invitation on behalf of her region to host the Siberian convention in 2009. E.

Roy Epperson moved to accept this invitation. Katharine Steele seconded.

Publicity chairman, Tom Abrego presented estimates for reprinting the invitation to join brochures. SSI uses about 1,000 brochures per year. The old ones cost 28 cents each. From a cost standpoint, Tom recommended going with the tri-fold style at 33 cents each for 5,000. Katharine Steele moved to accept Tom's recommendation with Siberian e-mail listed rather than the listing of Morgan Wood medal winners. E. Roy Epperson seconded.

The matter of complimentary TSI issues was discussed. There are currently 24 complimentary issues being mailed. Peter Weixlmann moved to discontinue sending complimentary issues to RVPs, AIS board members, and AIS officers and send invitations to join brochures instead. Katharine Steele seconded. Discussion then centered on the Chinese complimentary issues which are very expensive to mail. Carol Warner will check with Jim Waddick to see if the Chinese still wish to receive TSI. Complimentary issues will continue to be sent to the British Iris Society and the BIS library. Peter Weixlmann moved to send complimentary issues to editors. Ellen Gallagher seconded.

In a written report, membership chairman, Linda Doffek reported on an inventory of back TSI issues she had recovered from Howard Brookins and stated that she would be unable to continue handling publications. She recommended a publications chairman position be created and filled.

A proposal for life memberships to be acknowledged with a certificate brought a motion by Tom Abrego that new life members be acknowledged in TSI, Jim Wilson seconded this motion.

Carol Warner asked for a volunteer to serve as publications chairman. After much discussion regarding the disposal of past publications, which ranged from throwing them away to utilizing the AIS silent auction, it was agreed that the board would work out a solution via e-mail.

E. Roy Epperson agreed to undertake updating the checklist and hopes to have it finished by the 2003 convention.

Sandy Ives reported the Canadian 2003 Siberian convention web site was obsolete. Registration information will be printed in the fall TSI. Tom Abrego reported the Oregon 2006 Siberian convention hopes to get set up soon. Plans are for the convention to follow the 2006 AIS convention.

A discussion regarding merging with SJI resulted in the consensus to remain a separate society.

Carol Warner displayed the Morgan Wood Medal for STRAWBERRY FAIR to be presented to Robert Hollingworth.

Discussion on methods of raising money explored donations, auctions, and raising dues, with auctions being favored. Katharine Steele moved not to raise dues, but investigate other methods to raise money. Jim Copeland seconded.

Gary White and Anna Mae Miller were appointed to the nominating committee by Carol Warner.

Jim Wilson requested permission to work with the executive board to establish a permanent name for the Siberian web site. The meeting was adjourned.

Marjorie Jansen, Secretary

Present at the executive meeting:
Carol Warner, *President*
E. Roy Epperson, *First Vice-President*
Ellen Gallagher, *Editor*
Jim Copeland, *Treasurer*
Marjorie Jansen, *Secretary*
Gary White
Eugene Kalkwarf
Jim Wilson
Katharine Steele
Tom Abrego

Donna James
Ron James
Richard Steele
Ginny Kontak
Bob Kontak
Lorusa Cone
Edna Rosenbaum
Anna Mae Miller
Sandy Ives
Jill Copeland
Peter Weixlmann

SOCIETY FOR SIBERIAN IRISES

Treasurer's Statement

by James A. Copeland

Income Statement 2001

Income

Ads	\$ 125.00
Interest income, net of bank charges	1,018.44
The Siberian Iris book royalties	282.11
Donation - Cedar Valley Iris Society	1,000.00
Membership	2,094.78
Checklists	292.50
Bulletins	4.50
Slide rental, net	20.00

Total Income \$4,837.33

Expenses

Membership Chairperson expenses	\$ 135.76
Previous Membership Chairperson expenses	36.30
Bulletins	76.14

By-laws revision:

Printing	\$237.14
Mailing	327.43

Total \$ 564.57

TSI publication -

Spring 2001 AgPress:

Printing 700 copies	\$1,973.00
Freight	442.00
Envelopes	61.00

Total \$2,476.00

Fall 2001 Smith & Town:

Printing 700 copies	\$2,332.00
Envelopes (more than 1 mailing)	166.00
Bulk mailing permit	250.00
Mailing:	
U.S.	65.10
Foreign	124.40
Canada	41.85
Membership Chair	23.19

Total \$3,002.54

Total \$5,478.54

Total Expenses \$6,291.31

Income net of expenses

(\$1,453.98)

Balance Sheet
As of 12-31-2001

Assets

Bank Accounts

- checking	\$2,132.28
- savings	1,412.81

Total	\$3,545.09
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Investments

U.S. Treasury Note 6 3/8% due 6-30-02	\$5,000.00
Certificate of deposit 6.65%	
APY due 9-13-02	5,000.00
Certificate of deposit 3.095%	
APY due 9-13-02	2,120.08

Total	12,120.08
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Total Assets	\$15,665.17
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**Liabilities, Reserves, Surplus,
General Surplus**

Total	\$15,665.17
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ADVERTISING RATES

A source list for Siberians is printed in the spring issue of TSI at a cost of \$5.00 per listing. Please send your check, made payable to the Society for Siberian Irises, to the editorial office at: 1689 Riverside Dr., Berlin, NH 03570 by February 15th of each year.

OTHER ADVERTISING RATES:

FULL PAGE COLOR (4" x 7")

Separation provided no charge

Separation needed \$60.00

FULL PAGE B&W (4" x 7") 50.00

HALF PAGE B&W (4" x 3 1/2") 30.00

1/4 PAGE B&W (4" x 1 1/2") 20.00

(questions write to: ellengalla@yahoo.com)

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124 SHERWOOD RD., EAST
WILLIAMSTON, MI 48895**

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Dues: Single Annual	\$ 5.00	Family Annual	\$ 6.00
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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Please note, if your mailing label contains the year 2003 this means your membership expires as of January 1st of 2003. I highlighted these dates on the applicable labels with bright yellow and a pink dot. I did this to alert you that your membership is about to expire and save the society some of the expense incurred when we have to mail reminder notices.

Therefore, this will be your last issue unless you renew your membership. Please forward your renewal to me as soon as possible.

Also, please do not send money to me to purchase the Siberian Iris Checklist. Currently, this is out of print and not available until possibly next spring. I have to refund the monies I keep getting for it.

Thank you,

Linda Doffek
SSI Membership Secretary

2002 AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS



BLUEBERRY FAIR (Hollingworth '97)



RIVERDANCE (Schafer/Sacks '97)

