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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Society I would like to express our gratitude to Roy Epperson who has ably led us in his own inimitable style for the last three years. His efficiency, matched with southern charm has kept things on an even keel. Roy's next challenge will be as President of AIS – now there's a job! We wish you well Roy.

So now it's my turn. Goodness, what we agree to in weak moments!

Already I am indebted to several people: to Hal Griffie and Chuck Simon who have assumed the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice President respectively. These are difficult positions to fill as they come with expectations for a long-term commitment to the society and I am very grateful that they are willing to make this commitment.

To Ellen Gallagher who, after resigning her position as editor, agreed to put together this issue. Ellen has put out a quality product for the last six years – a huge contribution to the welfare of our society. The bulletin is our public face and it has been bright and beautiful under Ellen's care.

The 2007 AIS National Convention will be in Oklahoma from April 30th to May 5th. The Siberian Board meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday May 1st at 7 pm (we should be finished just in time for drinks and dinner!) and the section meeting is Wednesday May 2nd from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Everyone is invited to both meetings – the more the merrier – so bring a friend along.

I'd also like to invite all Siberian lovers to Michigan on June 8 to 10th for our Region 6 Spring Meeting (see page 35 for details). There should be bunches of Sibs in bloom in the convention gardens and Ensata Gardens and Jim and Jill Copeland's garden are within a reasonable driving distance of the convention hotel.

Finally, if you have questions or any suggestions for the future direction of our society please contact me at cyberiris@cablespeed.com or by phone at (517) 349-8121.

Judy Hollingworth

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SIBERIAN CHECKLIST

Some copies of the cumulative Siberian iris checklist are still available. It includes Siberian registrations and introductions through 2005 with the 2006 registrations and introductions being listed in the Spring 2007 issue of *The Siberian Iris*. The price is \$8.00 for North American addresses and \$10.00 (USD) for overseas payable to the Society for Siberian Irises.

The same information is available on a CD with the prices being the same as for the printed Siberian checklist. The CD is text only and contains no photos.

To check on the availability of checklists, please contact Ellen Gallagher, 1689 Riverside Drive, Berlin, NH 03570 or email: ellengalla@yahoo.com

2006 SIBERIAN REGISTRATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

(From the *Registrations and Introductions in 2006* published by The American Iris Society as compiled by Mike and Anne Lowe, Registrar-Recorder and compiled by E. Roy Epperson of SSI)

ALL THE KING'S MEN (Calvin Helsley, R. 2006) Sdlg. 06-02 SIB (dip.) (30" 76 cm), EM. S. and F. dark violet-blue; style arms same, red-violet cast; very slight white signal. Where Eagles Dare X Rosy Bows.

BELLS AND WHISTLES (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S-99-40C SIB (dip) (28" 71 cm) EM. S. medium red-violet (RHS 82B), more blue-violet (88B) toward tip; darker veining at heart; style arms light red-violet (77B/C/D), bright blue midrib, darker red-violet tips and curls; F. purple (90A), veined darker (89B), red-violet highlights on left shoulder, signal very pale yellow to gold, dark purple veins and dashing; ruffled; slight fragrance. S96-44-3: (S92-75-15, Dawn Waltz sib, x S92-117-15: (Careless Sally x Just Because)) X S97-69C-1: (S93-68-3: (S90-26-1: (Reprise x Purple Prose) x Roaring Jelly) x S93-69-1: (S90-26-1: (Reprise x Purple Prose) x S90-37-2: (Trim the Velvet x Devil's Dream))). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

BONNIE KATE (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S00-38A-2 SIB (dip.) (31" 79 cm) ML. S. pale pinkish yellow (RHS 27C/D), veined and washed old rose (186D); style arms pearly white, pale yellow tips, large, fan-shaped; F. pale old rose (180D/lighter), darker rose wash, pale yellow ground exposed as 3/8" rim, signal light yellow (12C), lightly veined reddish brown-violet, wide; large, ruffled. Charming Billy X S96-37-7: (S92-75-11, Dawn Waltz sib, x Dandy's Hornpipe). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

CALVIN HELSLEY (Barbara Nicodemus, R. 2006) Sdlg. S-F13-02 SIB (dip) (32" 81 cm) M. S. lavender pink, darker violet-pink veins and flush at base; style arms light turquoise, darker bright turquoise midribs, edges lavender pink, fringed; F. medium violet

blending to wide lavender edge, darker violet veins, red-violet hafts, signals lightly sprinkled white, yellow-green in throat. Lady Walpole X Roaring Jelly.

CAYUGA'S WATERS (Dana Borglum, R. 2006) Sdlg. 13-06 SIB (dip) (23" 58 cm) M. S. blue-purple; style arms light blue-purple, aqua rib; F. darker blue-purple. Lake Keuka X unknown.

CURRIER'S CHOICE (Currier McEwen, deceased, by Sharon Whitney, R. 2006) SIB (tet.) (32" 81 cm) M. S. white, style arms white, light cream midribs; F. white, cream area extending half way to edges, signal yellow (RHS 12A); bud is ruffled. T₈ 92/67_o: (T₂ 84/137: (T₆ 79/122_o: (T₄ 76/64_o (T₁ 72/86: (Cambridge x 67/110: (unknown, 'big white' x Cambridge)) x T₃ 73/62: (T₂ 70/48: (T₁ 65/22: (White Swirl x Violet Flare) x T₁ cas1: (Blue Brilliant x unknown)) x T₁ 68/9: (White Swirl x Polly Dodge))) x T₅ 75/35: (T₁ 67/114: (White Swirl x Violet Flare) x T₄ 72/162_o: (T₃ 69/58: (T₂ 66/38_o: (Violet Flare x Pirouette) x T₁ 61cas1_o: (Blue Brilliant x unknown)) x unknown)) x T₅ 79/174_o: (T₄ 75/59: (T₁ 72/109_o: (Sally Kerlin x Cambridge) x Silver Edge) x Dear Dianne)) x T₄ 88/17615: (Golden Crimping X T₆ 84/103_o: (T₅ 79/174_o x T₅ 79/227: (T₄ 76/64_o x T₁ 74/136_o: (Cambridge x Wing on Wing)))) X T₇ 88/7615: (Golden Crimping x T₆ 84/103_o). Earheart Gardens 2006.

DIRIGO BY DESIGN (John White, R. 2000) SIB (dip.). Earheart Gardens 2006.

DIRIGO LAVENDER FOUNTAIN (John White, R. 2003) SIB (dip.). Earheart Gardens 2006.

DOREEN CAMBRAY (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 02A10A6 SIB (dip.) (30" 76 cm) ML. S. medium red-violet veined deeper; style arms light red-violet, blue midribs; F. blue center shading to red-violet edge, veined deep blue, dusty gold signal; flat overlapping parts. 99L4A17: (Trim the Velvet x 97A5B3: (91X2B7: (88T5C14: (85E1A6: (82J2B10, Sultan's Ruby sib, x 81C1C6: (Forrest McCord x sib)) x 85E4A1: (83N3B17: (Butter and Sugar x 81E6A9: (Shadow Lake x 79P3: (Polly Dodge x Anniversary))) x Pas de Deux)) x 88V7C18: (85E4A1 x Ruffled Velvet)) x 92E5A4: (88V7C2: (85E4A1

x Ruffled Velvet.) x 88Q3B3: (85E1A7: (82J2B10, Sultan's Ruby sib, x 81C1C6) x 86K3A2: (84V1A9: (Steve Varner x 8213B11, Windwood Serenade sib) x 82G6A5: (80Y1E1: (77L2: (Dreaming Spires x unknown) x Grand Junction) x 7905C9: (Dreaming Spires x Amelia Earhart)))))) X Veins of Gold.

DREI QUELLEN (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2005) SIB (tet.) Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

FLIGHT OF EAGLES (Calvin Helsley, R. 2006) Sdlg. 06-15 SIB (dip.) (36" 91 cm) M. Medium blue, S. slightly lighter than F., signals very slight, white to green in throat; ruffled, flared, very velvety. Ships Are Sailing X Where Eagles Dare.

GRACEFUL GHOST (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 00M18A2 SIB (dip.) (34" 86 cm), ML. S. and style arms light silvery blue, style arms floretted, upright; F. light silvery blue, violet infusion at haft, eyelash dark veining. Blackberry Jubilee X 97C10B4, Galadriel sib. Windwood Gardens 2006.

GRAPE TRUFFLE (Jeff Dunlop, R. 2006) Sdlg. 96040 SIB (tet.) (30" 76 cm) ML & RE. Violet grape (RHS 87A) near self, F. brown hafts, deep violet at signal area, diamond dusting at first bloom; ruffled. Lady Lilac X Tiffany Lass.

GREAT FALLS LOVE (Dean Cole, R. 2006) Sdlg. DC-98-23-1 SIB (tet.) (32" 81 cm) EML. S. medium blue, near self; style arms same, very ruffled and curled; F. darker blue, slightly violet on shoulders, small white signal outside green haft area. Over in Gloryland X McEwen T9 95-83.

HALEAKALA (Marky Smith, R. 2004) SIB (dip.). Salmon Creek Gardens 2006.

HAPPY EVER AFTER (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 88U3A4 SIB (tet.) (35" 89 cm), EM. White self, style arms feathered, signal gold haft and throat; ruffled. 84Y4B2: (81A5C3 (T): (7712: (Varner 062: (Dreaming Spires x Tealwood) x unknown) x Augury) x Windwood Spring) X Harpswell Happiness.

HOOKED AGAIN (James Copeland, Sr., R. 2006) Sdlg. J2 2003 SIB (dip.) (35" 89 cm) ML. S. violet-blue (RHS 91D), short midrib cornflower blue (95B); style arms (91D), turquoise midrib; F. wisteria blue (92C) at end, purple violet (80D) on shoulders, veining in signal area (95D), signal cornflower blue (95B). Esther C.D.M. X 94-30: (88-36: (Pink Haze x Dear Delight) x Pink Haze). Ensata Gardens 2006.

IRWELL SKY (Ron Busch, R., 2006) Sdlg. S-1 SIB (dip.) (30" 76 cm) M. Sky blue self, S. violet midrib; F. light lavender veins, white signal, yellow in throat. Parentage unknown.

IRWELL WATERS (Ron Busch, R. 2006) Sdlg. S-2 SIB (dip.) (30" 76 cm) M. Lavender self, F. white thumb print signals. Parentage unknown.

JANE M. SADLER (Barbara Schuette, R. 2006) SIB (dip.) (30" 76 cm) M. Magenta self, wide white splash beneath yellow signal. Parentage unknown, SIGNA seed 99J092.

JOYCE COLE (Dean Cole, R. 2005) Sdlg. DC-98-68-4 SIB (tet.) (30" 76 cm) ML. S. white, wide, lightly ruffled; style arms white, wide, cream influence at rib; F. white, prominent green veins blending to yellow and green hafts, signal green veins above yellow-green hafts; ruffled. Tiffany Lass X Shall We Dance. Fieldstone Gardens 2006.

JUNE TO REMEMBER Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S99-89-3 SIB (dip.) (25" 64 cm) M. S. blue-violet self (RHS 94A), style arms short, blue midribs, F. blue halo (95C) beyond signal, tiny white wire edge, signals white, few blue veins; ruffled. S97-83-3: (S94-14-unknown: (Riverdance x Careless Sally) x S93-66-3: (S90-21-1: (Jaybird x Sailor's Fancy) x Riverdance)) X Waterfall Waltz. Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

KENTUCKY MADE (Rita Adkins, R. 2004) SIB (dip.). Adkins 2006.

KILAUEA (Marky Smith, R. 2006) Sdlg. 99-22R SIB (dip.) (23" 58 cm) M. S. dark burgundy, slightly redder than (RHS 79A), black veins; style arms darker burgundy, near black crests and midribs,

ruffled crests; F. 1 inch dark burgundy band at edges, small brighter red-violet area (near 77A) rimming base of signal, downward black veins to edge, signal short, white eyelash divided by the black veins ruffled. Ali'I X That's My Baby.

LAUGH OUT LOUD (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 01W1B4 SIB (dip.) (28" 71 cm) ML. S. light yellow; style arms same, feathered, darker midrib; F. deep yellow, signal absent; ruffled. Smiley Face X 97D5A5, Veins of Gold sib.

LAVENDER FLOURISH (Dana Borglum, R. 2006) Sdlg. 03-06 SIB (tet.) (21" 53 cm) E. S. very light lavender, heavily veined medium lavender; style arms light pearly lavender; F. light lavender, extensively veined dark lavender, gold and magenta on hafts. Illini Dame X self.

LILA BLUETENFLOR (Anne-Ruth Brehm, R. 2006) Sdlg. 402/2 SIB (sino-sib) (31" 80 cm) ML. Violet self, F. darker in center. Parentage unknown

MAGNETISM (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S99-66-3 SIB (dip.) (25" 64 cm) M. S. light blue to violet, darker diffused veining; style arms pearly pale blue, turquoise midrib, darker blue flanks; F. light blue ground (RHS 97C), heavy darker veining and dappling of blue and blue-violet, pale yellow underneath, pale blue rim, signals light to medium yellow, amply veined and dotted dark blue; wide, flared; slight fragrance. S97-40-1: (S92-97-11: (S90-43-1: (Sailor's Fancy x Trim the Velvet sib) x S89-9-2: (Isabelle x Silver Illusion)) x S92-56-13: (S89-5-2: (Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Careless Sally)) X S95-30-1: (S92-54-15, Turn a Phrase sib, x In Full Sail). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

MAJESTIC OVERTURES (J. T. Aitken, R. 2006) Sdlg. 98SIB-1 SIB (tet.) (48" 122 cm) ML-VL. & RE. S. lavender-blue; style arms light lavender-blue; F. lavender-blue, white spot around green signal. Coronation Anthem X unknown. Salmon Creek Gardens 2006.

MISS PORTLAND (Jeff Dunlop, R. 2005) Sdlg. 96086-1 T SIB (tet.) (30" 76 cm) ML. S. mid-blue (RHS 99B), veined slightly

darker, ruffled; style arms mid-blue with a touch of aqua, wide, ruffled; F. mid-blue, fine white wire edge, wide, deeply ruffled, gold hafts, white signal. T7 87/77-1, white McEwen sdlg., X Chatter Box Belle. Fieldstone Gardens 2006.

MISTRESS MOON (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R, 2006) Sdlg. S99-38-12 SIB (dip.) (29" 74 cm) M. S. silvery white (RHS 155D/157D/158C/D), wisps of blue; style arms off-white, yellow tips, cream to blue midribs; F. creamy ochre (between 160C/11B), blue-green to red-violet central veins, signals yellow to gold, veined light mauve and green. S96-41-1: (Book of Secrets x Salamander Crossing) X Here Be Dragons. Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

NEAL MY LOVE (Darlene Pohlman, R. 2005) Sdlg. S5021 SIB (dip.) (21.5" 55 cm) E. S. vivid violet (RHS 87A); style arms amethyst violet (84C) with hint of blue, narrow white rim, signal white surrounded by green-gold. Parentage unknown. Pohlman 2006.

OBYKNOVENNOYE CHUDO (Sergey Loktev, R. 2004) SIB (dip.). Loktev 2005.

PAUL ROBERT (Neal Pohlman, R. 2005) Sdlg. 0522 SIB (dip.) (22" 56 cm) M. S. mineral violet (RHS 85D), opens darker, fades quickly; style arms (85D); F. amethyst violet, lighter rim, gold haft, white lines radiate from center. Parentage unknown. Pohlman 2006.

RICHARD'S JOYOUS LOVE (Katharine Steele, R. 2006) Sdlg. S5600-01 SIB (dip.) (16-20" 41-51 cm) EM. Violet-blue (RHS 93B) self, S. open, style arms veined blue, prominent ½" white signal veined violet-blue; slightly ruffled; slight fragrance. Vi Luihn X Lee's Blue.

SEE YA LATER (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 00N1B4 SIB (dip.) (33" 84 cm) M & RE. Medium red-violet self, style arms blue keel, feathered, F. yellow underlay, small gold signal. Mesa Pearl X 97D5A7, Waimate Sunshine sib. Windwood Gardens 2006.

SNEZHNY VALS (Boris Krasheninnikov, R. 2005) SIB (dip.) (28" 70 cm) ML. White self; yellow signal. White Swirl X Butter and Sugar. Krasheninnikov 2006.

SPRUEHFUEER (Anne-Ruth Brehm, R. 2006) Sdlg. 402/1 SIB (sino-sib) (33" 85 cm) L. S. violet-red; style arms pale yellow; F. violet, center dark violet to black, irregular yellow stripes and dots. Parentage unknown.

STAR LION (Marky Smith, R. 2004) SIB (dip.). Salmon Creek Gardens 2006.

SWANS IN FLIGHT (Robert Hollingworth, R. 2006) Sdlg. 96T11B1 SIB (dip.) (33" 84 cm) L-VL. White self, very large flowers. 92J2A2: (88V2C11: (83M3B8: (Pink Haze x Fairy Dawn) x Ueber den Wolken) x Silver Illusion) X Springs Brook. Windwood Gardens 2006.

SWEETS OF MAY (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S99-95-15 SIB (dip.) (23" 58 cm) VE. S. soft pink (RHS 56C/D), a few reddish and bluish veins; style arms pale yellow, purple (86D) on sides of midrib; F. pink (51D), gold and red-violet (186A/B/C) highlights, darker central vein, signals yellow to gold, red veining, deep orange-red spathes. S97-89A-7: (S94-42-1: (S90-58-3: (Pleasures of May sib, x Pleasures of May) x S92-65-1, Sarah Tiffney sib) x S92-75-11, Dawn Waltz sib) X S97-19-1: (Sarah Tiffney x S92-75-11). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

SYLVIA'S LOVE (Sylvia Borglum, R. 2006) Sdlg. S20-96 SIB (dip.) (23" 58 cm) M. S. pale blue-white; style arms same, pale blue midrib; F. ivory white, pale blue veining, heavy at edge, gold ground signal veined pale blue at hafts. Parentage unknown.

TANGO MUSIC (Tomas Tamberg, R. 2006) SPEC-X (sib-color) (28" 70 cm) M. S. violet-blue (RHS 95B); F. same, small whitish signal; style arms violet-blue (95C); wide leaves, upright stems. Prussian Blue X I. versicolor sdlg.

TRANQUILITY BASE (Jeff Dunlop, R. 2005) Sdlg. 95099-5 T SIB (tet.) (32" 81 cm) ML. S. deep violet (RHS 88A), darker veins at center, fine ruffling; style arms slightly lighter than S., aqua highlights; F. deep violet veined slightly darker, ruffling toward center, slightly pinched giving open triangular effect, brown hafts,

darker violet signal. Tiffany Lass X T7 87/80-1, wine red McEwen sdlg. Fieldstone Gardens 2006.

TREE OF SONGS (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S99-33-13 SIB (dip.) (31" 79 cm) M. S. light yellow (RHS 10D), veined darker, tiny darker yellow (13B) edge; style arms pale pearly yellow, darker tips and midribs (10B); F. smooth yellow (12B), signals deep yellow (14B); slight fragrance. Crème Caramel X S96-67-20, Lady's Chain sib. Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

TURN AND PRESTIGE (Calvin Helsley, R. 2006) Sdlg. 04-09 SIB (dip.) (28" 71 cm) M. S. lavender veined darker; style arms lavender, turquoise midrib; F. lavender, rosy violet blush at edges, violet area around signal, signals white to yellow in throat, veined violet. Where Eagles Dare X Nancy May.

WATERFALL WALTZ (Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks, R. 2006) Sdlg. S97-73-9 SIB (dip.) (24" 61 cm) M. Medium blue self, washed and veined darker (RHS 96A/B/C); style arms blue-green midrib, signals white to green, heavy self veining, ruffled. S93-72-1: (Blackberry Jubilee x Riverdance) X S94-11-3: (S89-5-10: (Forrest McCord x Isabelle) x Dawn Waltz). Joe Pye Weed's Garden 2006.

YELLOWTAIL (James Copeland, Sr., R. 2006) Sdlg. J1 2003 SIB (dip.) (32" 81 cm) ML. S. white (RHS 155A), style arms white tipped chartreuse yellow (154D) at opening, becoming white at closing, feathery; F. open chartreuse green (154C) fading to chartreuse yellow (2D) by third day, veining and signal canary yellow (9B), ruffled. Esther C.D.M. X 94-6: (88-21: (Pink Haze X Dear Delight) x Pink Haze). Ensata Gardens 2006.



MEET OUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS: HAL GRIFFIE AND CHUCK SIMON

Hal Griffie - 1st Vice-President

Except for a year at graduate school in Oklahoma, I have lived my entire life within 15 miles of where I was born and raised. I grew up on a small dairy farm in Adams County in south-central Pennsylvania where in addition to the usual farm crops and vegetable garden. A variety of flowers, including some irises, were grown by my older sister and mother. My interests at that time were the usual teen-age ones and didn't include gardening of any kind if I could avoid it. I left the farm and went off to college where I prepared to be a mathematics and physics teacher in high school and I followed that profession for thirty-seven years, retiring in 2001.

After I returned from graduate school, I began to do some vegetable gardening and planted a few dahlias and some glads because the colors appealed to me. In a few years I was planting about 300 hills of dahlias and nearly 500 glads. With the fall digging of these, I soon decided they were too labor intensive. In 1975, my wife happened onto an iris show in nearby York, PA where she learned about the garden of a local iris hybridizer, Sterling Innerst, and went to visit. The next day she took me to Sterling's garden where I was immediately impressed by the wide range of colors. I bought my first irises that day and joined the AIS. I didn't begin growing Siberian irises until 1986 when Sterling gave me plants from his collection. I started with about thirty and now grow nearly 300 varieties. I also grow a large collection of bearded, Japanese, Louisianas, species irises and a few dahlias. My garden has been a guest garden for two AIS conventions.

I look forward to serving the society as First Vice President of SSI. If we cross paths at a convention or other meeting, please stop and introduce yourself. I want to get to know as many of the members as I can.

Chuck Simon - 2nd Vice-President

Chuck Simon has been growing irises for almost 40 years. At present, he and his wife grow over a 1,000 varieties on their one-acre lot. Their collection of iris includes a complete spectrum of bearded iris from Miniatures to Tall Bearded. Beardless iris are a significant part of their collection. Siberian irises have become the focal point of this group. Japanese, spuria and Louisiana irises are also included in their collection.

You know iris are a family addiction when you meet the Simons. Chuck's wife and two daughters are also Senior Judges – one of his sons-in-law is a Garden/Exhibition Judge being hooked while living in Oregon. His second son-in-law is officially the 'Guardian of the Four Granddaughters' while everyone else is busy with their judging activities. The four granddaughters each have their own iris garden and are quick to share their thoughts with you on what iris they like and which ones they are not in love with and why.

Chuck has been President of the Northern Illinois Iris Society for several terms and has held most of the other offices at one time or another. He is also a past AIS Regional Vice President for Region 9.

Chuck and Betty regularly attend the American Iris Society National Convention and try to attend as many Sectional conventions as possible. Each year, a 500-mile iris trip is taken at bloomtime to visit the Copeland's garden, Ensata Gardens and the Hollingworth's Windwood Gardens, all in Michigan. What a great chance to see all the new seedlings and those seedlings from previous years which were photographed and recorded in notebooks. Travels of 600 miles or more have been undertaken to attend programs by other hybridizers such as Schafer/Sacks and Calvin Helsley.

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SIBERIANS ARE TOUGH

by Robert Dunkley, Montana

Seven years ago a new job took my wife and I to the Big Island of Hawaii, and our fledgling Montana Siberian iris business was turned upside-down. Just last spring, I retired, and we moved back to our home in Montana's beautiful Flathead Valley. We are busy settling in and getting the Siberians in shape, but the experience of being gone from our garden for many years told us a lot about just how tough Siberian Irises are.

Since the early 1980's, my wife and I had slowly built up our stock of plants at Mountain View Gardens, and were growing and selling about 160 varieties of Siberian Irises and species when I got an opportunity to work at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Not knowing what the new job or living in Hawaii would bring, we decided to keep our place in Montana and rent it out. Fortunately, I had a few months notice before moving, and began to prepare my iris beds for a long absence. I weeded, fertilized, watered, tagged, and mapped the garden so everything would be in great shape when we left. I even arranged with the renters for watering and weeding during the growing season.

We returned to Montana for a visit two years later, and were disappointed to find that the renters had not maintained either the house or the garden. The iris beds were full of weeds, some varieties were missing, and the irrigation system was broken down. We pulled weeds, repaired things, got new renters, and left again for Hawaii. Things looked a lot better from a distance of 3,000 miles and under the warm, tropical sun. We returned two more times, and even with better renters, the garden had further declined. When we moved back in April of 2006, we found that weeds had covered the entire garden, drought and lack of watering had killed many varieties, and pocket gophers had invaded parts of the garden, feasting on the iris rhizomes. We spent the summer weeding, salvaging plants, fertilizing and watering. By fall, we had about 20 clumps of the original plantings that had bloomed, and over 100 varieties transplanted to new weed-free areas and growing vigorously. I had formerly only transplanted in the late summer, however, by necessity this year I moved most of the plants to the new areas in the spring. The results were great! Most clumps increased from

the 2-3 plants to 5-7 by the end of the season. We're expecting a full bloom season in 2007, and may soon get back into selling plants.

We feel that we have learned some valuable lessons about growing Siberian irises in the last 7 years, and hope that our experiences may help other Siberian growers.

First, and on the positive side, we found that Siberian irises are amazingly tough. Almost two-thirds of the varieties we left survived with very little care, and are on their way to thriving again. We lost all of the dwarfs, and many of the species and species crosses. Those that did best were the varieties that most closely resemble the *Iris sibirica* species such as **Shaker's Prayer**, **Hopi Tok**, and **Caesar's Brother**, although **Coronation Anthem**, **Sugi Uri**, **Berlin Purple Wine**, and **Lake Keuka** did exceptionally well; increasing during our absence.

Second, we learned not to count on others to maintain your Siberians as a sideline. Our renters, despite all the assurances and good intentions, just didn't have the skills and resources to properly care for the irises. Our visits every two years were not enough to keep up with the weeds, and we lost some valuable plants as a result.

Third, the use of a good system of labeling, and mapping, was invaluable. We had three ways of identifying each variety; plastic labels buried adjacent to each clump at the time of planting, wire labels on the surface, and a map of the garden with inventory of the approximate number of plants in each variety. Many of the surface tags were lost and damaged by weed eaters, and we had to rely on the buried tags and maps to ascertain what was what. Our final step will be to compare the new tags with the blooming plants in the new, weed-free areas next summer to assure that the varieties are properly identified.

We have known for a long time that Siberian Irises are tough because we have grown them for at least the past 30 years in some of the coldest and highest elevation areas of the country. Our Montana garden is in USDA Hardiness Zone 3, and gets about 16 inches of rain annually. We've always had great results with our Siberian Irises. Our 7 years away from our garden served to reinforce our conviction that, in addition to being beautiful and versatile, Siberians are some of the toughest garden plants around.



GROWING SIBERIANS IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA

by Michael Locketell

My first experience with iris was growing examples from the various bearded classes. The late Ethelene and Charles Gray were an initial influence on my iris gardening with a dazzling array of display beds around their Montvale, NJ home. Their yearly efforts back in my hometown drew considerable attention from the NYC print and broadcast media. The coverage insured a steady stream of garden visitors during bloom season from late May through early June. Ethelene did maintain a small planting of Siberian irises in an obscure portion of their one-acre yard, but Charlie's long-time interest was the prominent public display of tall bearded irises.

I decided to try to replicate the Grays' efforts after moving to the Richmond, VA area in the mid 90s. Once I began gardening in my new surroundings, the Grays urged me to join the American Iris Society to meet new iris friends and contacts. Carolyn and I were then assigned to the local chapter in Region 4. We attended our first Spring Meeting in Towson, MD back in 1998. We met a number of well-known iris personalities at this gathering including Aussie breeder Barry Blyth. One of the lasting memories of this meeting was the outstanding selection of Siberian irises and herbaceous peonies at each stop on the two-day garden tour.

Careful diversification of any landscape planting adds to its overall appeal. My late mother's favorite garden plants were herbaceous peonies and irises. Peonies were an easy choice to add to my planned display lineup since they are drought tolerant and deer resistant. These lovely perennials are however a time investment. Most selections take three years to reach maturity in order to produce their bonanza of spring blooms. Despite the establishment drawback, they are a nice design choice to flank any iris bed.

After a conversation with a Central VA landscape designer-contractor, I began to realize the value of the Siberian iris in the home landscape. Weather and growing conditions in the Richmond

area can be an obstacle to successful culture. Beardless irises prefer a loose and organic soil for maximum performance. The region's soil horizons feature Piedmont heavy red clay profiles. The key to effective culture in my opinion is the blending of organic amendments to obtain the optimal growing medium. I tested this theory at five years ago at my former garden address in the Flatrock section of Powhatan County twenty miles west of Richmond.

My recipe for thriving plantings was using an acidic garden loam cut one to one with leaf compost. The existing mucky clay soil in the designated growing space could not be easily modified. A portion of this material was removed and replaced with the garden loam and leaf compost combination. The effort has paid handsome dividends. Morgan-Wood Medal winners **Roaring Jelly** and **Over in Gloryland** flourished in my new soil concoction.

One significant later addition to my developing Siberian bed was the late Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg's **Ethel Red**. One initial division of his only Siberian introduction managed to survive in the Westminster, MD garden of the late Ownings Rebert. The long time treasurer for Region 4 gave me multiple bare root divisions during a fall visit to his home a few years ago. A cherished memory from the old garden was having clumps of **Ethel Red** in bloom during one of Doc's last spring visits to Richmond. It was a nice gift to present to a truly great friend. I thoroughly enjoyed his excitement at seeing it in flower again. I continue to try **Ethel Red** in breeding for repeat bloom.

Besides trying some of the latest Marty Schafer and Jan Sacks introductions, the former garden was home to my first ever Siberian seedlings. A cross of Barry Blyth's **Supernatural** imported from his Tempo Two catalog and Currier McEwen's **Chandler's Choice** resulted in ten wine-colored tetraploid offspring with splashy blue signals. Two of the hopefuls have already managed to win exhibition certificates at Region 4 local chapter spring flower shows. Continued efforts at hybridizing have not meet with the same success. Seed germination has not been a problem, but transplanting the babies is a different matter. Results to date have been disappointing but I remain optimistic that future

experimentation will uncover viable approaches to growing for germinated seedlings in our difficult Central VA climate.

The old garden address had to be abandoned by the end of '05. After losing three months of garden work to skin cancer surgery at the beginning of the year, it became a full court press to salvage 7/8 of an acre's worth of bearded and Siberian irises and herbaceous peonies. Each of the Siberian bare root divisions obtained during fall digging had to be potted in two-quart and one-gallon sized containers. Divisions were planted with a bark mix with organic amendments of phosphorous and potash. Despite a dry winter, most of the potted Siberians emerged from dormancy in great shape.

A great spot for a display bed was found at a new location in the same county. Unlike the soil at the old garden, the new clay loam could be easily rototilled with significant amounts of leaf compost. Once amending and grading was completed, planting pots of named varieties and seedlings commenced in early July. Plantings survived four weeks of triple-digit heat and drought in August. Divisions of recent introductions and surviving seedlings from '05 crosses were later added to prepared ground in early October. The size and scope of the new bed has increased three fold from my original work to three hundred plants.

Siberian irises have fantastic landscape value. It is hoped my new garden presentation will encourage spring visitors to try this versatile beardless beauty in landscape design applications in both residential and commercial sites around the Richmond area. It will be great fun to report their reaction to my planting and share its progress in the future with you.



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2007 SIBERIAN IRIS DISPLAY GARDENS

by Bill Dougherty, Minnesota

Again 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 2007)
- * 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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William Dougherty
7420 Concerto Curve
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Wmcdougherty@cs.com

Display Gardens:

Region 1 (CT,MA,ME,NH,RI,VT)

Dean O. Cole
21C Great Falls Road
Gorham, ME 04038
(207)892-5248
doc070352@aol.com
Bloom: 12 – 27 June

Dunlop & Cole Siberian Irises
Jeff & Joyce Dunlop
24 Basin Road
North Windham, ME 04062
(207)892-4057
Bloom: May 28 to June 18
DunlopJJ@aol.com
Afternoons by appointment.

Earthheart Gardens
Sharon Whitney
1709 Harpswell Neck Rd.,
Harpswell, ME 04079-3303
Phone (207)833-6905 or e-mail for
an appointment.
earthheart@gwi.net
Bloom: Early to Late June
Open Garden Day: 1:00-5:00,
Sunday, June 22, 2003

John W. White
193 Jackson Hill Road
Minot, ME 04258-4413
(207)345-9532
Tedwhite1@aol.com
Bloom: Mid-June/Mid-July

Anne & Dick Jarobski,
Reflections
17 Chestnut Street
West Newbury, Mass 01985
(978)363-2282
Bloom: Mid-June – Mid-July

Andrew and Ellen Gallagher
Granite Gardens
1689 Riverside Drive
Berlin, NH 03570
(603)752-5731
ellengalla@yahoo.com
Bloom: Mid-June to early July

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

Region 2 (New York)

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Geneva, NY 14456-9118
(716)526-6729
Sylborg@aol.com
Bloom: June

Kathy Guest
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Irisborer@aol.com
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

Robert E. Kontak
207 Hinsdale Road
Camillus, NY 13031
(315)487-0284
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Bloom: June

Region 4 (MD,DC,VA,WV,NC)

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draycott@qis.net
Bloom: 20 May – 10 June

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

Bill Smoot
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Portsmouth, VA 23702
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Bloom: Early May – Early June

Nicholls Gardens
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nichollsgardens@juno.com
Bloom: May

E. Roy Epperson
Kirklee Iris and Hosta Garden
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(336) 883-9677
kirklee@triad.rr.com
Bloom: May

Region 5 (SC,GA,FL,PR)

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837 S. Green River Road
Gaffney, SC 29341
(864) 487-4082
Bloom: Late April thru May

Region 6 (OH,IN,MI)

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Bloom: Early June

Tony and Dorothy Willott
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DWiris@aol.com
Bloom: June

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(269) 349-5934
Irisquilt@aol.com
Bloom: Late May – Mid-June

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

Ensata Gardens
Bob Bauer & John Coble
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(269)665-7500
Ensata@aol.com
Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

Bob & Judy Hollingworth
Windwood Gardens
124 Sherwood Rd. East
Williamston, MI 48895
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cyberiris@cablespeed.com
Bloom: Early to Mid-June

Region 7 (TN,KY)
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Primm Springs, TN 38476
(800)934-4747
info@iriscitygardens.com
Bloom: May

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Bloom: May

Region 8 (MN,WI)
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(507) 334-2807
Bloom: Mid-May – Late June

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Bloom: June

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Region 9 (IL)
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Bloom: Mid - Late June

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Bloom: June

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Region 13 (AK,OR,WA)

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Bloom: Mid-May – Mid-June

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irishud@earthlink.net
Bloom: May

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El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-974
(916)933-3804
harold@directcon.net
Bloom: first two weeks of May

Debora Totoonchie
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Bloom: usually June
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Bloom: May & June -
Peak early June

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Bloom: Early to Mid-June

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dlouis@dynamicro.on.ca
Bloom: Mid-June

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Chilliwack, BC
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(604)858-9549
Bloom: May 15 – July 1

Ted and Sonja Baker
Baker's Gardens
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Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1Z7
Canada
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tedebaker@canada.com
Bloom: May 25 - June 15

Region 17 (TX)

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Bloom: Late May thru June

Region 18 (KS,MO)

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Bloom: Early to Late May

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Bloom: Last week of May – Mid-June

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walnuthl@netins.net
Bloom: 20 May – 10 June

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DOES SOIL pH CHANGE THE COLOR OF SIBERIANS?

by Bob Hollingworth, Michigan

The observation that gives rise to this little bit of speculation occurred several years ago when we lined out several pieces of **Pink Haze** in a new bed. On wandering through this new patch when it was bloom season, I was literally stopped in my tracks by the purest pink color I have seen in a Siberian – the lined out **Pink Hazes**. Direct comparison with flowers from the same plant but grown elsewhere showed that indeed the ones in the new bed were a clearer pink compared to the more lavender pink of the plant in its other spot. This was repeated the next year, too. Although the difference was less clear, it also seemed that starts of our wine-red **Lady Vanessa** were “redder” on this new ground.

It was only recently that a possible cause of this struck me. The soil in our “pink” bed was rather high (pH 7.5 – 7.8) compared to the “lavender-pink bed which was very peaty (pH about 5.5). It is well known that some hydrangea flowers will turn from pink to blue as the soil pH is lowered because under acidic conditions soil aluminum is taken up and changes the color of the flower pigments. Could something like this be happening with these Siberians? Anthocyanin pigments themselves change color with pH, although I do not know whether soil pH can affect the internal pH of the flower cell very much.

Several times I have heard comments in gardens such as, “I have **Dance Ballerina Dance** but it is much pinker for me than this plant” – soil pH again? If we want clearer pink Siberians should we lime the soil (within limits!!). Anyone out there with a view on all of this?



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REPEAT BLOOM IN SIBERIAN IRISES

by Howard Brookins, Minnesota

Having such a great love for irises in general and beardless irises, in particular, I added some repeat blooming Siberians to my collection in the spring of 1988, hoping to enjoy a longer bloom season in the garden. Then, when finishing the Siberian Iris Check list, I corresponded with Siberian experts around the country, most of whom chilled my thoughts of expecting repeat bloom on Siberians. The general viewpoint was they wouldn't repeat in my cold Wisconsin climate but only under more favorable growing conditions. As with rebloom in the bearded category, everyone passes on the picture of dark gloom. "It ain't gonna work!" To this, I say, "Try it, you'll like it!"

I am a firm believer in the old theory "nothing ventured, nothing gained". Also, I believe a little tender loving care goes a long way towards success in the garden. To aid me in this direction, I installed a drip irrigation system in my raised perennial beds this spring, passing the line just behind the row of repeat blooming Siberians. I also spray my Siberians with Miracid to counteract the high lime content of my well water and apply a small amount of 10 10 10 granulated fertilizer containing 11% sulfur early in the spring. Results: **Lavender Bounty** bloomed late May, early June and put up 7 repeat stalks in late June through mid-July. Also repeating were **My Love** and **Welcome Return**. All had been in only one year so I can't wait until they become established clumps.

Another surprise in my bed was rebloom on an established clump of *Iris pseudacorus*. Like everyone else, I planted it and forgot it, feeding with the Siberians and watering with the same drip irrigation system. In the five years it's been there, it has faithfully bloomed along with the TBs, as it did this year. Then on July 9th, I began to think it was sure having a long bloom season this year, and closer observation showed there were two new bloom stalks among the many stalks with heavy seed pods. Again, the answer is TLC. Food, WATER! And full sun.

(Repeat bloom in Siberians is still a 'hot' topic among irisarians and was discussed in subsequent issues of 'The Siberian Iris' and also on Sibrob) Ellen Gallagher, TSI Editor.

REQUEST FOR GUEST IRISES

2009 Siberian/species Convention Twin Cities Area – June 2009 Request for Iris

While a number of plants have been received we see a number of introductions which should be seen by the gardening public!

Guest Iris Procedures

1. We will report on the convention website the condition of guest iris in the Fall of 2007 and 2008.
2. If a plant blooms outside of convention time, photos and conditions will be reported at convention time and in a synopsis of all guests on the ISM website the Fall of 2009.
3. AIS convention bed guidelines will be followed for display of guests.

Dates for receiving guest iris:

Beginning Spring of 2006 with the latest possible receipt date the Fall of 2007.

The ideal situation is to give beardless iris a full three years of growth.

We will note receipt dates in the Convention catalog.

We will accept either Spring or Fall shipment.

Shipment dates still remaining – until May 15

Spring 2007

Fall Shipments – until September 15

Fall 2007

Guest Iris Registrar:

Barbara Sautner
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bjstaxservice@aol.com
952/884-8254

Photographs:

We are requesting the hybridizer send along a 35mm color slide or e-mail a digital photo in .jpg format to the Guest Iris Registrar. These should be clearly marked as to the name or seedling number of the iris.

Guidelines:

Minimum of three, up to five divisions of each variety may be shipped. More allows us to display a variety in a number of garden situations.

The name or seedling number of the variety must be clearly marked on each division. The following information for each plant must be supplied on a packing list:

Hybridizer's name

Name or seedling number

Category/type

Height, color, description, bloom season (E,M,L applicable to the Siberian iris season)

Year of introduction (if applicable)

Foreign submissions must include phytosanitary certification.

If a guest iris is named subsequent to shipping, the hybridizer is responsible to notify the Guest Iris Chair no later than 03/01/2009.

Disposition of guest iris:

We request the hybridizer include information as to the disposition of their iris after the convention.

Alternatives:

1. Destruction of iris.
2. Return to the hybridizer
3. Donation of the iris to ISM for permanent display or dispersal in auction or as they deem necessary.

We hope hybridizers will select the third alternative, but we will honor all requests.

The absence of instructions will automatically indicate the third alternative.

The convention committee and tour garden owners will follow the code of ethics as printed in the AIS Convention Handbook, in which they have been briefed.

Only officially submitted guest iris will appear in the Siberian/species Convention Booklet.



THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

2007 PHOTO CONTEST

by Kitty Loburg, California

AIS is again giving photographers a chance to share pictures and win prizes. This contest is open to everyone and is free to enter, except that Judges and the contest chairperson are not eligible to enter or win. The winning photo of each category will be published in the AIS Bulletin and on the AIS web site. **The winner of each category will receive a 2007 introduction from the Oklahoma Iris Society (AIS Convention host).** The winner of each category will also receive a single annual membership or annual membership extension to AIS. Winners who are AIS life members will receive an annual membership in an AIS Section of their choice. Runner ups of each category will receive a 2005-2006 introduction.

How to Enter:

Simply fill out the entry form and send it with your photos to AIS at the address below.

You may submit up to five photos in one contest. The deadline for submissions to the 2007 Photo Contest is **June 30, 2007**.

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